

Hoops

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of Ferndale; 6-3 Josh Jansen of Mount Pleasant; 6-3 Brandon Gray of Rouge; 6-3 Michelle Terry and 6-7 Onome Scott Onoporo, both of Lansing; and 6-6 Greg Stempin of Harper Woods Notre Dame.

The team is coached by Terry Carson.

After the AAU Nationals, Oden will take his team to Las Vegas, Nev., for the Nike Invitational where his stepson, Rodney Eddie, a senior at Berkeley High, will join the team.

"I coached my stepson early on, but then I decided it wasn't fair to him to be around all the time so I branched out and coached other kids," said Oden, who never holds cuts or holds tryouts. "I just enjoy coaching because they're good kids. Everywhere we've gone people have complimented us on the way our kids act."

"My main goal is to see that they do well."

With a pair of runner-up finishes in the nationals, Oden appears he's on the right track.

Baseball

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the Rams in December, including Sandy Koufax (13-14) and Connie Mack (17-13). All three teams compete in the Little Caesars Federation.

The Rams plan to add Willie Mays (9-10) and Pee Wee Reese (11-12) teams next year and possibly a team for 19-year-olds.

The Connie Mack team won its first five games and shares first place. Observerland players include Mark Lee, Farmington Hills; Art Hoffmeyer, John Hoffmeyer, Joe Niestroy and Robert Labo, Redford. Tom Nester of Taylor is the manager.

The Mante team, with only one 16-year-old and a dozen 15-year-olds, is 7-3. Penta, the lone 14-year-old, has been impressive. He is 3-0 as a pitcher and is one of the top hitters.

Other area players are Juan Trevino, Adam Ritter, McQuiston and Todd Ritter, Birmingham; Ben Schomer, West Bloomfield; Varon, Bloomfield Hills; Kandilani and Jason Staron, Commerce.

The Koufax team has finished second in tournaments at Garden

City and Allen Park.

Area talent includes Ryan Wing, Commerce; Wellington Andrews, Farmington; Ryan L'Amoreaux, West Bloomfield; Dominic DeGrazia, Bloomfield Hills; Ryan Oren and Sam Day, Walled Lake. Jim O'Brien of Commerce is the manager.

Roth on a roll

Robert Roth of Farmington Hills had a big week in baseball for the Dearborn Heights Connie Mack entry in the Little Caesars Federation.

Roth, who will be a senior at North Farmington High, went 6-for-14 (.429) with three doubles and five RBI during a Fourth of July tournament in St. Clair Shores.

On Wednesday, Roth went 2-for-3 with a sacrifice fly against Livonia, stole two bases, scored two runs and had two RBI.

In the summer season, Roth is hitting .411 and has a .611 on-base percentage.

Dearborn Heights is 6-1 in the league and 8-3 overall.

Concealed wins, 10-0

Livonia Concealed Security on Friday defeated Garden City, 10-0, in a Connie Mack Little Caesars League game played at Riverview Gabriel Richard. Concealed improved to 14-5 overall, 10-2 in the league.

E.J. Roman scattered three hits, struck out eight and walked three for the pitching victory. Greg Ryan (Garden City/Dearborn Divine Child) pitched one inning in relief, fanning all three of the batters he faced.

Matt Mlynarek was 2-for-2, including a home run and double, and three RBI. Brian Berryman (Redford Union) and Deandre

Cooper each hit solo homers. Mike Cervenack was 1-3 with two RBI.

On Thursday, Concealed collected 12 hits and 12 walks to defeat North Farmington-West Bloomfield, 19-4, in at West Bloomfield High School.

Ryan Kelley was the winning pitcher, allowing three runs on six hits with three walks and three strikeouts over five innings. Cooper and Aaron Shrewsbury pitched one inning each.

Ryan had a grand slam in the fourth inning and was walked three times. Cooper was 3-for-3. Mlynarek went 2-4 and Shrewsbury was 1-1 with three walks.

Barons

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6-1 overall, is tied with Kensington, which lost a game for the second straight night.

Huron didn't allow another hit after the second inning and also pitched a complete game, striking out eight and walking three.

"It wasn't that we turned (the offense) off," Wilk said. "Their pitcher got better as the game went on. It seems we get the runs when we need them, and we don't give up a lead when we get it."

"At this level of play, it doesn't just happen. It's more than just throwing the glove between the white lines. You have to play the game for seven innings, defensively as well as offensively."

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