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Hawk hoop clinic

Farmington Harrison's boys' basketball program is sponsoring a youth basketball camp this week for students entering grades 6-12.

The camp, conducted by the Hawks' basketball staff, will emphasize fundamentals and individual skill development.

Registration is 12:30 p.m. on Tues., July 10, in the Harrison gym.

The two-week camp will run Tuesdays through Fridays from 1-3 p.m. each day. Cost is \$50 and each camper receives a T-shirt plus a water bottle.

For more details please contact Coach David Turnquist at (248) 821-2682 or dturnquist@msn.com.

Fall soccer sign-up

The Farmington Soccer Club is now accepting late applications for its Fall 2001 season.

Registration forms are available at both Farmington libraries plus the Costick Activities Center.

For more information, call Fred Nassar at (248) 428-7146.

EMU hosts local 'Y'

The Eastern Michigan University men's basketball team is hosting the Farmington family YMCA Kids Program for a day camp outing on Thurs., July 12, at the EMU Convocation Center.

A free basketball clinic, a tour of the new Convocation Center and a question-and-answer session with EMU coaches and players are highlights of the session.

EMU student Misty Ray, one of the directors of the program, presented the idea to the EMU coaching staff at the end of her "Theory of Basketball" class last spring. The program includes 66 kids ages 7-12.

"The EMU men's basketball team appreciates the opportunity to spend time with area youth," said Andy Moore, director of basketball operations. "This will enable us to show them what Eastern Michigan has to offer. We're looking forward to a great day."

MIAA cites academics

Nine Farmington high school products are part of the 2000-2001 Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association Academic Honor Roll.

The honor roll recognizes students who both win a varsity letter in a sport while achieving a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the entire academic year.

Those cited, by college: Albion: Sophomore Lindsey Densmore (golf), Mercy; junior Amanda Dobkowski (cross country), North Farmington; senior Alana Heikkinen (softball), Farmington; senior Rebecca Naglik (cross country), North Farmington; sophomore Eric Springer (soccer), Harrison; senior Katherine Svoke (swimming), Harrison.

Kalamazoo: Freshman Carolyn Brankiewicz (volleyball), Mercy; sophomore Zach Burton (football, baseball), Harrison.

Olivet: Senior Emily Thompson (swimming), Mercy.

It was Naglik's fourth time on the list, the third appearance for Svoke and the second mention for Dobkowski and Thompson.

S'craft hoop camp

Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs, along with assistant Steve Norgrove, will host its Camp of Champs stressing fundamental skills for boys from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Aug. 6-9 (grades 1-6 and 7-12).

The cost is \$100 per person. For more information, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 6264.

SF Blues clinch Caesars crown

Undefeated in regular season

The South Farmington Blues won four games last week to clinch the 10-under division of the Little Caesars Baseball Federation. They were 19-0 in league play.

The Blues edged the Farmington Tornados, 7-6; dominated the Dearborn Heights Cardinals, 14-4; romped over the Royal Oak Diamond Dawgs, 15-6; and lambasted Livonia Travel, 14-3.

Against the Tornados, Cameron Fowler had two hits, drove in the tying run and scored the go-ahead run while Brian Grewe picked up the victory in relief of Fowler.

In the win over the Cardinals, Steven Pelletier went 3-for-3 with three RBI and also scored three times. He pitched a one-hitter to earn the win.

The Diamond Dawgs were defeated as Tyler Mitchell had two hits and scored twice. John Rose scored three runs while Heath Parling pitched two-hit relief over four innings to pick up the win.

John Miller had two doubles and four RBI while Alex Charles went 3-for-3 and scored three times in the victory over Livonia Travel. Cole Duran and Mitchell had two hits apiece. Charles pitched a four-hitter to win.

The Blues complete their season Monday with a game against the Michigan Indians, then compete in the AABC districts July 12-16.

Overall, the Blues were 26-2 enter play at mid-week. They have competed in the Michigan Bulls' Pre-season Roundup and the South Farmington Blues Invitational.

They are managed by Steve Pelletier with coaches Andy Grewe, Mike Duran and Mike Charles.



Blues winners: The South Farmington Blues, undefeated in league play, clinched the 10-under Little Caesars division last week. Members of the Blues, in alphabetical order, include Alex Charles, Michael Cleland, Cole Duran, Cameron Fowler, Brian Grewe, Jacob Gudeman, John Miller, Tyler Mitchell, Heath Parling, Steven Pelletier, John Rose and Kyle Sutton. Manager is Steve Pelletier with coaches Andy Grewe, Mike Duran and Mike Charles.

Falcons send Gasparotto to Ocelots

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One nice thing about Schoolcraft College men's soccer — there never seems to be a downturn.

Even after last season's disappointing finish, in which the shorthanded Ocelots, playing without several key players (including All-American sweeper Tom Starke), lost to Cuyahoga CC in an overtime shootout in the NJCAA Region 12 final.

That left them with a 13-4-2 overall record, hardly a season to complain about but one harboring that lingering doubt that it could have been much better.

This season will be, or at least coach Van Dimitriou believes.

As always, the SC coach was highly optimistic following a successful recruiting campaign. Of course he should be; after all, when was the last time the Ocelots had a bad recruiting season?

"Things are going well," Dimitriou said. "In fact, I'd have to say things are going very well. This is as talented an incoming class as we've ever had."

What Dimitriou felt was most needed to push his team further in the NJCAA Tournament were replacements for interior defenders Stark and Sergio Minella and more scoring punch. He believes he filled both needs.

"We needed help on our inside defense and putting the ball in the net," he said. "I think we strengthened

ourselves in both areas.

"This year, we're kind of blessed with very, very good talent."

Defense begins in goal, and newcomer Matt Gasparotto (from Farmington) will strengthen that area, joining returnee Kevin Smale (Brighton).

Gasparotto helped guide the Falcons to the Division II state semifinals last fall.

SC returns Chris LaMassa (Plymouth Salem) and Phil Moore

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Things are peachy for Petry's team

Five victories without a loss carried the North Farmington West Bloomfield Cobras to victory in the Summer Classic National Invitational.

"The team is really starting to play as a cohesive unit," Manager Dan Petry said. "This gives us the momentum we were looking for to carry us into next week's national tournament in Atlanta."

The Cobras handled Jensen Elite, 10-2, in the title game during the June 29-July 3 tournament with Matt Petry scattering four hits and striking out nine to win his fourth game of the season.

Dan Graham went 2-for-4 including his second home run of the tournament. Kevin Zerbo went 3-for-4 and drove in three runs.

Graham was his team's leading hitter in the tournament with a .500 batting average. Zerbo hit .556, Sam Grossman .444, Petry .375 and Dan Lantz .364.

The Cobras took a 13-0 record into their resumption of play in the Little Caesars Elite Division.

The Cobras reached the title game with a 9-1 victory over Shelby and Nick Vitanis and Bryan Smith combined on a four-hitter while allowing just one walk. Graham hit his first home run, drove in three and scored three while going 3-for-3. Vitanis helped his own cause with two hits.

The closest game of the tournament found the Cobras edging the Michigan Panthers, 5-4. Andy Wingert fanned five in the final two innings in relief of starter Ben Darga.

Smith had two hits and two RBI while Neil Sternberg drove in two runs with a first-inning hit.

Middle infielders Grossman and Evan Rodriguez turned an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded and one out in the fifth to squelch a Panthers rally.

The Cobras blanked Windsor, 8-0, with Lantz and Brandon Rosenberg combining on the shutout.

Vitanis went 2-for-3 with three RBI while Darga hit



Cobras strike: The North Farmington West Bloomfield Cobras, a travel team of 16-year-olds, took the recent Summer Classic national invitational tournament with five consecutive wins. The team played in the national event in Atlanta this week. Team members included (kneeling, left to right) Andy Wingert, Dan Lantz, Bryan Smith, Kevin Zerbo, Evan Rodriguez, Doug Pickens, Matt Petry, Neil Sternberg; (front row) Ben Darga, Dan Graham, Brendan Rosenberg, Sam Grossman, Nick Vitanis; (back row) Coach Randy Rodriguez, Manager Dan Petry, Coach Jim Darga.

an inside-the-park home run.

The Cobras defeated Plymouth Salem, 8-4, to start their tournament run. Grossman had two hits and stole two bases while Doug Pickens had two hits and two RBI. Graham, Vitanis and Wingert combined pitching

efforts for the win.

Assisting former Detroit Tigers' pitcher are Randy Rodriguez and Jim Darga.

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