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FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Hornets debut with sweep

The Farmington Hills Hornets began a new season in the Girls Incredible Fast-Pitch Softball League by sweeping a doubleheader Tuesday from the Plymouth Lightning.

Leslie Schrock pitched a one-hitter in the first game, which the Hornets won 15-5 in three innings (time limit) at Plymouth Salem.

Schrock, who struck out five and walked eight, scored two runs as did teammates Megan Wild, Brittany Maxey and Jamie Swartz.

The Hornets' four hits were divided among Wild, Katrina Vitanis, Randi Taub (double) and Lindsey Emmett.

Vitanis pitched the last two innings of the second game and earned the victory as the Hornets rallied to win, 9-8.

Gayle Ternes drove in the winning run with a single in the fourth inning. The Hornets scored six runs in that inning and took an 8-7 lead on Sarah Tobie's two-run double.

Schrock, Maxey and Wild had the team's other hits. Schrock, Emmett and Vitanis combined for nine strikeouts, with Vitanis fanning five in two innings.

Cobras add two more wins

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield 12-year-old Cobras travel baseball team continued to play well last week with two big wins over the Michigan Rams and the Wyandotte Bombers.

The victories pushed the team's league-leading record to 9-0.

The Cobras beat the Ram 9-1 on June 9. Nick Vitanis and Ben Darga provided strong pitching, holding the Rams to six hits.

Doug Pickens made the defensive play of the game in the fourth inning with the Cobras holding a 2-1 lead.

With the bases loaded and no outs, Pickens made a running catch in right field and then cut down a runner trying to score from third with a perfect throw to catcher Matt Clark, who blocked the plate and made the putout.

The Cobras erupted for six runs to close out the game. Andy Wingert went 2-for-4 at the plate. Anthony Faletti had a key single in the fifth inning to knock in two runs.

The Cobras defeated the Bombers 16-6 on June 11 as Vitanis pitched well in relief.

Wingert made an excellent defensive play with a diving catch in right field in the second inning.

Kevin Zerbo had a big game at the plate, going 4-for-4 with five RBI. Faletti went 2-for-3 with a double and a triple.

The Cobras compete in the Little Caesars Baseball Federation and are managed by Dan Petry.

Prep coaches needed

Walled Lake Central High School is searching for coaches in the following positions: boys soccer head coach, girls soccer head coach and varsity football assistant (preferably a line coach).

Walled Lake Western High School needs a head coach for boys and girls skiing.

Anyone interested in the above positions should contact Walled Lake Athletic Director David Yarbrough at (248) 960-6373.

Pistons basketball camps

The Detroit Pistons will host nine camps throughout the state this summer, with Pistons players and coaches serving as guest speakers and instructors.

College and high school coaches from around the state will take part, as well as current and former college standout players.

The cost is \$149. Other dates are June 23-26 at the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse in Utica; June 30-July 3 at Flint Kearsley HS; July 7-10 at Chippewa Middle School in Okemos; July 13-17 at Northwood University in Midland; July 21-24 at the Gus Macker Hoops Facility in Grand Rapids; July 28-31 at the Maumee Basketball Academy; Aug. 4-7 at West Junior HS in Traverse City; and Aug. 11-14 in metro Detroit.

Enrollment is limited. For more information, call Chris Fritzsche at (616) 377-0104.

Teams needed for tourney

North Farmington-West Bloomfield baseball organization is looking for teams to participate in its Fourth of July tournament.

Teams are needed in the following age groups: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13-14. The entry fee is \$225 per team.

The deadline to enter is Wednesday, June 25. For more information call Roy Phillips at (248) 489-5924.

Senior citizen fires an ace

After 50 years of playing golf, Jack Bitterle of Farmington Hills recorded his first hole-in-one Sunday.

The 71-year-old Bitterle used a six-iron to ace the 123-yard 16th hole at Indian Springs Golf Course.

Readers can submit information for the Farmington Sports Scene by writing to Dan O'Meara at 36261 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150; sending a fax to (313) 591-7279; or leaving information at the Observer office at 33411 Grand River in Farmington.



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Prop stars:
Sara Kloosterman of Farmington Harrison (left) left her goalkeeping position with the Purple Team to play a field position in the second half of the girls high school all-star soccer game Saturday. Kloosterman battles Shawn Chipolewski of Garden City for a 50-50 ball. Cathy Cole-Kansman of Farmington Hills was the coach of the winning Red Team.

Another all-star win for coach



Cathy Cole-Kansman, who coached girls and boys soccer at North Farmington and Farmington high schools, is unbeaten in girls all-star games after her Red Team won Saturday, 2-0.

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It's a pride thing. That's how Jim Kimble, Livonia Stevenson soccer coach, described the attitude of his defenders as they racked up shutout after shutout, blanking all but one opponent and surrounding just one goal all season en route to a state championship.

Perhaps that attitude was carried over to the girls Michigan High School All-Star Game, played last Saturday at the Canton/Salem field.

At least, Melissa Jacobs was able to keep her part of the streak alive; the Stevenson defensive ace helped her Red Team beat the Purples, 2-0.

"Oh yeah, I knew the Red Team would prevail," said Jacobs, exuding an air of confidence afterwards. "I expected it. I expected the shutout."

If that sounds arrogant, it shouldn't because Jacobs spoke entirely in jest. And that was the main objective for this match: to have fun.

Both sides seemed to have an abundance of that. Sure, they all wanted to play well with, and against, their peers. But not at the cost of enjoying oneself.

One non-player who really enjoyed herself was Cathy Cole-Kansman, who was subbing for selected Red Team coach Guido Regalbuto of Grosse Pointe North. Kansman

coached the White Team to a 2-1 victory over the Navys in the inaugural All-Star game last year.

This year's win boosts the former North Farmington/Farmington coach's all-star record to 2-0. She keeps this up and she'll be talked out of retirement in no time.

Of course, if she could be guaranteed a never-ending supply of players of this quality, it wouldn't take much convincing (Kansman coached Farmington's girls to the state semifinals in '89).

"It was a pleasure," she said of the game. There was no secret formula in her method: "I just asked them where they felt comfortable playing. Once they got going, when they got into the fluidity of the game, they played great."

It did take a while for either team to get into a flow. They each had chances but — hey, these aren't inexperienced freshmen on the other side. Both teams featured the top

graduating seniors in the state. Perhaps the most impressive offensive performer for either team was Midland Dow's Kacy Beitel, who scored the game's first goal with just 1:56 left in the first half. Her rocket of a shot simply overpowered Purple keeper Sara Kloosterman (from Farmington Harrison).

"Yeh, it was (a blast)," was Red teammate Jenny Long's description of Beitel's shot. "She's awesome."

Long may have been the only player from either side that didn't have much fun. Midway through the first half, the Troy HS standout suffered a knee injury that sidelined her for the rest of the game; she hobbled off the field at the end of the match on crutches.

The Reds increased their lead to 2-0 in the opening moments of the second half. Lisa Baycinski (Plymouth Salem) sent a hard corner kick that

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Clarenceville A.D. begins retirement

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Leo Kinsella remembers his days as a youth in Minot, N.D.

It didn't matter where or how far you came from, you made it to school no matter how cold it was," he recalls. "We didn't have any days off back then."

In 29 years with the Clarenceville Schools, including the last 16 as athletic director, Kinsella made sure he was always in attendance.

He rarely took a day off. But the easy-going and workmanlike Kinsella, who migrated to the Livonia district after one year of teaching in his hometown Minot, is now entering a new phase in his life.

"I'll miss the kids and primarily the people," said the 53-year-old Kinsella. "Clarenceville has been kind of special. And being a small district, you get close to the people. It was a special challenge working with the Clarenceville kids."

"What I'll probably miss are the long days, especially in the winter season when you're there at 7 a.m.

and don't get done until 10 p.m."

Clarenceville volleyball coach Alletha Love, who runs the school's winningest program, feels a void has been left by Kinsella's retirement.

"I'll miss his dedication to the kids and to me personally as a coach," Love said. "He's easy-going and gives you the opportunity to create your own program, your own style without interfering. He's flexible, but he's also willing to step in when needed."

"He's totally committed to the success of kids and coaches. He works crazy hours, but he was always available. I'll miss him like crazy." Kinsella, who will be replaced by assistant principal Harold MacKinnon, came to Clarenceville as a wrestling coach, business education instructor and physical education teacher. He worked at all three levels — elementary, middle school and high school.

He watched the district go through a series of phases, from a peak enrollment of nearly 1,200 students in the late 1960s and early



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Retiring athletic director: Leo Kinsella plans to leave his post as director of sporting activities for Clarenceville Schools.

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