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FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Antonioti earns medal

Ten-year-old Steven Antonioti of Farmington Hills, a black belt in Taekwondo, earned a bronze medal in the World Championships in Little Rock, Ark.

Antonioti, a student in the American Taekwondo Association at the The Sports Club of West Bloomfield, was ranked fifth nationally going into the competition.

He finished in the top 10 for the second straight year in the 9-10 age group, having placed eighth last year.

The world championships take place each June in Little Rock and is the largest single-style martial art tournament in the country with more than 4,000 competitors.

The ATA sanctions three national tournaments (including the world championships) and 84 regional events during the year. At every tournament, participants compete in forms and sparring competition, earning points for first (5), second (3) and third (1) place.

A competitor may compete in as many tournaments as he wishes, but only the best five regional tournament, one national and world championship points count toward a national ranking.

Antonioti finished the year with an impressive 56 points, just six points out of fourth place. He will be an alternate for the Tournament of Champions in case one of the top four is unable to compete.

"With many divisions requiring 70 out of a perfect 90 points just to qualify for the top four, a competitor very often has to be the best in both categories of competition," ATA school owner Tim Halcomb said. "This reinforces the ATA's commitment to guide its students to be complete martial artists and not to focus on only one aspect of training."

Mike Daguanno and Joe Kalczynski ended their prep baseball careers in the annual all-star game Monday.



BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Though they were on the losing team Monday, the high school all-star baseball game was still a winning experience for two area players.

Farmington's Joe Kalczynski (Brother Rice) and Mike Daguanno of Farmington Hills (Catholic Central) couldn't stop the East from losing 3-0 to the West but enjoyed playing in the annual event at Tiger Stadium.

It was the first time on the Major League diamond for Daguanno but the third visit for Kalczynski, who played there in the last two Catholic League championship games.

Kalczynski, a catcher who signed with Michigan State, helped the Warriors win the league title over Orchard Lake St. Mary's this year after a runner-up finish as a junior.

"It's just fun going out there," he said. "You have the best players in the state there. You get to see best players from the West, too. You never hear about them, but obviously they can play."

"It would have been great to win the league championship (on the same field), but it was nice to play in Tiger Stadium," Daguanno said. "When I heard I was picked to play in this game, I was really happy."

"The game wasn't boring, but there weren't many hits, and it was real hot and humid. I think I was sorta in awe most of the time," Daguanno, a good-hitting first baseman who has signed with the University of Detroit, went 0-for-2 but hit the ball hard each time to center field. Kalczynski was 0-for-1 with a walk.

"I was just excited; I was kinda nervous the first time up," Kalczynski said. "I went out for five innings and came back; I was more relaxed and ended up walking. It's always fun, getting to hit in Tiger Stadium."

Ironically, neither player started the game at his usual position. Daguanno entered in the second



STAFF PHOTO BY DANIEL LEMAY

Home base: Mike Daguanno of Farmington started the all-star game in left field but was back in more familiar territory at first base later in the game Monday at Tiger Stadium.

inning as a left fielder, and the 6-foot-6 Kalczynski was the first baseman.

"I made a nice grab in left field; I was pretty happy with myself," Daguanno said. "I haven't played that position in 34 years, probably since I was a freshman."

"They told me the day before they were going to put me in left field to get me some innings, because they wanted someone else to play first. I didn't have a prob-

lem with that, because I'll probably play some outfield in college."

Daguanno had three putouts in three (4-5-6) innings in left field and moved to first base for the last three.

"It felt kinda weird, not starting," he said. "It's been awhile since I haven't played an inning. But I'd rather finish a game than start it and not be there at the end."

Kalczynski, who played CYO

baseball along with Daguanno at Our Lady of Sorrows and was on the same summer team as him until last year, was impressed by his former teammate's outfield play.

"I was happy to see him do well," Kalczynski said. "He stole a double from the kid; it was unbelievable. He doesn't even play left field, and he made it look easy."

Kalczynski played the first two

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Barons tumble after winning tourney

BASEBALL

South Farmington Barons baseball coach Dick Miller attributed a Monday loss to the post-weekend blues and a worthy opponent.

After winning the Homeplate Tournament in St. Clair Shores on Sunday, the Barons suffered an 8-3 loss to the Adrian Lookouts in Connie Mack action at Farmington High.

The Barons won five straight games in the tournament, beginning with a 6-0 defeat of the Lakeland (West Bloomfield) Athletics.

David Viane went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer and three RBI. Ryan Andrzejewski pitched a three-hit complete game with 11 strikeouts

and one walk. South Farmington rolled over the (Walled) Lake Athletics as the Barons supported pitcher Steve Waller with 20 hits.

Waller went the distance, scattering eight hits and retiring the last nine batters in a row.

Mike Daguanno went 4-for-6 with six RBI to lead the hitting barrage. His hits included two doubles and a two-run homer; he also scored three runs.

C.J. Ghannam and Ryan Rum-

berger went 3-for-5, and Andrzejewski hit a grand slam. Ghannam had two RBI and Rumberger a solo homer.

Chris Karney, Viane, Garett Burch and Todd Miller chipped in two hits apiece. Karney scored three runs and had two RBI. Burch and Miller two runs and two RBI each.

The third game was the pivotal contest as South Farmington edged Ann Arbor 6-4, breaking a 4-4 tie in the sixth inning when Miller hit a ground ball through the left side to score Burch.

Viane gave the Barons another complete game on the mound, striking out nine and walking five while

allowing seven hits. He struck out the final batter with runners at first and second.

Andrzejewski hit a solo homer, and Viane was the only one with two hits. Rumberger, Burch and Karney drove in one run each.

Marty Wilk pitched a four-hit game with seven strikeouts as the Barons defeated the North Oakland Stars 11-2. The Barons scored seven runs in the sixth to expand a 4-2 lead.

Viane went 3-for-4 with four RBI, and Burch slugged a three-run homer. Karney and Ghannam had two hits and scored three runs each.

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Diamond dandies

All-Area softball team includes Farmington standouts

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Dana Hardwidge has made quite an impact on the Livonia Churchill softball program in just five years.

The Charger coach has compiled an impressive 94-42 overall record, including a pair of Class A district titles.

In 1996 her Lady Chargers broke new ground, capturing their first-ever Western Division title (9-1) in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Churchill met Lakes Division champ and state-ranked Walled Lake Central in the title game, falling in a heartbreaker, 1-0.

The Chargers finished the year with an impressive 22-7 record,

including a first-place finish in the Livonia Public Schools tournament.

"I have been blessed with players who are dedicated and not afraid to work hard to achieve those goals," said Hardwidge, who was named Observerland Coach of the Year for the second time. "It's a coach's dream to be able to work with the great attitudes I had this year. I'll miss the chemistry on this team this year."

The coaching staff of Lou Kuratko, Lisa Waldo and myself concentrate on fundamentals and strive to develop discipline on and off the field.

"This group of girls supported each other and believed in each



Holly Foster: She was fixture in right field for four years.



Heidi Wahl: Shortstop was the senior leader for Mercy.

Marathoners needed

If you've ever wanted to escape Michigan's cold January weather, the Arthritis Foundation of Southeast Michigan can help you run or walk to Bermuda.

The Arthritis Foundation and the Michigan Association-USA Track and Field is recruiting for the Joints in Motion Training Team that will go to the Bermuda International Marathon on Jan. 19, 1997.

Running or marathon experience is not required. The Joints in Motion Team will train anyone interested — from the novice to the seasoned marathoner.

Each runner will participate in a 20-week intensive training program with experienced marathon trainers.

The only requirement of each runner is to raise a minimum of \$3,000 for the Arthritis Foundation in honor of someone of who has arthritis.

The Arthritis Foundation will provide each runner airfare to Bermuda, four days and three nights hotel accommodations (including breakfast and dinner), marathon entry fee, team promotional items and fundraising packet to help in the effort.

For more information call the Arthritis Foundation at (810) 350-3030 in Southfield.

Holy Strokes Golf

The Sixth Annual Holy Strokes Golf Tournament, hosted by the Greater Detroit Interfaith Round Table, will be Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield.

Cost is \$150 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner, a golf cart and refreshments. There will also be a silent auction and door prizes.

A corporate sponsorship, which includes golf for four, is \$1,000 or \$1,500.

For reservations and additional information call (313) 869-8306.

Girls soccer tryouts

The Farmington Soccer Club will have additional tryouts for its under-19 and under-10 girls select teams on Sunday, June 30.

The under-10 tryout will be at 1 p.m. on Casarsa Field No. 3 at the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Drake roads. The under-19 tryout will be at 6:30 p.m. on Casarsa Field No. 1.