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## Warriors complete lacrosse triple crown

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All year long the word in the prep boys lacrosse world was Birmingham Brother Rice would be a hard team to beat. Truer words were never spoken.

The Warriors capped a tremendous year by winning the 2003 state championship with a 10-5 victory over host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood May 31.

It was Rice's 10th state championship

since the Michigan Scholastic Lacrosse Association began its tournament in 1980.

The Warriors did not win their first title until 1986, so they have won 10 titles in the past 16 years - six in the last eight. Brother Rice was state champion in 2000 and 2001, but lost the crown last year to Birmingham Unified.

While it had impressive seasons before, this may have been Brother Rice's best year ever.

The Warriors finished with a near-per-

fect, 24-1 overall record (the lone loss to a team from out East). While they had one-loss seasons on two other occasions (2000 and 2001), they have never won more than 23 games.

Brother Rice notched that school-record 24th victory in the championship game, securing the lacrosse triple crown of Midwest, Catholic League and state titles for just the second time in school history. The first triple crown came in 2001.

"It was nice to get the title back. We

certainly missed it," said veteran Brother Rice head coach Rob Ambrose. "This is Brother Rice's 10th championship so that is something very special."

"Plus, this is the first time we've ever gone through Michigan and the Midwest undefeated, so that's a big accomplishment for our guys too. This really was a dream season for us. This was one of our best seasons ever, if not the best."

"I knew at the beginning of the year

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## Sidelines

### Academic award

Wayne State University junior cross country runner Charlie Stamboulou of Farmington Hills was named to the 2002-03 Verizon Academic All-District IV College Division men's track/cross country second team. The college division includes NCAA Division II and III institutions.

Stamboulou, a North Farmington graduate majoring in mathematics education, placed 51st at the GLIAC meet and 55th at the NCAA regional. He is a two-time, All-GLIAC academic selection.

The District IV Verizon academic team was selected by members of CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) located in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

### Zatkin honored

Adrian College sophomore pitcher Matt Zatkin of Farmington Hills was named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association academic honor roll.

The honor roll recognizes student-athletes who achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for the entire 2002-03 academic year.

Zatkin, a former all-area pitcher at Harrison High School, appeared in five games, pitched 21 2/3 innings and had a 1-0 record with 14 strikeouts, six walks and a 4.98 ERA.

The Bulldogs were 11-7 in the MIAA and 21-18 overall.

### Tomey drafted

Eastern Michigan University pitcher Anthony Tomey of Farmington Hills (Redford-Detroit Catholic Central) was selected by the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday in the annual Major League Baseball player draft.

Tomey, a right-handed pitcher, was picked with the 680th selection overall in the 30th round by the Tigers. He finished second overall in his career at EMU in strikeouts (289) and fifth in career innings pitched (260.2). He led the Eagles in strikeouts each of the last two years.

### HHS track camp

The Junior Olympic Development Camp for young track and field athletes will be June 16-19 at Harrison High School.

The camp is intended for boys and girls, ages 8-18. Beginners and experienced athletes are welcome. The camp hours are 9 a.m. to noon each day.

The cost is \$65 for Explorers (two days), \$85 for Explorers and Competitors (four days).

Registration will be 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, on the outdoor track at Harrison.

The coaching staff includes Harrison boys coach John Reed, girls coach Mark Babcock, boys assistant John Schumacher and Swift track club coach Ferman Tate Jr.

For more information, athletes should call Tate at (313) 971-4121.



### 3-time state champions

Farmington Harrison won its third consecutive Division II state championship in boys track and field May 31 at Caledonia High School. Seniors Ferman Tate and Kevin Davis won individual titles in the 400-meter dash and 300 hurdles, respectively. The Hawks also won the 400 relay. The members of the team who represented Harrison or were present at the state are (left to right) assistant coach Ferman Tate, assistant coach Steve Galero, Tate, Marcus Woods, Ramy Sulaiman, Davis (with championship trophy), Brian Coats, Charlie Gass, Andrew Singer, Charles Stewart, assistant coach John Schumacher, Sidney Stewart, Charles Pickett, James Cook, Rob McCall and head coach John Reed.

## Blues repeat as Memorial Tourney champs

The South Farmington 13-year-old travel baseball team defended its championship in the Fourth Annual Memorial Tournament at Pollard Park in Chesterfield Township.

The Blues swept through the preliminary rounds with four straight victories, combining good pitching and defense with heavy hitting.

In the championship game, starting pitcher Matt Cole and relievers Nick Balow and Ryan Rashid combined for a 10-inning, 8-6 win over the Chesterfield Raptors.

Jonathan Koshewitz, batting with one out in the 10th and the score tied at six runs apiece, singled and later scored the winning run on a hit by Brian Noble.

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Cole, who pitched the first five innings, scored an insurance run, and Rashid struck out two as the defense held the Raptors scoreless in the bottom of the 10th inning.

In the championship game, Rashid pitched a shutout against the Troy Diamondbacks, 11-0. He allowed only two hits, struck out five and didn't allow any walks in five innings.

The Blues were errorless in the field with shortstop Cole recording six putouts. Matt Scott and Cole hit one double each

to lead the offense. Nick Balow pitched another shutout in the second game, a 10-0 win over the Raptors in six innings.

He allowed only one runner on one hit, notched three strikeouts and didn't walk a batter. The Blues were error-free again as fielders Woody Gioia, Raftery, Jordan Turner, Chris Sandoval and Ryan Young rotated into the game and ran down every ball hit to the outfield.

Noble, who had two doubles, and Cole were 3-for-4 and Jamie McCarthy 2-for-2. Scott and Rashid also had doubles.

Noble pitched the third game with a workmanlike effort to give the Blues a 7-3 win over the Grosse Pointe Avengers.

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## Bucks to play Rough Riders in Cup match

The Mid-Michigan Bucks will face the defending Division III champion Long Island (N.Y.) Rough Riders in a U.S. Open Cup soccer match at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, at Berkley's Hurley Field.

The Bucks, who compete in the Premier Development League, are a Division IV team.

First-round matches in the Open Cup tournament were last week. The Bucks, 5-0-1 for the season going into Saturday's match against the St. Louis

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Strikers, got a first-round bye. They also have a PDL-record six Open Cup victories.

Only six of the 51 teams playing in the PDL received bids to the Open Cup, which is open to qualifying teams in all four divisions - including Major League Soccer.

"This will be the biggest soccer game this area has hosted in a long time," said Bucks' co-owner/general manager Jim Duggan. "We are fortunate to be able to bring in a franchise with the tradition of the Rough Riders as our first big match-up in Detroit."

"This is the (United States Soccer) Federation's biggest tournament and we are hoping to attract affiliated youth players from all over southeast Michigan."

Round Two winners could meet an MLS team in Round Three, scheduled for July 16. Round Three winners will meet an MLS squad in their next match on Aug. 6. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids (under 19), and

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## 11-under Cobras on early-season roll

The 11-and-under NFWB Cobras managed by Paul Lubanski have won two consecutive baseball tournaments and their overall record is 16-1.

By virtue of their tournament wins, the Cobras are currently the No. 1-ranked 11-and-under USSSA team in Michigan.

NFWB won the Cincin De Mayo Invitational and the Memorial Day NIT Triple Threat Classic. Both tournaments were played at the Canton Softball Center.

The championships have qualified the Cobras to compete in the USSSA World Series July 12-20 in Overland Park, Kan. "Our entire team has been superb thus far," Lubanski said. "We have received outstanding contributions from everyone."

"All of the boys and their families are looking forward to playing in the World Series this July in Kansas."

The Cobras are sponsored by Capital Mortgage Funding of Southfield.



The members of the 11-and-under NFWB Cobras travel baseball team are (kneeling, left to right) A.J. Matos, Jake Moss, Eric Glanz, Mark Feldman, Brandon Phillips; (middle row) Andrew Tidwell, Brett Lubanski, Aaron Roberts, Cody Blakie, Danny Leeb; (back row) coach Bruce Moss, assistant manager Tim Roberts, coach Harry Glanz, coach Kevin Blakie and manager Paul Lubanski.

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