

OBSERVERLAND SPORTS IN BRIEF

REDFORD LITTLE LEAGUE

Registration begins for the Redford American Little League 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 19 and Feb. 2 at Redford Ice Arena, Capital Road between I-96 and Plymouth Road. Kids ages five (by July 13, 1996) through age 12 (July 31, 1999) eligible. Please bring birth certificate for verification.

Registration fee is major/minor \$60 first child, \$35 each additional child. T-ball \$50 first child, \$35 each additional child. Oldest child will be used for initial change. A \$10 late fee will be applied if registered after Feb. 2. Boundaries are east of Merriam to west of Telegraph and south of Six Mile to north of Joy.

For more information call Christine Morris (313) 692-6039 (T-ball) and Tim Smith (major/minor) (313) 255-9408.

COACHES WANTED

Redford Union High School has openings for a head boy's track coach and a head girl's track coach for the upcoming Spring 2002 track season. Redford Union is part of the Michigan MEGA Conference and competes in the White Division in boy's and girl's track.

Those who are interested should send a letter of interest and an updated resume to Brett Steele, athletic director at Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI 48240.

Application deadline is Jan. 11, 2002.

Farmington Public Schools has need for coaches in the following areas: girls track, girls soccer and boys diving. Anyone interested in the positions should contact Athletic Director Brian Swinehart's office at (248) 489-3352.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The WaCo Wolves 16-under and 14-under travel teams are still holding tryouts for the 2002 summer season.

Those interested should call Bill at (313) 562-4687 for 14-under and Lou at (734) 695-2976 for 16-under.

Tryouts will be scheduled in February for those interested in playing for Livonia Travel, an under-10 baseball team.

Livonia Travel will play 20 league games and three-to-five tournaments (not including post-season) beginning in mid-May. Home games will be in Livonia. Away games will be within a 20-mile radius.

For more information, call Brian Bolton (734) 464-4616, or e-mail bandebolton@att.net. You can also visit www.eteams.com/livtrav.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Total Soccer of Wixom will hold a 7-on-7 flag football league. Games will be played every Thursday from Jan. 10 to Feb. 28.

Players must be 18-years-old and rosters have a 14-player maximum. There is a 16-team maximum.

The cost of \$799 per team and \$79 per individual. For more information, call (248) 669-9817 or e-mail totalball@wixom.com.

REFS, INSTRUCTORS WANTED

The Livonia Family YMCA, located at 14255 Stark Road, is currently hiring individuals 16 and older to fill the responsibilities of sports instructors and referees.

Positions are available for basketball, inline hockey, soccer, volleyball instructors and referees. Training is provided, but candidates must possess a strong, outgoing personality, a general knowledge of sports, and desire to work with youth.

Hours are primarily after school and weekends, with some daytime hours available. The YMCA offers competitive wages and free membership to employees.

Applications are available at the front desk or to schedule and interview, call (734) 261-2161, Ext. 3325; or by e-mail ey@ymcaindetroit.org.

FISHING MEETING

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome.

For more information, please call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

SUBURBAN HOCKEY SIGNUP

Registration is under way for the Breakfast Club and Prime Time Programs. Suburban Hockey's weekly skills and conditioning series for adult hockey players of all ability levels.

Suburban Hockey will have a 10-week session (Jan. through

March) of the Breakfast Club at four locations, including Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills and Novi Ice Arena.

In addition to the weekly morning sessions, Suburban is offering an Advanced Program at Suburban Training Center on Thursday mornings and a Prime Time Program at STC on Tuesday evenings.

For more information or to register, call Suburban Hockey at (248) 478-1600 or visit www.suburbanhockey.com.

COLLEGIATE NOTES

Three area athletes earned Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference All-Academic honors recently.

Among those named included cross country runners Joe Verellen (Wayne State) and Kelly McNeallance (Hilldale), both Livonia Stevenson graduates.

Verellen, a junior, helped the Warriors its first-over earn a berth in the NCAA Division II National Championships. He carries a 3.39 in Biology.

McNeallance, a senior, carries a

3.34 in Math-Religion.

WSU senior volleyball player Katie Brogan (Livonia Ladywood) also earned All-Academic honors with a 3.69 GPA in Nutrition-Food Science.

Onk Park native Rob Brown (Schoolcraft College) scored a season-high 26 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as the University of Buffalo men's basketball team lost Saturday to Valparaiso, 87-80, in the Yahoo! Sports Invitational held at Laie, Hawaii.

Buffalo is 6-4, while Val-

paraiso is 9-3.

On Saturday, Western Illinois defeated Hampton in men's basketball, 77-74, as Quentin Mitchell (Schoolcraft College) had 16 points in 17 minutes of action.

Western Illinois point-guard Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial Schoolcraft) had three assists in 20 minutes.

Hampton's Donald Didlake (Redford Bishop Borgess) finished with 11 points in 17 minutes.

DePaul University junior

Sam Hoskin (Borgess/Schoolcraft) had eight points and 12 rebounds in Saturday's 60-58 men's basketball victory over host Temple.

Albion College senior Jeff Boogren (Redford Catholic Central), a four-year letter winner, recently received the Most Valuable Player award at the men's soccer banquet. He also received his fourth varsity award.

At the same banquet, Justin Augustine (Plymouth Canton) earned his second varsity men's soccer letter for the Britons.

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