

Young Shamrock team looks to Rogowski for leadership

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Redford Catholic Central's baseball team will have a new look this season.

The Shamrocks will feature several young players, but a change in the won-loss column isn't as likely if senior Ryan Rogowski has anything to say about it.

Rogowski is the unquestioned leader of the defending Catholic League champs, and stands as the player who can lead CC to another championship in 2002.

CC Coach John Salter said the



Ryan Rogowski

2002 squad will be youthful, but one that is very capable of contending for the league championship.

"We've got five seniors and two juniors who got playing time last year, so we'll be a little younger," said Salter, who coached his 500th victory last year on route to a 24-7 record. "But we've got good freshman and

JV coaches who teach these kids well at those levels."

Rogowski, who has been offered a scholarship by the University of Michigan, returns for his third season as the starting center fielder. Last year he batted .522 to lead the team and net All-State honors. Salter said Rogowski plays a big part in the team's improved team speed this season.

"He hits the ball to all fields and runs real well," Salter said. "He will hit for power." The sophomore senior will also see some time on the mound this season.

Senior Jeff Niemiec returns to

lead the pitching staff after winning three games a year ago. Salter projects him as the No. 1 starter. Last year's staff ace, Charlie Hagger, was drafted by the Chicago White Sox and is playing minor-league ball.

Junior Jeff Schulz should step in as the No. 2 starter after not pitching at all last season. Salter said he likes what he's seen from Schulz's command in preseason practices. Junior Kyle Crispau returns after starting shortstop and hits from both sides of the plate. He will likely hit behind Rogowski, according to Salter.

Junior Todd Tindall, the top hitter on the JV team in 2001, steps in at third base on the varsity team. Senior Jake Vane, sophomore Ryan Gallagher and freshman Eric Vojtkovsky are in the running for starting catcher innings, and Salter said the competition is wide open at that position. Sophomore Mike Monterey also sees plenty of playing time in the infield, and both feature solid defensive skills.

Junior Aaron Pauling steps up to the varsity team after being considered the best outfielder on

the JV team a year ago.

Sophomore Derek Brooks and senior Ed Conz will also roam the outfield, and have excellent speed on the basepaths according to Salter. Conz should also play in the infield, giving the team needed versatility.

With a younger roster this season, Salter said Birmingham Brother Rice currently stands as the favorite in the CHSL Central Division, with University of Detroit-Jesuit also figuring in the race. CC's opener will be today against the Cubs at the U-D-Mercy.

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Herrington said. "We might catch more than one of them. We'll see who comes on the best."

The Hawks return three fourths of their starting infield with Vitane at second base and junior Jake Ghanman at third base in addition to Stanton.

Vitane and Ghanman begin their third season as starters. Vitane hit .385, stole 21 bases and scored 31 runs. Ghanman batted .311, walked 15 times and accounted for 18 runs.

Senior Anthony Faletti and junior Greg Hocking, who moves up from the JV, will probably share the first base job as replacements for All-Observer player Tim Doig. Wingert will play shortstop when Stanton pitches. Faletti hit .378 and Wingert .289 last year.

"We're very strong up the middle," Herrington said. "When you have an all-state shortstop, that's a good place to start."

"We do have a little versatility with Wingert being able to play most of the positions. It looks like it's going to be a good infield."

Whipple started in center field most of last season and has good speed; however, all-state football player and first-class sprinter Agim Shabaz is playing inseason in addition to track this year.

Herrington might play one of them in center and the other in left field.

"That would give us some real speed," he said. "Whipple gets a good jump on the ball and has a lot of baseball savvy."

"Needless to say, (Shabaz) can go and get the ball. He has a great arm; we'll see about hitting. I know, if he can just hit the ball on the ground, he can beat out a lot of flies."

Junior Dan Deig, who spent some time on the varsity last year, and Zerbe are in the picture for playing time in left field.

Sacha, who batted .316 and has shown tremendous improvement, according to Herrington, will start in right field.

Completing the varsity roster are junior Eric Zatkun, a third baseman and pitcher, and senior infielder Craig Mickelson. Both were on the JV last season.

The Hawks were 22-6 last year and ranked No. 1 going into the state tournament, but they were upset early by Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day.

Harrison opens the season Saturday, April 13, with a doubleheader at White Lake Lake-leland.

A April 20 tournament organized by Farmington High coach Pete Finn will include some of the best teams in the state - defending Division I champ Greenfield, Trenton, Allen Park and Kalamazoo Central.

Games will be played at all three Farmington high schools, and the championship game will take place at North Farmington.

"We've beefed up the schedule a lot," Herrington said. "We're really looking forward to making a good run in the state tournament."

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Summary)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council and the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees was held Monday, April 8, 2002 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the Meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, McShane, Mitchell.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Campbell.

LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Doughty, McLaughlin, Director; Papst, Sorenson, Stautjesdyk.

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Lauboff.

Council met with the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees to hear an update on the construction of the Farmington Hills library branch and to discuss public use of the Farmington library branch.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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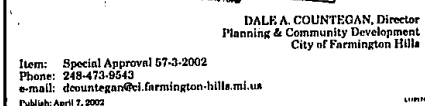
ITEM: SPECIAL APPROVAL 57-3-2002

The Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to an application for Special Land Use Approval to allow a dance studio in a light industrial zoning district. The property involved is located at 24425 Indolux Circle, and is more particularly described as:

DESCRIPTION
Sidwell 23-21-351-011, Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 21, Township 1N, Range 9E, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.

The applicant in this matter is Karen Bazzalini for Mid American Pompan.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the Special Land Use Approval request. The application and Zoning Text and map may be reviewed at the Planning Office of the City of Farmington Hills on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



DALE A. COUNTEGAN, Director
Planning & Community Development
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AREA BASEBALL TEAM PREVIEWS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Herb Osterland, third season.
League affiliation: WAAA (Western Division).
Last year's overall record: 12-20.
Notable losses to graduation: Jason Domina (1B, All-Western Division); Adam Rosbach (3B, All-Western Division); Marshall Tucker (C); Dan Kurstok (OF/P); Rob Wilson (OF/P).
Leading returnees: Pete Benchar (Sr. P/P); Matt Humenay (Sr. SS/P); 3-year starter: Paul Wozniak (Sr. P/P); Tim Knight (Sr. 3B); Tom Remillard (Sr. C); Joe Thomas (Sr. 1B); Tim Wood (Sr. P/P); Brandon Light (Sr. 1B); Jim Hognicki (Sr. CF); Dave Herlick (Sr. P/P).
Promising newcomers: Mark Mercer (Jr. IF); Brad Poremba (Jr. 1B); Dave Thayer (Jr. OF); Ryan Scott (Jr. P); John Sidlik (Jr. IF); Kevin Miles (Jr. OF); John Morfory (Jr. P).
Osterland's '02 outlook: "We've got a good group of versatile players. We have depth in pitching. This is a pretty intelligent group of kids. We're not going to lose games because they make mental mistakes."

"We've got two players who made All-Western. They were two of our leading hitters. We're going to have to find a couple of guys to take over and supply that."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Paul Hewitt, first season.
League affiliation: WAAA (Western Division).
Last year's overall record: 12-14.
Notable losses to graduation: Joe Huggins (first-team All-Area SS); Ryan Tracy (OF, Adrenal); Dan Homing (1B/P, Adrenal).
Leading returnees: Mike Bugnelli (Sr. SS); Jason Robinson (Sr. CF); Seth Baldwin (Sr. P/P); Jason Rowe (Sr. P/1B); Matt Morelli (Sr. 1B); Matt Comden (Sr. C).
Promising newcomers: Jamie Fry (Jr. C); George Honing (Jr. 2B); Brandon Lee (Soph. OF); David Wiers (Jr. 3B).
Hewitt's 2002 outlook: "The thing I like most about my guys is they love competition. At the same time, they're hard-nosed; they play to win. That's what I like most."

"My expectations are high. I think we're going to achieve more than what people think we're capable of."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Harvey Weingarden, fourth season.
Last year's overall record: 12-14.
Notable losses to graduation: Mike Grant (IF).
Leading returnees: Brandon Aljouny (Sr. P/P); Nate Campbell (Sr. P/P); Joe Cichowski (Jr. CF); Julian Fraser (Jr. P/P); Craig Lewis (Sr. P/P); Matt Mawley (Sr. 1B/OF); Kyle Rutkowski (Jr. P/P); Ricky Verville (Sr. IF).
Promising newcomers: Will Kennedy (Jr. P/P); Aaron Schwartz (Jr. 1B/OF); Brian Cockle (Jr. P/P); Brent Turner (Jr. C/OF); Mark Rodriguez (Jr. IF).
Duffield's '02 outlook: "We're pretty deep in the pitching area. I think that'll go a long way for us."

"High school baseball is all about pitching and I think we have some."

"We're versatile. Everybody on our team can play multiple positions. I think it's a positive good."

WESTLAND JOHN OLENN
Head coach: Todd Duffield, seventh season.
League affiliation: WAAA (Lakes Division).
Last year's overall record: 19-12.
Notable losses to graduation: Dave Mijal (P/OF); Josh Day (C/OF); Mike Grant (IF).
Leading returnees: Brandon Aljouny (Sr. P/P); Nate Campbell (Sr. P/P); Joe Cichowski (Jr. CF); Julian Fraser (Jr. P/P); Craig Lewis (Sr. P/P); Matt Mawley (Sr. 1B/OF); Kyle Rutkowski (Jr. P/P); Ricky Verville (Sr. IF).
Promising newcomers: Will Kennedy (Jr. P/P); Aaron Schwartz (Jr. 1B/OF); Brian Cockle (Jr. P/P); Brent Turner (Jr. C/OF); Mark Rodriguez (Jr. IF).
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RESOURCE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY OF SOUTHWEST OAKLAND COUNTY (RRRASOC)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, a public authority and body corporate, shall hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2002 on Thursday, April 18, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. at the office of the Authority, 20000 W. Eight Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan 48076-5708. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the offices of the Authority.

This notice is given on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Authority pursuant to the provisions of Act 43, Public Acts of Michigan, 1963 (Second Extra Session).

MICHAEL J. CSAPO
General Manager

Publish: April 7, 2002

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Mitchell at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2002, Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

PRESENT: Bush, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: Campbell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Attorney Dove, Director Goss, Director Guzman, City Manager Lauboff.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Minutes of the special and regular meetings of March 18, 2002 were approved.

Minutes of other boards were received and filed.

The mayoral photograph with Tracey Finlayson, Miss Oakland County 2001-2002 was presented.

Council accepted the resignation of Council Member William Hartsock effective March 31, 2002.

Council approved the request from Fresh Approach market for outside sales.

Council approved the request from the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club for special outdoor activities.

Council denied a sign variance request at 33312 Grand River by the Thomas A. Duke Company.

Council approved the lowest bid by Summit Transport, Inc. for the 2002 road paving program.

Council appointed Mayor James Mitchell to the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Board and Council member Mary Bush to the Retirement System Board of trustees for unexpired terms ending 5/03.

Council approved upgrades to the finance computer system.

Public comment was heard.

Council comments and announcements were heard.

Council set a special meeting with the Farmington Hills Council to review joint agency budgets for Tuesday, May 7, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at the Visitors Center in Heritage Park.

Council approved the monthly payments report for March, 2002.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL, Mayor
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ITEM: SPECIAL APPROVAL 57-3-2002

The Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to Planned Unit Development (PUD) Plan #1, 2002. The plan proposes the construction of a parking lot and open space preservation in a RA-1B, One-Family Residential District. The property involved is located west of Inkster Road and north of I-496, and is more particularly described as:

DESCRIPTION
Sidwell Number 23-15-401-001 and 002, part of the southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 1N, Range 9E, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.

REQUEST
The applicant in this matter is Mike Chojnowski for DaimlerChrysler Services North America LLC. Mr. Chojnowski seeks a recommendation of the Planning Commission of PUD Plan #1, 2002, for future consideration by City Council.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the Planned Unit Development request. The proposed PUD Plan and Zoning Text and map may be reviewed at the Planning Office of the City of Farmington Hills on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

DALE A. COUNTEGAN, Director
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WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Tom Wakefield, third season.
League affiliation: Metro Conference (White Division).
Last year's overall record: 13-11.
Notable losses to graduation: Pat Barter (P/OF); Chris Montoya (1B); Adam Zimmelman (P); Adam See (2B).
Leading returnees: Ryan Ybarra (Sr. P/2B); Tony Barber (Sr. P/OF); Bobby Bailey (Sr. P); David Cloutier (Sr. C); Mark Townsend (Sr. CF); Greg Love (Sr. OF); Jimmy Barter (Sr. P); Tommy Collop (Sr. 1B/P).
Promising newcomers: Brett Newstead (Jr. 3B); Tyler Moore (Sr. CF).
Wakefield's '02 outlook: "We have nine returning seniors and they've worked their tails off in the off-season. We need our senior leadership to carry us through this year. We're looking forward to a strong season."

"Our defense has been excellent. But we'll have to manufacture every run possible. We'll have to be very smart and be aggressive on the bases."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Jeff Childs, first season.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Last year's overall record: 6-20.
Notable losses to graduation: Rob Simpson (SS); Reynier Gutierrez (C, All-Metro); Brian Ranschen (RF); Trevor Tison (3B).
Leading returnees: Adam Carpenter (Sr. 3B/P); Josh Young (Sr. 2B/P); Charles Bolender (Jr. SS/P); Corey Ricks (Sr. 1B/OF).
Promising newcomers: Mark Simpson (Sr. 1B); Chad Wild (Jr. C); Mike McWhinnie (Sr. RF/P); Josh Silvernail (Jr. CF); Jason Price (Jr. 3B/P).
Childs' '02 outlook: "We're extremely young. We have six sophomores and a freshman to work on a ton of fundamentals. We're trying to build the program from the ground up. We're working in improving our mental aspects of the game."

"We hope to improve on last year, of course, and we're trying to get team spirit and camaraderie. We didn't have that last year. We should have a pretty decent pitching staff, we have everybody back. (Adam) Carpenter should be pretty good."

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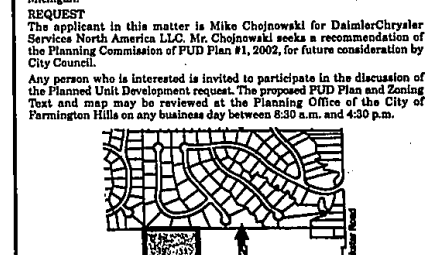
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