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Spring hockey clinics

Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct spring clinics at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills during the Easter break.

The two-hour Learn to Check clinics for Pee Wees and Bantams (ages 11-14) will concentrate on proper body checking techniques, how to receive a check, how to avoid a check, back checking, angling and body positioning.

There are also two-day, four-hour clinics open to players of any age. These clinics include Shoot to Score, which will teach correct shooting techniques; a defensive clinic on proper defensive positioning, footwork and other necessities for a defenseman; and a goaltending clinic that will provide technical and tactical training.

Cost for the two-day, four-hour clinics is \$75 per player. The Learn to Check clinic is \$40 per player. Call (248) 478-1600 to enroll.

Lady Raiders sweep

The Oakland Community College women's softball team swept a doubleheader from Muskegon CC Tuesday, 9-0 and 7-0, to extend its winning streak to five games.

In the first game, OCC's Tracy Lang and Rachelle Podowski combined to pitch a no-hitter.

Lang (5-3), who was named Athlete of the Week, pitched the first four innings of the 4th-inning mercy game. She also had two hits and scored two runs. Danielle TerHaar had two RBI.

Podowski (1-0) started and pitched two innings of the second game. Muskegon had five hits off four OCC pitchers. Sarah Watters had two of OCC's seven hits, and TerHaar scored a pair of runs.

The Lady Raiders (11-5) won three of four games last weekend to begin their winning streak.

They lost to Kellogg CC Saturday, 8-7, before winning the nightcap, 8-1. In the first game, Watters and Wendy Wade had two hits apiece.

In the win, Watters went 4-for-4 with two RBI. Lang scattered three hits to pick up the win.

OCC swept two games Sunday from Kalamazoo Valley, 2-0 and 2-1.

In the opener, Lang tossed a one-hitter while striking out five. She also had two hits, including her third double of the season.

OCC rallied in the second game to score single runs in the fifth and seventh innings to earn the victory.

Tammy Bastian recorded the win in relief, allowing just one hit in three innings of work. Amanda Jenkinson went 2-for-3, and TerHaar drove in the winning run with one out in the bottom of the seventh.

Szopo stars for K'zoo

Sophomore Korin Szopo of Farmington Hills (Farmington High) won seven No. 4 singles matches during the recent spring trip for the Kalamazoo College women's tennis team.

Szopo, who also has one victory at No. 3 singles and is 5-2 at No. 4, leads the Hornets with nine singles victories. She has played one doubles match, losing at No. 1 with teammate Paige Foley.

Kalamazoo had a 7-2 team record during its spring trip March 21-27 to Hilton Head, S.C. The Hornets won five straight matches at one point and seven of their final eight.

Kalamazoo's 8-2 overall record includes an 8-1 loss to Oakland University in the season opener March 7.

Snowe Stadium on the Kalamazoo campus will be the site of the 1998 Great Lakes Colleges Association tournament Friday and Saturday, April 3-4. The Hornets place third in the tournament last year.

Baseball tryout dates

There will be tryouts for a 10-and-under South Farmington Federation Baseball team at Founders Park, Field No. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7.

Players born after July 31, 1987, are eligible. Please call Rick Tuyn at (248) 474-8295 for more information.

Cobras need catcher

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobras, an under-14 girls fast-pitch travel softball team, has an opening on its roster for a catcher.

For information, call (248) 626-7071.

North's strength? Its pitching!



Senior left-handed pitching stars Kirk Taylor and Jeff Trzos are the anchors for a quality North Farmington baseball team. With a good supporting cast, the Raiders are optimistic as they begin the 1998 season.

Opposing baseball teams know all too well what awaits them when they play North Farmington this spring. "As the short answer is good pitching, and the Raiders have two of the best in the country in seniors Kirk Taylor and Jeff Trzos.

Both are 6-foot-5, hard-throwing, southpaws who have been pitching on the North varsity since they were freshmen.

"As far as the two of them, I don't know of anybody that has two as good as we do," North coach Irv Horwitz said, adding the extra year of maturity alone makes Trzos and Taylor better pitchers.

Trzos and Taylor are among North's best hitters, too, and will play first base or DH when the other is pitching. Trzos will bat cleanup followed by Taylor in the five spot.

Taylor hit for a .442 average with six doubles, three home runs and 21 RBI. He also walked 24 times and scored 32 runs. Trzos had a .354 average with eight doubles, one triple, two home runs and 23 RBI.



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The Raiders have a veteran infield with senior Mike Gleeson back at second base, junior Evan Feldman playing shortstop again and senior Jonas Schwartz taking over at third base.

Gleeson hit .314 and had 20 RBI. Feldman .333 with six doubles and 13 RBI. Schwartz, a right-hander who will do some pitching, batted .286 and had nine RBI.

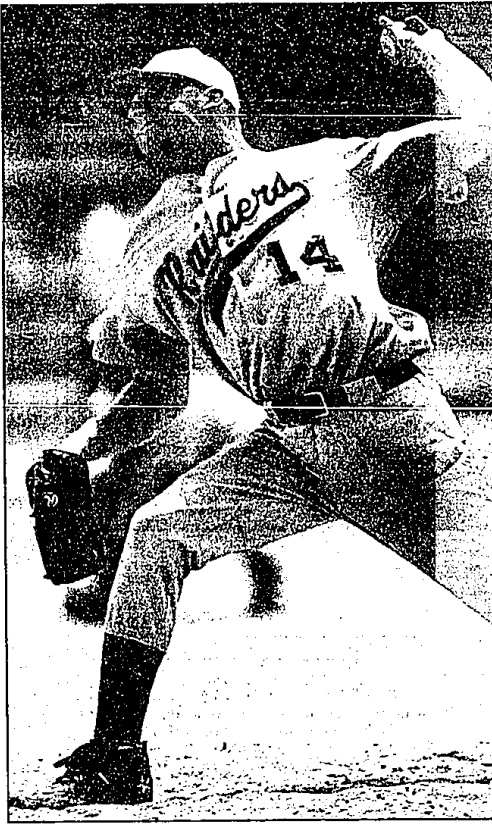
Penta, who also can play first base or DH, is another of North's top hitters who registered a .354 average with two home runs and 24 RBI. He scored 16 runs, too.

North is strong up the middle with senior center fielder Tom Quelletto returning. As the leadoff hitter, he batted .337, had seven doubles, knocked in 12 runs and scored 14.

"He has a great bat; he puts the bat on the ball," Horwitz said.

Seniors Bryan Glazer and Tom Moran will start in left and right field, respectively. Glazer was bothered by a sore arm last year but still hit .326 with eight RBI. Moran had a .286 average.

Horwitz plans to throw Taylor and Trzos in the Lakes Division games Monday and Friday, with the other



Pitching ace: Jeff Trzos has committed to play for the University of Michigan next year if he doesn't sign a pro contract this spring.

Hawks have talent to defend league title

Defending champion Farmington Harrison figures to be in contention for the Western Lakes Activities Association baseball title again this year.

The Hawks, who ended last season at 19-5, have won two of the last three championships, and it appears they have the talent to make it 3-of-4.

"I certainly do, but we know we'll be going against some of the best pitchers in the state," Harrison coach John Herrington said.

"On our side, we've got (Walled Lake Western's) Kevin Thomas. Eventually,

ended up as our No. 1 pitcher," Herrington said. "We think we have some capable backups but, if he's as strong as he was last year, he'll be pitching in the big games."

Harrison also returns 6-foot-4 senior Matt Derocher, a right-hander who had arm trouble last year but still pitched 45 innings and had a 7-2 record with a 3.88 ERA.

"He has excellent control. If he can get over the arm trouble he had, he'll be real strong," Herrington said.

Seniors Joe Ghannam, Zach Burton and Mike Hoard have some varsity experience, too. Junior Ryan Seene, the team's only left-handed pitcher, joins the varsity this year.

Ghannam was the No. 3 pitcher, appearing in 32 innings, recording 40 strikeouts as opposed to 10 walks and posting a 3-2 record. Burton split time between the varsity and JV and is much improved, according to Herrington.

"We've tried to schedule a few more



Shot stopper: Harrison goalkeeper Casey Myers scoops the ball and causes Farmington's Marina Vazquez to halt her charge.

Falcons start season with blaze of scoring

Farmington High School achieved a perfect start to a new season in girls soccer, outscoring its first two opponents, 14-0.

The Falcons kicked off the campaign with a 6-0 whitewash of host West Bloomfield at Kego Harbor and followed that victory with an 8-0 shutout Monday of crosstown rival Farmington Harrison at Farmington. The Falcons led 2-0 at halftime in each game.

"The kids have been working real hard at accomplishing our system, and we're looking forward to continuing the success we've had so far," Farmington coach Bob Neff said.

"We're going to meet some real good teams pretty soon. My biggest worry right now is that we don't become overconfident. We still have things to work on, and we're trying to improve every single practice."

Junior midfielder Emilie Villemonte established herself as the team's leading scorer through two games with four goals and three assists.

Villemonte, senior midfielder Angela DeDomenico and junior forward Jamie Jakacki led Farmington to the win over West Bloomfield with two goals apiece.

Sophomeres Laura Leffingwell and Kara Twendy completed the scoring.

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DeDomenico and Jakacki assisted on two goals each; Villemonte, senior Kate Adams and senior Emily Curtin added one apiece.

Adams was in goal for the first 75 minutes against West Bloomfield and 60 versus Harrison. Sophomore Dana Wartin finished both games in goal and shared in the shutouts.

Freshman Lorianne DeDomenico scored a first-half goal and assisted on Jakacki's goal to give Farmington the halftime lead Monday.

Villemonte had two goals and two assists in the second half, Angela DeDomenico one goal and one assist, junior Brynn Maki one goal and senior Dana Babinsky one assist.

"We were quite happy with the performance of the defense and the offense," Neff said. "Our percentage of goals per shot is still lower than we want, but everybody is working real hard."

"There's an unselfish attitude with the passing, and that's helping quite a bit."

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