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CMU signs Loridas

Redford Catholic Central senior Matt Loridas (Farmington Hills) has signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Central Michigan University.

Loridas, an outfielder/third baseman, had considered Western Michigan and Eastern Michigan before deciding on CMU.

"They want me to play outfield and they like my speed," said Loridas, who will get a partial scholarship to play for the Chippewas. "Central showed the most interest."

Loridas, who also played football and basketball, is hitting .366 for CC, with 24 RBI, one home run and four doubles. He has scored 17 runs and has a .487 on-base average.

Coleman grid school

A pair of former Farmington Harrison stars and Big Ten players will share their football knowledge with youngsters attending the Mill Coleman Football School.

The school will take place Friday and Saturday, July 7 and 8, at the Harrison High School football field.

Coleman, who led the Hawks to the Class B state finals three straight years (1987-89) and two state titles, is still the all-time passing leader in Michigan prep history with more than 7,000 yards.

He was an all-Big Ten receiver at Michigan State and later played briefly in the NFL before finishing his career in the Canadian Football League.

Coleman's camp co-host will be Kevin Bryant, who helped the Hawks win back-to-back Class A crowns in 1993-94 and later played five years at the University of Michigan.

They will be joined by former MSU stars Jim Miller (Chicago Bears) and Ike Reese (Philadelphia Eagles) and other college and pro guests.

The camp hours are 9 a.m. to noon (grades 8-8) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 9-12) both days. The deadline to register is Friday, June 30.

The fee is \$55 per player; participants will receive a T-shirt, certificate and other giveaways. To register call the Farmington Hills Recreation Division at (248) 479-9570.

All-WHAC baseball

The selections for the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball team have been made, and a pair of Madonna University players were chosen.

Senior outfielder Derick Wolfe (Tecumseh) and senior shortstop Todd Miller of Farmington Hills (Birmingham Brother Rice), were Crusaders named to the team.

Wolfe led Madonna in batting average (.411), hits (60), doubles (16), triples (five), home runs (six), runs scored (48), walks (21) and slugging percentage (.712).

Miller hit .369 with a team-best 36 RBI. He had 11 doubles, 34 runs scored and committed just 12 errors in 48 games.

Honorable mentions included junior pitcher Ryan Andrzejewski (Plymouth Salem), freshman first baseman Eric Lightle (Livonia Churchill) and junior outfielder Neil Wildfong (Plymouth Canton).

Kalczynski earns letter

Freshman Colleen Kalczynski of Farmington earned her letter as a member of the Case Western Reserve University women's softball team.

She played in five games for the Spartans, and she had four hits in 10 plate appearances.

The Spartans were 2-6 in the University Athletic Association (fifth place) and finished the year 21-24 overall.

Kalczynski, a 1999 graduate of Marian High School, is majoring in mechanical engineering at Case Western, located in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rockets registration

The Farmington Rockets will register football players Saturday, May 20, and Saturday, June 3, at Farmington High School.

Returning players can register 9 a.m. to noon either day, new players 1-3 p.m. Youths between the ages of 8 and 14 are eligible.

Registration will take place at the blue equipment shed next to the Farmington football field. The fee is \$180 per player.

Harrison trounces Franklin

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Junior Tim Doig had a big day at the plate Friday while leading Farmington Harrison to a 20-6, baseball rout of host Livonia Franklin.

The Hawks collected 19 hits, and Doig had his share (more than 25 percent of the team total) during a perfect, 5-for-5 performance.

BASEBALL

Doig's hits included a pair of home runs — a three-run dinger and a two-run shot — and a double. He had six RBI and scored four runs.

Harrison senior Lou Hadley went 4-for-5 with a double and a triple; he also had two RBI and scored four runs.

Senior Kevin McVay and junior Brad Hocking (two RBI and two runs) were 2-for-4.

The switch-hitting McVay hit a two-run double from the right side of the plate and an RBI single from the left.

Harrison scored nine runs in its first at-bat, but Franklin chased Harrison starter Robert Whipple in the bottom half following Ryan Tracy's three-run homer.

Nick Vitania pitched the final 4½ innings to get the win, allowing no hits and striking out one.

Franklin starter and loser Shawn Middleton lasted just ½ of an inning.

The No. 4-ranked (Division 2) Hawks are 5-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and 12-1 overall.

Harrison rallied in the bottom of the seventh inning Wednesday to score three runs and defeat visiting Farmington, 7-6.

The Hawks had just one hit during the winning rally and scored all three runs on bases-loaded walks issued to Brian Nelson, Doig and Kent Taylor.

Hadley, Matt Lee and McVay led a nine-hit offensive effort by the Hawks with two hits apiece.

Hadley had a double and a triple; Lee and McVay, who also had a double, had one RBI each. Lee scored three runs and Hadley two.

Bard Barenis had two hits, including a double, and one RBI for Farmington, 12-6 overall.

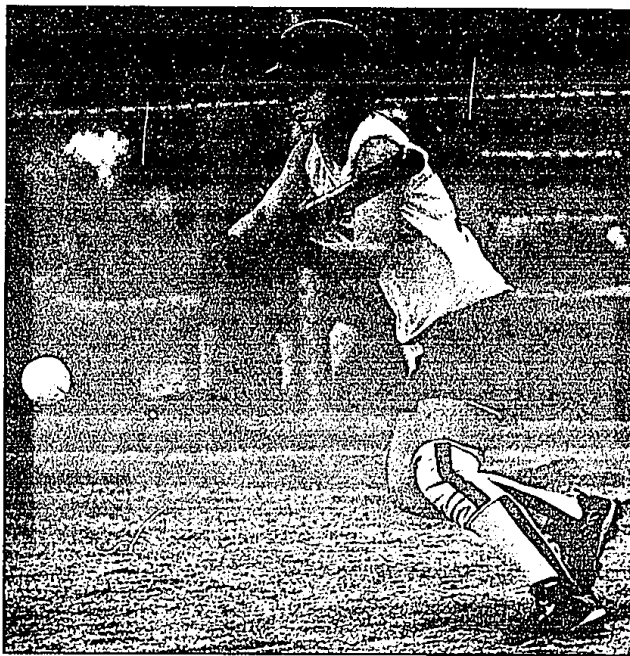
Doig (4-0) pitched the last 2½ innings, allowing only one. John Waisanen took the loss.

Farmington scored three runs right off the bat in the first inning. Harrison got one back in the bottom half and took the lead with three in the fourth.

The Falcons scored single runs in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

FALCONS POSTPONED: The Farmington-Walton Lake Central game scheduled for Friday at Farmington was postponed due to concern over some downed power lines in the surrounding neighborhood.

Arrangements to play at an alternative site could not be made in time to play Friday. A decision has not been made as to whether or not the game will be played at a later date.



Putting the ball in play: Farmington Harrison senior Kati-na Vitania puts down a bunt during a softball game Friday with Livonia Franklin. The Hawks, who share first place in their WLA-A division with two other teams, were 10-0 winners, invoking the mercy rule after five innings.

Hawks rout Patriots, 10-0, keep pace in division race



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Farmington Harrison's softball team had no trouble maintaining its share of first place Friday in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Hawks whipped visiting Livonia Franklin in five innings, scoring a 10-0, mercy-rule victory.

Harrison improved its record to 5-1 in the division and 8-5 overall. Franklin falls to 1-5 and 7-8.

Lindsey Emmett pitched a three-hitter for the Hawks, striking out three and walking the same, to boost her record to 7-3.

It was the fourth consecutive game in which Emmett refused to allow an earned run.

Franklin pitcher Tara Muchow lasted one full inning but left in the second after Harrison had scored six runs on five hits, two walks and one hit batter.

Jenelle Welling got the Hawks started with a two-run double during a three-run first inning.

Kim Spaulding was 2-for-2 with a double and two RBI; she walked once, was hit by a pitch and scored three runs.

Kelly Taylor chipped in two hits, one RBI and two runs.

The Hawks led 8-0 after two innings and added single runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

"I was a little leery because all of a sudden we pulled into a tie for first place (with Plymouth Canton and Livonia Churchill) and were in a tournament Saturday," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said.

"I was hoping the girls wouldn't be looking ahead and, judging by the first two innings, they weren't. They took care of business."

Emmett pitched a two-hitter Wednesday as host Harrison posted a 6-0 shutout victory over Farmington. She struck out eight and walked one.

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Pitching streak: Harrison's Lindsey Emmett had not allowed an earned run in four games.

Whalers regroup to beat Colts, lead series



By ED WRIGHT
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Some teams require an inspirational pep talk to kick-start them into a higher gear during tense moments in championship-caliber games.

A fluke goal did the trick for the Plymouth Whalers Friday night during their 3-1 victory in Game Five of the Ontario Hockey League Championship Series against Barrie.

A fluke goal against them.

The Whalers saw their fragile 1-0 lead disappear with just over nine minutes left in the game when Barrie forward Blaine Down's slapshot deflected off a Whaler defenseman in front of the net and knuckled over Plymouth goalie Rob Zepp's glove into the net.

Instead of knocking the wind out of the Whalers, the unorthodox goal seemed to give them a boost.

Twenty-nine seconds after Down's goal, Plymouth forward Randy Fitzgerald deposited a pass from George Nistas into the net to give the Whalers a 2-1 lead.

Tomas Kurka sealed the game for Plymouth with an empty-netter with just 49 seconds to go.

Plymouth leads the best-of-seven series

OHL PLAYOFFS

3-2 heading into tonight's Game Six at Barrie.

"Of the five games that have been played in this series, three of them have been three of the best games I've ever seen in my seven years of junior hockey," Plymouth coach Pete DeBoer said. "I thought it was fitting that Randy Fitzgerald scored the game-winning goal since he has been at the right place at the right time for us all season."

Zepp was brilliant in net for the Whalers, turning back 27 shots. He almost single-handedly kept the Whalers in the contest during the first two periods when the Colts outshot Plymouth 24-14.

"Even after they scored that fluke goal, I was confident that we were going to win," Zepp said. "We were taking it to them the entire period, so I was sure we were going to get one back."

Plymouth outshot Barrie 14-4 in the final 20 minutes.

"Rob was outstanding for us again," DeBoer beamed. "He was our most valuable."

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Playoff action: Defenseman Libor Ustrunil (23) dumps Colts winger Sheldon Keefe deep in the Whalers zone.