

## swimming

### NORTHWEST SUBURBAN SWIM LEAGUE RESULTS

BEAVERIDGE SWIM CLUB 207 HUNTINGTON WOODS 270 (Thursday, June 27)

#### DOUBLE WINNERS

15-18: Mike Hofstein, 50 back (31.6) and 100 free (58.6); Veronica Fordeberg, 50 back (35.03) and 100 free (1:07.65); 10-14: Nancy Harvey, 100 m (1:17.28) and 50 back (37.34); 15-18: Jennifer Hothorn, 50 back (38.05) and 50 free (30.95); 11-12: Patrick O'Callaghan, 50 m (39.88); 50 back (38.84) and 50 free (33.89); Chris Leland, 100 m (1:20.35) and 50 breast (37.01); 9-10: Julie Kukla, 50 free (38.06) and 50 back (32.21); 8-under: Jennifer Duthe, 25 m (21.88) and 25 m (24.25).

#### SINGLE WINNERS

15-18: Jason Barringer, 100 IM (1:10.30); Jim Murray, 100 m (1:19.73); Julie Horst, 50 back (34.59); 10-14: Jennifer Hothorn, 50 back (34.59); 9-10: Dennis Sugrue, 50 back (49.53); Kristin Schaeffer, 50 m (49.65); 8-under: Scott Hothorn, 25 back (25.50); Danny Dzikan, 25 breast (33.71); Kelly Smith, 25 breast (30.73).

#### RELAY WINNERS

40-year combined medley: Eric Phelps, Jimmy Gabriel, Julie Kukla and Danny Gabriel (1:13.2); 52-year girls medley: Nancy Harvey, Ann Deneen, Jennifer Hothorn and Debbie Hothorn (2:35.1); 54-year boys medley: Jim Hazzak, Matt Walker, Chris Leland and Brian Atkinson (2:06.9); 56-year girls freestyle: Wendy Leland, Julie Horst, Lisa Tonka and Veronica Fordeberg (2:06.9).

### TRI-CITY SWIM LEAGUE

### PIEMONTE CLUB 352 BEACON SQUARE 177 (Monday, June 24)

#### TRIPLE WINNERS

Matthews, Gruenwald, 15-17, 50 m (34.43); Matthews, Gruenwald, 13-14, 50 m (34.44).

## Observerland has 4 in all-star game

By Brad Emmons  
staff writer

The Americanization of Makoto Iwata apparently is not over. Originally scheduled to return home on June 10, the Lutheran High Westland pitcher, via Saitama, Japan, has been granted an extended stay, scheduled to be on the mound Tuesday at Tiger Stadium for the 10th annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game.

The right-hander is one of four Observerland players who have been chosen to play for the East and, in the switch, include catcher Scott Kennedy, a member of a champion Plymouth Salem Detroit Tiger draftee Scott Kennedy, a pitcher from Plymouth Canton, and Farmington Harrison outfielder Gary Devine.

"Everything will make me nervous," admitted the 19-year-old Iwata, who came to the United States from Westland in the fall of 1989. "I think a lot about it."

While several other Japanese exchange students from Lutheran High Westland have already returned to their homeland, Iwata remains here, determined in pursuit of going to an American university (with aspirations of continuing his baseball career).

"I WILL BE disappointed if I cannot stay here and play baseball for some college. If I can pitch (Tuesday), I hope somebody will watch. I'd like to go to Eastern Michigan. They have a good baseball team."

— Makoto Iwata

Iwata is an unknown quantity among college coaches and scouts. Perhaps many are suspect of the Class C competition Lutheran Westland plays against each spring.

But Iwata's statistics alone may raise a few eyebrows.

As a senior, the 5-foot-11, 152-pounder went 7-2 with a 1.13 earned run average. In 62 innings he fanned 90 batters, while walking only 10.

He also led the Warriors in hitting, a .472 average (27 for 54) with 20 RBI and seven extra base hits.

The All-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference pick also played first and third base when he was not on the mound.

"Makoto is a very good all-around player," Lutheran Westland coach Marty Muro said. "He's a very good fielder, and junks up things very quickly. I'd say he throws the ball 80 MPH."

His baseball talents, however, are not the biggest obstacle.

There is a language barrier. Iwata did not speak a word of English when he arrived at the Jim and Ann Cooper's doorstep nearly 15 months ago. (See Kamil, a friend of the Coopers from Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran in Canton, made the referral.)

BEATING the TOEFL Test, an English exam which could gain

Beast (37.04) and 13-14 100 IM (1:15.75); Jim Benvegna, 15-17 100 free (1:03.85); 13-14, 50 m (33.57); 10-14, 50 back (36.59); Mark Benvegna, 8-under 25 back (23.02); 8-under 25 back (23.29) and 8-under 25 free (39.44);

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