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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Nothdurft earns gold

The Nothdurft Softball Club won the U.S. National Senior Olympic Gold Medal in the men's 55-over division with a 16-13 win last month over defending champion Palm Beach (Fla.) in Baton Rouge, La.

Nothdurft, featuring several players from the Observer & Eccentric coverage area, had a perfect 9-0 record. Starting pitcher Bob Kamp of Redford Township, a Farmington middle school teacher, went 7-0 on the mound.

The championship game was tied at 13 after five innings. Palm Beach loaded the bases in the top of the sixth inning but failed to score. Nothdurft scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to seal the championship.

Joe Kovalick started the rally with a one-out single and scored after back-to-back singles by Kauff and Bill Cole. Tom Trompica delivered a sacrifice fly to score Kauff, and Cole came home with the 16th run on a single by Frank Pilarowski.

Members of the championship team include Don Cartwright (Florida), Bill Cole (Sterling Heights), George Calvo (Warren), Bob Deligauw (Redford), John Fawcett (Plymouth), Ed Eit (West Bloomfield), Al Gomez (Detroit), Pilarowski (New Baltimore), Kauff, Joe Kovalick (Pinckney), Andy Kovalick (Warren), Andy Kozub (Warren), Louis Lamberci (Roseville), Don Nieman (Florida), Ed Nadoski (Eastpointe) and Trompica (Mount Clemens).

### Spitfires qualify relays

The Spitfires qualified a pair of girls relays for the Junior Olympic National Track and Field Championships at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge July 27 to Aug. 1.

The Spitfires were second in the 3,200-meter relay in the intermediate (15-16) and young women's (17-18) age groups at the regional meet. The top three qualified for the nationals.

In the young women's competition, Lynda Sabetyson (Salem), Sarah Hamilton (Salem), Tracy Cavin (Plymouth Christian) and Bridget MacKinnon (Stevenson) finished in 10:02.

## Cubs, Broncos claim tourney titles



South Farmington baseball teams fared well in tournament play last weekend as the 13-year-old Cubs won an invitational in Riverview and the Bronco team captured the title at Brighton.

The South Farmington Cubs reached the final round in tournament play for the second time in as many weeks Sunday and were not denied a final victory this time.

The Cubs, who were second in the Firecracker Classic last week, won the 14-and-under division championship of the Riverview Invitational despite being a team comprised of 13-year-olds.

South Farmington was 6-1 in the tournament and finished with three straight victories on Sunday, including a 3-0 win over the favored Wyandotte Indians in the final.

Team members contributing to the tournament championship were Chris Cornwell, Jimmy Catron, Zach Cornwell, Matt Derocher, Nick Falvo, Chris Ghanann, Tim Hatch, Tom Judd, John Pacini, Karl Pawlewicz, Jon Rospierski, Jason Temerowski and Mike Voisin.

The Cubs are managed by Larry Rospierski and coached by Steve Voisin, Jack Falvo and Scott Carson. Having played four games in the previous 24 hours, the Cubs began Sunday with a 4-1 record after losing Saturday night to the Indians.

"We set the immediate goal to win the first game and maintain our pride, especially after the tough loss," Rospierski said. "But the guys rose to the occasion and held the opponents to five runs in the last three games."

Offensively, South Farmington was led by Cornwell, who had nine hits, Pawlewicz (eight), Voisin (seven) and Rospierski (six). Rospierski also scored 10 runs to lead the team and Cornwell six.

The Cubs began the tournament Friday by defeating Monroe 4-3. South, facing a 3-2 deficit, won it in

the seventh when Judd put down a bases-loaded, suicide bunt to score Rospierski and Cornwell. Temerowski got the pitching victory.

South rallied from a 7-1 deficit after two innings Saturday to beat the Westland Yankees 9-8.

Cornwell's bases-loaded triple was a key to the rally. Rospierski was the winning pitcher over Temerowski and Voisin put the stopper on the Yankees.

Cornwell, Rospierski, Hatch and Voisin combined for a four-hit pitching effort in the next game as the Cubs beat Trenton 3-1. But South Farmington fell to Wyandotte 9-3 later that day as the 90-degree heat took its toll.

In the first game Sunday, the Cubs broke a 3-3 tie in extra innings, scoring five runs on hits by Pawlewicz, Judd, Hatch, Voisin and Falvo to beat Riverview.

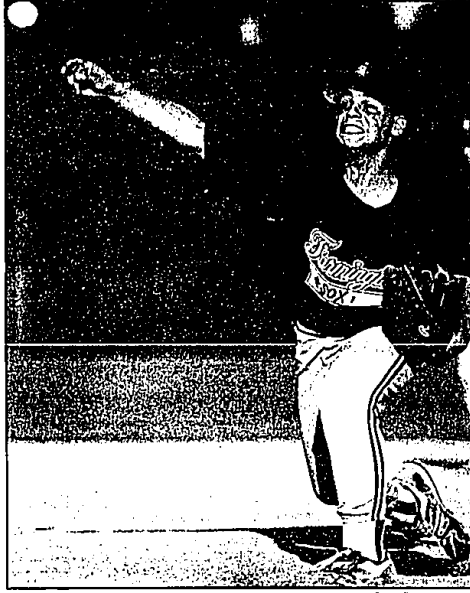
Judd, who was 3-for-4 in that game, played all but two innings of the seven tournament games at catcher. Voisin was the winning pitcher.

The Cubs jumped in front 4-0 in the first inning of the rematch with Wyandotte and held on for a 5-2 victory.

Cornwell hit a two-run triple in the first inning and Pawlewicz and Voisin followed with RBI singles. Rospierski earned the pitching win.

South Farmington (18-8) was in control of the championship game, scoring its three runs in the first two innings. Rospierski, Hatch, Temerowski and Cornwell combined for a one-hit pitching performance.

**BRONCO BASEBALL**  
The South Farmington Gold Bronco travel team captured first place in the



Right stuff: Jerry Yatooma was the winning pitcher Tuesday as the South Farmington Sox chalked up another Sandy Koufax victory.

Brighton Tournament with a 5-0 record last weekend. The Broncos merced all five oppo- nents, scoring 64 runs and allowing five.

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## O&E event affords opportunity

By MARY BUDNER  
STAFF WRITER

The Novice Tennis Tournament hosted by the Cranbrook Tennis Club and sponsored by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is one of the most unique around.

The sixth annual tournament will be held July 19-20 at the Cranbrook Tennis Club (the rain date is July 21) in Bloomfield Hills. It is geared for novice players — boys and girls — ages 16 and under.

"It is such a unique tournament," said tournament director Don Brown, a certified club professional and head varsity boys coach at Cranbrook High School.

"The most interesting aspect of this tournament is that the players themselves can decide what level they want to play at. They can choose to play in either an advanced, intermediate or beginning level — wherever they feel the most comfortable.

"You don't have to be a super player to get into this tournament," he said. "You don't have this type of bracketing in any other tournament."

Brown also noted some other

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unique characteristics about this tournament:

■ Contestants are grouped into brackets of no more than eight players. Consequently, each player is guaranteed at least two matches, and possibly three.

■ Young players not accustomed to serving overhead are allowed to serve with an underhanded swing.

■ Professional tips will be offered at the beginning of each session. Tips will be given on such fundamentals as stroke, instruction, strategies and parental advice.

■ Medals will be given to a number of players in each age bracket.

■ T-shirts will be given to all registered tournament players.

■ As always, all profits gained from the tournament will be directed to the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association.

"We are very enthusiastic about this tournament," said Brown. "It is a good way to get everyone involved in this wonderful sport. It is really a hands-on experience."

"The benefit of a tournament like this is for players to gain confidence and learning how to go into a tournament without the fear of failure," he said. "I think it is really a valuable learning experience."

Players can register by sending in a registration coupon published in today's sports section (page 4B). Boys and girls age 10-under and 12-under are asked to report to the Cranbrook courts by 8:30 a.m. on Monday. Players ages 14-under and 16-under should arrive for their court times at noon.

Players may still register on Monday, but are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes earlier than their sign-in times.

"The tournament began in 1988 with 86 players. The number of players reached a record 154 last year.

There are 23 available courts. Also, volunteers are still needed. "I think it would be exciting for kids who have won (high school) letters to volunteer their time for the younger kids," said Brown.

"It would be a good time for them to help out and give back to the sport."

## Wolverine has 6 area champions

By C.J. RISAK  
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Nobody dominated.

Which indicates a few things. First, the outsiders competing in the 14th annual Ford Wolverine Soccer Tournament, held Saturday through Monday at Livonia's Schoolcraft College, were formidable.

And second, the Observer area remains imposing in soccer terms.

Teams from Ohio — 11 competed in various divisions — fared well, too. They counted three division championships, two gained by Club Ohio/Dynamo, out of Worthington.

But squads from Detroit's suburbs won nearly everything else. Clubs from Pennsylvania, Illinois and Windsor, Ontario, also took part.

Observerland-based teams won six of the 15 divisions and finished second in six others. State clubs located in Troy, Dearborn,

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