

Farmington talent helps Michigan Bulls win tourney

Farmington's Charlie Avery pitched the Michigan Bulls to a 6-5 victory Sunday in the championship game of the Blue Streak Invitational Tournament in West Lafayette, Ind.

Avery started and went 4 1/3 innings as the Bulls defeated the Norwood (Ill.) Blues in the final of the prestigious Connie Mack event, which took place on the campus of Purdue University.

Avery, who tossed a 6-5 lead over to reliever Mike Barnatt of Farmington Hills, scattered six hits, walked two, hit two and struck out three.

Ross Patterson, also of Farmington Hills and a Barnatt teammate at North Farmington, hit a two-run single in the top of the fifth inning to give the Bulls a 2-1 lead.

Eric Lightie (Livonia Churchill) and Takeshi Saito (West Bloomfield) had two hits each, and Leonard Wallace (Detroit Chadey) drove in a run with a bunt single.

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The Bulls began the tournament Friday with a 10-6 win over the Huntington Patriots from West Virginia.

Kevin Tomasaitis (Plymouth Canton) pitched the first five innings to earn the victory. Mike Higgins (Walled Lake Central) relieved him, but Tomasaitis returned to get the last two outs.

Patterson was 3-for-3 with three RBI and Mike Maller (Novi) 2-for-3 with three RBI. Adam Fazio (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) was 3-for-4 and had one RBI.

Barnatt tossed a three-hitter later Friday as the Bulls defeated the Rochester (Mich.) Yankees, 4-1. He struck out four and walked three.

Patterson had the big hit with a bases-loaded triple. Fazio was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

In the first of two games Saturday, the Bulls edged the Illi-

nois Sox, 5-4, scoring five runs early and holding on to win.

Saito pitched 6 1/3 innings before Avery came on to earn a save.

Saito allowed seven hits, struck out four and walked one.

Lightie and Maller, who hit a solo home run, were 2-for-3 with two RBI apiece.

The Bulls drilled the Columbus (Ohio) Cobras in their fourth game, 15-8. Patterson was a key player again with three hits, including a pair of doubles, and five RBI.

Kevin Lantry (OLSM) was 4-for-4 with two RBI and Lightie 3-for-6. Marc Flanbaum (West Bloomfield) hit a two-run double; Fazio and Gino Lollo, a University of Michigan recruit from Cape Coral, Fla., added two hits each.

A.J. Rowe (Novi) pitched the first two innings before retiring due to a sore shoulder. Wallace worked the next three, and Saito, Tomasaitis and Lantry took a turn on the mound.

"I didn't know how we would do when we went down there," Bulls coach Jim Ferguson said. "I didn't know if we'd be 500 or go home early."

"I think we played very, very well, and the team really came together. We executed and played as a unit."

Fazio, Flanbaum and Patterson made the all-tournament team. Brian Lindstrom (Walled Lake Central) is another member of the Bulls team. The other coaches are Larry Swiatek and Dan Avery.

Cobras perfect in league

The NFWB Cobras 14-year-old travel baseball team strengthened its hold on first place with five league victories last week.

Danny Graham threw a complete-game shutout June 20 as the Cobras defeated the Michigan Wolves, 10-0. He struck out seven batters while giving up only two hits.

Neil Sternberg and Doug Pick-

ens went 2-for-3 at the plate, while Nick Vitanis, Matt Clark and Graham knocked in two runs apiece.

The Cobras earned a 10-4 victory over the Michigan (Dearborn) Merchants on Monday.

The big blow of the game was a two-run homer by Graham in the third inning. Ben Darga picked up his fifth win of the year with relief help from Sternberg.

The NFWB has exploded on the Michigan (Commerce Township) Panthers resulting in a 15-4 victory. Bryan Smith, hitting .466 on the year, went 3-for-4 with two RBI.

Graham connected for a home run while going 2-for-3 with four RBI. Dan Lantz was 2-for-4 with three RBI.

Sam Grossman and Darga also contributed two hits each. Lantz (6-0) picked up the win on the mound with relief help from Andy Wingert.

The Cobras beat the Michigan

(Birmingham-Bloomfield) Blackwolf in a rain-shortened game, 10-5.

Kevin Zerbo hit a two-run homer, and Graham connected for his third home run in three games. Doug Pickens went 2-for-3 with an RBI double. Vitanis pitched a strong game, earning the victory, before Sternberg came on to finish the game.

The Cobras finished the week with a 15-2 posting of the Commerce Township Merchants. Graham (9-0) overpowered the opposing batters, striking out nine in six innings while giving up only two hits.

The big hit of the game was a three-run homer by Clark, who accounted for five RBI while going 2-for-2.

Matt Fazio also had a big day the plate, going 3-for-5 with two RBI and scoring two runs. Grossman was 3-for-4 with one RBI and one run scored.

The Cobras are 15-0 in the league and 27-3 overall.

Concealed Security captures 12-year-old Little Caesars crown

Concealed Security's 12-under travel baseball team clinched first place in the Little Caesar Baseball Federation standings with a 5-3 win on Tuesday over South Farmington at Founders Park in Farmington Hills.

Winning pitcher Chris Russin (Canton) allowed four hits, struck out seven and walked four in pitching the distance.

The win moved Concealed's record to 19-1 in the league, 51-11 overall.

Brandon Garner suffered the pitching defeat for South Farmington.

Russin also helped his cause at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI. Andrew Stafford was 2-for-4, including a triple,

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and Scott Szpyrka had an RBI single.

Concealed trailed 3-2 in the sixth when pinch-runner Joe Patlevic scored the tying run after the ball hit his helmet while being caught in a run down between third base and home plate.

That's taking one for the team.

Eric Drieselmann (Garden City) singled, stole second and went to third on Mark Pirionello's (Livonia) single.

Russin knocked in Drieselmann with a single to put Concealed up, 4-3. Jeff Richard doubled and scored an insurance run on an

error in the seventh.

Concealed finished the Mayor's Tournament in Battle Creek in second place, losing on Sunday to Ann Arbor in the championship game, 3-0.

Concealed, rained out of two scheduled games on Thursday, finished the tournament with a 4-1 record.

Ryan Shay (Garden City) suffered the loss as a pitcher in the championship game. It was his first loss against eight wins. Concealed had five hits, led by Shay with two.

On Saturday, Concealed beat Wallen (Ohio), 6-3, and South Farmington, 13-6.

Patlevic was the winning pitcher against Wallen, moving

his record to 5-1. He scattered six hits and struck out one with two walks, allowing three unearned runs.

Shay and Szpyrka collected three hits each.

In the win over South Farmington, Russin was the winning pitcher in relief. He allowed one run on three hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Shay was 2-for-2, scoring three runs, and also was walked whenever he didn't get a hit. Eric Wojtkosky (Wayne) had two hits, including a double.

On Friday, Concealed beat NFWB, 15-7, and Sylvania, Ohio, 7-2.

Shay, who just needed a home run for the cycle, finished with three hits, as did Richard and

Szpyrka. Stafford, Russin, Drieselmann and Alan Hagudon (Westland) had two hits each.

Drieselmann also was the winning pitcher.

In the win over Sylvania, Wojtkosky (5-0) struck out seven in the first three innings. He finished with a six-hitter.

Russin, Wojtkosky, Shay, Matt Rodeghier (Farmington Hills) and Lance Latkiewicz had two hits apiece.

Rams take 2nd place

The Michigan Lee Area Rams 10-under Willie Mays travel team was second at the Mayor's Invitational Tournament.

The Rams had a 5-1 record, losing in the championship game

to the Saline Hornets, 11-8.

Four of the Rams' five wins were mercies. The five wins were by a combined score of 64-11.

The members of the team are Jonathan Cervenak, Drew Daventon, Jonathan Falvo (Farmington Hills), Sean Falvo (Redford), Dwayne Henderson, Brandon Malinowski (Farmington Hills), Steve McCollum (Farmington Hills), Evan Morris (Farmington Hills), Nick Pliska (Redford), Ross Tashjian (Farmington Hills), Tom Whiting (Farmington Hills) and Ben Vaughn (Plymouth Township).

The coaches are Nick Falvo and Mark Falvo.

The Rams are 15-3 in the league and 22-5 overall.



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