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CC lacrosse honors

The Roneyne boys from Redford Catholic Central accomplished a rare triple double. The trio of Roneynes — Jamie, Justin and Brian — played on CC's hockey team, which lost in the Class A championship game, and the lacrosse team, which lost in the Division I state final.

Brian led the lacrosse team in scoring with 29 goals and 36 assists for 65 points, and Justin was second with 29 goals and 23 assists for 52 points. Jamie, who played goalie in hockey, had 13 goals and 19 assists for 32 points.

CC's Alex Alviar, Tim Knott, Joe Lopez and Brian Rice were named to the lacrosse all-state team. Paul Nemzek, Mike Arlen and Brian Roneyne were second-team selections.

Cobras stay on roll

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobras are 6-1 after three weeks of play in the Little Caesars Pee Wee Recce (ages 11-12) Baseball Federation.

The Cobras whipped Highland 30-0 and edged Garden City 11-10 in Games 3 and 4 to run their record to 4-0.

Mike Sopo had six hits in each game, Mike Gleeson and Adam Fazio five apiece. Rob Sparks pitched two innings of scoreless relief to nail down the Garden City victory.

NFWB suffered its only loss 10-9 to Livonia but bounced back with wins over Dearborn Heights Crestwood (13-9) and Dearborn (12-10).

Josh Gad-Harf pitched five strong innings in Games 6 and 7, and Sparks again threw two innings of scoreless relief against Dearborn.

Jason Melvin led the Cobras with three hits in the Crestwood game, and Matt McCoy and Milan Gandhi were defensive stars.

Dave Lusky was the winning pitcher in the Dearborn game, and Sopo and Gleeson had three hits each.

Pirates tryout camp

Steve Demeter, supervisory scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates, will conduct a tryout camp 9 a.m. Saturday (June 19) at Ford Field (Diamond No. 1) in Livonia.

Any player 16 years or older is eligible. Players must provide their own uniform, shoes and glove.

American Legion players must have written permission from their legion coach or post commander.

For information call John Murray (471-7980).

Rose Baseball Academy

The Stu Rose Baseball Academy will sponsor a fall baseball league for high school players in grades 9-12 from Aug. 23 through Oct. 10 at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

The cost is \$76 per player (\$65 if paid before July 31). The league features a 14-game schedule, team shirts and awards. For information call 477-7747.

Area boxer loses bout

Westland professional light heavyweight fighter Steve Darnell lost on a ninth-round technical knockout Monday against South African Garry Ballard in Africa.

The bout, scheduled for 10 rounds, was stopped when Darnell's trainer and manager Bradd Lally threw in the towel in the ninth round.

Despite the loss, Darnell, 26-4-2 overall as a pro, remained ranked ninth in the North American Boxing Federation. Darnell also lost on a ninth-round TKO in his last bout in February.

"Nine seems to be an unlucky number for him," said Lally.

Darnell is 1-1-2 since returning to the ring after a brief retirement. He hopes to return to the ring later this summer.

"I definitely thought I could beat that guy (Ballard)," Darnell said. "My last two fights I've lost to top-notch fighters. If I didn't think I was improving I'd call it quits. I have to step up and beat one of these guys and prove I'm worth something. If I can't, I'm out of here."

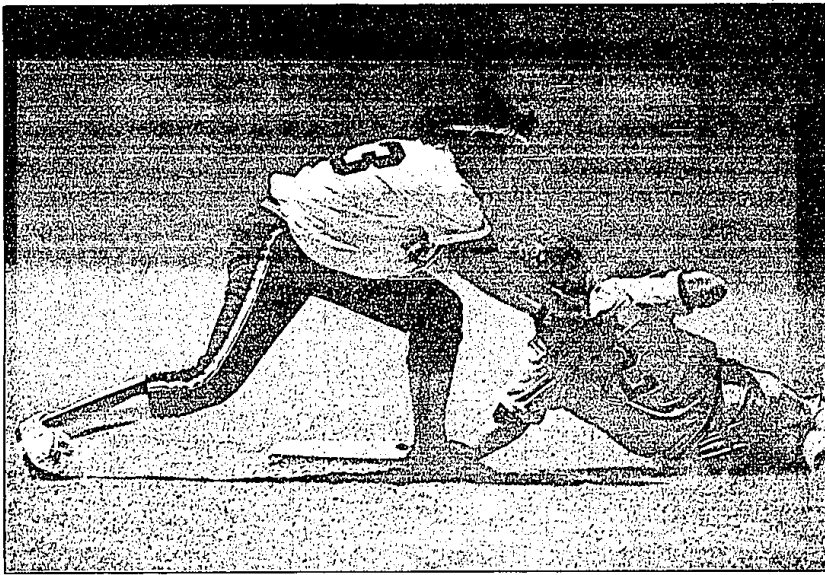
Paskievitch picks U-D

Brad Paskievitch, a Plymouth Canton senior, will attend the University of Detroit-Mercy and play golf for the Titans.

U-D's program is on the upswing, finishing third in the Midwestern Collegiate Golf Conference last fall behind Notre Dame and Xavier. That, and the camaraderie between U-D's golfers and coach Mark Engel, were the deciding factors for Paskievitch.

"After my visit, I narrowed it down to Ferris State and U-D," said Paskievitch, who also visited Michigan State and Eastern Michigan. "I didn't want to rush it, but after talking to both coaches and my parents I decided U-D was the place for me."

Paskievitch finished 14th out of 142 golfers at the Class A state finals. He finished second in regionals behind the eventual state champion.



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Regional tourney: Leigh Grandy of Adams is out at second base as Mercy shortstop Katie Heffernan applies the tag. The Marlins played well but lost 2-1 to the No. 3-ranked Highlanders.

Tourney upset barely eludes Mercy



BY MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

A pair of Catholic League girls softball teams, Birmingham Mercier and Farmington Mercy — were first-round victims at Saturday's Class A regional tournament, hosted by Walled Lake Western High School.

Marian lost its opening-round game to eventual regional champion Waterford Kettering, 11-3. Mercy gave Rochester Adams a mighty scare

— right up until its final trip to the plate — before falling in a tense game by a 2-1 margin.

Kettering went on to defeat Adams for the regional championship, 7-1. It marked the third time over the past four years the Captains have ended the Highlanders' state-championship aspirations.

Following is a summary of each first-round game.

■ ADAMS 2, MERCY 1: Mercy hung

around for the entire seven innings and nearly pulled off the upset of the regional.

Adams took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a throwing error then added another run in the fourth inning when Kim Savich tripled and scored on Jamie Powinski's ground out.

The Highlanders did not really threaten after that against Mercy pitcher Debbie Dalekan. The Marlins played excellent defense throughout the game, including a pair of double plays.

The bottom of the seventh inning proved both exciting and frustrating for the Marlins.

Jackie Rajkovich hit a one-out single and Ariana Poniatowski followed with another single to put runners at the corners. Rajkovich then scored as Poniatowski got caught in a rundown between first and second while attempting to steal.

The Marlins broke the shutout, but had two outs and nobody on.

Piper Metz kept the inning alive with a single and Kim Sanders walked. The runners moved to second and third on a wild pitch. The game ended when Kathy Mistravich's bunt attempt was played perfectly by Adams first baseman Shalawn Lewis.

Mercy's rally fell just short.

"They gave me everything they had and that's all I could ask for. We gave them a battle," Mercy coach Beth Burgess said. "I'm extremely proud of the way we played, especially defensively."

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Clarenceville falls short in regional bid

BY BOB STEBBINS
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Livonia Clarenceville gave state-ranked Riverview Gabriel Richard a scare Saturday before falling to the Pioneers, 7-4, in a Class C regional baseball semifinale at Eric-Mason.

Gabriel Richard, rated No. 3 in the latest Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association poll, broke a 4-4 deadlock with a run in the third inning. The Pioneers pushed across a pair of insurance runs in fourth before holding on for the victory.

Clarenceville coach Mark MacDonald was impressed with the play of his young troops.

"The kids played a good game,"

said MacDonald. "I'm quite proud; they hung in there against the third-ranked team in the state."

The Pioneers struck first, using three walks and a pair of hits to push across two runs in the opening inning against losing pitcher Robby Ashton.

Clarenceville tallied all four of its runs in the top of the second. The key hit in the inning was a bases-loaded single by second baseman Al Nehmeh. Left fielder Ryan McEwen added a sacrifice fly.

The Pioneers, without the benefit of a hit, evened the score with a pair of unearned runs in the bottom half

of the inning.

Richard notched the game-winning run in the third inning. Shortstop Jason Gombos led off with a single and eventually scored on a groundout to second by Vince Jesus.

The Pioneers completed the scoring in the fourth, once again scoring without the benefit of a hit.

Gabriel Richard lefthander Terry Hayden allowed only one hit over the final five innings. The University of Detroit-Mercy recruit gave up four hits, while striking out six.

Ashton, a freshman, worked the

first four innings, allowing three hits and six walks.

Reliever Carl Holston held Richard scoreless over the final three innings.

Gabriel Richard (27-10) advanced to the regional championship, but lost to another state-ranked team, No. 7 Detroit Country Day, 6-0.

Clarenceville, led by freshman catcher Brian DeCairo's two hits, finished the year at 12-16.

"There is a good future for the baseball program at Clarenceville," said MacDonald. "This was the first baseball district ever won at Clarenceville; just getting here is an accomplishment."

Carlson shocks CC in regional baseball

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Actually, John Salter's prediction was right on the money.

Knowing that, however, won't make Saturday's 3-2 loss to Gibraltar Carlson in the Temperance Bedford Class A baseball regional semifinale any easier to take.

Prior to the regional, the CC coach noted that his team had pitching and defense, but offensive production had been an ongoing problem.

Brian Paluk, a 10-game winner, started against Carlson, but he wasn't as sharp as usual.

But that's not what lost this game. CC's defense let down at a critical time, and its offense failed to appear.

The Shamrocks managed just two hits off Marauders' starter Jason Johns, a right-hander. One resulted in both of their runs. But they stranded seven runners and, in what proved to be the pivotal inning (the fifth), they loaded the bases with no one out and failed to score.

"We had our big chance," said Salter. "(Brian) Hicks hit the ball

hard. If he hits it a few feet either way, it drops and we score a couple.

"But that's baseball. We had a great chance."

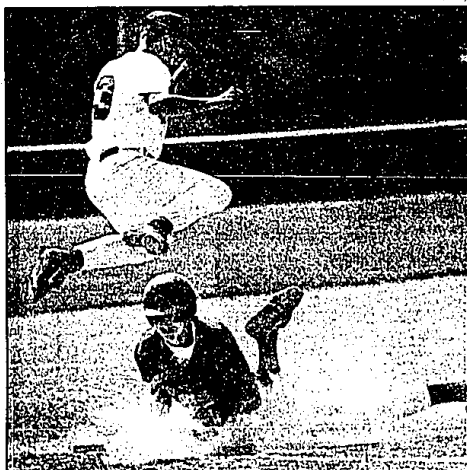
The fifth . . . Although Johns didn't give up many hits, he did walk five. With his team clinging to a one-run lead, he started CC's end of the fifth by walking Andy Slankster.

Salter immediately went for a sacrifice bunt, which Mike Brusseau executed. Second baseman Dan Rossow, charging on the play, threw to second but the ball got past shortstop Mark Taylor.

Now it was Juan Sanchez's turn. His bunt went back to Johns, and he tried for the force play at third. His throw, however, hit Slankster in the back.

The bases were loaded. No one was out. The meat of the CC lineup was coming up.

No. 3 hitter Jeff Gutt hit a groundout to short, and Taylor threw home to get the force out on Slankster.



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Safe at third: Andy Slankster takes third on a Shamrock bunt over Carlson's Jack Trudeau.

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