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Summer hockey action

Hockey Night in Detroit, a summer evaluation and developmental league sponsored by Red Line Report, is conducting games at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Teams play a 10-game schedule on Monday and Wednesday evenings through Wednesday, Aug. 7. The junior/college division (ages 17-20) plays at 8 p.m., the bantam/midget divisions (ages 14-16) at 8 p.m.

"Hockey Night in Detroit was designed to give players an opportunity to develop their talent against top competition and prepare for the upcoming season," HNDI director Phil Colvin said. "The program provides a forum for college, junior and professional scouts who want to get an early start on evaluating players."

In the interest of skill development and player evaluation, HNDI uses a four-on-four format. This allows players more space on the ice and gives them the opportunity to be more creative with and without the puck.

Golden Gloves tickets

There are still tickets available for the Golden Gloves International Boxing Festival at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 12, at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, according to arena manager Gerald Nelson.

The festival will feature amateur competitors from the United States and Canada.

Tickets are on sale at the ice arena, the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services at 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road and the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce at 33000 Thomas, Suite 101, Farmington.

Grandstand seating is \$5, floor seating \$10 and ringside seating \$25.

The ice arena is located at Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile Road between Farmington and Halsted roads.

For more information call the ice arena at (810) 478-8800.

Backpacking class

If you love the outdoors, want to get away from the campground crowds and enjoy scenery you can't see by car or day hiking, then try backpacking.

The School of Outdoor Leadership Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR) offers a backpacking class in September.

The club has about 200 members who share a love for outdoor experiences and adventures. SOLAR offers classes on winter camping, wilderness survival, rock climbing, cross-country skiing, canoeing, wilderness first aid and more. SOLAR also offers many other types of outdoor activities and trips.

The backpacking class consists of five classroom sessions at the Benchmark Outfitters in Farmington. The class meets from 5:45 to 8:45 p.m. every Wednesday from Sept. 4 to Oct. 2.

Two practical sessions are included in the class, an overnight backpacking trip (Sept. 21-22) and a longer trip to Michigan's Picture Rocks National Lakeshore (Oct. 4-5).

The cost of the class is \$55. Participants must be club members, which requires a \$30 annual membership fee.

For more information about SOLAR call Steve Gardner at (810) 547-4998. For more information about the backpacking class call Carol McCrie at (810) 229-5232.

Golfer remains on roll

Mercy High School golfer Jennifer Borowiec continues to have success in summer tournaments that she had last spring for the Marlinas.

Borowiec, who earned All-Observer honors as a freshman this year, won the Bogie Lake Independent Insurance Festival and the Oakland County two-day tournament.

She and her younger sister, Erin Borowiec, a seventh grader, tied for first place at Bogie Lake with 82 strokes apiece, but Jennifer won the championship in a playoff.

Borowiec won her age-group title (14-15) in the Oakland County event and was the overall winner with a 176 total (86-90).

Kristen Smith, who will be a junior at Mercy, was first in the 16-and-over age group (193), and Erin Borowiec was second in the 18-and-under division (181).

Festival road race

The Third Annual Farmington Founders Festival Road Race is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, July 13. The four-mile race begins and ends at City Park on Shawansee Street. Runners are asked to be there by 8 a.m.

The race is divided into three divisions: youth (17 and under), open (18-39) and masters (40 and over) for men and women.

The fee is \$10; on race day, it's \$12. To enter call the Recreation Services Office at 478-9670.

"This is a good family race," spokesperson Chip Bridges said. "It's not too long and not too short."

"It's a gradual uphill and a gradual downhill the second half. People who have run it really like the course."

In addition to age-group awards, a number of prizes will be raffled at the end of the race.

The race is sponsored by the Farmington High School cross country and track teams, the Farmington YMCA and Recreation Services.

CC alums pace Barons' streak



The South Farmington Barons had a big week in Connie Mack baseball action. Led by Mike Daguanno and Chris Karney, the Barons invoked the mercy rule in three of their last four games.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

The South Farmington Barons are a red-hot baseball team these days, due in large part to a pair of former Redford Catholic Central players.

The Connie Mack ballclub extended its winning streak to six games last week with Chris Karney (Northville) and Mike Daguanno (Farmington Hills) leading the way.

In a four-game span from Tuesday to Thursday, Karney collected 11 hits and 11 RBI. Three of Daguanno's six hits were home runs, and he also contributed 11 RBI.

Both recently graduated from CC

and will continue playing next year at the University of Detroit.

On July 4, the Barons started the Firecracker Tournament in Warren with a pair of mercy victories to push their overall record to 12-2.

South Farmington needed only three innings to dispose of the Mount Clemens Reds, 18-2.

Karney went 2-for-3 and began the game with a 370-foot, leadoff homer.

"It was like the game was over," Barons coach Dick Miller said. "The other team completely collapsed. They were just demoralized after that first hit."

Steve Waller (Westland) invoked the mercy rule and ended the game with a grand slam.

Daguanno also was 2-for-3 with three RBI, and Shawn Wilson (Brother Rice) was 2-for-2, had two RBI and scored three runs. Ryan Rumberger (Plymouth Salem) also knocked in two runs.

The winning pitcher was Ryan Andrzejewski (Salem), who allowed just three hits — one being a two-run homer — struck out six and walked none in the abbreviated game.

The Barons stayed unbeaten with a 15-6 defeat of the Pennsolt Indians in four innings later the same day.

Daguanno slugged two homers in the first inning in which South Farmington scored 10 runs. He went 3-for-3 with six RBI and scored twice.

Karney batted 4-for-4 with two doubles, a triple and three RBI. C.J.

Ghannam (Farmington Harrison) and Rumberger also had three hits each. Ghannam and Karney scored four runs apiece.

Waller pitched 3 1/3 innings to earn the victory.

The Barons resumed play Saturday with the tournament continuing through Sunday.

On Tuesday, South Farmington whipped the Michigan Bulls 12-2 in a five-inning mercy behind the one-hit pitching of Marty Wilk (Farmington), another recent CC graduate.

"He's mixing up his off-speed stuff real effectively, and he's not giving up too many walks, that's the key," Miller said. "A lot of the kids in this league are fastball hitters. Anybody who can throw off-speed pitches can do well."

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The night star: Good teams need good pitchers, and the South Farmington Barons have one in Harrison High product Steve Waller.

Rams put focus on nailing down post-season bid

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If the Adray Metro Baseball Association season ended today, the Michigan Lake Area Rams would be the league's qualifier for the All-American Amateur Baseball Association regional in Albion, Pa.

Each of the eight AMBA teams are Class A affiliated with no age restrictions and are ineligible to play in the AAABA tournament. The remaining three are collegiate teams: The Rams, Adray Appliance and Sports Academy.

BASEBALL

There is no post-season tournament in the Adray Metro, so whichever collegiate team finishes with the most points during the regular season gets an automatic berth to Albion, Pa.

The top two teams from there advance to the AAABA national tournament in Johnstown, Pa., where the winner of the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League traditionally goes.

The Rams, with a 9-7-1 record and 18 points, were the top collegiate team in the Adray Metro Baseball Association after Wednesday night's 6-3 loss to Jet Box, a Class A team, at Redford's Capital Park.

"It looks good for us," said Rick Berryman, the Redford Union coach who doubles as the Rams' coach. "I'm very pleased. I put a team together that's working very well together. We win on pitching, defense and timely hitting. That's their goal — to get to a tournament and keep playing."

Berryman would favor an auto-

matic berth to Johnstown, but he isn't complaining about having to qualify in Albion first.

"That's fine, it's the rules," Berryman said. "When I was a player, I went to Albion once, Johnstown twice."

Through Tuesday's game, Redford Union graduate Jason Mitchell (Eastern Michigan) had a .327 average and led the Rams with 16 RBI and five home runs hitting in either the cleanup or fifth spot in the order.

Deandre Cooper (Allen Park Cabrini/Southern Colorado) was hitting .414 and Miller (Detroit Cass Tech/Grambling), the third batter in the order, was at .455.

Miller led the team with 11 runs scored and Mitchell was second with 10.

Speedy leadoff batter Schuyler Doaks is the catalyst, leading the Rams with 14 stolen bases in 14 attempts. Not even a pitch-out had caught Doaks stealing second.

"They've tried that. It was fairly close," Berryman said. "Besides his speed, he has a variety of slides into the base."

Berryman said he heard about Doaks through Detroit St. Martin DePorres coach Mark Brown, whose team played RU twice in the regular season.

"Mark told me he plays plays short center field and he's a good kid," Berryman recalled. "When I called him I said I need you to play center and he said OK. He plays hard, that's all you can ask."

Greg Rogers (Redford Catholic Central/Oakland University) started slow offensively, but now is hitting .375 and all eyes doing several other things that go unnoticed. He also makes a great double-play

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Veteran prep soccer coach at Churchill retires

BY BRAD EMMONS
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SOCCER

Citing increased responsibilities as women's soccer coach at Oakland University, Nick O'Shea submitted a letter of resignation as Livonia Churchill girls' varsity coach Wednesday to new athletic director Marc Hage.

O'Shea, 36, leaves Churchill with an impressive 106-41-17 record in 10 seasons. He led the Chargers to a pair of runner-up finishes in the state Class A finals, 1987 and '88, his first two seasons. He won a total of two regionals, six districts and one Western Lakes Activities Association crown.

"It's really too difficult to both jobs in the spring," said O'Shea, who launched the OU's women's varsity program last fall. "It was cutting my spring season short. I was starting the day at Oakland, coming back over to Churchill in the afternoon, and then going back for evening

practices at Oakland.

"I was in the car almost two hours and 20 minutes each day during the week and that wasn't at all productive."

O'Shea also oversees the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association's Elite Olympic Development selection process and is an ODP regional coach (ages 15-16), which encompasses 15 states. He also is heavily involved in running summer camps.

"My only regret about leaving Churchill is that I would have liked to have won a title," O'Shea said. "We were in the finals twice and I thought this year we had a chance. Two of our three losses this year were to the teams in the state finals."

Churchill finished 12-3 this season, winning both the Western Division and the WLAA's first-place

cross-over game against Lakes Division champion Plymouth Salem, but the season ended on a sour note in the Plymouth Canton district semifinals when the Lady Chargers were eliminated by the host Chiefs, 8-2, in a double-overtime game that was played under the wrong OT format. Instead of going to a sudden-death format (which Churchill scored first), the two teams played it out under a pair of 10-minute periods.

Ironically, Canton went on to win the state title.

"We could have gotten it done had it not been for the fiasco we had in the tournament," O'Shea said. "But overall my experience at Churchill was rewarding, enjoyable and beneficial to my personal development and enhancement of my profession."

"What I'll miss most is dealing with the younger players, but I'll still be active with the ODP. I'm not



Calls it quits: Nick O'Shea is stepping down after 10 years.

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