



BATTER UP!

FARMINGTON HILLS—Girls softball is still going strong at Harrison High School.

Skeptics said girls wouldn't go for the competitive sport. But that's wrong, said coach Sandra Rivers. Each year, more girls go out for the sport and take advantage of the opportunity the game gives them to compete.

As in any competition, there are winners and losers, and this year the underclassmen-dominated team has taken more than its fair share of the losses.

The team's record is 3-8 in the Western Six League, and they're hoping to improve it with a win over Waterford Mott on Thursday.

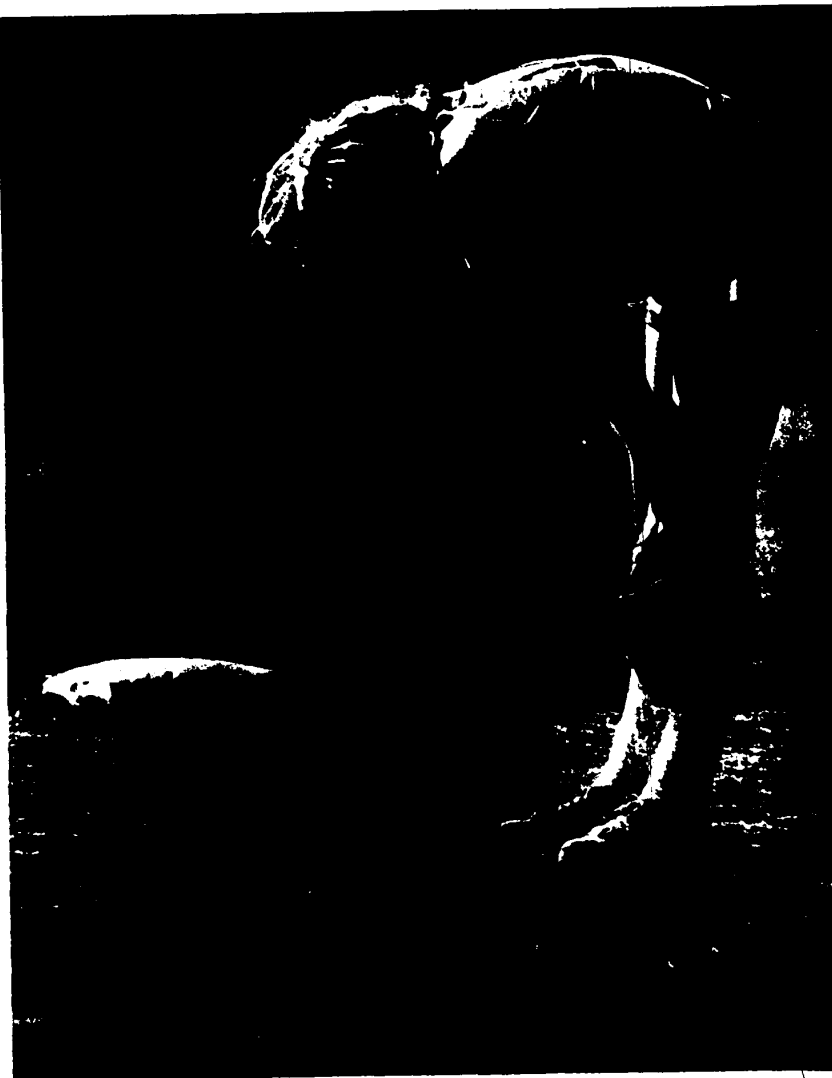
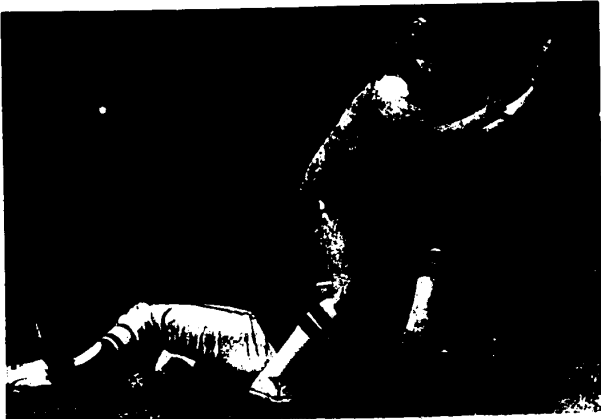
The season started with a win over Farmington, but the team hit an eight-game slump.

Sure, the record might have been better, the coach said, but the team members have suffered several injuries which she says have held them back.

But the girls keep trying and their Tuesday win has added to their morale. Barb Willimas scored the winning run for the team.

Many of the girls plan to continue the sport straight through the summer.

The predistrict tournament begins Saturday, May 24, at the Southfield Civic Center. The Harrison girls will face Southfield-Lathrup High School.



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