

St. Fabian repeats as CYO champ

In an impressive display of hitting, St. Fabian's seventh- and eighth-grade girls softball team defeated Orchard Lake Our Lady of Refuge, 11-2, to win the Catholic Youth Organization tournament title.

It's the second consecutive CYO championship and third in the past five years for the Farmington Hills school.

Twelve of St. Fabian's 14 batters got at least one hit in the June 9 championship game, which was played under the lights at Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

SOFTBALL

The big blows included two-run home runs by second baseman Sydney Close in the first inning and first baseman Alexandra Herzfeld in the fourth.

"In this short season, with all the bad weather, you have to pick one area to concentrate on," St. Fabian coach John Mulroy said. "We decided that hitting was going to be our area. Each one of our 14 girls became a dangerous at-bat this season."

St. Fabian's shortstop Lauren Pachuta doubled in two runs in the second inning and knocked in another in the fourth in which the Falcons did their most impressive hitting of the night.

All nine hitters went to the plate in that inning and six of them scored runs. In addition to the home run, third baseman Darcie Thomas' single drove in two runs, and left fielder Jessica Vihtelic knocked in the sixth and final run.

Not to be overlooked by the solid hitting, St. Fabian's starting pitcher, Jackie Arnold, combined with catcher Bridget Mulroy to throw five strong innings and get the win.

In her tour of duty, Arnold allowed only one earned run on one hit and struck out eight Refuge hitters. Monica Hayworth finished off the win with two



CYO champions: The members of the St. Fabian eighth-grade softball team, which won the CYO citywide tournament championship, are (front row, left to right) Bridget Kelley, Jackie Arnold, Darcie Thomas, Monica Hayworth, Paula Willuweit; (second row) Allison Hurt, Alex Herzfeld, Amy DeRoo, Ashley Devereux, Sydney Close, Sarah Levett, Lauren Pachuta, Bridget Mulroy, Jessica Vihtelic; (back row) coach Bob Thomas, coach John Mulroy and coach Steve Hayworth.

solid innings of relief. "Bob Thomas did a tremendous job coaching all four of our pitchers this season," Mulroy said. "We started three different girls in the playoffs and, combined, they only gave up a total of seven hits."

The Falcons finished the season with a record of 12-3-1. In the CYO Metro Division, they lost a 16-inning game, played over two days, to St. John Nue-

mann of Canton, 7-6.

Denied the divisional championship by losing that game, the Falcons sweated out the remainder of the CYO season, hoping for one of only three at-large invitations to the citywide playoffs.

Fortunately for them, the St. Fabian girls received an invitation and made the most of it. Borrowing a page from the eighth-grade girls basketball

squad, which also won a city championship, the Falcons made a successful run through the tournament.

Assigned to the district at Christ the Good Shepherd School in Lincoln Park, St. Fabian beat Our Lady of Sorrows in the final game, 17-2. Allison Hurt and Sarah Levett led the way, combining for seven hits.

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OCC needs athletes

Oakland Community College is in need of athletes in women's volleyball, tennis and cross country, and men's cross country for the upcoming fall season.

Volleyball players must have high school playing experience and must carry at least 12 credits in the fall semester. The season runs from early August through early November. If interested in trying out, call head coach Rick Lamb at (248) 821-5240.

Tennis players must also have at least high school playing experience and be enrolled in 12 credits. Interested tennis player should call head coach Joe James at (248) 942-3173.

All runners must have at least 12 credits, and those interested should call head cross country coach, Bernie Little at (248) 942-3179.

Call for prep officials

Individuals interested in becoming a high school athletic game official for the 2002-03 school year may now register with the Michigan High School Athletic Association. From now until July 1, Michigan's 11,000-plus game officials in 14 sports are urged to submit their applications. The July date marks the deadline for officials who wish to be listed in the MHSAA's annual printed Officials Directory.

"We always encourage officials to register before July 1, so they can be listed in the MHSAA Official's Directory," said Bill Bupp, MHSAA supervisor of officials. "That is very beneficial for officials looking for work and schools looking for officials. Officials listed in the directory are also more visible candidates for approved association membership. Approved association benefits are numerous, so we encourage officials to either seek membership or be asked to join a local group well before the new school year begins."

More information about the officials registration may be obtained by calling the MHSAA at (517) 332-5046 or e-mail at register@mhsaa.com.

3-on-3 tournaments

The Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena and Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills will hold separate hockey tournaments for various groups on Saturdays in July and August.

Divisions offered include mite, squirt, pee wee, bantam, midget and high school at each location. Age groups will be divided into house (no travel players from the 2001-02 season) and open (travel and premier house players) classifications, with a maximum of eight teams in each classification.

Teams will consist of four skaters and will play three 20-minute games. The top finishers will qualify for the playoffs.

For schedule and times at the Onyx, call (248) 601-6999. For schedule and times at Suburban, call (248) 888-1400.

Fun-damentals camp

Former University of Michigan shortstop Brian Kalczynski will conduct the "Keeping the Fun in Fundamentals" baseball camp July 22-25 at Founders Sports Park in Farmington Hills.

The camp is for ages 8 to 14. Session I is for ages 8-11 from 9-11 a.m. Session II is for ages 12-14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$125.

To register call Kalczynski at (734) 834-0621. Kalczynski, who was raised in Farmington and attended Brother Rice High School, has been an assistant coach at the University of Illinois and the U-M. He also has coached summer collegiate baseball in New England.

Deisler finishes 1st

Canton's Terry Deisler shot an 84 Friday to earn low gross honors in the first flight at the Western Suburban Golf Association stop at Tyrone Hills in Fenton. Carolyn Benninger (Westland) was runner-up with an 85.

Mary Gene Stefanne (Dearborn) won low net with a 65. Ginna Karolak (Livonia) was second with a 69.

In the second flight, Joy DeFranco (Farmington Hills) won low gross with a 90. Pat Henke (Wayne) was second with a 95.

Low net honors went to Gwen Weyer (Walled Lake) with a 65 followed by Mary Allen (Wayne) with a 69.

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Under a blazing hot June sun, the elite baseball players of the Class of 2002 gathered for one last game Thursday before their careers and lives take them on widely divergent paths.

The best senior baseball players took part in their last high school-related event — the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game at Comerica Park.

BASEBALL

A looping single by Farmington Harrison's Drew Stanton in the 10th inning gave the East team a 7-6 win over the West.

Players from the Observer and Eccentric areas dominated the East squad, filling six of the nine positions in the starting lineup, including pitcher Randy Frye from Lake Orion and shortstop Stanton.

Area players also included Stan Cieciak from Auburn Hills Avondale, Mark Hanson, Plymouth Canton; Mike Hudson, Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day; Michael Markey, Orchard Lake St. Mary's; Ryan Rogowski, Redford-Detroit Catholic Central and Gary Rosenberg, West Bloomfield.

Several of those players are heading to college careers, while Frye signed his first pro contract a few hours after the game, with the Seattle Mariners, the team that drafted him in the fourth round of the amateur draft earlier this month.

Frye said he purposely waited to sign his contract in order to play in the game. Two years ago, his teammate Ryan Golecki was named MVP of the game. Golecki has gone on to break several offensive records at Eastern Michigan University.

Frye pitched the first two innings of the game, striking out two while allowing one run, one hit and three walks.

"It was hot out there to start the game, and the ball was kind of slippery in my hand," Frye said. "It was a lot different being out here. A great experience. That's why I waited to sign, so I could play in this game."



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Star of stars: Drew Stanton had the winning hit in the all-star game.

Stanton, who will enter the quarterback depth chart at Michigan State University later this year, pitched the fifth and sixth innings, allowing two runs

and three hits with two strikeouts.

However, when he re-entered the game in extra innings, his inside-out swing on a pitch in the bottom of the 10th brought home game MVP Dan Evay of Royal Oak Kimball with the winning run.

"I was just trying to get the ball to the outfield, because I knew Dan would have the speed to score the run," Stanton said.

"It was nice to get a chance to play with this group of guys. Emotions were running a little high. It was quite an experience to step out here and play on the same field that some of the great players in the game have played on."

Rogowski, who has a list of high school awards and accomplishments as long as his arm, also has baseball in his future. He will play next year at either the University of Michigan or John Logan Community College in Illinois.

While he was autographing baseballs for young fans after the game, Rogowski said every moment of the all-star game was a thrill.

"This is such a talented group of ballplayers, it was great to play in the same game as they did," he said. "I didn't have the year I expected out of myself, but one of my goals was to play in this game, because it recognizes the best players in the state."

Rogowski, who played center field and pitched for the Shamrocks, started in right field and went 0-for-2 with a walk, hitting in the No. 4 slot in the order.

Hanson, who played first base in the game and pitched for the Chiefs, will also be heading to Michigan State next season, playing baseball. He earned his spot in the game with a season that saw him hit .460 with six home runs and five wins as a pitcher.

"The atmosphere of playing at a professional ballpark was amazing," Hanson said. "I didn't have a clue I'd get picked for this game until they called last week. It feels special to be placed with these great players." Hanson went 0-for-2 at the plate.

Rosenberg and Markey picked up back-to-back hits in the bottom of the second inning, helping the East to get on the scoreboard after the West took a 1-0 lead.

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Bucks solidify hold on 2nd place with win

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The opponent changes. So does the location of every other "home" game for the Mid-Michigan Bucks.

But the results stay pretty much the same.

On Thursday at Plymouth Canton High School — one of four sites the Bucks will use for their home matches — four players found the back of the net to lead the Bucks past the West Michigan Edge, 4-1, in a Premier Development League Great Lakes Division soccer game.

The win boosted Mid-Michigan's record to 8-2-1, solidifying their second-place status in the division. The Edge slipped to 4-6.

While the victory was a convincing one, the Bucks' performance did not particularly please their coach, Dario Brose.

SOCCER

"Even if you look at today's game, (the Edge) had the first great chance," he said. "If they score, we'd have to chase them, and things could have been much different."

It was a typical start for the Bucks. The Edge looked quicker to the ball for the first 15 minutes, dominating for the most part in the midfield. Unfortunately for the West Michigan side, Eric Pogue (from Troy Athens) was in goal for the Bucks.

Mid-Michigan survived its shaky start — something that's become a habit for them — and managed to get on the board first in the 28th minute, thanks to some rather sloppy play by the Edge.

Ryan Mack (Birmingham Seaholm) penetrated down the left wing and

crossed the ball to Pat Noonan, positioned 18 yards out directly in front of the goal.

Noonan placed his shot past a diving Gabe Hall, keeper for the Edge, to put the Bucks up 1-0.

Thirteen minutes later, Noonan — who plays with Mack at Indiana University and was named Big Ten player of the year — got into the scoring act again, breaking loose down the left side and then looping the ball over the Edge defender marking Paul Snape. It was a perfect set: Snape volleyed the pass into the goal and the Bucks were up 2-0.

In the second half, the Edge seemed to fade in the 80-degree heat. It didn't help that two starters were lost earlier in the match.

In the 72nd minute, Mike White (Livonia Stevenson) — who had subdued

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Soccer: The Edge's Ademin deBarros fights for an edge.