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"One day I walked into class and (Harrison) coach (John) Herrington said 'What do you think about Central Michigan? I've got a few connections up there.' I said 'That'd be great.'"

"Central came in and I couldn't have planned this any better. It's just perfect."

At Herrington's suggestion, Folke came to see Cornwell play in the district tournament in June and offered him a scholarship that day.

"He sat through a game and a half and said he was ready to offer me a deal," Cornwell said, adding 85 percent of the scholarship money is reserved for returning players and 15 percent is split among new recruits.

Cornwell was a four-year starter at third base for Harrison and also pitched, and Folke told him he will play on the left side of the infield at CMU.

"He said he liked my arm, my bat and my mental attitude," Cornwell said. "I just need to

work on my foot speed; I need to get a little quicker."

As a senior this year, Cornwell batted .443 and had a school-record 42 for the Hawks, who were 23-7. His 43 hits included nine doubles, three triples and five home runs. He also walked 11 times, stole 16 bases and scored 28 runs.

Cornwell has been playing second base this summer as a member of the A. Green Financial Connie Mack team, which includes some of the best baseball talent in Michigan. All-Everything Drew Henson and Michigan-bound Bobby Korecky have been playing on the left side.

"That's fine as long as I'm playing," Cornwell said. "It's the best of the best from all over. I'm just happy I'm in the starting lineup."

"I've made a lot of friends. I know a lot of kids who are going to U-D, Eastern, Wayne and MSU. It'll be fun to see these

guys (when those schools come up on the CMU schedule), because I've been playing baseball with them all summer."

At CMU, Cornwell will room with former Harrison football teammate and "one of my best buds" Tom Salley, and he'll be teammates with former Farmington stars Nick Latra and Eric Flores.

Cornwell, who also earned All-Observer honors in football, helped the Hawks win the Class A title last November as a two-way starter at fullback and monsterback.

"Already, I do miss football," he said. "My friends and I watch old slide shows and get booze bumps. I'm glad we ended up on a winning note."

"The state championship—that was pretty much the (most) memorable (moment). Baseball. I had a great career and played alongside some great players and had a lot of fun. Now we move on."

NFWB is tourney runner-up

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up only four hits and three walks with nine strikeouts.

King had two hits; Emmett, Spaulding, Christina Colombo and Leslie Schrock added base hits. Christine Fones slugged a long triple to knock in Ultimate Precision's first run and scored the winning run on Spaulding's single.

NFWB had to beat the Troy Rockets to get to the semifinals and routed them, 18-1. Tara Muchow threw a four-hitter to get the win.

King had two doubles and two singles; Emmett, Fones, McKeon

and Spaulding had two hits each. Danielle Kelmigian, Jenelle Welling and Schrock also singled.

In earlier pool play, Ultimate Precision beat the Sylvania (Ohio) Sting, 10-2. Emmett and Muchow teamed up for a three-hitter, with Emmett getting the win.

Katrina Vitanis, King and Emmett had a double and a single. Lauren Ouellette and everyone else in the lineup had a hit as every batter contributed.

Muchow and Schrock combined for a four-hitter as NFWB defeated Hartland, 12-2, before losing its pool-play finale to the Stingers, 11-1.

Majestics win intra-city softball contest

The Farmington Hills Majestics concluded the 1998 regular season Thursday in the Girls Incredible Fastpitch Softball League with an 11-8 victory over the host Farmington Hills Diamonds.

The teams agreed to play one game since the Diamonds didn't have enough players of their own and forfeited half of the scheduled doubleheader.

The Majestics, who finished with a 10-12 record, loaned three of their players to the Diamonds.

Megan Fedluk pitched the first two innings for the Majestics and turned a 6-0 lead over to Gretchen Anderson-Watts, who worked the next two and left with an 8-2 advantage.

Fedluk returned to pitch the fifth and final inning and was the winner despite allowing six runs. A three-run fifth proved to be the difference.

Fedluk recorded seven strikeouts, Anderson-Watts one. Both pitchers allowed three hits each.

Krystal Shine was 3-for-3 with three RBI to lead the Majestics. Fedluk also was on base three times; she had two hits and was hit by a pitch. Both scored two runs.

The Livonia Lasers (14-5-1) split a doubleheader Thursday with host Nature Design at Walled Lake Western.

Tera Morrill went 2-for-2 with a pair of runs scored as the Lasers won the opener, 7-1.

Winning pitcher Tara Muchow tossed a two-hitter over five innings. She struck out nine and walked two.

Nature Design bounced back to win the nightcap, 5-1, as the Lasers went hitless.

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guard in basketball and starting shortstop in softball as a freshman, earning All-Lakes Division and All-Observer, second-team honors in both sports.

She was the leading scorer in basketball with 256 points in 22 games. She also led the Raiders in rebounds (178), assists (103), steals (80) and blocks (14).

McComb had a .380 batting average in softball with five doubles, six triples and two home runs among her 32 hits. She also had 28 RBI. Defensively, McComb helped turn six double plays and had a .930 fielding percentage.

"She's mentally tough enough

and physically tough enough to rise above any adversity," Perkins said, adding McComb will be a team co-captain with senior Katie Vihelie this year.

"That's the kid I've known all these years. It's not going to get in her way. She's been out every day, conditioning and running, shooting with her left hand."

"Actually, she has developed her left-hand shot. She's shooting a couple hundred balls a day. She's getting so proficient with her left hand, once she gets back to using her right hand she'll have some other options."

McComb said she doesn't anticipate the injury will affect

her ability to dribble, shoot a basketball or throw a softball.

"It's the ring finger, so I don't know if it will have that much affect," she said. "If it does, I'll have to adjust. I don't think it will take that long to adjust. It's not that bad of an injury."

"It will help my left hand. I can tell the difference in just a week of practice how much better it has gotten."

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