

# LCBL threatened by a new circuit

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Henry Ford Community College baseball coach Steve Rose is starting a summer baseball league in 1996 that could jeopardize the future of the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

Three of the five teams who played last summer in the LCBL, Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, Dearborn Consultants Inc. and Adray Appliances, have committed to the new league which will be sponsored by Rose's Sports Academy of Novi.

Rick Berryman, the Redford Union coach, also will bring a team in under the sponsorship of the Ramo Baseball Organization, Rose said.

Rose said the LCBL's residency rule, requiring each team to have at least five players from the city it uses as a base, and the lack of commitment from some teams to win were the reasons for starting a new league.

Rose's league will have no residency requirements. Games will be played at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn and Madonna University Park in Livonia.

"The coaches are fed up with the residency requirements," said Rose, a Farmington Hills resident who is a former RU baseball coach. "You can't get a college league. It's not going to be as long as they're going to have the 'inside' rule. I want a place where my college kids can play and get better vs. college kids, not playing in a glorified Connie Mack League. I'm doing this for selfish reasons, but I'm not in it for the money."

Hines Park and DCI were by far the best teams in the LCBL, which was basically a three-team league in 1995. Michigan Honig fielded a competitive team in its first year, but Livonia Little Caesars forfeited a doubleheader in the last week of the season because it didn't have enough players and was suspended from the four-team post-season playoffs.

The playoffs dwindled to three teams when Adray, a late entry into the LCBL, couldn't field enough players as a replacement for Caesars.

"You had to joke about it to keep from crying," Rose said. "When you start with five and end up with three, that tells you something."

Next year's Adray team will be run by Rose's assistant coach at Henry Ford, Lee Ejerke, and be made up mostly of Henry Ford players.

Rose also is hoping to add some teams from the Riverdale A League in metro Detroit. He is in the process of applying for an All-American Amateur Baseball As-

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sociation franchise under the Detroit name. The champion, he anticipates, will get an automatic bid to the AAABA national championship in Johnston, Pa.

Rose said it got to the point where he didn't enjoy watching his players from Henry Ford play LCBL games at Ford Field in Livonia because of the diluted talent pool.

The teams that suffered the most because of the residency rule were those from Livonia, where baseball talent has whittled considerably.

Livonia's Walter's Appliances, a longtime member of the LCBL, quit just prior to last season because coach Harvey Weingarden said his team could no longer compete with other teams for players.

Rose remembers the glory days when the LCBL All-Star team challenged the powerful Detroit Adray All-Star team every year at Tiger Stadium and sometimes won. "I wasn't enough interested from all the coaches to have an all-star game last summer."

"There was a time when Livonia had a bonafide Class A League, Adray, Connie Mack, E-Major and F-Major League, all played by me and Stu, who grew up in Livonia and played and coached in the Adray League. 'I want kids growing up today to say, 'There's great ball out there and someday I want to be good enough to make that team.'"

LCBL co-director Lyle Trudeau said the exodus doesn't mean the end of the LCBL.

"We'll offer it like we always do," Trudeau said. "If they do go with Stu, and they like it for a couple years, more power to them. We just want the kids to play."

"The LCBL used to have an eight-player residency rule per team and the issue is discussed periodically within the commission," Trudeau said. Trudeau doesn't know the chances of the rule being dropped.

"I don't know" even want to predict it," Trudeau said. "The cities that are used for residency usually have at least one Class A school and you should get at least two first stringers from there."

Trudeau said the No. 1 diamond at Ford Field is scheduled to have new lights by the spring, may be available for rent if there is no LCBL.

Rose rented the field one day for his Fall Baseball League this year and didn't know if his summer league could afford its use for a full season.

"I won't ask for it," Rose said, "But if they would like us to play there, then we'd consider it."

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
Thursday, Sept. 21  
Dearborn at Redford Union, 7 p.m.  
Woodhaven at Wayne Memorial, 7:30 p.m.  
Canton City at W. Warren, 7:30 p.m.  
Red. Thurston at Allen Park, 7:30 p.m.  
W.L. Central at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.  
Farmington at Psy. Salem, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
Liv. North at Liv. Westland, 1 p.m.  
Liv. Churchill at E.H. Harrison, 1 p.m.  
Psy. Canton at Liv. Franklin, 1 p.m.  
Westland Green at W. Farmington, 1 p.m.  
Cantonville at Liv. Anise Creuse, 1 p.m.  
Dushoo Borges vs. East Catholic at Garden City at High, 1:30 p.m.  
St. Agatha vs. A.A. Gob. Richard at Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 24**  
Redford CC, Detroit DePaulans at Detroit's McCabe Field, 1 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Thursday, Sept. 21  
St. Christian at Liv. Westland, 6:30 p.m.  
G.P. Uzzett at Cantonville, 6:30 p.m.  
W.L. Central at Liv. Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at Liv. Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Westland Green at E.H. Harrison, 7 p.m.  
Liv. Stevenson at Psy. Canton, 7 p.m.  
Psy. Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Northwood, 7 p.m.  
Liv. Stevenson at Psy. Canton, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Ironton, 7 p.m.  
D.H. Chestwood at Red. Thurston, 7 p.m.  
Theodore at Liv. Henry, 7 p.m.  
H.W. Regina at Dushoo Borges, 7 p.m.  
St. Agatha at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 22**  
Psy. Christian at Warren Zee, 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley at D.H. Rochester, 8 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
Acorn at Psy. Salem, 5:30 p.m.  
Psy. Canton at First Powers, 6:30 p.m.

**BOYS SOCCER**  
Thursday, Sept. 21  
D.H. Rochester at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 22**  
A.A. Pioneer at Redford CC, 4 p.m.  
Liv. Stevenson at Westland Green, 4 p.m.  
Taylor at Garden City, 4 p.m.  
Liv. East at Liv. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
Wilson Christ at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.  
Dearborn at H. Rooper, 4:30 p.m.  
Troy Athens at Liv. Churchill, 7 p.m.

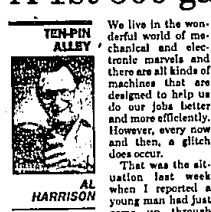
**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
Farmington at Liv. Bloomfield, 12:30 p.m.  
Drigton at Psy. Canton, 1 p.m.

**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Thursday, Sept. 21  
Madonna at McKenzie (M), 3 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 23  
Schoolcraft at Cuyahoga (Okc), 1 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Saturday, Sept. 23  
Moraine Valley (M) at S'cart, 3 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Sept. 21  
First Mont at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.  
Friday, September, Sept. 22-23  
Madonna at S. Carolina-Aiken, TBA  
TBA — times to be announced.

# A 1st 300 game is always memorable



**AL HARRISON**  
The young leagues to bowl with the big boys and nail down a 300 game in his first outing. As is often the case, the glitch might have been a result of the electronic scanner which misread the man's last name.

My apologies to Rick Baskin as these things unfortunately do happen. It was a terrific accomplishment, nonetheless. A lot of folks who have never been there cannot imagine the amount of mental, and emotional pressure there is to achieving the first perfect game. To the guy you did it just adds more of a glow to the accomplishment list.

Tom McKay will be retiring as executive secretary of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association (GDAA) after 30 years of service. The GDAA will be accepting applications through September from individuals looking to fill the position.

Those interested are asked to contact the GDAA at (810) 773-6350. McKay's retirement is effective at the end of this year, and if ever there was a tough part of shoes to fill, it's McKay's. He will continue to be active in the local bowling community, serving on various committees.

When doctors tell you that you can-

not bowl, you listen and heed their advice. That is my current situation as I have to wait until January before I am allowed to throw a bowling ball again. What's a person to do? Thanks to Danny and Brenda Topper of Farmington Hills, I have found another sport to keep me busy. It is called Mah Jongg, a game of Chinese origin. It is ancient with limited popularity in this country.

The game, similar to gin rummy and played with tiles the size of dominoes, is fun and interesting, but often difficult to comprehend. Even though the tiles do not weigh very much and not much is needed in the way of equipment, the game will never take the place of bowling.

Time is drawing near for the PBA's Greater Detroit Open to be held at Taylor Lanes and a limited number of entries remain for the Pro-Am portion of the event. Participating in the Pro-Am is a good deal for any serious bowler, especially with the prospects of walking away with a brand new Brunswick Ed Zone bowling ball.

Each round carries \$1,000 in prize money and each entrant gets to bowl with three different professionals as partners.

For further information, call Taylor Lanes at (313) 946-0092. The sixth annual Tall Waggers Bowl, presented by the Michigan Humane Society, is slated for Saturday, Nov. 11, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. This year's event, dubbed Help Strike Out Cruelty, will have squads bowling at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

In the five previous events, more than \$110,000 was raised in the fight to stamp out animal cruelty. Bowlers are asked to collect their own donations. Entry fee is \$16 per person and includes gifts, three games of bowling, shoe rental, complimentary lunch, show tickets and assorted other goodies.

For further information, call Laura Zain at (813) 201-3077.

**BOWLING HONOR ROLL**  
Country Lanes (Farmington Hills): Country Kapers — Walt Ulrich, 226/644; Pat Forme, 225; Clarence Babson, 224; Larry Kaplan, 224; G.J. Bishop, 224; Sports & Strikes — Michelle Gil, 297/602; Myra Hill, 638.  
Suburban Proprietors Men's League — Paul Butler, 287/873; Robert Thompson, 241; Tony Dellaria, 240/643; John Hurley, 234/638.  
Suburban Proprietors Ladies League — Ev Hubbe, 209/517; June Carbal, 206; Yvonne Payne, 200.

Drakeshire Lanes (Farmington Hills): Brian Beth Downtown/PC — Ken Gross, 207/715; The Ancore Classic Ten League starts at Lakeshire Monday, Oct. 2, with a \$5,000 purse for first place (based on 14 teams). 30 weeks with a four game format. Handicap 80 percent 875-650, 100 percent over 650. A \$100 deposit is required. For further information, call Chris or Laura at (810) 478-2230 or Mitch at (810) 344-4640.

Super Bowl (Canton): Sunday Youth Classic — (Classic 2) Mike Pleschewy, 210/603; Lawrence Stevens, 211; (Classic 1) Dan Flores, 222; Josh Spicer, 226-208/616; Jason Trent, 230; Myron Lee, 230; Tom Hughes, 234; Jeff Ward, 222-224/601; (Masters) Mike Keith, 219/682; Tony Conley, 267/812; Jerry Alexander, 227-214-224/683; John Bolina, 245/643; Michelle Auger, 231; Mayflower Lanes (Redford): Friday Seniors — Lloyd Thompson, 262/676; Bob Butski, 238/660; Jim Shmetz, 234/604; Ed Patrick, 230/600.

Wednesday Senior Classic — Jess MacCioce, 242-258-223/723; Jack Dohsturn, 227-214-258/699; Hank Haberek, 257/638; B. Wilson, 246/624; Howard Davis, 223/633; Jim Castiel, 210-213-215/638.

# Ocelots in control against Macomb, 2-0

## SALEM SWIMMING

Plymouth Salem's swim team may be a good one, but on Tuesday the Rocks weren't good enough to handle the fifth-ranked team in the state, Ann Arbor Huron.

The River Race collected first-place finishes in all but two events in handing Salem a 116-71 defeat at Salem. "The loss evened the Rocks' record at 1-1."

"There were a lot of good races, we just didn't get any firsts," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "I'm not disappointed at all in all the way they swam."

Salem's wins came from the 200-yard medley relay team of Yvonne Lynn, Katie Bonner, Sara Casillas and KellyAnn Williams

(2-11), and from Lynn in the 100 backstroke (1:05.29).

The Rocks swim at Plymouth Canton today at 7 p.m.

## STEELERS ROLL

Both the Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity and junior varsity football teams rolled to wins Saturday over the outmanned Dearborn Heights Redskins.

The varsity Steelers posted a 39-0 victory, getting 27 first-quarter points. Jason Evans scored three touchdowns, the first on a 16-yard punt return, then on runs of 4 and 19 yards. Other TDs came from Mike Hardin, on a 19-yard run; Andy Kocotaki, on a 32-yard run; and Brad Wells, on a 1-yard run. Ian Winter gained 102

yards rushing on six carries.

The shutout was the varsity's second in a row.

The Steeler JV got off fast with a 70-yard return of the opening kickoff by Chris Trost on route to a 30-0 win. Jerry Gaines got TDs on runs of 6 and 12 yards, and Jordan Robertson scored on a 2-yard run. Marshall Tucker led the defense, combining with Chris Fissani for a safety and collecting two sacks and an interception.

The shutout was also their second-straight.

The Steelers' freshmen were not so fortunate, losing 12-0 to the Redskins.

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