After hitting a speed bump, American Legion Post 346 got its game back in high gear.

The Farmington Hills-NoviBrighton area team leat a tough 3-2, 10 inning game Thursday night to Auburn Hills but bounced back Friday to drill Brighton II, 18-2.

Post 346 has a doubleheader Sunday at Farmington high school against Shelby Township. Matt Dorocher started against Brighton II but the win went to Paul Mitchell, who relieved to start the second and went on to pitch four innings of no-hit, nine strikeout relief.

Everybody except one player got a hit with Bill Kandillian getting two and scoring three times. Tommy Judd of Harrison also had two hits plus three runs and had two RBI as well.

Mitchell, Lenny Christoff, Chuck Archambeau, Conner Kruses and Sean Morrison had one hit apiece.

Coach Wally Christiansen's

ne hit apiece. Coach Wally Christiansen's team's makeup game against Auburn Hills was a toughie. His team scored a run in each

of the first two innings but was shut out the rest of the way, negating some good pitching by Jon Rospierski and Zack Corn-

Jon Rospierski and Zack Cornwell.

Jim Carson singled in the first and scored on a double by Cornwell. In the second, singles by Clarenceville's Bob Wiss, Judd and Kandillian produced a run.

Post 346 laced out 14 hits all told but could squeeze just the two runs out of it.

Judd went 3-for4 while Kandillian, Cornwell and Archambeau all had two hits each.

Rospierski and Cornwell and Archambeau all had two hits each.

Rospierski and Cornwell did not give up an earned run.

Rospierski went the first seven innings, allowing three hits and striking out 11. The big blow against him was a two-run home run by Dava Arch in the fourth.

Cornwell relieved and pitched shutout ball until the 10th. An error, sacrifice and a double in the bottom of the tenth ended the game.

Cornwell's first loss of the sea-son dropped him to 5-1 with one

BASEBALL

The NFWB Cobras 12-year-old travel team won a pair of league games and swept a five-game Fpurth of July tournament its parent organization hosted. The Cobras defeated the Huron Braves, 17-6, June 30 and Lyonia Travel, 16-3, on July 1.

Nick Vitania drove in two rule and the Vitania drove in two rules and drove in the crups and drove in two runs. Matt Petry started and won with Sam Grossman pitching the final two interests of the complete game win against Livonia. Clark drove in three runs while Clark, Evan Rodriquez, Bryan Smith and Lamb each had two little.

The Cobras had a cumulative 83-9 margin in the NFWB

Fauth of July tournament.
Andy Woigert, Rodriquer, Lamb,
Smith and Doug Pickens each
batted. 500 or better. Pickens had
11 RBI, Lamb 10 and Clark 8.
Closest game was a 2-1, eightinning win over the Macomb
Sharks that Anthony Faletti
ended by hitting a single to center with the basse loaded.
The Sharks and Cobras met
again in the basse loaded.
The Cobras held a 5-4 lead going
into the seventh but broke the
game open with 11 runs, including a 3-run home run by Zerbo,
his second of the tourney.
Zerbo also won a bat autographed by Tony Clark of the
betroit Tigers for winning
home run hitting contest.
The Cobras of Coach Dan
Potry and staff ended the holiday with a 15-1 league record
and 36-4 overall mark.

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor McShane at 7:03 p.m. on Monday July 7, 1997 in Council Chambers, 22500 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 207:1976.

REZERENT: Bush, Hartsack, McShane, Mitchell.

ADSIANT: Campuse.

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Louhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

Council met to discusse City Council's Expense Policy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

JOANNE M. McSHANE, Mayor PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Post 346 loses, wins Scheffer rising like desert heat

He's situated in the desert. It's

nice situated in the desert. Its a hitters paradise of sorts. But Westland John Glenn High product Aaron Scheffer, a pitcher with the Lancaster JetHawks of the Class A California League seems to be able to adapt to the unusual climate and

middlo reliever and closer.
But his earned run avorage
hovers around 6.00, not good by
usual baseball standards.
Thervis a catch, however.
The wind blows out every singin night, you don't worry about
ERA," Schoffer said. This park
is so tough to pitch in. It has the
highest run production in professional baseball, even higher than
Coors Field (in the high altitude
of Denver, Colo."

JetHawks' pitching coach Jim
Slaton, who Tiger fans may
remember in 1978 and 1986, can

attest to conditions. He grew up in Lancaster.

There's the low desert, which is Palm Springs, and then there's the high desert where I'm at, Siaton said. The wind blows out quite a bit.

"Usually you'll see seven home runs a game. We were down once 17-7 in the eighth inning and came back and scored 12 runs. We ended up winning 20-17.

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"It's tough to evaluate pitcher. They give up seven runs, but usually two or three homers are wind-blown. That makes it tough. I have to point that out when I'm sending out my

when I'm sending out my reports.

"It does, though, teach you to pitch down in the strike zone."

Slaton says Schoffor, who relies on a slider, fastball and change-up, averages in the neighborhood of 88 MPH.

"He's right in the Big League average and he'll top out at 91," said Slaton, who pitched in the Majors for 15 seasons. "Aaron is well over 200 pounds and a goodsized kid. He's a three-pitch pitcher.

sized kid. He's a three-pitch pitcher.

"He has an average fastball, but when he throws it right, he has good movement."

Scheffer was tried as a starter

Scheller was tried as a starter coming out of spring training, but felt more comfortable coming out of the bullpen. "Whenever I'm needed," Schef-fer said. "I usually pitch in the

or said. I beguing pitch in the closer games.

"My slider is my out-pitch. I just have more confidence in it. I've been able to develop a pretty good change-up. But I need to establish my fastball a little

more and try and be more consistent around the plate — hit the spots more."

Slaton, who coached last scason for the Chicago Cubs' Daytona Beach farm club in the Florida State League, likes what he sees in Scheffer.

"Aaron's a very good competitor, he wants the ball," the pitching coach said. "He enjoys pitching and he wants to learn. Sometimes he gets frustrated and loses his composure, but the more experience he gets, and if he keeps working hard, the better he'll get. He's still young. And if he keeps working hard, the better he'll get. He's got a chance to pitch in the Majors."

The JetHawks finished 33-37 during the first half and have started out 13-7 (as of Thursday). The team, with a brand new stadium, ranks second in the California League in attendance, averaging almost 4,000 per game.

The JetHawks are managed by former Boston Red Sox shortstop Rick Burleson.

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former Boston Red Sox shortstop Rick Burleson.
"He likes to win," Scheffer said. "He's a competitor, for sure. He gets angry when we lose." Scheffer, who has made minor

Scheffer, who has made minor lengue stops in Arizona, Washington and Wisconsin, is adjusting to the California lifestyle.

The people are a little bit different," he said. "It's like a suburb. It's kind of dull here. We do some promotional things like signing autographs in front of the bellpark.

"On my free time I'll got Manhatten Beach. The bus rides aren't bad, It's a commuter

league, one hour trips for the most part. All the teams are in California. You get to go home and sleep in your own bed a lot, which makes it nice."

His daily routine consists of waking up (mid-morning), working out in the weight room, urriving at the park around 2 or 3 p.m., stretching and running (usually 10 laps around the park) before getting ready for the ballgame. Scheffer also gets to take hatting practice with the rest of the pitching staff on occasion.

I just try to get better each day. Scheffer and. Tell ike to go to (Class) AA next year, but I can't control that. I'm still young. I think they like what I've get. Ihave to be patient."

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The 140-game season, which does take a toll on the body, ends Aug. 31.

He looks forward to returning home to be with his mother (Sue), his father (Larry) and older brothers Lawrence, a former baseball standout at the University of Detroit Merry; and Chris, who played football at Central Michigan; not to mention his girtfriend Alissa Enriquez, a Glenn grad as well and a student at the University of Michigan.

"I definitely miss my family, my brothers and my friends," he said. "But I don't mind it. Being away the first year (in the ominors) was the toughest, but now I'm adjusting to it."

And that includes desort, high winds, scorching temperatures and wind-blown homers.

SUMMER HOCKEY

In a battle waged throughout all three periods, it seemed only fitting that Thursday's Metro Summer Hockey League game between the Broncos and the Wildcats end in a 3-3 tie at Ply-

Summer Hockey League game between the Broncos and the Wildeats end in a 3-3 tie at Plymouth tee Arena. Both teams had leads, with the Broncos up 1-0 on a goal by Ben Blackwood after one period before falling behind 2-1 late in the second. Scores by Chris Scaglione (Beverly Hills) and, with 2-42 left in the period, David Guidi put the Wildeats in front.

The Broncos retied it at 2-2,

however, before the second period ended when Tad Patterson (from Canton) scored 30 seconds after Guidi's goal.

The tie was the first this sca-son in the MSHL.

Wolverines 9, Spartans 5: On Wednesday at Plymouth, seven different players scored goals for the Wolverines as they pulled away to the victory over the Spartans.

Spartans.

Jay Storm led the Wolves with two goals and three assists. Abran Smith (Redford) added two goals and an assist, and Michael Murphy got a goal and four assists.

Keith Pietila and Jim Pietila each had a goal and two assists, and Jake Heikkinon and Tom Balamucki each scored goals. Tom Kastamo and John Fontana (Livonia) got two assists apiece.

For the Spartans, Kirk Gurney scored twice, Bobby Davis had a goal and two assists, and both Ryan Gauthier (Canton) and Ryan Davis got a goal and an assist. Chris Hassett had two

Art Baker and Jim Sexsmith split time in goal for the Wolverines; Gary Rye was in the net all the way for the Spartans.

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Lakers 16, Bulldogs 4: This MSHL game, played Wednesday at Plymouth, was over quickly.

The Lakers built an 8-0 lead before the 'Dogs' Chris Smith scored in the last minute of the first period. The gap grew to 11-1 late in the second period, as six Lakers scored two or more goals.





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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor McShane at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 1997 in Council Connebra, 2:3000 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 297-1976.

PRESENT: Bush, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrall, City Attorney Donohue, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

Minutes of the Special and Regular Minutes of June 16, 1997 were approved as submitted.

Minutes of other boards were received and filed.

Council accepted the resignation of Thomas Lyczkowski from the Historical Commission. Council authorized a sidewalk sale at Arbor Drugs \$48, 23391 Farmington

Council approved the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Agreement for the transfer of Municipal and Community Credits.

Comminity Creates.

Council approved the Cultural Awareness Master Plan Process.

Council extended the Cable Franchise Agreement until February 28, 1998.

Council approved change orders to the Fuel Storage Tank Project.

Council accepted the proposal of Signs and Lines to install signs at Drake Park and the Public Services complex. Council Introduced Ordinance No. C-639-97 to amend the Retirement

Council comments and announcements were heard.

Council reappointed Alton Bennett and Richard Peters to the Board of Zoning Appeals to serve a term ending June 15, 2000. Council approved the Monthly Payments Report for June, 1997.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. JOANNE M. McSHANE, Mayor PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer