

**sports shorts**

**● GYMNASICS MEET**

Farmington Gymnastics Center will host for the United States Gymnastics Federation state meet on Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17, at Harrison High School.

About 65 of Michigan's best gymnasts will compete in the Class 1-A-O (advanced-optional) event, which begins at 12:20 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Harrison is located 12 Mile Road, just east of Orchard Lake Road. There will be a charge for admission.

**● SOFTBALL SIGNUP**

Softball leagues are being organized for the coming season at the Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Council, Farmington Hills.

The first 16-week season begins Monday, April 25. There are openings for men, women and co-ed teams. Call 476-1100 or 476-1101 to sign up.

**● COACHES NEEDED**

Mercy High School is in need of

coaches for various sports and activities for the 1988 fall season. There are openings in swimming, pom-pom, cheerleading and junior varsity basketball.

Applicants should send a letter of application and resume to: Athletic Director, Mercy High School, 23000 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, Mich. 48018.

**● CITY SOFTBALL**

Farmington Hills Recreation Division is accepting registrations for new softball teams until the leagues are filled.

The entry fees are as follows: men's open, \$360; women's open, \$360; men's resident, \$320; men's industrial, \$320; women's industrial, \$320; and open co-ed, \$285.

All classifications are guaranteed 14 games except for the open co-ed league, which has 10 games guaranteed. The softball season begins May 2 and runs through Aug. 27.

For more information, call 473-9570 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

**the week ahead**

**PREP BASEBALL**  
Thursday, April 14  
Catholic Cent. at Dearborn, 4 p.m.  
Redford Union at Milford, 4 p.m.  
Warren Bulldogs at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at G.P. Lippert, 4:15 p.m.  
Friday, April 15  
Ply. Canton at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m.  
Luth. Central at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.  
Luth. Frank at Wald. John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Northville at Ply. Salem, 4 p.m.  
Farm. Harrison at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Farmington, 4 p.m.  
Catholic Cent. at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.  
St. Agatha at Luth. Clarenceville, 4 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.

**BOYS TRACK**  
Thursday, April 14  
Garden City at Wald. John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.  
Luth. St. Agatha at Redford Union, 4 p.m.  
Bish. Borgess at Luth. Churchoff, 4 p.m.  
Taylor Truman at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at G.P. Lippert, 4:15 p.m.  
Saturday, April 16  
Eksa Relay at Red. Thurston, 10 a.m.

**GIRLS TRACK**  
Thursday, April 14  
St. Agatha vs. Grossa Pte. Star at Sea at Claude Allison Field (2), 4 p.m.  
Saturday, April 16  
Ply. Canton at Taylor Tourney, TBA.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Thursday, April 14  
Wald. John Glenn at Garden City, 3:30 p.m.  
Luth. St. Agatha at Redford Union, 4 p.m.  
Bish. Borgess at Luth. Churchoff, 4 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at G.P. Lippert, 4:15 p.m.  
Friday, April 15  
Luth. Ladywood vs. Elm. Vanden at Fernside High School, 4 p.m.  
Bish. Borgess vs. H.W. Bish. Gallagher at Garden City High School, 4:30 p.m.

**GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
Thursday, April 14  
Redford Union at Milford, 4 p.m.  
Bish. Borgess vs. Redford St. Agatha at Claude Allison Field (2), 4 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, April 15  
Luth. St. Agatha at Wald. John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Wald. John Glenn at Luth. Frank, 4 p.m.  
W.L. Central at Luth. Churchoff, 4 p.m.  
Ply. Salem at Northville, 4 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Farm. Harrison, 4 p.m.  
Farmington at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Redford Union, 4 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Luth. Westland (2), 4 p.m.  
Bish. Borgess at H.W. Borgess (2), 4 p.m.

**Profiles of area baseball teams**

**REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS**

● Head coach: Mike George, third season.  
● Last year's overall record: 15-11.  
● League affiliation: Catholic (Central Division).

● Notable losses to graduation: Keith Hubbel, All-Area pitcher/third baseman (11 homers, 39 RBI).  
● Leading returns: Paul Dresinski, senior shortstop (.285); Bill LaFosse, senior first baseman (.307); Steve Coloff, senior catcher; Bob Elliott, senior pitcher (4-5, 2.3 ERA); Craig Karaniewicz, senior pitcher (5-1, 1.19 ERA, 589 innings pitched); Cedric Stowers, senior center fielder; Tim Paul, All-Division pitcher/pitcher/first baseman (.302); Charles North, junior designated hitter/first baseman (.321); Joe Burzaco, junior second baseman.

● Promising newcomers: Loyd D'Angelo, senior left baseman/pitcher; Dave Crosby, junior pitcher; Randy White, sophomore third baseman.  
● George's '88 outlook: "The team will only go as far as the seniors will take it. If the seniors have the season they're capable of, we can look forward to a successful season. This is a close team. We're not real fast, but we've improved our base running. Deliberately, we should be a good club, but how deep is our pitching? It will depend how well we do offensively. Without Hubbel, we'll be more of a singles and doubles team."

**REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL**

● Head coach: John Satter, eighth year.  
● Last year's overall record: 28-8.

● Titles won last year: Class A district, regional and state championship.  
● Notable losses to graduation: All-Area Greg Haeger, pitcher/first baseman, playing at University of Michigan; Doug Miller, pitcher/outfielder, playing at Eastern Michigan; Gar Garcia, pitcher/first baseman; Bob Maleck, catcher/outfielder.  
● Leading returns: Kevin Rogers, senior shortstop; Mike Dorosh, senior pitcher/second baseman (.320); Matt Cannon, senior first baseman (.345); John Gotts, senior pitcher/third baseman; Larry Strub, senior catcher; Leo Hutchinson, junior pitcher (9-2 in career).  
● Promising newcomers: Tom Hill, junior outfielder; Chris Tomlin, junior outfielder; Peter Ezevic, junior infielder; Marc Matkowiak, senior outfielder.

● Satter's outlook: "The experience we gained in the state tournament last year has given this year's seniors a lot of confidence, so we're hopeful of getting off to a good start this season. Our hitting seems to be improved, at least in preseason practices. We have better team speed this year.  
"One of our weaknesses is our inexperience on the mound, having graduated four good senior pitchers."

**REDFORD ST. AGATHA**

● Head coach: Ray Fracassi, fourth season.  
● Last year's overall record: 18-15.  
● League affiliation: Catholic (C-D Division).

● Notable losses to graduation: Gene DiVito.  
● Leading returns: David Crespi, senior captain, All-Division catcher/third baseman; Ray Alverson, senior shortstop; Tom Wilson, senior first baseman (.341); Matt Haran, junior third baseman; Tony Gagnon, senior pitcher.  
● Promising newcomers: Matt Sobiech, junior center fielder; Rick Fowler, sophomore pitcher/outfielder; Kevin Smith, sophomore shortstop; Tom Roney, sophomore outfielder; Jason Toni, senior pitcher.

● Fracassi's '88 outlook: "Our outlook is pretty much the same for two years. We're still a young team, but we've improved. It's our hitting and pitching improved the way it should, it could be a fun year. We have dedicated, hard-working players, and hopefully it will pay off."

"Our strengths lie with a mixture of veterans and new people. If our hitting improves, I believe we can play with anyone. We need good play from some of our middle infielders — Marc Salah, Bob Picano and Matt Haran — as well as improved from last year's performance."

**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE**

● Head coach: Mike Shearer, ninth season.  
● Last year's overall record: 9-9.  
● League affiliation: Metro Conference.

● Notable losses to graduation: Dan Foss, first baseman.  
● Leading returns: Joe Jentzer, senior pitcher/shortstop; Joe Whittaker, senior pitcher/shortstop; Bob Lynn, senior catcher; Bill Bertera, senior outfielder; Rich Ray, junior pitcher/third baseman; Steve Tyn, senior first baseman; Dave Petty, junior pitcher; Matt Lemko, senior outfielder.  
● Promising newcomers: Andy Weighal, sophomore outfielder; Chris Foss, sophomore second baseman.  
● '88 outlook: The Trojans, bolstered by the pitching of Jentzer, will be a serious contender for the Metro Conference championship. This is a veteran team that could make some noise in the Class B districts.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**

● Head coach: Herb Ostler, 10th year.  
● Last year's overall record: 9-12.  
● League affiliation: Western Lakes (Western Division).

● Losses to graduation: Lance Sullivan, All-area first baseman; University of Detroit; John Kruttschnitt, pitcher/outfielder; Matamoras College.  
● Leading returns: Jeff Mitsopoulos, senior shortstop; Chris Day, senior outfielder; Dave Chaboin, senior catcher; Eric Olson, junior third baseman; Scott Kieny, junior pitcher.  
● Promising newcomers: Dave Partos, infielder; Joe Ahmed, pitcher/outfielder; Jeff Pencil, pitcher/infielder; Dale Colek, catcher; Jim Maruszewski, outfielder.  
● Ostler's '88 outlook: "With only three returning senior starters, we will be playing mostly juniors. The junior group is solid and will improve as the season progresses. The senior group is small, but they will provide excellent character and leadership. Our weakness lies in the fact that we have to adjust to playing at the varsity level."

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN**

● Head coach: Gerry Cullen, 10th season.  
● Last year's overall record: 15-11.  
● League affiliation: Western Lakes (Western Division).

● Titles won last year: Class A district.  
● Notable losses to graduation: T.J. Kramer, second team All-Area pitcher; Henry Hilar, pitcher; Mike Wozniak, All-Area outfielder; Paco Chavez, pitcher/infielder; Pat Greener, infielder.  
● Leading returns: Senior Tom Harper, second team All-Area shortstop (.358); Mike Wenzelak, senior second baseman (.303); Scott Canfield, senior outfielder (.300); J.J. Swindall, senior catcher (.307); Mike Zancopko, senior first baseman; Brian Whalen, senior second baseman; Steve Olson, senior pitcher/outfielder; Paul Calteja, senior pitcher.  
● Promising newcomers: Darren Lipkow, junior catcher/infielder; Joe Ramsey, junior outfielder; Dan Murray, junior pitcher; Leik Minard, senior outfielder; Ed Gumprowski, senior pitcher; Matt Sotell, senior pitcher; Tom Shea, senior pitcher; Paul Stratton, senior pitcher.

● Cullen's '88 outlook: "We're looking for pitching. We have a lack of experience, but

some have shown promise. We won't know until we play a few big games."

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**

● Head coach: Jim Geoghegan, sixth year.  
● Last year's overall record: 12-6.  
● League affiliation: Western Lakes (Lakes Division).

● Notable losses to graduation: Pete Mazzola, catcher; Mike playing for Adrian College; Mark Walter, outfielder; Ron Laude, pitcher.  
● Leading returns: Bill Covert, senior outfielder (.308); Todd Fracassi, senior second baseman (.280); Dave Houghty, senior outfielder/pitcher (3.00 batting average, 3.0 E.A. pitcher).  
● Promising newcomers: Dan Pargenet, junior catcher; Mike Dabornice, junior pitcher; Russ Tappin, junior pitcher/first baseman; Scott Koslowski, junior shortstop; Ron Bryan, junior third baseman.  
● Geoghegan's '88 outlook: "I expect us to hit with authority throughout the lineup. To me, our success will be measured by how well our young pitchers hold up. The Western Lakes is a brutally tough conference."

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN**

● Head coach: Norm Hoopes, 22nd year.  
● Last year's overall record: 26-3.  
● League affiliation: Western Lakes (Lakes Division).

● Notable losses to graduation: All-Area shortstop Rick Tavornata, University of Detroit; All-Area catcher Mike Hammitt, Eastern Michigan; Bill Barber, pitcher; Michigan State; All-Area pitcher; Carl Staubb, senior pitcher/third baseman; Chris Schaffer, senior outfielder; Pat Pettit, senior second baseman; Bryan Satterlee, junior first baseman; Rich Keadal, senior utility; Kevin Maurin, senior pitcher/outfielder.  
● Promising newcomers: James Zewick, sophomore shortstop; John Duty, sophomore pitcher; Brian Heidman, junior infielder/outfielder; Jim Stupomaker, sophomore; Max Lemmon, junior; Wayne Vester, junior; Max Cronin, junior; Kevin Mikulak, junior.  
● Hoopes' '88 outlook: "We should hit and pay good defense. Pitching, except for Staubb, might be weak. Pitching depth is a big question, but I feel we'll be competitive."

**GARDEN CITY**

● Head coach: Bob Droop, 23rd season.  
● Last year's overall record: 18-5.

● League affiliation: Northwest Suburban.  
● Notable losses to graduation: Rick Beczak, shortstop/pitcher (.463); Mike Seid, outfielder/pitcher (.373); Barry Vess, catcher (.289).

● Leading returns: Jeremy Krol, shortstop/pitcher (.285 as a hitter and 2-1 as a pitcher); Tom Hill, outfielder (.300); Gene Boyce, third baseman/pitcher (.354, 5-1); Ken Hosen, first baseman (.321); Jerry Holt, outfielder/pitcher (.308).  
● Promising newcomers: senior Don Emerson, second baseman; senior catcher Scott Selverberg; junior shortstop Dave Mieruchaj; junior outfielder Bob Stubbs; junior first baseman Rick Waters; second baseman Tom Lotmer; pitcher Dustin Akins; pitcher Darrin Clark.  
● Droop's '88 outlook: "Another solid season, providing a few of the more varsity players can make the next jump to the varsity level — especially the pitchers."

**REDFORD UNION**

● Head coach: Stu Ross, eighth season.  
● Last year's overall record: 17-6.

● League affiliation: Northwest Suburban.  
● Titles won last year: Wolverine A championship.  
● Notable losses to graduation: Ron Way, All-Area pitcher; Ken Drowapewski, shortstop; Doug Quastrow, outfielder; All-Wolverine A.J.; Joe Gossett, second baseman.  
● Leading returns: Mike Heard, senior outfielder; second team All-Division (4-2), Doug Pohn, senior catcher (.328, All-Wolverine A.); Kevin Beczak, senior pitcher (.5-0), All-Wolverine A.; Dave Aber, senior pitcher (4-1).  
● Promising newcomers: Rob Puckett, junior outfielder; Christian DeWitt, junior second baseman; Jayson Mitchell, junior shortstop; Bill Wicker, junior pitcher.  
● Ross' '88 outlook: "We lost our one, two, three and six hitters through graduation and they all hit well over .300 so the new recruits will have to prove themselves.  
"We have speed and defense through the outfield that is a strength. Our pitching and long ball will be defense men."

**REDFORD THURSTON**

● Head coach: Eric Mayeski, 23rd season.  
● Last year's overall record: 8-14.  
● League affiliation: Tri-River.

● Notable losses to graduation: Art George, second team All-Area pitcher; Kevin O'Connor and Bob Hourigan.  
● Leading returns: Steve Herman, senior pitcher/outfielder; Dave Stephenson, senior outfielder; Tim Wocky, junior third baseman/pitcher; Mike Lutz, junior pitcher/outfielder; Jeff Dooley, senior pitcher/infielder; Frank Rochna, senior first baseman/outfielder; Rick Brandenburg, senior catcher (captain); Rich Kendall, senior utility; Kevin Maurin, senior pitcher/outfielder.  
● Promising newcomers: James Zewick, sophomore shortstop; John Duty, sophomore pitcher; Brian Heidman, junior infielder/outfielder; Jim Stupomaker, sophomore; Max Lemmon, junior; Wayne Vester, junior; Max Cronin, junior; Kevin Mikulak, junior.  
● '88 outlook: The Eagles slumped last season under .500, losing a number of tight ball-games. A veteran cast returns. The hitting lineup is solid, but pitching may be a question mark as they fly for Tri-River League honors.

**WAYNE MEMORIAL**

● Head coach: Jim Cronowinski, 16th season.  
● Last year's overall record: 17-6.

● League affiliation: Wolverine A.  
● Titles won last year: Wolverine A championship.  
● Notable losses to graduation: Ron Way, All-Area pitcher; Ken Drowapewski, shortstop; Doug Quastrow, outfielder; All-Wolverine A.J.; Joe Gossett, second baseman.  
● Leading returns: Mike Heard, senior outfielder; second team All-Division (4-2), Doug Pohn, senior catcher (.328, All-Wolverine A.); Kevin Beczak, senior pitcher (.5-0), All-Wolverine A.; Dave Aber, senior pitcher (4-1).  
● Promising newcomers: Rob Puckett, junior outfielder; Christian DeWitt, junior second baseman; Jayson Mitchell, junior shortstop; Bill Wicker, junior pitcher.  
● Cronowinski's '88 outlook: "We lost our one, two, three and six hitters through graduation and they all hit well over .300 so the new recruits will have to prove themselves.  
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