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Cobras 2nd in tourney

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield 14-year-old Cobras earned the runner-up trophy last weekend in the 24-team Reynolds-Corner Toledo Mudhens Tournament in Toledo, Ohio.

Competing against teams from Illinois, Ohio and Michigan, the Cobras won their first five games before falling to the Toledo Trojans in the championship game.

NFWB opened the tournament with a 15-0 victory over the Toledo Hornets, beat the Sylvania Mavericks 12-8, hammered the Columbus Hawkins 15-0 and edged the St. Clair Sox 7-6. In the semifinals the Cobras scored the winning run in the seventh inning to earn a 3-2 victory over the Fremont (Ohio) Rangers.

NFWB manager Bob Sopo praised the pitching performances of Zach Burton, Joe Morris, Dave Lusky, Marc Boggio and Matt Kelmigian. Offensively the Cobras were led by Jim Miller, Adam Fazio, Mike Sopo, Josh Gad-Harf, Blake Boesky and Jason Melvin.

NFWB assured of title

The 13-year-old NFWB Cobras clinched a tie for first place in the Michigan Baseball Federation with a 6-5 win over the South Farmington Blues.

Brent Schoenbach pitched 5 1/3 innings to record the win. Aaron Ward came into a bases-loaded jam and got the last out in a game shortened by darkness.

Rob Sparks had two RBI for the Cobras while Dale Young, Mike Livernois and Jeremy Brown added single RBI.

The Cobras went on to compete in two weekend tournaments, surprising an older field by capturing second place in the NFWB Early-Bird Tournament.

They defeated Monroe, Sterling Heights and Commerce Lake before losing to the 14-year-old Cobras in the championship game.

The Cobras also participated in the Reynolds-Corner Mudhens Tournament in Toledo. They drew two 14-year-old teams and lost twice.

Oakland CC hoop news

Will Marcoux of Farmington, a 6-foot-6 forward from Oakland Community College, has signed a basketball letter of intent with the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He attended Redford Catholic Central High School (477-4474), coach Ronald Bishop (Bishop's) and Freeman Jones (Pontiac Northern) have signed to play for Ferris State University.

Smith is a 6-4 forward and Jones a 6-3 guard. Ferris is a Division II power in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

OCC's Tony McNeal, a 6-5 guard (Walled Lake Western), has committed to Norfolk State in Virginia.

Corey Young, a former OCC player and 6-11 center, will transfer from Oral Roberts University to Albany State.

Youth soccer tryouts

The Farmington Soccer Club will have tryouts for its select teams at Caesar's Field (12 Mile and Drake) on the following dates:

Thursday, June 15: 6-9 p.m. for under-10 1/2 boys, coach Alan Hallack (471-4475); Friday, June 16: 6-9 p.m. for under-11 1/2 boys, coach Mark Phillips (474-1644); Saturday, June 17: 9-11 a.m. for under-12 1/2 boys, coach Emmitt Windah (477-5489); noon to 2 p.m. for under-13 1/2 boys, coach to be named; 3-5 p.m. for under-14 1/2 boys, coach to be named.

For information regarding the select program or if interested in being a volunteer coach in the under-13 1/2 or under-14 1/2 age groups, call Craig Barton (476-7537).

Rockets football sign-up

The Farmington Rockets will register players and cheerleaders for the 1995 football season Saturday, June 3, at the Farmington High School football field from 9 a.m. to noon.

Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14 are eligible. The weight parameters for boys are 65 and 155 pounds. Cheerleading positions remain for girls in the fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth grades.

The fee is \$30 per individual. Positions will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis since squads are limited in number.

Late registration will take place 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at Farmington High School.

For football information call Les Luttman (477-9322), for cheerleading information call Michelle Orie (358-5240).

Invest in Youth Run

Little Caesars, Sinai Hospital and Coca-Cola are joining forces to help the Farmington YMCA stage its 12th annual Invest in Youth Run, set for 6:45 p.m. Friday.

The run, expected to attract between 400 and 500 participants, consists of a two-mile course for walkers and a five-mile course for runners.

For more information, call Desirée Jacques or Al Sebastian at (313) 963-6166.

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Glenn catches Harrison in WLAA

Westland John Glenn rallied during the final stages of the meet to win its first Western Lakes boys track title since 1990.

BY NEAL ZIPPER
STAFF WRITER



Westland John Glenn's Todd Peterson had enough energy left in him after Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association boys track championships to run one more lap.

Peterson, a senior captain on the Rockets' squad, led his team around the Livonia Churchill track with the WLAA trophy raised above his head after Glenn held off Farmington Hills Harrison to win its first league title since 1990.

Like the meet itself, Glenn ran the victory lap too fast, according to Peterson.

"I need more time to soak this up," said Peterson, who earlier won the 300-meter hurdles in 40.6. "I'd keep running this for awhile longer if I could."

The lap was a little too much for coach Jess Shough, who won his first league title in the six years he has been at the helm. Shough pulled out of the victory lap at the half way mark.

"When we won the Overland Relays, the team told me I ran too fast, so I actually ran slower for them today," Shough said.

Glenn finished with 150 points, just nine ahead of Harrison. Plymouth Salem was third with 113, followed by Western Division dual meet champ Northville with 95. See statistical summary on page 2C.

The Rockets had to play catch up for most of the meet. The Hawks, coming off a West Bloomfield Class A regional championship, built a 32-point lead halfway through the meet.

But Glenn clawed back and eventually took the lead for good at 119-115. Entering the final event — the 1,600 relay — the Rockets held a slim 144-141 lead.

The Rockets clinched the title



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Heave-ho for Harrison: Sophomore Nick Shaieb placed second in the discus (above) and third in the shot put for the runner-up Hawks in the WLAA meet.

with a fourth-place finish. The Hawks failed to score in the event.

Even though Glenn swept its Lakes Division foes with a 5-0 mark, the Rockets entered the meet figuring they were in third place.

"On paper, coach had us down third, behind Harrison and Salem," Glenn's Jason Gilewink said. "We knew that we weren't favored but we did what we had to do to win."

"Based on times of the runners on the other teams, I figured that we would be third," Shough explained.

"I did that to give them motivation. I honestly didn't think we had our mental attitude where it should have been, so I was a little hesitant on the way over here. But when it came to race time, the team ran well."

The Hawks, who won the league title last year with 125 1/2 points — 12 1/2 points less than Tuesday's total, were struck two blows, the first coming when Ethan Allio failed to qualify in the 200. After leading his heat, he eased up at the end falling

to fifth place and failing to advance to the final.

Then the Hawks were forced to pull Kevin Bryant out of the finals of the 300 hurdles after his hamstring began to tighten up.

"Other than those two things, we scored when I thought we would, but I think Glenn just had a little more than we did today," Harrison coach John Reed said. "We fell apart in the mile (1,600) relay, but

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Vikes need 8 innings to dethrone Hawks

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

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It's said pitching and defense win championships, and the Walled Lake Central softball team had both Tuesday.

The Vikings also used a timely hit by freshman Kelly Burt to host defending champ Farmington Hills Harrison in eight innings and win the Western Lakes Activities Association title, 2-1.

Aiden Dushane, the only senior in the Central starting lineup, pitched an impressive three-hitter; she walked only one batter and hit one.

Kelde from four strikeouts, she let her defense do the rest, particularly the outfield of senior Jeanna Stewart, sophomore Joni Stewart and Burt.

They chased down nearly every ball the Hawks hit to the outfield and accounted for more than half of the

league they demolished us.

"We didn't want it to happen again. We were excited to come out and compete. Our team was out to get them today."

Central (22-10) won the game with three consecutive hits in the bottom of the eighth. After one-out singles by Jeanna Stewart and Shannon Hartman, Burt smashed a double to deep right field.

It went in the book as a two-base hit but was hit so well it would have been a three-run homer under other circumstances.

"The kids have confidence," Central coach Gordon Glennie said. "They believe in themselves and all of them work hard, even the ones who don't start. Our kids just knew they could win this game."

Kristen Kozlarski scored in the first inning for Harrison (24-4) after being

hit by a pitch. She stole second, took third on a wild pitch and scored on Lori Hubble's sacrifice fly.

Harrison pitcher Erin LaCrosse (eight strikeouts/two walks) allowed two of the seven Central hits in the second inning, and Joni Stewart tied the score on Chrissy Harmon's single.

Kelly LaCrosse, Jenny Myslinski and Holly Foster had the only Harrison hits in the third, fourth and fifth innings, respectively. Dushane retired the side in order in the last three.

"Too many missed opportunities and, like first time, too many fly balls," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said, adding Central had the outfielders to make the plays.

"This time all three seemed to get a good jump on the ball or were moving when it was hit. They seemed to find

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Close call: Kelly Brannack was safe at second base when the ball popped out of the glove of Mercy's Heidi Wahl.

Mercy rallies to defeat North in extra innings

Farmington Hills Mercy scored twice in the bottom of the eighth inning Tuesday to overcome visiting North Farmington 6-5 in a pre-district softball game.

In the Mercy eighth, Heather Jonna's RBI single tied the score. With the count 3-0 on an intentional walk to Kim Sanders, Lindsey Moeller raced home with the winning run on a passed ball.

The Marlins (19-13) also scored twice in the seventh to tie, 4-4. Sanders singled and scored on Heidi Wahl's triple, and Piper Metz delivered a hit to score Wahl.

The Raiders went ahead 5-4 in the top of the eighth when Lynn Livernois singled to send Kelly Brannack to the plate.

Jonna and North's Mickey Spis pitched complete games, but the hitters dominated with the Raiders

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holding a 12-11 edge. Jonna walked only three, Spis four.

Metz, Rachel Geiger and Moeller had two hits each for Mercy, and Moeller also scored two runs.

Livernois went 3-for-4 to lead the Raiders, and Spis and Brannack had two hits each. They also had one RBI apiece, and Brannack scored twice.

Mercy will play host Farmington in a district semifinal game at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

"I have to compliment our seniors, who didn't want their season to end, and North Farmington for a well-played and well-coached game," Mercy coach Jack Falvo said.

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