

SPORTS ROUNDUP

FOUNDERS FESTIVAL SOFTBALL

The City of Farmington Hills Recreation Department is accepting registrations for the Founders Festival men's softball tournament to be played Saturday and Sunday, July 20-21.

Games will be played on the fenced fields at Founders Sports Park. Softballs and umpires are included in the fee of \$160. For more information call (248) 473-1800 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

VIKINGS NEED CHEERLEADERS

The NFVB Vikings football organization still has positions available for cheerleaders (ages 8-12) at the freshman, junior varsity and varsity levels.

The season runs from August to October, plus any playoff games. The participation fee is \$130, plus limited fundraising. For more information call Doreen Frederick at (248) 626-6001.

CAMPS TEACH GRID SKILLS

The NFVB Football Skills Academy for high school athletes will have classes at North Farmington High School on the following Wednesdays: July 10, 17 and 24.

The Rushing Academy will take place 10-11:30 a.m. and the Passing Academy 4-5:30 p.m. The sessions will focus on offensive and defensive skills. The fee is \$40. Contact Rich Burrell at (248) 489-3535.



State champs: The 13-and-under South Farmington Blues are (front row, left to right) Stephen Doty, Chase Dahne, Andy Harris, Brooks Tuyn, Brendan Clarke; (standing, left to right) Jonathan Castine, coach John Castine, Jeff Gorecki, coach Rick Tuyn, Josh Rebandt, Matt Paul, Tom Spisich, Akhenaton Thomas, coach Steve Gorecki and coach Larry Miller.

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first inning when Spisich and Harris walked and both scored on another Castine double.

Stephen Doty and Chase Dahne also had two RBI each in the 9-1 win, shortened to five innings by the mercy rule. Matt Paul pitched a five-hitter.

The mercy rule was invoked again after five innings in the Blues' next game, a 10-2 win over the Boys of Summer from Monroe.

Brooks Tuyn got the win with a seven-hitter. Tuyn, Doty and Castine paced the hitting with two RBI each while Dahne and Brendan Clarke got one each.

Their 3-0 record seeded the Blues No. 1 for the Sunday semifinal against the No. 4 seed, the Tomahawks.

The Blues fell behind in the top of the first, 1-0, but responded with five runs in their half of the inning with RBI by Castine, Jeff Gorecki and Tuyn.

The Blues added another run in the second and the Tomahawks didn't score again until the seventh as the game

ended, 6-2. Blues pitcher Akhenaton Thomas threw a four-hitter with one walk and five strikeouts.

In the other semifinal, the East Side-based Cubs were seeded second and defeated the Farmington Hills-based Oakland A's, 7-1, to play the Blues.

In the championship game, the Blues broke out with three runs in the first inning on Castine's run-scoring triple and RBI singles by Paul and Tuyn.

In the second and third innings, the Blues committed two errors to allow two unearned runs as Coughlin tied the game, 3-3.

South Farmington responded in the bottom of the third was a four-run rally on six hits and RBI by Paul, Gorecki, Clarke and Dahne.

The Blues added single tallies in the fifth and sixth. Gorecki was relieved after five innings by Rebandt, who struck out the side in the sixth and finished the last inning.

Rebandt gave up one hit, but the runner was erased on a game-ending double play from

shortstop Doty to Gorecki at first. As the winning pitcher, Gorecki gave up six hits, struck out two and walked three.

The Blues upped their overall record to 35-6 and their tournament record to 20-3. They have been finalists in all five tournaments they've entered, winning three of them.

The Blues will play in the Firecracker tournament in Sterling Heights this weekend and the American Amateur Youth Baseball Alliance World Series in St. Louis July 14-20.

"With our deep pitching staff, we feel that we can hold our own in any tournament in the country," head coach Rick Tuyn said. "It was nice to see all 11 players make a big play or have a key hit in either the semifinal or final game."

"A state championship was definitely one of our goals this year. We look forward to representing Michigan in a national tournament as state champions."

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