# Canton '9' seeks state title

While most high school baseball teams have al-ready turned in their uni-forms, Plymouth Canton

is still very busy on the practice field as it pre-pares for state cham-pionship competition in Wyandotte Saturday. The Chiefs, one of only

four class A teams left in the single-elimination tourney, will face Flint Southwestern in a semi-final battle at 10 a.m. Hazel Park and East

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Canton reached the ficanton reached the fi-nal four with its regional victory last weekend, also at Wyandotte. In also at Wyandotte. In that competition, the Chiefs edged Taylor Tru-man, 5-2, in nine innings and then shutout West-landJohn Glenn in the finale, 3-0, for the region-

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coach Fred Crissey is concerned, the Chiefs' first opponent, Flint Southwestern, is the team to beat.

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Southwestern, 30-3 overall, recently was ranked best in the state in the last coaches' poll. The Chiefs, 25-4 overall and champions of the Western Six League, had held that rating prior to the final poll. They are now second.

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So the challenge is there, for both clubs, to show which is the best team in the state.

"Southwestern is big, strong, and physical," said Crissey. "Hey, they're the number one

Clarenceville girls head for B tourney

gamtes.
"When you get this far in a tournament, I don't think any club will get ripped out of town,"

By DOUG FUNKE

A young Clarenceville softball team,champion of the Metro West Conference and district and regional titlist in the Cass B tournament this spring, will attempt to grab all the marbles this recleared at the state.

grab all the marbles this weekend at the state finals in Grand Rapids. One of only four squads remaining in the tourney, Carenceville will play in the 12:30 p.m. game Sal-urday at Belknap Park. The first game is scheduled for 10 a.m. and the championship contest at 3:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m.
"Our goals have been elevated somewhat. I'd say we're going out there to win," said Clarence-ville coach Karen. Oliva, who had stated before the season began that she hoped to have a good shot at winning a regional.
"It's really a treat for season began that she hoped to have a good shot at winning a regional consideration of the season with the season much confidence on them. They're together off the field as well as on and that's part of it ton." said Oliva, who added that the girls often play basketball and, swim together when not competing or practicing.
Another unusual aspect of the team is that there is only one senior—Anita Luka—on the roster. Everyone else will return ext had been seniored to the same site had been the Oak Park District June 3, returned to the same site last weekend.
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It looked like curtains for the Trojans tale in that game, as Oliva's charges trailed 5-1 with two innings to play.

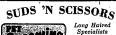
However, Carenceville, with singles, Laird again titched the entire game and recorded the victory.

#### **NFWB Pony** League standings

Fellowing are the won-lost records the teams in the North Farmington-lest Bloomfield's Pony American and Pony National leagues.

TEAM STANDINGS — Athletic—5-00 won-lost tie record; Tigers—2-1-0; Royals—2-1-4; Yankers—2-0-0; Red Sox—1-4-0; Indians—0-2-0; Oriotes—1-1-0; Rangers0-1-0; Twins—0-2-0 PONY NATIONAL LEAGUE

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TEAM STANDINGS — Expos-5-0; Cardinalq-3-1; Padres-3-1; Glants-3-1; Braves-2-4; Dodgeys-0-3; Pirates-0-3; Reds-0-5.





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Crissey said. "The pitching is just too good."

AS USUAL, the Chiefs had trouble hitting the hall but relied on strong pitching and sound execution to survive the regionals.

team in the state.
"But this is the kind of challenge you like to have, and we've got the kind of kids who will go

ndion to survive the regionals.
Centon registered only
two hits off Westland
John Glenn hurler Jim
Blacke in its 49 victory
over the Rockels. The
Chiefs' Scott Dawson
was equal to the test,
however, scattering
three hits for the shut
out.
"Dawson was in conrol all the way,"
Crissey said. "And that
Ball club.
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arter it.

"We've got a group of hell-fighters, here," Orissey said about the Chiefs. "And we're going after the title: There's no playing conservative at this time. If we beat the best, fine. If we get beat by the best, fine.

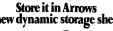
"If we beat those guys (Southwestern), the second game could be anti-climatic." But how can a game for the state title be anti-climatic? We'll just have to be carrieful of lather than the control of the country of Crissey will have to be careful about Hazel Park, the number-three ranked team in the state ranked team in the state and a perennial state contender. And East Kentwood is supposedly the best team in the western part of the state. The Canton coach feels the competition will be even this weekend and fans should expect close games.

(Glem) is a good hitting ball club.
"I thought we hit the ball well. We only got two strike outs, but there were great defensive plays on both sides." The real spine-tinger was in the semi-final. The Chiefs had lady-luck on their side in a 5-2 overtime victory against Taylor Truman. Both teams scored initial runs in the first innings—although both sides had numerous scoring opportunities. In fact, Truman almough the scored he winning run in the bottom of the seventh but a perfect throw enth but a perfect throw from leftfielder Dave Weise cut down the po-tential tally at the plate.









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