

# Legion 9 splits with Ferndale

If Thursday's double-header with American Legion District 16 league-leading Ferndale was a test, Farmington passed — though not exactly with flying colors.

Farmington came into the game with four straight victories and the fourth best record in the league. But coach Randy Meher wanted to see how his club would fare against the league's best.

Farmington split, losing the first game 7-2 and winning the second 5-2. "The first game we made seven errors," said Meher, a former all-stater at Farmington High and a standout at Central Michigan. "We just gave that game away. We played much better

in the second game. To be able to beat that team — they only have three losses — you have to feel good."

**PITCHER RICH** Mueller not only has to feel good, but a little lucky as well. Mueller held off Ferndale despite yielding 10 walks. He gave up just three hits.

Denny Atwell started the game with a leadoff home run. Chris Green, Mike Gabriele and Jim Howell each collected a pair of hits in the victory.

In the first game, Farmington High senior Joe Bob Wenson accounted for both runs with a two-run single. Gabriele took the loss.

Farmington is 9-7 on the season.

## sports roundup

### BASEBALL

The Brother Rice Summer Baseball School meets July 8-12 from 8:30-10 a.m. for participants 13-17 and 10-11:30 a.m. for participants 9-12 at St. James Field, cost \$40. The camp is run by the Brother Rice baseball coaching staff. For more information call John Birney at 647-2444.

The Carl Childress and Fred Goldberg baseball camps meet as follows: 9 a.m. to noon July 8-18 for boys and girls 5-8 at West Bloomfield High School, cost \$70; 9 a.m. to noon July 22 to Aug. 1 for boys and girls 8-12 at West Bloomfield High School, cost \$70; 9 a.m. to noon July 20 for boy and girl pitchers and catchers — baseball and softball — at Southfield Civic Center, cost \$8. The camp is run by Childress, an elementary school principal for West Bloomfield schools, and Goldberg, athletic director at Southfield High School. For more information in Southfield call 354-9605, in West Bloomfield call 851-7800.

### BASKETBALL

A basketball camp for boys 10-18 is July 10-23 and for girls 10-18 July 25-29 at Macomb County Community College, south campus fieldhouse, cost \$75. The camps, which are divided into 10-12, 12-14 and 15-18 age groups, run 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. They are run by MCCO basketball coaches. For more information call 445-7478.

### A BASKETBALL CAMP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS 9-15 WILL BE HELD FROM 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. AUG. 5-9 AT DETROIT COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL, COST \$125. THE CAMP IS RUN BY DCDSS

baseball coaches. For more information, call 648-7717.

The Dick Harter All-Pro Basketball Day Camp for boys 8-17 runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 5-9 and Aug. 12-16 at Bloomfield Hills Labar High School, cost \$100 — or \$180 for both sessions. The camp is run by Harter, Detroit Pistons assistant coach, with Pistons players John Long, Terry Tyler and Earl Cureton. For more information, call 334-3578.

### BODY BUILDING

The Michigan Gold Cup Bodybuilding Championships are Aug. 3 at the Redford Theatre in Detroit. Prejudging (tickets \$3) is 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., finals (\$10 and \$7) start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets and entry forms available by writing Great American Productions, P.O. Box 38, Bloomfield Hills 48013. For more information, call 537-2560.

### FOOTBALL

A football camp for boys in grades 6-10 runs July 23-25 at Royal Oak Shrine High School, cost \$50. The camp is run by James MacDougall, Shrine's head football coach, with former University of Michigan stars Anthony Carter, John Wanger and Andy Cannavino. For more information, call 549-3821 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., or 399-0847 after 5 p.m.

### GOLF

The fourth annual Stony Creek Junior Open for boys and girls 13-17 is July 12. The tournament consists of 18 holes of medal play on the golf course at Stony Creek Metro Park. There are divisions for players 13-15 and 16-17. Entry forms available at the course. For more information, call 781-9166.

# The decisions of fatherhood

**H**EVY CHRIS, did your wife have the baby yet?" "Gees, have you been in Beirut for the last month, or what? Yes, we had our child May 31."

"Well, tell me the vitals."

"Bats left, throws right, splits up a lot."

"No, stupid. Is it a boy or girl? What did you name it?"

"It's a boy, Ryan Christopher."

"So, how does it feel to be a father?"

"I like it so far."

"WHAT'S YOUR biggest fear?"

"That he'll grow up to look like his father."

"Be serious."

"That he'll grow up to look like Mick McCabe."

"Come on."

"OK, my biggest fear is that he'll grow up to be a soccer player."

"What?"

"Well, it's not really my biggest fear. But, this is a sports column."

"What's wrong with soccer?"

"I don't know, I don't have anything against soccer players really. I mean, you take Brian Tinnin, Gus Moffatt, Mary Kay Husey, Gene Fogel they are all soccer players and I like them a lot. They are great people. I don't even mind covering soccer, for such."

"So, what's the problem?"

"I would just rather Ryan be a baseball player, or a basketball player, or even a football player. I don't know, somewhere in the back of my mind I have this image of soccer as a communist sport where the fans riot and kill

each other. It used to be that a park was where you played baseball in the summer. You ever tried to play baseball at Bicentennial Park in Livonia? The place is crawling with little soccer kids. Everywhere you look you see those yellow goal posts, they look like mangled golden arches from McDonald's."

"Boy, are you going to get some nasty letters."

"I HOPE not. Everybody has their favorite and least favorite sports. Soccer is my least favorite contemporary sport. That's all. I have nothing against the game. Nobody covers soccer better than we do at the Observer. And I admit, some of my most precious memories from covering local sports are of watching Husey, Andy Rama, Sue Ferguson, John Gelma and Annette Ruggiero play soccer. I'd just rather Ryan played baseball."

"I've got another question for you. What if Ryan doesn't like sports at all?"

"What?"

"What if the kid takes up ballet?"

"That would be fine. I'm not going to



Chris McCosky

push him into anything. I'm not going to be like Brooke Shields' mom, for crying out loud."

"Somehow, I don't believe you."

"Why? Just because I enjoy sports doesn't mean I would force it on my kids. My dad was heavily into sports and he never pushed me into them. He just exposed me to them and I liked them. That's what I'll do for Ryan. I'll expose him to baseball, to football, basketball. I'll even show him gymnastics and swimming and golf. Soccer he'll have to find out about himself."

"ALL RIGHT, LET'S go further with this. You say you'll expose him to baseball. If you could pick any coach in the area, who would you have teach him baseball?"

"Oh, man, you want to get me killed. I name a coach and all the others call me up wondering what's so bad about the way they coach."

"No, no. Just say who you would want, given the choice, to teach Ryan baseball."

"All right. But let me say, up front, that I would be glad if any of the

coaches we deal with would take the time to teach my kid the game."

"Gees, you sound like a politician. Pick one and quit worrying about everybody's feelings."

"I guess it would have to be Fred Crissey of Plymouth Canton. He is the best at communicating what he knows to young people. And you get the idea that he truly cares for the players he coaches."

"What about basketball?"

"Boy, Salem's Fred Thomann comes first to mind, but he's only coaching girls. Same goes for Larry Baker at Mercy and Ed Kavanagh at Ladywood. Bob Blohm comes to mind, but he's not coaching at all. Neither is Dave VanWagoner. Can I pass on basketball?"

"NO, PICK somebody."

"Thanks. All right. I'm taking my kid up to Highland Park to let Glen Donahue show him the game. One thing's for sure, Glen will teach Ryan to have fun playing it."

"Football."

"This one is easy. John Herrington and Bob Sutter from Farmington Harrison. I'd want both of them. Herrington to teach Ryan how to play the game and Sutter to teach him how to be tough, how to become a grubber."

"What about you? Aren't you going to teach him anything?"

"Of course. I'm going to teach him that there's more to life than just sports."

"Funny guy."

## Strong arm tourney set

Competitive arm wrestling arrives Saturday, July 27 at the Livonia Mall with the running of the Michigan Classic Grand Prix.

The Grand Prix event is one in a series of Lite Beer regional competitions for local participants, sanctioned by the World Professional Armwrestling Association (WPAA), and held in major cities in the U.S. and Canada, culminating with the 1985 WPAA Championships in September at a designated midwest city.

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