Collegiate champ is regional runner-up

Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury hittens experienced a revival of sorta, helping coach Dave Car-roll's team to a secund-place showing at the National Amateur Baseball Federation Tournament

in Georgetown, Ky.

Hines Park, mired in a hitting alump during the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League playoffs, won four of six games to take second

place.

Hines Park was eliminated in the championship game by St. Louis Denny's, 8-3.

Denny's opened up a 6-0 lead, highlighted by a three-run home run, against Hines Park losing pitcher Bryan Besco (Westland John Glenn/University of Michi-

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Hines Park split two carlier games against Denny's.

Hines Park opened the tournament with an 8-4 win over Lexington, Ky. Tom Wakefield (Spring Arbor) earned the pitching victory with a complete-game effort.

Bryan Besco led the hitting attack with a two-run home run in the first inning.

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Hincs Park faced De ny's again and this time carned a 5-1 victory. Terry Hayden (University of Detroil) pitched a complete-game victory as Denny's was handed its first defeat.

One of Hayden's teammates from high achool at Riverview Gabriel Richard, Kevin Poley, was

an important post-season acqui-altion, according to Carroll. Foley, who played during the regular season with Livenia Little Cae-

season with Livonia Little Casars, had seven hits.
"Kevin Foloy fit in perfectly
with the kids, he's a great comedi-an," Carroll sald, "Jeff Lanco had
a great weekend, he played su-perbly. Brian Kalczynski had a
good tournament and so did the
Bescos."



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about? Or, is it really of no con-cern as long as the teams are in some kind of alignment? A: "It makes for fewer, but bet-ter thought-out proposals (coming to the MHSAA) because of the di-versity and the different size achools within a (mega) confer-ence. There's a better debate be-fore it even reaches the MHSAA. "There are 33 schools now in the Ottawa-Kent (OK) Confer-ence and 31 in the Macomb-Ares Conference. "Because of sub-divisions in mega conferences, same size

mega conferences, same size schools and schools with the same caliber of play are more able to fill out and complete sched-

"We have no authority for con-ference realignment. Administra-tors determine the advantages.

"These large conferences may lobby for a point of view, but if they represent a larger group of schools they represent a more rea-soned point of view than in the past."

Q: How does the MHSAA view the state wreatling tournament. The state and individual tournaments seem to greatly conflict with one another. At the (team) district and regional lrevis at state, it's kind of a joke with teams forfeiling all together and certain individuals saving themselves for the individual tournament. Is there a problem as far as the MHSAA is concerned?

A: "The problem is no create."

A: "The problem is no greater than in the sport of baseball. We see schools not showing for dis-trict tournaments with less rea-son than they might have in wres-tline."

"If a coach treats it that way (withholding individuals), it's un-fortunate because it sends a terri-ble message that some individu-als are greater than the team. Soms of the things we try to teach are contradicted by certain prac-tices or actions.

"It's up to the coaches to promote their sport. The team wres-tiling tournament was part of an effort to rejuvenate the sport at a time when the numbers were going down. A coach is absolutely right to be critical of another coach (when he doesn't send his best kids out on the mat or volds matches.)
"My favorite two hours in high achool sports are the semifinals of

the team wrestling tournament (at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arens). (at Battle Uree's Actiogs Arms), It's speaks volumes because of its competitiveness. Of all that we have going on, I try not to miss those semifinals of the team tour-nament. It's terrific."

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Q: Has the MHBAA considered holding separate tournaments for public and non-public schools? Has anyone considered changing the transfer rule from sitting out one semester to a whole year?

A: "I don't think separate tournaments are in our best interest. We strive to accommodate public and non-public schools and make the playing field as level as possible."

Q: Does the MHSAA need added staff to handle complaints regarding allegations about recruiting and undue influence of student-athletes?

A: "If you have statewide schools of choice, in effect you're going to have recruiting.

"When you give aid based on academic need and academic performance, it's difficult to investigate, but the MHSAA's Representative Council has added one more requirement to the investigative procedure.

"If there is a pattern of dispro-portionality, all documentation needs to be completed when it comes to providing financial aid

"It bothers me when allegations are made, but there's not time to investigate that. It's up to the principals to report themselves.

"You really can't devote much time to do it. I get involved per-sonally when the staff is already taxed. When I get a sense of that, I get involved myself."

Q: Do you think the MHSAA would ever support switching girls basketball to a winter sport or volleyball to the fall?

A: "We have the best situation with two seasons. There is some discontent in the volleyball comdiscontent in the volleyball com-munity, but it would be tremen-dously divisive if we were to make that change. Probably the majori-ty of our members would be angry about it. I can't imagine why we would make a change that's not in the majority opinion. "Our girls are the most recruit-ed in the country, because their sports are in season at a different

time of year (as opposed to most of the nation). College coaches have more time to devote to Mich-igan when those sports are in sea-

on."

Q: What about the state of the football playoffs?

A: "Every year we learn a little more. Late in the year it's better to play on Saturday. It's better to thave two games Saturday (at one site) instead of one Friday and one Saturday.

"We won't be doing away with regions (in favor of a seeding format). It was proposed we award eight more points for beating a AA team, but that was defeated. The more point divisions you have the more pressure you put on conferences."

Q: Is there any plan to ex-pand the state tennis tourna-ments to a 4-4 format (four sin-gles and four doubles flights)?

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A: "It was defeated again; it comes up almost annually.
"One objection is the rich would get richer, and it would be even more difficult for a Lansing Eastern to compete with an East Lansing type of thing.
"There's some thought the regionals are too big and too long now."

Q: What are some of the MHSAA's goals and concerns for the 1995-96 school year?

A: "Sportsmanship is always a concern of mine and is always important to me. We've gone forward with the anti-taunting rule that we've picked up and adopted from the National Federation's sports code.

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"We're also planning to do extra work with officials. We're trying to find a way to improve our support services to officials' associations and the assignations that the description of the service of ficials. We've put together a study group that will work on these things as long as they have to.

"We've also changed our classifications in wrestling. It will be different than the traditional B.C.D. Because of the imbalance, we're going to have four divisions, one through four, with 105 schools in each class. Schools that may be Class A might be in a lower classification for wrestling."





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