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Lots to ponder in rainy summer

If everybody is worried about the cost of paying for security, if and when the Bentley outdoor basketball courts reopen, the simple solution is to have our Livonia Police become more visible during routine patrols.

Perhaps one of the men in blue could even participate in a pick-up game or two, just to let the players know they're around.

Instead of posting signs which read "No basketball," maybe something more appropriate like "No guns allowed."

The hottest sports action in Livonia seems to be at the two sand (beach) volleyball courts at Veterans Park (near the Y). The place is jammed at all hours of the day. But those guys can settle disputes without guns.

Still meaning to get over to Jake's Lounge to see the Wayne-Westland Sports Hall of Fame.

Schoolcraft teaching tennis pro Joe Brennan just seems to have a knack at developing junior players to their full potential.

Wonder how much rain they've had this summer in Johnstown, Pa.?

Things just aren't the same without Mike Adray pulling up next to Ford Field in his big Lincoln Town Car.

The best chicken noodle soup in the world? David's New York Deli. The place is located on Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile.

What's this three-on-three soccer stuff? Is Gus Macker involved?

How do you cover golf without the urge of playing?

I wonder how much pay-to-participate (not play) is

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About all the Redford Marauders got out of Sunday was a suntan.

The Marauders weren't pleased with the way they played soccer, losing to Flint Bud Light, 2-1, in the Great Lakes Soccer League First Division championship game at Livonia's Bicentennial Park. The loss was the first of the season for the Marauders, who are the league's three-time defending champions.

The sun was out and the temperature soared into the 90s but the Marauders weren't able to step up their intensity level against Bud Light, which finished second during the regular season.

"It's beautiful for sustaining, but the thing is we weren't used to the heat," said Marauders' goalkeeper Brian O'Shea. "But they are a very good team. They always had numbers up (on attacks). We didn't come out and play the best we can or should."

Marauders' manager John Pettersson, who doubles as league commissioner, had mixed emotions afterward. "It's great for the league (having Bud Light win) because it proves there's competition and no one team is dominant," Pettersson said. "As a manager this sucks because we own the cup. But we'll be back."

Steve Burns' goal midway through the second half broke a 1-1 tie and gave Bud Light its first-ever Great Lakes crown. Bud Light scored another goal in the second half that was called off because of a hand ball.

Burns was able to get open in front of

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O'Shea when Marauders' defender

Chris Speen fell inside the box area.

"The man was open, that's all I know, and he one-timed it into the open corner," O'Shea said.

The Marauders beat Bud Light 1-0 in the regular season and they've historically been the team to oust coach Tom Saxton's teams from the post-season playoffs.

"My message going in was to match the Marauders' intensity and finish our chances — and we had a lot of them," said Saxton, who also coaches the Michigan State University women's team. "We haven't been able to get over the bump against them and I attribute that to how hard they've played to go with talent. We beat a very good team."

The Marauders took the first lead of the game on a penalty kick by Livonia Churchill graduate John Gentile about 10 minutes into the game. Bud Light's Brett Christianson tied the score with a goal before halftime.



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Take down: Bud Light's Steve Burns gets knocked off the ball by the Marauders' Lars Richters, a former Livonia Stevenson standout who played with the Detroit Rockers last spring.

Bud Light carried the play most of the second half and the Marauders' chances to rally suffered when forward Rob Ludwig was given a red card for arguing with a referee.

Brian O'Shea made several fine saves in the first half to keep the score tied.

"The difference was they wanted it more; normally we come out playing a smart game," said Dan O'Shea, who

was out with a leg injury and filling in as coach. "They were coming up with all the 50-50 balls. On paper these two teams are very even."

The Ann Arbor Chilliers beat Jalisco 2-1 in the Division II final. The Red Wings won the Division III crown, also by a 2-1 margin over the Plymouth Blast.

BASEBALL

Walter's alive in Johnstown thanks to ex-Falcon Young

Walter's Appliance is 1-1 after two rounds of the All-American Amateur Baseball Association 20-and-under Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

The Livonia Collegiate Baseball League playoff champs rebounded from Monday's 11-7 opening-game loss to Schenectady, N.Y., to beat the Bay Side Yankees of Long Island, N.Y., 13-7, as Farmington High product Kevin Young went 5-for-6 with three doubles, a triple and two RBI in a game played Tuesday at Highland Field.

Young, an outfielder who will be a sophomore this fall at Central Michigan University, keyed a 10-run Walter's outburst in the fifth inning with a triple and double.

The LCBL champs sent 14 batters to the plate during the uprisings.

Other big hitters in the victory include Aaron Mach, three hits and one RBI; Jason Gabel, two hits and two RBI; Mike Giacomantonio, Eric Stover and Paul Pirronello, two hits

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apiece.

Walter's out-hit Long Island, 19-7, including eight extra base hits.

Winning pitcher Todd Bolke, a pickup from Deloit, went nine innings to pick up the win. He struck out five and walked three, while allowing five earned runs. Bayside took a brief 4-1 lead after three innings after Todd O'Rourke belted a three-run homer.

Monday's opener, however, was a nightmare for Walter's at Pete Vuckovich Field.

The Livonians committed five errors, including three errant throws.

"That was the telling tale," Walter's manager Mike Keller said. "Once we booted the ball we started

to throw it away all at once."

Schenectady scored seven unearned runs, but Walter's was only down one after six innings, 8-7, before the upstate New Yorkers put it out of reach with two runs in the eighth and one in the ninth.

Mach, the Henry Ford Community College standout picked up from LCBL rival Little Caesars, struck out with the bases loaded in the eighth to end a threat after clubbing a solo homer earlier in the game.

Jeff Pendell and Giacomantonio (also from Caesars) each collected two hits and an RBI in a losing cause.

Walter's used three pitchers with starter Mike Coleman (1 1/3 innings) suffering the loss. Louie McKelg pitched six innings, allowing three runs. Sean Henkel finished up.

Cameron Smith, who pitched three scoreless innings in relief, picked up the save for Schenectady. Mark Lavenia, who worked the first five innings, gained the victory.

SOFTBALL

Diamonds sweep pair in league

The Diamonds, of Farmington Hills, swept a doubleheader Tuesday at home against the Canton Commanders, 8-7 and 13-7.

The win improved the Diamonds to 8-6 in the Incredible Girls Fast Pitch League.

Any Laguna managed the only hit for the Commanders in the second game against Diamonds' winning pitcher Melanie Cheney. The game lasted only five innings because of a time limit.

Cheney struck out 10 and ran into some trouble because of 10 walks.

The Diamonds won the game with three runs in the bottom of the

The Girls Incredible League All-Star game is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Drake Field in Farmington Hills.

fifth. Cheney's two-out single with the bases loaded scored Kendra Falerios with the winning run. Lori Singer also had an RBI single during the fifth and the Diamonds were helped along with five walks and a Canton error.

Michelle Romig led the Dia-

monds' hitting attack with two hits and an RBI.

The losing pitcher for the Commanders was Jacki Nicestril.

In the opening game, the Diamonds scored six runs in the third to break open a close game. Amber Laguna was 2-for-2 at the plate but suffered the loss on the mound for the Commanders.

Meagan Stephan was the winning pitcher for Diamonds and Rachel Allard earned the save in relief. Falerios had a hit and two RBI, while Romig and Keith Fitzpatrick had one hit and an RBI apiece. Jennifer Cassidy also contributed a single.

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