Concealed celebrates 4th with Firecracker victory

Concealed Security won the 18th Annual Firecracker Classic in Warren, defeating the Novi Expos in the championship game of the 16-year-old division Sunday, 7-2.

Jeff Richfird (West Bloomfield) struck out seven and picked up the pitching win in the final, and hird bise-man Scott Szpryka was 2-for-3 with three RBI.

Szpryka (West Bloomfield) broke the game wide open in the third inning when he doubled with the bases loaded to give Concealed a 4-0 lead.

Richard! who sports a 6-0 record, toke a 7-1 lead into the final inning but tired after retiring the first two hitters.

With two out, Novi rallied for three runs and brought the tying run to the plate. But Will Jesteck samig on to strike out the final lastier.

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On the final pitch, the 15-year-old Jostock hit 90 miles per hour for the first time in his young

Jostock was the winning pitcher in the semifinal game played two hours earlier. He struck out BASEBALL

three, walked no one and allowed two hits. He gave up two unearned runs as Concealed beat the Ann Arbor Braves, 4-2. Brandon Garner's triple in the fifth inning scored John Rochow (Farmington Hills) to tie the game at two runs apiece. Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne) followed with a game-winning, RBI single.

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Concealed added a run in the seventh when Ryan Shay (Ganden City) led off with a double, stole third and scored on Rochow's groundout.
To start the tournament, Concealed opened with a 4-1 loss to Guelph, Ontario. However, it becaused back Friday to defeat the Michigan Seminoles, 7-2. Shay and Rochow had two hits each, and Garner hit a grand slam.
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Garner pitched a 4-0 shutout later that day in a game with the Grand Rapids Reds. He struck out 12 and gave up just four hits.
Concealed found itself in a

three-way tie Saturday for first place in its pool with Guelph and the Seminoles.

Fewest runs allowed would advance one team to the final four on Sunday. Coach Lou Pir-ronello's team had to win its final game and hold its opponent

final game and hold its opponent to two runs or less.

Steve Karchefske pitched Concelled into the semis with a 12-1 victory over the Novi Elite. He scattered seven hits, walked two and struck out six.

Szpryku and Garner led the hitting attack with two hits and three RBI apiece. Shay also had two hits and knocked in one run; Rochow and Richard chipped in two RBI each.

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Concealed is 29-6 with four first-place tournument finishes and one runner-up finish. It will host the Concealed Invitational beginning today at Redford Catholic Central.

The six-team tournament field

includes nationally-ranked Chicago Upper Deck, Thalmage (Ohio), Canton Jackson Select, the Mid-Michigan Tigers and the

EMU to host Twisters games

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Enstern Michigan University's
Rynearson Stadium and Willow
Run High School's Devilin Stadium will be home this season to
the Michigan Twisters of the
Lakeshore Football League.
The minor league football
squad recently announced an
operational agreement between
the two sites with both Willow
Run Community Board of Education and EMU.
The Twisters open their 2002
season at Willow Run in the
fourth annoul Kichoff Classie,
pm. Saturday, July 13, against
the Glass City (Ohio) Grizzhes.

The following Saturday, July 20, the Twisters take on the Southern Michigan Timberwolves. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Rynearson.

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Tickets for Twisters home games are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Seniors 60 and over and children 10 and under will be admitted free. (Concession stands and restrooms are available.)

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The Timberwolves, who won last year's meeting against the Twisters, 26-23, are a charter member of the Mid-Continental Football League.
MCFL teams have dominated the National Minor-Pro AAA Division rankings four of the

past five seasons with the likes of the Kone County (III.) Eagles, the Racine (Wis.) Raiders and Michigan's own Jackson Bombers and Timberwolves.

Bombers and Timberwolves.
Meanwhile, the Twisters earned the top AA Division ranking in the state last season by the American Football Association. The Twisters, conched by William Brown, currently boast a roster of 67 players, including 30 newcomers who survived cuts among 85 hopefuls.
Over the past three scasons, the Twisters have posted a record of 28-4 to go along with three consecutive Northern Division titles in the Lakeshore circuit.

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Picard was the star of the game as Post 346, which mercied its first three opponents in five innings, opened with an 18-2 rout of Rochester.
Picard pitched a no-hitter, struck out six and walked one. Rochester scored two unearned runs in the fifth on a hit batsman, a walk and two errors.
Picard went 3-for-5 with the bat, hitting a grand slam and collecting five RBI. Jake Ghannam, Tony Luttman and Mike Kish had two hits apiece. Luttman and Ghannam, who scored three runs, also had two RBI each.

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Luttman went the distance on mound Friday against Allen Park as Farmington earned a 13-4 victory. He struck out seven, whited six and allowed three hits."
He was backed up by a 14-hit attack that included a 3-for-4 performance by Ghannam, who had four RBI.

Luttman helped his cause with two hits, including a solo homer, and two RBI. Chris Chesney knocked in three runs with a bases-loaded double; Fierd also had three RBI with a pair of singles, and Ryan Baranik chipped in two hits and scored two runs. In a second game Friday, Bob Houchins tossed a two-hitter to lead Post 348 to a 10-2 defeat of tournament host Rose City. He fanned five and walked four. Farmington had eight hits and also received 10 walks, the latter of which led to five runs. Kish had two doubles and two RBI; Chesney had two hits and two RBI; Anthony Volpe had an RBI double and scored three runs. Post 346 played a seven-inning game for the first time Saturdny, defeating Hillsdale, 10-3. Volge game for the first time Saturdny, defeating Hillsdale, 10-3. Volge pitched a complete game, surrendering four hits and three walks while striking out four.

Luttman, Kish and Houchins were 2-for-3 and had three, two and one BBI, respectively. Volpe also knocked in a pair of runs, and Houchins scored three runs. In regular American Legion play, Farmington lost at Royal Oak Monday, 5-4, and mercied Royal Oak Tuesday at Farmington, 13-3. Post 3-6, which has an overall record of 14-6, will be host for a five-team tournament starting today for Legion teams not going to a Babe Ruth tournament. The top three teams (Chief Pontiae, Milford and Berkley) went to the latter event.

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Post 3-46 will play Friday School, and three more games will be played there Saturday, starting at 10 a.m.

Farmington resumes its regular schedule with home games Monday (Milford) and Wednesday (Birkley) before going to Petoskey for a three-day tournament July 19-21.



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