

PAL tourney set for July 22

Dedicated deejay brings stars to Wabek

By SUZIE ROLLINS

An investment in kids is what local WJR radio celebrity J.P. McCarthy says the Police Athletic League (PAL) is all about.

PAL provides many underprivileged boys with baseball bats, gloves, helmets and other equipment. All PAL staffers are volunteers and spend their summers trying to help youngsters enjoy themselves and have fun.

"It's an opportunity for kids to understand policemen as people," McCarthy said. "Not as guys who push them around and arrest them but as guys who teach them to play sports as 'dutch uncles' or Big Brothers."

PAL ALSO brings boys and girls to suburban tennis clubs each week for tennis instruction, a sports dimension they're not likely to be exposed to in their inner-city environment. McCarthy thinks that PAL, on a national level, is a program that men in

sports can take interest in while helping someone else.

Because of this overriding interest in both sport and youth, McCarthy is serving as chairman of the Third Annual J.P. McCarthy-Wabek PAL Invitational Golf Tournament being held July 21 at the Wabek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

He started working with PAL three years ago when he and Robert McCarty, past president of the organization, decided a golf tournament would be a good way to raise funds and lift the exposure of the group.

McCarthy, vice president of U.S. Automotive Sales and Service for Chrysler Corp., is a very close friend of many golf professionals and, as a favor to him, more than a score have agreed to participate in the tournament at no cost.

THE FIRST year of the golf tournament, PAL raised \$12,000, a figure they hope to at least triple this year. Relaxing in his Bloomfield Hills home last week, McCarthy appeared

happy and pleased when he spoke of the tournament.

"Volunteers have been working on this tournament for the last six months, so this fundraiser will be a success," he said. He outlined the fact that many of the stars in the tournament will be golfers who are part as runners, messengers, and everything else they can do."

"Everyone is deeply involved," McCarthy said.

AS THE 1975 American Cancer Society Crusade Chairman for Michigan, he recently organized a benefit polo match with a Cleveland team that may become one of the most novel home-and-home benefit series in existence.

When Billy Martin managed the Detroit Tigers, McCarthy did a show with him that recapped the previous day's game. The show was just sugar, because Billy just loves to talk," he said.

It wasn't continued when Ralph Houk started his reign because Houk didn't want to do the show every day.

Other media criticized the show with Martin "because he tended to talk to me and excluded other media," McCarthy added.

As an avid sports fan, McCarthy will also be doing color for the Detroit Lions broadcasts with Bob Reynolds. "Hopefully I will be a well informed, objective reporter," he said.

Golf fans who want to see touring professionals the calibre of Tom Watson, recent winner of the British Open; Lee Trevino, Johnny Miller, Sam and J.C. Snead, Doug Sanders, Chi-Chi Rodriguez, and many others playing with Detroit Tiger and Lion stars may purchase tickets at the gate tomorrow for \$10. The one-day, rain or shine event begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Wabek is located on West Long Lake Road between Telegraph and Middle Belt.



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To replace Utica Eisenhower

Troy Athens may join MSA

By RICHARD GOLD

Eisenhower notified MSA officials that it intended to leave. Originally it was thought that Eisenhower would join a Utica league, but it has since decided to take Rochester High's spot in the Oakland A when Rochester leaves in the fall of 1976. Rochester will go the Wayne-Oakland conference for the 1976-77 school year.

Larson said, "If Troy had been offered the same choice, I think we would have followed the same route. But Troy has always been in the Oakland A. It's a charter member."

Some observers of the A thought North Farmington would be offered Eisenhower's spot, but according to one MSA athletic director, the idea was squelched.

According to Larson, the MSA costs more to join but offers more activities. He said the difference in cost (dues are \$25 in the A and \$40 in MSA) was insignificant and not a factor in the decision.

The MSA offers table tennis, bridge, forensics, debate, chess, drama, music, industrial arts, and student exchange days. But with no junior high or middle school competition, a program Goodwin would like to see continued.

SEVERAL YEARS ago, Rochester Adams High went through a similar transfer, from A to the MSA. It, like Athens, was a new school. "We were the smallest and the youngest when we joined," said Adams AD Reynolds White. "The competition was a little tougher, but we survived. Besides, Athens is supposed to be larger school."

He added, "Everybody goes for football, but there are 18 sports in the MSA. Everybody wins something. We are just trying to stay competitive in everything. Of course, we're swimming against Birmingham Groves, that's not too easy."

"I think Athens should be competitive in some areas like gymnastics when they enter it. And in a few years it will all blow over."

One of the biggest areas of concern Troy officials had concerned the cross-town rivalry between Troy and Athens. While faced a similar situation between Rochester High and Adams.

He said, "The intensity of play hinges on the coaches and the administration. The coaches to a great extent

are my two main reasons."

He added, "I liked the A. I helped organize it 25 years ago and I have nothing but praise for it. I just think the MSA is a better situation for Athens."

ATHENS WAS offered a spot in the MSA, a six-team league, when Utica

determined that sort of thing. Of course we like to win, but we tell our kids to go out and play clean above all."

The other schools in the MSA are Birmingham Groves, Royal Oak Dondero, Bloomfield Lahser, Southfield Lathrup and Adams.

South Farmington wins softball title

Back-to-back homers by Wendy Dierkers and Jan Dorsch helped South Farmington's Crickets defeat North Farmington-West Bloomfield, 6-2, in the final of the first annual Joan Wagner Novice Girls' Softball Tournament last weekend.

Miss Dierkers also displayed her pitching skills by allowing NFWB just six hits. Earlier in the tournament, she was the winning pitcher in the Crickets' 16-1 victory over Novi.

In the championship game, the Cricket home runs settled the tournament with a four-run fourth inning. Base hits by Jean Zuhonki and Jan

Former combined with a NFWB error to give the Crickets an insurance run.

Earlier, NFWB defeated South Farmington, 5-4, in the double-elimination tourney. NFWB's Shelly Still homered, while Kay Deister, Jill Rankin, Tracy Williams, Teri Dixon and Sue Grisdale each had one hit.

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