



2003 hoop champions

The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation boys basketball championship in the fourth- and fifth-grade division went to the Grizzlies. The players are (front row, left to right) David Gee, Andrew Belman, Max Chapman, Daniel Leeb, (middle row) Sidney Coleman, Gino Borri, Michael Erickson, Timothy Barkach and (back row) coach Terry Elsey. Not pictured is Zack Smith.

Soccer licensing clinic is offered

For the first time in Michigan, the United States Soccer Federation is offering a week-long licensing class that will enable soccer leagues and clubs to provide their directors of coaching or others who are interested to obtain a national youth license. Tom Goodman, the national director of coaching for United States Soccer, will teach the clinic. Successful completion is based on attendance and passing written, oral and practical coaching tests. The fee is \$375 for the week of Aug. 17-22. The course will be taught at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Class size is limited to 40. For more information call Don Gemmell, the director of coaching for the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, at (734) 459-6220, Ext. 208; or Sylvia Charbneau, recreational director for the MSYSA, at (248) 477-5627.

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Madonna, Tri-State split twinbill

It was only appropriate the two cellar-dwelling baseball teams in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference played to a draw Tuesday at Livonia's Ford Field.

Host Madonna University, behind the five-hit pitching of Joel Halliday, won the opener, 6-1.

Tri-State (Ind.) battled back to salvage a split with a 3-2 triumph in the nightcap. Madonna, 17-22 overall, is just percentage points ahead of Tri-State in the WHAC for last place. The Crusaders are 3-13 in conference play, while Tri-State, 6-29 overall, is 3-15 in the WHAC.

Halliday, a 6-foot-3 junior from Redford Union, faced just 23 batters, allowing one earned run. He struck out three and walked one in seven innings in improving his record to 3-4.

The Crusaders struck for four of their six runs in the third inning thanks to four Tri-State errors.

Left fielder Devin Cole (Garden City) led MU with two hits and one RBI. Designated hitter Chris Woodruff (Redford Catholic Central) and shortstop Scott Miller each added an RBI.

Nate Whisenand (1-4) went all six innings for Tri-State, allow-

ing six runs on six hits. Shortstop Jon Walmer had two hits.

In the second game, Tri-State got three runs in the second inning and held on for a 3-2 win. The Thunder used three pitchers with starter John Klumery (1-4) picking up the victory. He worked the first 4.1 innings before giving way to Ryan Funkhouser and Todd Babji, each going 1.1 innings.

The loss went to MU junior right-hander Chris Behrens (1-3), who gave up three runs (one earned) on four hits in five innings. Dan Duffy and Adam Kline (Redford CC) finished up.

Catcher Justin Fabian, who went 2-for-3, scored Josh Odum with an RBI single in the fourth. The Crusaders added another run in the fifth on a double by Miller, a single by Cole, a walk to Joe Greene followed by Woodruff's sacrifice fly.

But Funkhouser got out of the inning when he fanned sterling Mintzer and got Craig Jerore to ground out to short.

Grant Klmedinst had two of Tri-State's four hits.

On Saturday, Madonna divided a doubleheader with Indiana

Tech at Ford Field, winning the nightcap, 9-8, after losing the opener, 14-2.

The Warriors, who captured two of three during the weekend series, improved to 31-11 overall and 16-4 in the WHAC.

After falling behind in the second game, 7-1, the Crusaders rallied for four runs in the sixth and three runs in the seventh innings before the game was called due to darkness.

Matt Wigley (RU) went 3-for-5 to lead the Crusaders, while Joe Green added a hit and two RBIs. Lead-off hitter Brian Williams (Redford CC) went 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored.

Believers Mark Cole (Redford CC) and Adam Kline (Redford CC), the winning pitcher, combined for three strong innings in relief on the mound.

Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) started for the Crusaders and worked the first four innings.

Indiana Tech exploded for nine runs in the first inning of the opener before cruising to the 14-2 win.

Zach Hosler and Malcolm Henderson each drove in three runs for the Warriors. Brian Turner went 3-for-4 with two RBIs in the win.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

CROSSFIRE FARES WELL

The Canton Crossfire under-17 premier boys soccer team was a finalist in the highest level (Elite) Under-18 Division of the Northern Ohio Cup in Cleveland, Ohio.

The team members are Peter Rierzynski (Catholic Central), Ian Bryant (Southfield Christian), Phillip Calleja (Franklin), Dan Curmi (Catholic Central), Andrew Davis (Stevenson), Jake DeVries (Lutheran Westland), Greg Ekmelman (Wayne Memorial), Stephen Gizecki (Salem), Aaron Helisek (Farmington High), Joe Hess (Canton), Sam Kocsis (Garden City), Jeff Kusch (Country Day), Ross Malby (Canton), Michael Newton (Salem), Brandon Noble (Lutheran Westland), Roger Saks (Stevenson), and Matt Tomasso (Canton). The team is coached by Jim DeVries and Pete Alexander.

NEW DRIVING RANGE

A new driving range at the Farmington Hills Golf Club, a public course, is open for business seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The driving range, located on 11 Mile Road west of Halsted, features 34 stations with multiple target greens. Lessons are available for golfers age 9 and up. The range is part of an expansion of the former San Marino Golf Course from nine to 18 holes. The new nine and clubhouse are scheduled to open in July or August. For more information about the club, call (248) 473-1800.



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