

# Caesars keeps 2-game lead

Steve Looney singled in Art George with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning Wednesday, lifting first-place Little Caesars to a 4-3 victory over Walter's Appliance in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game at Ford Field.

The win kept Caesars (21-5) two games in front of second-place Tom Holzer Ford of Farmington Hills.

George, a Thurston High product and freshman standout at the University of Evansville this season, reached first to lead off the inning when he was hit by Walter's reliever Dave Knapp. George went to second on a stolen base and took third on Shawn Uzarski's split single. Derrick Dowling then was intentionally walked to load the bases, setting the stage for Looney, who came through in the clutch.

In the top of the seventh, Walter's rallied for a 3-1 tie when Caesars reliever Rob Jamula batted home Keith Opalich from third.

Jamula took over for starter Steve Witt, who was the winning pitcher. Knapp, who relieved Mark Wolter, suffered the loss.

Uzarski led Caesars with two hits, including a solo homer in the third inning.

John Knitke, who played at Livonia Churchill before moving on to Kalamazoo College, went 3-for-3 in a losing cause. John Stoitsidis added two hits as Walter's fell to 12-13-1.

**TOM HOLZER FORD** broke open a close game Wednesday in the second half of a twin bill at Ford Field, scoring eight times in the sixth to beat last place South Lyon Londo, 12-2.

The game was halted after six innings because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Five different Holzer players collected two hits apiece including Paul Newitt, Rick Tavormina, Scott Peterson, Keith Dutkiewicz and Kevin Ritter.

Holzer took advantage of four Londo errors and a slew of passed balls and wild pitches.

Bill Bragg (1-1), the Holzer starter, worked four innings to pick up the win. He allowed two runs on four hits, while striking out four.

Dan Hilliard worked the fifth and the sixth innings, fanning four of the seven batters he faced.

**HINES PARK** Lincoln-Mercury of Plymouth-Canton fell to 12-14 in the year's Wendy's of Ann Arbor (10-15) kept its slim playoff hopes alive for the fourth and final spot, scoring a 5-4 win Wednesday at Huron High School.

Wendy's prevailed despite blowing a 4-1 advantage through six innings.

Hines Park rallied to tie the game in the seventh on three solo homers.

Jerry Sumner led off the inning with a round-tripper and Tony Alken (his sixth of the year) and Tim Dowd followed with solo shots, each with two out.

But Wendy's rebounded in the bottom of the inning, scoring the winning run on a wild pitch by Bob Files, who took over for Bill Barber.

Todd Marlon worked four innings, allowing three runs before giving way to Barber, the former Westland John Glenn standout, who worked the fifth and the sixth. Barber then allowed a lead-off single in the seventh before being pulled for Files.

Barber was charged with the loss.



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## Good show

Eric Miller winds up Thursday night en route to pitching a four-hitter in South Farmington's 13-2 victory. Miller is 2-0 with several saves and an earned run average that was 0.78 going into the game.

## baseball

North Farmington-West Bloomfield clinched its Pine and Pory League Baseball season with the annual all-star games. Members of the respective squads are listed below:

- PINE NORTH DIVISION A**  
Joe Jones, Mike Laska, Andy Roth, Evan Sierra and Steven Krasman, Tiger; Steven Gernat, Josh Klamm, Corey Schurmer, Grant White and Joel Mazur, Red Sox; Jared Sherman, Wesley Gallegos, Kevin Kusick, Brad Quinn and Andy Black, White Sox; and Andrew Carlson, Brent Conroy, Bryan Gasser, Jimmy Chelone and Chris Karvy, Blue Jays.

- PORY NORTH DIVISION B**  
Damon Garcia, Jeff Gervoy, Brent Mackay, Rick Martin and Brad Barth, Yankees; Wes Bedones, Bill Conroy, Steve Gervoy, Steve Weiss and Vicky Tyle, Angels; Jay Lutz, Johnnie Higgins, Joseph Pomeroy, Steve Gagnier and Brent Taylor, Pirates; and Adam Bignay, Jacob Fester, Matt B...

- PORY SOUTH DIVISION A**  
Bob Miller, David Rowe, Matt Baker, Andrew Weiss and Tim Kalk, Salt Brines; Andy Falcetta, Peter Conroy, Jason Duff and Mike Stearns, Pirates; Andy Kalk, Brad Lutz, Kirk McCroft, Ray Williams and Steve Lutz, Great Lakes; Dave Reid, Dean Matczak, Michael Taylor and Ken Jordan, Rock; The Chocoma 4 ballers won the game 20-18 in which Brent and Cliff...

- PORY SOUTH DIVISION B**  
Adam Bignay, Jacob Fester, Matt B...

# Cox among area football all-stars

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It was an emotional game. The Hobbes: Weightlifting. Favorite player: Carl Banks, linebacker for the Giants. "I always tied him when he played here at State. I'm a big fan of his." Summer job: "I worked in a bakery until I got sick with mono (mononucleosis) for three weeks. I just started conditioning again, and it's been tough ever since." Presidential pick: "Bush, no doubt."

**JEFF GRAHAM WESTLAND JOHN GLENN**  
Tight end (8-6, 245)

Future plans: Attend Michigan State on a football scholarship. Family: Lives with mother and father, along with one sister, Stacy, who plays volleyball for Eastern Michigan.

Best moment in high school football: "Beating Harrison for the league championship. They were one of the top teams in the Midwest. It was a high intensity work."

Hobbies: Golf. "I'm good off the tee, but not in the fairway. I got poison by the other day going through the woods after one of my balls." Favorite player: Howie Long (nose tackle with the Los Angeles Raiders). Summer job: Sportswear. "It's a go-out place on Ford Road, and it's close to my home. I work a shift out on the track. It's an easy summer job where you can wear shorts with no shirt. It's easy kicking people off when they've been there for so long."

Presidential pick: "Probably Bush."

**ERIK KNUTH REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL**  
Defensive line (6-3, 230)

Future plans: Attend University of Michigan

on a football scholarship. Family: Lives with mother and father, older sister and brother, also a younger sister.

Best moment in high school football: "Playing in the state championship game in a 3-0 loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer." Always stand out. It was the biggest game I played in my career."

Hobbies: "My parents have a place up north on Burt Lake and like to go tubing." It's a lot of fun.

Favorite player: Howie Long. Summer job: "I worked at Hygrade Meats (in Livonia) on the Bob Evans Bacon Line, but I got because there wasn't enough time for conditioning. I've been running and working out a lot lately."

Presidential pick: "I'm Republican at the way."

**MIKE NETTIE LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
Defensive line (6-4, 234)

Future plans: Attend Central Michigan University on a football scholarship.

Family: Lives with father and mother, along with two older brothers.

Best moment in high school football: "My senior year playing John Glenn when they were ranked in the top 10. We played a helluva game and won 14-9. The whole week was intense. That was a highlight."

Hobbies: "I do a lot of biking to keep in shape. Sometimes 10 to 15 miles, usually every other day."

Favorite player: Lawrence Taylor (linebacker with the Giants). "Put Howie Long in there, too."

Summer job: Landscaping. "I'd go early in the morning and work 'til about 5. But it was a short summer since we graduated so late (June 22). Right now I'm trying to get ready for Central."

Presidential pick: "I'd go with Bush."

# McGrath's goal to swim in Seoul

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After taking a year off, Meagher has returned. At the U.S. Nationals in March in Orlando, Meagher posted the best time of the year in the 200 fly — 2:14. McGrath was third in the race with a 2:14, behind Michelle Grigolon (2:11.0).

McGrath was pleased with her performance. "I felt that with the amount of rest I had, and comparing it with the times I had in December (2:13.0), that I was going in the right direction."

After completing her education at U-T (with a degree in English), the 19-year-old McGrath chose to stay in California. Instead of staying at U-T and training with Kelly, she opted to go to Concord, Calif., and work out with a select group former Olympian Kelly Ivey's coaching.

"It was definitely worthwhile," said McGrath of going to California. She returned to U-T a month ago when Ivey's camp expanded from one to two dozen swimmers and the individualized attention was lost.

"I DON'T KNOW if it would have been too good to be here all year, with the emphasis on college swimming," said McGrath. "In Concord, everyone was training for the Olympics."

Training with Ivey also allowed McGrath to redirect her workouts, something she had never quite been able to accomplish in college. "The two major things I always wanted to concentrate on were my

power and my kick," she said. "Those were the two things Richard (Quick) criticized me for. He'd say, 'If we could only get you stronger, and if we could keep your kick going hard for that last 50.'"

Quick and McGrath tried different training methods, but McGrath still felt the need for a change in scenery and some new ideas. That's what she got from Ivey, who put more emphasis on developing power through different types of exercises and training sessions, both in and out of the water, and less yardage.

As fast as McGrath has been — her personal best in the 200 fly is 2:10.4 (the same as Meagher's best this year); in the 100 it's 1:07.7 — she knows she'll have to do better.

HER TOUGHEST competition in the 200 other than Meagher is expected to come from another U-T swimmer, Kelly Davies, and Julie Gorman from the University of Florida. In the 100, Meagher and a host of others have a shot at the two Olympic team berths.

"There are quite a few girls who have been in the 1:00s this year (in the 100)," she said. "If I can go a 59, I should be able to make it."

After finishing fifth at the national

ais in the 100 in 1:01.5, McGrath's confidence received an unexpected boost when swam a 1:01.4 in mid-June, untested. "I always thought about the 100," she said. "That just told me to do it."

McGrath is counting not just on her long months of intensified training to give her an edge. The sight of the Trials, in a pool she is so familiar with, should be an advantage.

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## Venture softball king

Venture Distributing emerged from the losers bracket to knock off Dunleavy and win the 19th Annual Farmington Founders Festival Softball Tournament on Sunday, July 17.

Venture Distributing, which lost its second game and then won its last eight, handed Dunleavy its first loss 9-2 and then won the title with an 8-0 victory.

Scott Brown and Jeff Sheeran, both of whom play for Venture, were named the tournament's co-most valuable players. Brown belted six home runs and Sheeran five during the three-day tournament. Marty Perlech manages the Venture team.

Brown and Sheeran, along with Venture teammates Tom Vaughn, Ken Perlech and Tim Doyle, were named to the all-tournament team.

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