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# SPORTS & RECREATION

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## FARMINGTON- FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Stingrays conduct sign-up

The Michigan Stingray Swim Association is registering swimmers for the summer long-course season.

Morning practices are Monday through Saturday at Botsford Pool, and afternoon practices are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3-5 p.m. at Harrison High School.

Head coach Eric Newton and assistant coach David Maker emphasize stroke technique, endurance and swimming fundamentals at every practice.

Interested swimmers should call Cindi Steff at (248) 478-4484 for more information. New swimmers can swim at no cost the first week.

### Royals capture crown

The South Farmington Royals went undefeated in the double-elimination league tournament to capture the Pony Division championship.

Demonstrating consistent pitching, timely hitting and solid defense throughout the tournament, the Royals defeated the Pirates, 14-12, in the championship game Wednesday.

The Royals players are Dan Connors, Ray Gillis, Zach Green, Bryan Hickman, David Hickman, Nick Hippler, Jeff Kendrick, Mark Lukasiak, Bryan Proven, Kevin Temerowski, Ryan Wojcik, Owen Weber and Mark Wilson.

The Royals are coached by Bryan Proven, Bob Green and Kevin Kendrick.

### Hornets split twinnill

Leslie Schrock pitched a one-hitter Thursday to lead the Farmington Hills Hornets to a 3-2 victory over the Livonia Lasers in the first game of a softball doubleheader.

The host Lasers regrouped to win the second game in the Girls Incredible Fast-Pitch Softball League at Livonia Franklin, 7-2.

Schrock allowed only a triple by losing pitcher Lori Jendrusik while striking out 12 and walking two in the opener.

The Hornets had five hits and overcame a 2-1 deficit with two runs in the sixth inning.

Jamie Swartz and Schrock singled and scored the sixth-running runs on a fielder's choice by Kim Spaulding and a groundout by Lindsey Emmett.

Katrina Vitallis had two hits and Megan Wild one. Jendrusik struck out 10 and walked two.

The four-inning nightcap was tied 2-2 after three innings, but the Lasers broke through with a five-run fourth.

Spaulding and Wild had the only hits off Jendrusik, who fanned five, walked one and hit another triple. Vitallis pitched the first three innings and Emmett the fourth.

### Tournament assists charity

Adult basketball players are invited to participate in the 3-on-3 Tournament With A Heart for the benefit of the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan on Saturday, June 28.

The tournament will be played outdoors on the half courts at The Sports Authority at 32101 John R in Madison Heights and is open to all players age 18 and older.

There are two tournament divisions — men's and coed, with prizes awarded to the top three teams in each division. The first game is at 9 a.m. and the event should conclude by 5 p.m.

The cost of registering a four-person team is \$140 per team or \$35 per player, which includes a T-shirt, lunch and beverage/fruit. The registration deadline is Wednesday, June 25.

To register call the Children's Leukemia Foundation at 1-800-825-2536 or pick up a registration form at any of the eight metro-area Sports Authority stores.

Day-of-tournament registration will be offered only if spots are available.

CLF is a statewide agency dedicated to helping children, adults and families affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other blood-related disorders.

### Test your arm strength

The Yukon Jack Battle of the Biceps, a series of amateur arm wrestling tournaments, will visit Detroit this summer as part of a 10-city, three-state (Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin) tour.

There will be three qualifying events at metro-area locations: 9 p.m. July 17 at Diamond Back (Belleville), 7:30 p.m. July 25 at The Arena (Dearborn Heights) and 8 p.m. Aug. 15 at Barnstormers (Whitnash Lake).

Each qualifying event is open to all first-time and novice arm wrestlers and will help raise funds for the benefit of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

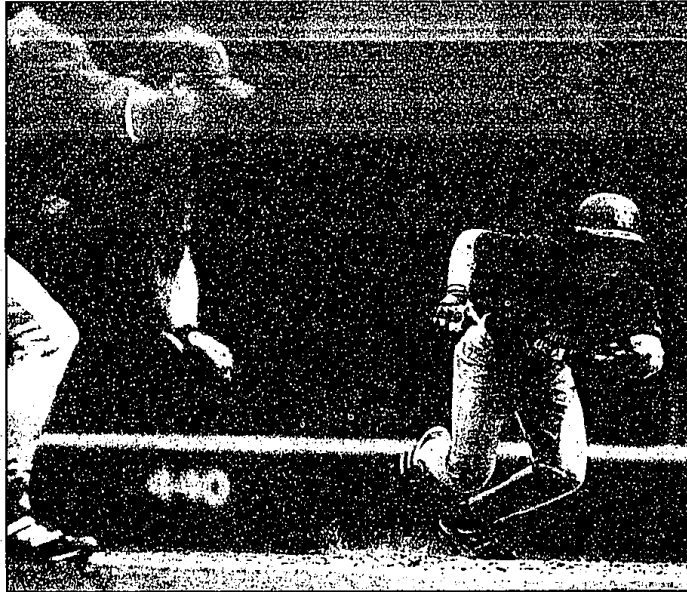
The top three in each weight class will advance to the Detroit City Championships at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at Barnstormers.

The top two in each weight class from that event advanced to the Midwest Championships that will take place at The Arena on Saturday, Sept. 6, and be televised nationally by ESPN.

The top-six finishers in each weight class at the Midwest finals will earn cash prizes for themselves and their respective charity.

The event is open to men and women who are 21 or older. Each individual pays a \$5 entry fee.

There are seven weight classes: men's 160 and under; 161-170, 171-180, 191-210, 211 and over; women's 145 and under and women's 146 and over. For more information call 1-800-229-4768.



All-star action: Farmington Harrison's C.J. Ghannam, the starting shortstop for the East, scrambles to get back to first base during the all-star game Thursday at Tiger Stadium.

## Coach Kal ends career with East all-star duty

By MARTY BUDNER  
STAFF WRITER

Age is not a barrier when it comes to realizing dreams. Just take Thursday's annual All-Star Baseball Classic at Tiger Stadium, for instance.

Even though they were on the losing end of a close 2-1 score, both East coach Ron Kalczyński (Birmingham Brother Rice) and East player Mark Kalczyński (Birmingham Groves) were excited to not only participate, but to play in the same storied stadium the Detroit Tigers call home.

It was not a new experience for Kalczyński, who retired as Rice's baseball coach this spring. Kalczyński played at Tiger Stadium — it was called Briggs Stadium then — in 1959 for Saints Peter and Paul. He coached Brother Rice to the Catholic League championship in 1996 and coached his sons Brian and Joe play in the All-Star Baseball Classic at Tiger Stadium.

"This is certainly a great venue to end your career in," said Kalczyński, a Farmington resident who coached at Brother Rice for 26 years but never coached the high school all-



Last hurrah: Ron Kalczyński, retiring Brother Rice coach, put the finishing touch on a storied career at the all-star game.

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## Spartans coach accustomed to winning

By BRAD EMMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Jim Kimble is no stranger to state championship games.

As a player at Livonia Stevenson, Kimble reached four finals (1982 through 1985), winning twice.

And after a four-year varsity career at Central Michigan University where he was a senior captain, Kimble returned to his alma mater to coach the boys and the girls teams.

He tasted the sweet victory last fall as an assistant with the Stevenson boys, and earlier this month he led the Stevenson girls to their fourth state championship in school history with a 1-0 victory over Brighton.

In just three years with the Lady Spartans, Kimble is 61-64.

And for his efforts this season, with only three seniors, Kimble has been named Observerland Coach of the Year, his second honor in three years.

"It was a dream season come true," Kimble said. "It's the best team I've ever coached and I used the word team with pride."

"It was 22 players working together as a unit every night. From top to bottom they gave an honest effort."

"I was sorry to see it end. I can't say enough about the leadership we received from our seniors. They will be missed dearly. It was just a

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great year, one I'll remember forever."

Class A champion Stevenson, which allowed just one goal all year en route to a 21-0-2 record, leads the way on this year's All-Observer squad, garnering four spots on the first team.

Western Lakes rivals Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Salem and Livonia Churchill also grabbed two first-team berths as well as determined by the Observer sports staff (with input from area coaches).

Introducing the 1997 All-Observer squad:

#### ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Sara Kloosterman, goalkeeper, Farmington Harrison: Kloosterman was a perennial Class A all-star during her four-year high school career and this year was named Miss Soccer. She will continue playing in the fall at Michigan State University.

She had six shutouts this year, leading the Hawks to their best record (7-8-1) in school history, and 15 during her career.

Facing an average of 25 shots per game, Kloosterman's goals-against average in the WIAA this year was 2.14, and her overall save percentage was 91.2.

Playing against some of the state's best teams in the WIAA, she had 933 career saves while facing 1,025 shots. Her career goals-against average was 2.97.

Kloosterman, who also scored four goals in her career, earned 12 varsity letters at Harrison — four each in soccer

and tennis and three in volleyball.

"She's the best goalkeeper I've ever had in 20 years of coaching," Harrison coach Glenn Breuhan said. "She knows instinctively when to come out for the ball, and there's nobody better than her on breakaways."

"She knows what's going to happen before the play ever happens. Anything in the goal-box area, she's going to get to it first."

Jenny Darker, goalkeeper, Livonia Stevenson: Posted an incredible 19-0-2 record this year with 20 shutouts and a goals-against average of .05. She is 47-7-4 during her career with 44 shutouts, putting her in the top 10 all-time nationally. Her career goals-against average is .448.

"Honestly, the best goalkeeper Stevenson's ever had," coach Jim Kimble said. "Jenny plays behind a stingy defense, but stays focused and comes up big when she needs to. She's a very vocal and confident player. She is confident in her ability and her teammates. She's a very determined person who is a perfectionist."

Andrea Blad, defender, Livonia Stevenson: The ninth-grader had four goals and two assists, but more importantly anchored the state's most stingy defense.

"Andrea was our main link at central defender on a team that allowed only one goal in 23 games," Kimble said. "She's the best all-around skilled player on roster."

"She has great field vision and ball skills. She is also an offensive threat when we let her go."

"Andrea is a great one who will only get better. She has a promising career ahead of her."

She also made All-Western Lakes Activities Association as a freshman.

## Post 346 bats roar in sweep

By DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Judging from early results, veteran sandlot baseball manager Wally Christensen has put together another winning combination of players for his American Legion Post 346 team.

Christensen's Farmington-Noville Lakes ballclub swept a doubleheader from Rochester June 18 and played formidable Chief Pontiac to a nine-inning standoff Wednesday.

### BASEBALL

In the season opener, Zack Cornwell (Farmington Harrison) pitched a 4-0 shutout against Rochester.

He allowed eight hits along the way but walked just two and struck out 13 over seven innings.

All four FNL runs were earned.

Bill Kandilian (Walled Lake Central), Jon Rospierski (Farmington Hills/Detroit-Jesuit) and Paul Mitchell (Farmington) had RBI singles, and Jimmy Carson (Farmington Hills/Detroit-Jesuit) drew a bases-loaded walk.

The Legionnaires mercied Rochester in the nightcap, 19-2.

Shawn Morrison (Walled Lake Central) went the five-inning distance on the mound, holding the opposition to three hits, striking out seven and walking five.

He had all the run support he needed when FNL scored 10 runs in the first inning, putting five runs across before Rochester could get the first out.

Rospierski led the hitting onslaught by going 4-for-5, with three doubles and four RBI.

Cornwell drove in two runs with a double and another with a sacrifice fly. Lenny Christoff (Novi) also had three RBI with a bases-loaded double and scored three runs.

Conner Krause (Novi), Kandilian and Mitchell went 2-for-3. Krause had two RBI and Kandilian scored two runs; Mitchell also walked twice, scored a pair of runs and had one RBI. Mark Churella (Novi) reached base five times and accounted for three runs.

FNL battled Chief Pontiac, the state runner-up last year, to a 5-5 draw at Farmington High. The game was suspended after nine innings and will be completed at a later date.

Krause pitched the first 5 1/3 innings and left with the score tied, 5-5. Rospierski worked the next 3 2/3 innings, striking out eight (five in a row at one point) and holding the Chiefs to two hits.

Rospierski drove in the first run with an infield single, and two runs scored when Krause's fly ball was misplayed for an error in center field.

FNL took a 4-2 lead with three

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