

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1992

# SPORTS

## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Red Devils win tournament

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Red Devils 10-year-old baseball team won the NFWB Mustang Independence Day Tournament July 3-5.

The Red Devils invoked the mercy rule in all four games and outscored their opponents 66-9.

Robbie Sparks, Ross Patterson, Brent Schoenbach, Brad Jaffe were starting pitchers in one game each. Brian Grohman, Mark Flanbaum and Chris Breite made relief appearances.

Larry Rogers hit .727 (8-of-11) to lead the team, Sparks .750 (9-12), Patterson .692 (9-13), Flanbaum .600 (9-15), Grohman .600 (6-10), Schoenbach .571 (4-7) and Kent Taylor .466 (7-15).

Patterson also scored 10 runs and had 12 RBI, Sparks nine and 10, Flanbaum nine and seven. Taylor hit two home runs and had 10 RBI.

Other contributors are Dale Young, Derek Spicer, Brennan Barnes, Mott McCoy and Brady Dwyer. The Red Devils are coached by Dennis Patterson, Paul Flanbaum, Ron Schoenbach and Jim Taylor.

### Tigers finish undefeated

The Tigers completed an unbeaten season in the South Farmington Mustang East Division with a 16-0 record.

"Our goal at the beginning of the year was not to go undefeated but to improve," manager Tom Martillotti said. "We emphasize having some fun and improving. We like to win but not at all costs."

"All the kids played every game (according to league rules). We emphasize the fact we are a team. Our motto is: Together everyone achieves more."

The team members are Brent Bastien, Brian Bastien, Kevin Baker, Brian Briniston, Erik Broke, Tommy Gresham, Andy Gutierrez, Scott Laurent, Nate Mihelcic, Vince Martillotti, Joey Moreau, David Tjalema and Chris Watta.

The Tigers achieved their perfect season June 25 with a 13-7 victory over the Rangers. Tjalema was the top pitcher and hitter, finishing with 15 home runs. Assisting manager Martillotti are coaches Tom Gresham, Kevin Mihelcic and Joe Moreau.

## NFWB Reliable claims tourney title



North Farmington-West Bloomfield I Reliable finished another weekend of competition as champion of a Connie Mack tournament, winning the Tom Conway Memorial trophy.

North Farmington-West Bloomfield I Reliable won its second Connie Mack baseball tournament in as many weeks Monday when it defeated host Jackson in the final of the 15th Annual Tom Conway Memorial Tournament.

NFWB rallied to score four runs in the top of the ninth inning and win 5-1.

Mike Jehle had the game-winning hit with a bases-loaded single that scored two runs, and Doug Gaughan and John Heller added RBI singles before NFWB was finished.

NFWB received an excellent pitching performance from Jason Farrell, who worked all nine innings and limited Jackson to five hits while striking out four and issuing no walks.

Reliable had seven hits off two Jackson pitchers. Mike Cooper pitched 8 1/2 innings, but the loss went to reliever Jason Middlebrook.

Jackson forced a second game in the final round of the double-elimination tournament by defeating NFWB 6-5 Sunday.

Trailing 6-1 in the fifth, Reliable rallied for four runs on Mark Temple's two-run double, Heller's sacrifice fly and Adam Wood's RBI single. Wood had three hits in the game, Heller and Jehle two each.

Marcus Sarnovsky took the loss after giving up five runs on four hits and two walks in 3 1/2 innings. Martin Stonehouse relieved and completed the game.

NFWB began the tournament with a 13-0, mercy-rule win over Ross Collision of Ann Arbor in five innings Thursday.

Dan Podym pitched a one-hitter, striking out six and not walking anybody. Jehle hit a three-run triple, Daryl Ferguson had two hits and two RBI and Temple drove in two runs with a single.

On Friday, Temple was within one out of pitching a perfect game when a Westland batter hit a double. NFWB prevailed 7-0, however.

Temple struck out three and helped his cause with a two-run single. Heller was 3-for-4 and had one RBI, and Gerard Romej added two hits and one RBI.

NFWB won its third consecutive game Saturday, 9-4 over Jackson. Starting pitcher Chris Petoski got the win despite giving up four runs on seven hits over 4 1/2 innings. Farrell threw 2 1/2 innings of perfect relief.

Jehle and Temple had two-run doubles, and Gaughan and Ian Friedenberg had two hits each. Gaughan also had two RBI. Friedenberg had one RBI and scored three runs.

The next game resulted in the loss to Jackson on Saturday, but NFWB avenged the defeat a day later.

Reliable also improved to 7-0-1 in the Little Caesars Baseball Federation and 18-3-1 overall Tuesday by beating Ypsilanti 1 at Eastern Michigan University; 7-3.

Podym pitched a complete game, allowing five hits, no runs until the seventh, striking out seven and issuing four walks.

NFWB led 7-0 after three innings. Adam Chalmers had two hits and three RBI, Ferguson knocked in two runs with a single, Heller chipped in two hits and Gaughan and Wood added RBI singles.

## Brady handles Open pressure like champ

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

Steve Brady of Farmington Hills was cool under pressure last week in winning his second straight AAA Michigan Open championship on The Bear near Traverse City.

The 33-year-old Brady rallied to tie Jeff Roth on the final two holes and win a sudden-death playoff July 2. The victory netted Brady a first-place prize of \$13,400 — an increase of \$690 over last year.

"There was a little extra pressure on me this year because I was the defending champ," Brady said. "You want to do as well as you can, if not win. So, yeah, there was a little extra heat."

If being the defending champ raised the temperature for Brady, he was on

the hot seat late in the final round, but there was no way of telling based on his solid finish.

Brady saw victory slipping away when Roth forced a tie for the third-round lead at 211. The Flint challenger held a two-stroke lead with two holes left in the final round, which was played under difficult, windy conditions.

But Brady parred the last two holes while Roth made bogey each time, and both finished the day at 4-over-par 76 and 287 for the tournament. Brady made par again and Roth bogey on the first playoff hole.

"Any time you have a tournament at The Bear, it's usually tough," Brady said of the weather conditions. "Whoever was going to hang on and make the

least amount of mistakes on that last day was going to win.

"It was more or less a survival test. That's pretty much what I did — hang on, make solid shots and let the other guys make the mistakes."

Brady, who will become a first-time father any day now — his wife, Judi, was due to deliver July 4 — displayed a cool under pressure unlike the stereotypical expectant father in the final round.

"That was probably the most important aspect of it," Brady said, "because once you reach a certain level in any sport your mental approach is the most important thing. You can't get too excited about the birdies or too depressed about the bogeys."

"I was happy to snake through there

and pull it out. I told my caddy 'We have two holes to play; let's hang in there.'"

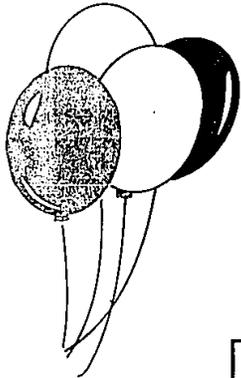
Brady, formerly the pro at Detroit Golf Club, is playing the Ben Hogan and TC Jordan tours full time this year. He also signed an endorsement contract with Star-Pics Inc., a trading card company based in Farmington Hills.

His victory in the Open again qualified him for the Michigan Bell Showdown, a skins game to be played on The Bear in late August. The total purse will be \$27,000 for 18 holes.

Brady also will play in this year's Tournament of Champions at Boyne Mountain July 20-22. Nearly 200 select Michigan golfers will compete for \$100,000 in prize money, including a \$25,000 payday for the winner.

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