

Mustangs take tourney trophy

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Mustangs staged a pair of come-from-behind victories Sunday to win the championship of the Belleville Invitational.

The Mustangs advanced through the losers bracket to defeat the Belleville All-Stars in consecutive games, 11-10 and 8-6.

After beating the Belleville B team in the opener 19-4, NFWB lost to the All-Stars 10-3 but eliminated Milan with a 5-1 win and earned the rematch with the main Belleville team.

The Mustangs trailed 10-8 in the bottom of the eighth inning in the first game, but they rallied to win it when Evan Feldman's two-out double broke a 10-10 tie.

IN THE SECOND game of the final series, NFWB faced a 6-4 deficit in the top of the sixth. Another double by Feldman tied the game, and Mike Gleason's two-run double gave the Mustangs an 8-6 lead.

Other players with key hits in the championship contests were Mark Flacbaum, Ross Patterson, Mike Sopo and Kent Taylor.

Gleason was the winning pitcher in the first victory over the All-Stars, entering in the top of the eighth inning in relief of Feldman. Sopo pitched the last two innings of the second game to earn that victory.

The NFWB roster also included Brent Schoenbach, Dale Young, Eric Stricher, Chris Brede and Josh Gad-Harf. The Mustangs are managed by Dennis Patterson. The coaches are Paul Flacbaum, Jim Taylor and Ron Schoenbach.

The players who comprised the Mustangs were a combination of boys from 9- and 10-year-old tournament teams in the NWFB organization. They finished their respective seasons in age-group competition two weeks ago and had not played together as a team until the Belleville tournament.

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Mallon golfs for Mercy

Former Mercy High School standout and current LPQA star Meg Mallon participated in a golf outing and fund-raiser for her alma mater Monday at Edgewood Country Club. Mallon's golf coach at Mercy, Vicki Kowalski (right), shows her some snapshots of her high school days, and she talks with Richard Maher (below, from left), former classmate Patty Maher and Al Bakerman. Mallon was stationed on the first tee to meet the players, have a photo taken and hit a ball upon request in the scramble tournament. About 150 golfers participated, and the event raised \$40,000. Mallon also became the first inductee into the Mercy Hall of Fame that evening.



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

N. Farmington pitcher going to Southern Cal

By Dan O'Meara
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Though he missed nearly half of his senior season because of a medical mixup, Andrew Margolick's baseball story has a happy ending.

Actually, it would be more appropriate to call it a happy beginning, as in the start of a college career.

The former North Farmington pitcher signed a national letter of intent this month to play baseball for the University of Southern California.

The left-handed Margolick, who also considered Michigan, Michigan State and North Carolina, visited the USC campus in July and was immediately impressed.

"I was all set to go to Michigan State and USC flew me out," he said. "I had a great visit and knew that was the place for me."

"WHEN I SAW the facilities and the way athletes are treated, I knew it was the best place for what I wanted to do, which is play baseball."

At one point in the spring, Margolick didn't know if he would be able to do that again. At least that's what one doctor told him.

Margolick was misdiagnosed as having a shoulder/arm injury, but it



Andrew Margolick
pitcher signs with USC

turned out to be an easily-treatable back ailment instead.

"For our first game, it was about 20 degrees and I was stiff and sore," he said. "The doctor said I had done damage to my shoulder and should sit out three weeks."

"It wasn't even an injury. I went to our team doctor . . . and he diagnosed the real problem in five minutes."

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"It was just some tissue in the back that was swollen. He gave me an anti-inflammatory pill and some exercises to do. I was pitching two days later. Right away it was better — and I missed a lot of my senior season because I trusted what one doctor said."

MARGOLICK, WHO was 3-3 with a 1.20 earned run average in 45 innings and had a .385 batting average for the Raiders, didn't lose faith and never did some of the schools recruiting him.

"I knew I could do the job," he said. "Some looked strictly at my stats. The schools that were interested in me looked at the whole picture. They looked at the way I threw, the fact I had good mechanics and potential. They didn't look at the number of strikeouts or walks I had."

"(USC) found out about this condition, but they also found out I was completely recovered."

Margolick is eager to get started at USC, where baseball is virtually a

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Area players dot MIAA rosters



By C.J. Rieck
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It was really no surprise, what college topped the list when the results in the coaches' vote for the preseason favorite in the 1991 Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association football race were announced.

Albion College first, followed by Hope, Olivet, Adrian, Kalamazoo and Alma.

It would be difficult to argue with Albion's pre-eminence. After all, the Britons were 7-1-1 a year ago (4-0-1 in the MIAA), winning their second-straight title.

What's worse — for everyone else in the MIAA, anyway — Albion returns seven starters on defense and eight on offense, including the league's top passer, sophomore quarterback Mike Montico, from Detroit Country Day.

Of course, it should also be noted that in the previous 23 coaches' preseason polls, the right team was selected just eight times.

BUT THIS year, it looks like a lock — even though there are no more paties in the MIAA. Kalamazoo and Olivet, for years the league's doormats, are both much improved.

Still, Albion has all the ingredients — including depth, with players like junior linebacker John Brennan (6-feet-1, 205 pounds), a Plymouth Salem graduate, and sophomore receiver Mike Spaccarotella (5-7, 155), from Livonia Churchill.

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