

Elite teams ousted in USSSA tourney

The big names felt fast last weekend at the USSSA World Senior Youth Girls Softball Tournament at the Canton Softball Center.

None of the nation's top-ranked squads survived to the semifinals.

The defending champions — the Melbourne, Fla., Sharks — were absent, too.

Which left the title fight to be waged by another Florida-based team, the Pembroke Pines Bandits, and the Flames, from Euclid, Ohio.

It took some time, but the Bandits finally prevailed 6-0 in the final to claim the USSSA championship.

The final game was delayed 3½ hours Sunday afternoon by a downpour. The rain came during the second inning, and play wasn't resumed until 6:30 p.m.

The delay forced both the Bandits and the Flames to change their plane reservations, but for the Bandits the wait was worth it. They battled back after losing their fifth game of the tournament to win four straight and the title.

IRONICALLY, the Bandits were able to combine vengeance with victory. Their loss Saturday evening was by an 8-4 margin — to the Flames.

On Sunday morning, the two

teams met again. The Bandits needed two straight wins; the unbeaten Flames needed just one in the double-elimination tournament.

The first game went to the Bandits, 7-5, forcing the rain-delayed final.

The Bandits came-from-behind championship mirrored the upset-filled tournament. Only one of the top-10 nationally ranked teams reached the semifinals. That was the No. 10-rated crush of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., who took fourth.

The only other top-10 ranked team to finish among the top 10 were the defending-champion Sharks, who placed ninth. They entered the tournament rated fourth nationally.

SO HOW DID the top seeds fare? The No. 1 Virginia Beach (Va.) Sun Devils won one of three games. No. 2 Sweeney Chevrolet of Cincinnati went 2-2.

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Michigan's top finisher was Sterling Heights News Yearly, which placed third. The News Yearly won five straight before bowing to the Flames, 8-4, and to the Bandits, 10-7.

Michigan Metal Cast placed 10th with a 4-2 record. The state's top team, the Westland Spearhead, lost its first game before winning six in a row. The Spearhead was eliminated by the North Clayton (Ga.) Englelotts, 6-1, to place 12th.

Other local squads did not fare so well. The Plymouth-Canton Stingers, the Garden City Seniors and Farmington Can-Am all went 1-2 and finished in the lower half of the 84-

team field. The Livonia Seniors won three of five games and placed 40th.

SIX BANDITS earned berths on the all-tournament team, with two winning awards. Shortstop Nadine Khoualah was named MVP, while second-baseman Sandy Sang was the Gold Glove award-winner. Other Bandits on the all-tournament team were Dina Moffett, Marisa Campbell, Diane Cormany and Chris Hakstad.

The Flames had four team members receive all-tournament accolades: Laura Aveni, who led all hitters with 19 runs batted in for the tourney, Terri Sopko, Melba Bencel and Kelly Walunas.

Others honored with selection were, from the News Yearly, Jackie Weber, Kelly Gordon and Lisa Nuncunza; from the Crush, Lynn Smith, whose .737 batting average was a

tourney-best, and Melinda Spivey, who had a tourney-high four homers; and Kathy Scheibler of the Pierce County (Wash.) Stingers.

The Lynx team, from Georgia,

won the Best Dressed award, and the Blazers from Tri-City, Wash., captured the Sportsmanship Award.

The four-day tournament attracted nearly 5,500 in attendance.

Grodzicki abroad

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BUT GRODZICKI will have little opportunity to satisfy his coaching desires.

"Their high school sports are not spectator sports, really," he said. "There's not that kind of following over there. Most sports are on the club level, separate from the school system."

"I'm just going to have to see if I can contribute at all."

That kind of attitude led Grodzicki

to help former assistant Capling with North's girls at summer camps, hoping it would help lessen the loss. It didn't.

"Actually, it was probably a mistake," Grodzicki said. "It might have made it harder."

"I'm going to miss them, I sure am." But there was no turning back. The Grodzickis were off to another world, embarking on the experience of a lifetime for any teacher.

Livonia still alive

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lily had two hits apiece. Doug Kaiser (Birmingham Brother trio), and Mike Hayes each had two hits for Detroit.

ON TUESDAY, Livonia's pitching was overmatched by the hitting of Philadelphia Arzee, which posted a 7-2 win at Point Stadium.

Rick Rozman (Stevenson) started for Livonia and absorbed the defeat, allowing four runs on seven hits and a walk, striking out seven in 6½ innings. John Puszyk relieved and gave up three runs in 2½ innings.

Big guns for Philadelphia were Jim Lynch and Steve Pelowitz, each with solo homers, and Howard Freiling, who collected three hits and knocked in two runs.

Livonia broke on top, with Uille singling in White in the opening inning, then Martin Eddy banging a solo homer in the fourth to make it 2-1. But Philadelphia countered with Lynch's fourth-inning blast, a two-run rally in the fifth, Pelowitz's seventh-inning homer, and three runs in the seventh.

"Philadelphia is the best hitting team we've faced," said Heller. "We had numerous chances and could have put them away early. That line drive killed us."

The "line drive" Heller alluded to came off Vesting's bat in the third inning with the bases loaded and none out. What might have been a big blow was instead nabbed by first-baseman Freiling and turned into a double play. Livonia failed to score in the inning.

It was the biggest threat Livonia could mount against Philadelphia pitcher Jim Iivada, who allowed two runs on seven hits and two walks, striking out five in eight innings. White was Livonia's leading hitter with two.

Livonia played the Columbus (Ohio) All-Americans yesterday morning. Details of that game will be in Monday's sports section.

Repasky on hold

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"and I think that's what got me turned off. It wasn't anything like I thought it would be."

DREAMS DIE hard. A golfer — or basketball player or football star — easily convinces what it's like at the top rung of the ladder. Celebrity status, money, respect — all for playing a game they love.

What a life. We've all entertained such fantasies. Few of us get to live them.

Those that do may discover what Repasky did. Life at the top isn't all glitter. There's plenty of boredom, shuffling from one city to another, successes savored briefly then forgotten.

Or, even worse, no successes to savor. Just constant frustration, which transforms into pressure.

Repasky witnessed it first-hand last year. What she discovered was tour life wasn't so great, she found that maybe such a life wasn't for her. Why persist in pursuing a dream that could turn into a nightmare?

So she chuckled it. And she's happier because she did.

"I've only played three times all summer," she said, "and I was under 40 (for nine holes) each time."

"I'd still like to try the tour. Maybe someday."

Then again, maybe not.



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