

Cobras journey to Cooperstown

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield 12-year-old Cobras are headed to Cooperstown, the legendary home of the game of baseball.

The Cobras are invited to participate in an invitational tournament at the Cooperstown Dreams Park, where they will face other 12-year-old teams from across the country. The tournament runs Aug. 8-16.

While in Cooperstown team members will have an opportunity to visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame and will play at least seven games in Dreams Park. They will stay in the Baseball Village Clubhouse during their stay.

In addition, team members will have

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an opportunity to compete in a home run derby, a base running contest and a throwing contest.

At the end of their stay, each member of the team will receive a prestigious American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame ring to commemorate their stay at Cooperstown.

Members of the NFWB 12-year-old Cobras are Max Miller of West Bloomfield, Steven Antoniotti, Kris Clark, Josh Feinberg, Mike Hand, Gary Kennedy, Kyle Phillips, Jonathan Noble and Mike Sacha, all of Farmington Hills, Rob Campbell of Bloomfield

Hills and Sean Murnane of Ann Arbor. The team is coached by Roy Phillips, Bob Campbell, Tom Miller and Mike Noble.

Memphis defeats Livonia

The Memphis (Tenn.) Cardinals spoiled Livonia Travel's tournament bid in the fourth round of the National Amateur Baseball Federation's High School Division (17-and-under) World Series on Sunday in Hopkinsville, Ky.

The Cards broke a 1-1 deadlock after six innings with three runs in the top of the seventh inning to earn a 4-1 win.

Memphis went on to defeat Toronto, Ontario for the title, 7-0.

"We had a great season," said Livonia

Travel manager Bill Rabe, whose team finished the summer 39-10 overall. "Our guys took it rough because they felt they were capable of winning a national championship."

"But it was a great effort and they deserved a lot of recognition."

Livonia Travel pitcher Dale Hayes (Westland John Glenn), who held Memphis in check through six innings, took the loss.

A lack of offense led to Livonia Travel's undoing. Memphis out-hit Livonia, 7-6.

"Our bats went quiet after the first game," Rabe said.

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Soley wins tournament

Farmington Hills golfer Andrew Soley placed first in the Power Bilt Michigan PGA Junior Tour Golf Tournament July 29 at Coyote Golf Course in New Hudson.

The 12-year-old Soley won in his age group with a low score of 79. The win qualifies him to play in the Tournament of Champions on Aug. 10 at Walnut Hills Country Club.

Soley had a strong finish the following day in another Power Bilt tournament at Mystic Creek, placing third.

Travel baseball tryouts

South Farmington Baseball Inc. will have tryouts for its Little Caesars travel baseball teams on Saturday, Aug. 15.

If athletes cannot make that tryout, the makeup date will be Saturday, Aug. 22. The respective rain dates will be Sunday, Aug. 16 and 30.

Tryouts will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and end at noon. Tryouts for all age groups will be at Founders Park.

The 10-and-under tryouts will take place on field No. 4, 11 on No. 3, 12 on No. 2, 13 on No. 1 and 14, 15 and 16 on Nos. 5 and 6.

Travel teams play 35 to 60 games. League games are played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, tournaments on the weekend.

The athletes are usually experienced players and have an advanced skill level. Questions may be directed to Greg Anderson at (248) 477-6096.

Fall softball sign-up

The City of Farmington Hills is accepting team registrations for the adult fall softball leagues.

Registration is based on a first-come, first-served basis. Leagues will play one night per week. Men's games will be played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, coed on Wednesday.

The registration fee is \$445 per team. Each team is required to pay a \$10 umpire fee at the field. Softballs will be provided.

League play starts the first week in September. Games will be played at Harrison High School and Drake Park. Leagues are limited to the first six teams.

For further information call the Farmington Hills Recreation Division at 473-9570 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Froling ready to race

Jim Froling of Farmington Hills will compete Saturday in his second American Speed Association AC Delco Challenge Series at Berlin Raceway in Marne, Mich.

The AC Delco Championship Series is a stock car racing series with 20 races in 13 states. Past champions include Mark Martin, Rusty Wallace, Darrell Waltrip, the late Alan Kulwicki and Johnny Benson Jr.

Froling, driver of the Farmer Jack Ford Thunderbird prepared by JNR racing (a division of Wolverine Motorsports) was scheduled to make his professional racing debut in June at Tri-Cities Speedway in Auburn, Mich.

"We spent the winter and spring preparing the Farmer Jack Ford Thunderbird for the Tri-City race," Wolverine spokesman Mike Botsko said, "and the team's last-minute decision not to compete was a smart one."

"We were pushing ourselves so hard to complete the car that we felt we had missed something and we were just not ready."

Froling made his debut June 13 at Berlin Raceway, qualifying in the 24th position, just six hundredths of a second off the pole, and finishing in 11th place.

Sorrows grid tryouts

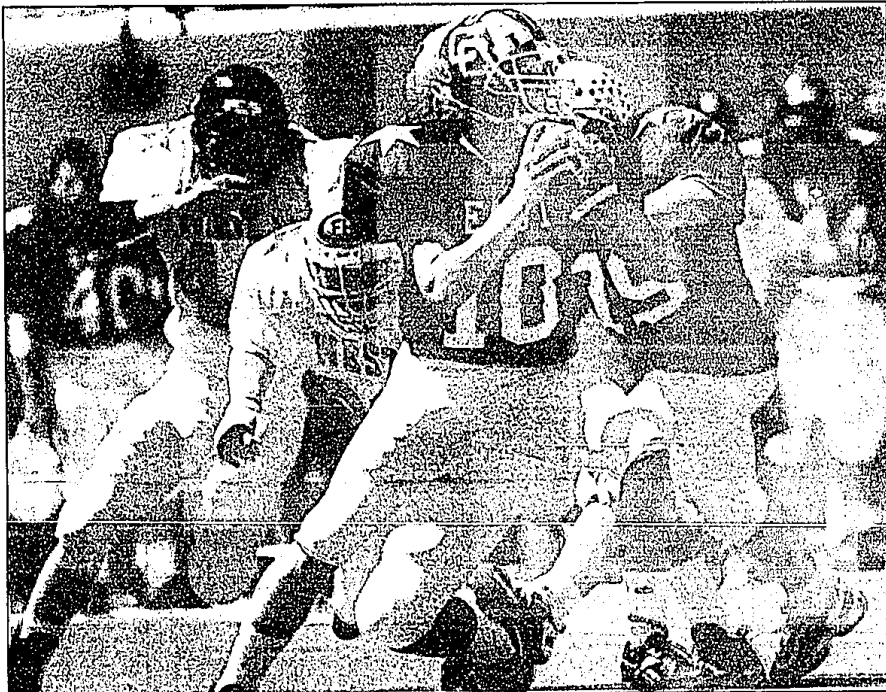
Youths in the fourth through eighth grades who want to play CYO football for Our Lady Sorrows of School can register by calling a head coach.

Student-athletes from Sorrows parish and school or bordering parishes are eligible. The JV and varsity teams begin conditioning without pads at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10.

Players must show proof of a physical exam since April 15 of this year.

The fee to play is \$75.

Student-athletes in the seventh and eighth grades should call varsity coach Ugo Abate at 474-5880; fourth, fifth and sixth graders should call JV coach Steve Menechek at 478-9469.



Scrambler:
Former CC quarterback Adam Tubaro tries to steer clear of a rush by some West defenders Saturday while he searches downfield for an open receiver in the annual prep all-star game. Tubaro, with former Farmington Harrison lineman Brian Lewis and former North Farmington coach Jim O'Leary, helped the East team earn a 20-15 victory.

Area all-stars on right side of score

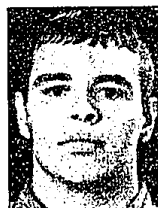
Jim O'Leary has retirement rather than college to look forward to, but he understands what the players in Saturday's Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game were experiencing.

For O'Leary, who recently retired as varsity football coach at North Farmington, the 18th annual game played at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium was his last taste of varsity high school football.

O'Leary and the East Team, which included quarterback Adam Tubaro (Detroit Catholic Central) and center Brian Lewis (Farmington Harrison), will be able to cherish a 20-15 comeback victory in their farewell game.

"How could you write a better script?" said O'Leary, who will remain at North as a junior varsity coach and a biology teacher. "I had a great time working with class kids."

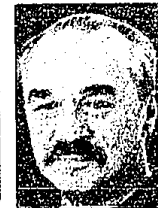
O'Leary coached the secondary, which included Cleveland Browns' Orchard Lake St. Mary's Jeff Phillips



Brian Lewis
Farm. Harrison center



Adam Tubaro
Catholic Central QB



Jim O'Leary
N. Farmington coach

and Detroit Renaissance's William Hill (both headed to Duke), Dearborn Fordson's Carlos Smith (Western Michigan) and Detroit Chadey's Andrew Davison (Kansas).

The West's roster changed significantly at quarterback when Brighton's

Drew Hennessy (Michigan) and Marshall's Ryan VanDyke (Michigan State) chose not to play.

O'Leary, who was hoping at least one of the two blue-chippers would have played, had to alter the secondary's

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game plan. The West quarterbacks completed three of 16 passes for 56 yards, including a 22-yard strike with 7:27 left that gave the West its last lead, 15-14.

"I thought we were going to see Heaton or VanDyke, but then we altered it up and had to play tight because they were going to run more," said O'Leary, the North varsity coach from 1983-97.

Tubaro and Lewis, both headed to Kalamazoo College, were on the field for the East's game-winning score, an 18-yard TD run by Sterling Heights Stevenson tailback Joe Alls (Bowling Green) with 13 seconds left.

A 33-yard halfback option pass from Allen Park Cabrini's Mario Savone to Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley quarterback Derek Garney (CMU) gave the East a first down at the 18.

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Buckeye goalie stops Bulldogs in final

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Chris Libett (UMass-Lowell) and forward Eric Dolesh (Fredonia State).

Libett is the son of former Red Wing Nick Libett.

Forward Nick Vigilante (Lake Superior State) contributed three assists, while Dolesh and Meibers each contributed one.

Jardine, who played last year at OSU, went all the way in goal and held the Bulldogs scoreless over the final 2 1/2 periods.

"The Bulldogs had some chances early, but Jardine made some nice saves," MSHL director Keith Pietila said.

The Lakers received MSHL golf shirts for their efforts, while the defending champion Bulldogs, were

awarded T-shirts.

Bob Harrison (Michigan State University Club Team) and J.J. Weaks (Syracuse Junior Crunch) split time goal for the Bulldogs, who won the regular season title with 18 points.

Ironically, the Lakers finished the regular season with three straight losses, but got back on track in the playoffs by beating the Huskies.

"The Bulldogs' only loss during the regular season was to the Lakers."

Round out the Lakers' roster: Miles Meibers (West Michigan Stallions), Brian Jardine (Brown University), Joe Bien (Michigan Nationals), Ryan Gauthier (Michigan Nationals), Matt Krupa (Plymouth Midget AA), Ryan Ward (Plymouth Midget AA), Brad Feiler (Plymouth Midget AA), Jermie Murray (Fraser Royals) and Shawn Murray (Fraser Royals).