

FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Coleman leads grid camp

The Total Football Camp with Mill Coleman will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, July 22, through Friday, July 26, at the William Costick Activities Center.

Everyone is welcome to watch Coleman and other college and pro guests teach the skills and training methods that college and pro athletes use in their daily practices.

The camp offers training in speed and agility, positioning, team fundamentals and more. Participants will travel by bus on Wednesday, July 24, to tour a state of the art football facility. The camp ends with a scrimmage and a visit with special guests.

Coleman was a three-time, all-state quarterback who led Farmington Harrison to the Class B state finals three straight years (1987-89) and two state championships.

Coleman was a three-year starter at Michigan State and an All-Big Ten receiver. He later played two years with the Chicago Bears and two years with the Montreal Alouettes before a knee injury ended his professional career. He is now a Harrison assistant coach.

The camp is for ages 6 to 14. The deadline to register is Friday, July 12. The fee is \$150 per player. Participants will receive a T-shirt, certificate and giveaways. To register call the Farmington Hills Recreation Division at (248) 473-1800.

Tomey perfect on mound

Redford-Detroit Catholic Central High School graduate Anthony Tomey (Farmington Hills) is off to a 4-0 start on the mound for the Springfield (Ill.) Rifles in the Central Illinois Collegiate Baseball League.

The Eastern Michigan University student has two complete games and is sporting a 1.83 earned-run average in 33.1 innings pitched so far this summer.

Tomey, who was picked for the CIGL All-Star Game while playing for the Rifles last year, ranks third in the league in strikeouts with 32.

Junior Tour golf results

■ Joseph Stefan of Farmington Hills shot 81 and finished seventh Monday in the boys 11-16 age group of the Power-Bilt Junior Tour at Katonah Country Golf Course in Rochester. Anthony Malizia of Farmington Hills shot 86 and was 14th in the same division.

Junichi Miura of Farmington Hills shot 76 and was 10th Tuesday in the boys 16-and-over age group of the Power-Bilt Junior Tour at Fieldstone Golf Club in Auburn Hills. Matt Lee of Farmington Hills shot 79.

■ Adam Dubois of Farmington Hills shot 85 and placed ninth Monday in the boys 13-14 age group of the Meijer Junior Players Tour at The Fortress in Frankenmuth.

Dubois shot back-to-back rounds of 87 Tuesday and Wednesday and finished ninth in the boys 13-14 division of the Meijer Junior Players Tour at Marion Oaks in Howell.

Micro soccer shootout

The University of Michigan men's soccer team will stage its 11th Annual 3-on-3 Micro Soccer Shootout Saturday, July 20, at U-M's Mitchell Field.

The cost is \$72 per team. Registrations must be postmarked by Saturday, July 13. Each team is guaranteed four games.

Age groups range from 7-year-old boys and girls to men's and women's adult, both recreational and competitive division.

Registrations can be obtained at local soccer outlets or through the Web at www.ummsoccer.com/3v3.asp.

For more information, call (734) 615-5141 or visit gobluemmsoccer.com.

Trojan basketball camp

The Livonia Clarenceville High School Trojans will host their second annual basketball camp July 15-16. The camp will emphasize man-to-man defensive principles along with fundamental offensive basketball.

Presented by Trojan head coach Kevin Murphy and his coaching staff, the camp will run 9 a.m. to noon for boys and girls entering grades 4-7 and 1-4 p.m. for students entering grades 8-12.

The cost for the camp is \$55. An additional \$5 will be added for applications received after the July 8 deadline. For more information, call Murphy at (248) 473-8926.



Going strong: Mountain biker Jim Martin of Team EQ trudges through the stream during a recent series race.

Local Team EQ cycles around state



Local connection: Anders Champoux of Farmington is a member of Team EQ, which competes against more established clubs.

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Competitive cycling and mountain biking is far from being a solitary pursuit.

Look no further than a local group of riders who have banded together donning the distinctive green jerseys under the name "Team EQ."

Team EQ is comprised of some of area's top-ranked amateur and professional cyclists in cycling and mountain biking. Team EQ competes on the Michigan Road Racing Series Challenge and also the Mountain Biking Series.

"We talk about drafting and working together, that's the main purpose of the team," said Anders Champoux, a Farmington resident and former swimmer at Livonia Franklin High School. "Our main focus is to concentrate on the Michigan Series and get as many points as possible."

Team EQ, which boasts as a member 1996 Olympic swim gold medalist and 2000 Olympic Games triath-

lete Sheila Taormina of Livonia, is the relative new kid on the block. Team EQ's main rivals are the more established Wolverine Sports and the Ann Arbor Velo club.

Team EQ cyclist Paul Heitzler of Northville, who specializes in sprint races, recently captured the Allen Park Criterium event, a Road Series event held at the new Detroit Lions complex.

"When you see the other jerseys (teams), it gets you motivated," said Champoux, who also spends three days per week training at the newly built velodrome in Rochester. "Paul is a good sprinter. It's a shorter race with multiple loops, about 1-kilometer. We had just four guys, but it was satisfying the way we worked together last Saturday."

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Luttman powers Post 346 to pair of wins

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Having coached American Legion baseball in Farmington for more than 40 years, coach Wally Christensen thought he had seen it all.

But Tony Luttman provided a first in the long history of the Post 346 ball club when he hit three home runs in one game June 30.

Luttman, who graduated from Farmington High last month, sparked the local legionnaires to an 11-1 victory in the first game of a doubleheader with Rochester.

The two-time, All-Observer player was 3-for-3, had eight RBI and scored three runs. Bob Houchins and Chris

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Chesney were 2-for-3.

Following singles by Houchins and Chesney in the first inning, Luttman hit a three-run homer. Houchins hit a leadoff single in the third, and Luttman's second homer made it 5-1.

With the bases loaded in the fourth inning, Chesney smacked a two-run single, and Luttman followed with another three-run homer. Anthony Volpe scored the final run on a passed ball.

Luttman, who had five hits and 12 RBI for the day, was the winning pitcher, too. He allowed just three hits,

struck out 10 and walked two in five innings after which the game ended due to the mercy rule.

In the second game — another five-inning mercy — Volpe started and gained the pitching victory in Farmington's 19-1 win. Volpe went three innings, struck out three and walked one.

Post 346 scored 19 runs on 14 hits. Craig Mickelsen was 3-for-4 with a double, a triple and four RBI. Luttman was 2-for-4 with another three-run homer and an RBI single.

Chesney, Houchins, Jake Channan and Mitch Demeyer had two hits each. Channan knocked in two runs, Houchins and Demeyer one each.

Farmington improved its record 9-4

with an 8-4 win over host Auburn Hills Monday.

Joe James pitched five innings to earn the win, giving up three hits and six walks while striking out 11. Houchins threw two innings of one-hit relief.

In a four-run first inning, Houchins hit a two-run homer, and Volpe and James had back-to-back RBI doubles. Brian Dickey and James had RBI singles in the third for a 6-3 lead. Luttman hit a leadoff homer — his fifth in three games — in the next inning, and Demeyer singled and scored the last run on a wild pitch.

Houchins, Luttman, James and Volpe had two hits each. Houchins and James also had two RBI apiece.

State champions



Blues are No. 1: The members of the 11-year-old South Farmington Blues are (front row, left to right) Jimmy Dexter, Jacob Gudeman, Michael Cleland, Steven Pelletier, John Rose, Brian Grewe, (kneeling) John Miller, Heath Parling, Tyler Mitchell, Cameron Fowler, Daniel Tamaroglio, John Bezak, (back row) assistant coach Andy Grewe, manager/head coach Steve Pelletier and assistant coach Stu Rose.

Blues earn 13-&-under state crown

The South Farmington Blues went 5-0 and defeated the Coughlin Cubs in the final, 9-3, to become the 13-and-under USSSA baseball state champions June 30 at Canton Softball Center.

The Blues had strong pitching and defense throughout the tournament, giving up eight runs in five games and just two in two games against the defending 12-and-under state champion Michigan Tomahawks.

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In the opening game, Blues pitcher Josh Rebandt threw a four-hit shutout in a 2-0 victory over the Tomahawks. He walked none and struck out seven.

The Blues broke up the pitchers duel in the bottom of the sixth inning when Tom Spisch led off with a single and scored on catcher Jonathan Castine's double. Castine scored after the Blues loaded the bases and Andy Harris walked.

In Game 2 against Lansing-based BAMB, the Blues scored two in the

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