

# Ultimate Precision retains NFWB crown

The NFWB Ultimate Precision 10-and-under girls fast-pitch softball team defended its championship July 12-13 in the Third Annual NFWB Tournament at Founders Park.

NFWB Ultimate Precision went 5-0 in the tournament and beat a tough Okemos team in the championship game 4-3 in eight innings.

In the final, All Ault pitched all eight innings, giving up four hits and one walk while striking out seven in a dominating performance.

The NFWB girls were flawless in the field with no errors.

Ault took a 1-0 lead into the sixth inning when a close call at first base opened the door for Okemos to score its only runs in regulation.

NFWB got a run earlier when Lindsey Emmett reached first on an error, was sacrificed to second by Leslie Schrock's bunt and scored on consecutive singles by Ari and All Ault.

Ultimate Precision came back in the bottom of the sixth when Melanie Grewe ripped a triple (her second of the game) into the left-center gap and scored on a

## SOFTBALL

single by Emmett.

After Okemos scored in the top of the eighth, NFWB tied the score when Dianna Guskay drove in Katrina Vitanis with a single to left.

Grewe, who batted 9-for-16 in the tournament, advanced Guskay with her third hit of the game. The winning hit was delivered by Emmett, who hit the ball down the third-base line.

In earlier competition, NFWB beat Brighton 13-4, breaking up a 5-4 game with eight runs in the seventh inning.

All Ault threw another strong game, striking out nine while walking three and giving up three hits.

The hitting attack was led by Vitanis, Brittany Maxey, Emmett, Jonelle Welling and Jamie Swartz with two hits each.

Ari Ault and Randi Taub added one double each, and All Ault helped her cause with a double and three walks.

Ultimate Precision bant

Williamston 13-0 with Schrock getting the win on a two-hitter over four innings. Vitanis retired the side in order in the last inning.

Grewe and Taub had two hits apiece, and Ari Ault, Angie Locken and Welling hit doubles. Schrock helped her cause with single, two walks and two runs scored.

NFWB had a struggle on its hands against a fighting Grand Blanc team, but a determined effort on the mound by Emmett helped win the game, 12-10.

Emmett struck out seven and held on in the last inning with the tying run at the plate.

Grewe led the hitting with two, Vitanis, Schrock, All Ault, Swartz and Locken contributed to the offense, and Maxey worked Grand Blanc pitching for three walks.

In the final pool game, NFWB merited the Ortonville North Stars 14-2 in five innings to qualify for the final.

Schrock got the win, giving up two hits and striking out six. Vitanis continued her hot hitting with three hits and three runs scored.

Emmett broke open the game in the fourth inning when she slammed a three-run homer. After fouling off nine pitches later that inning, Locken belted a grand slam.

Schrock, Emmett, Grewe and Locken had two hits each in the victory.

## Compuware best in state

The 14-and-under Compuware softball team won all six games and the National Softball Association state championship last weekend in Hartland.

To clinch the title, Compuware defeated the Michigan Manicas a second time Sunday, 6-2.

Lisa Copeland (West Bloomfield) went 3-for-3; Andrea Hillsley (Waterford) and Brandy Dills (Waterford) drove in one run each with a single and a double, respectively.

Kristin Buckless (Brighton) pitched the first six innings for the victory before Jessica Brubaker (Waterford) entered in relief for the final inning. Compuware opened with a 2-0 win over the Monroe Generals on Friday. Brubaker went the distance, striking out seven and

walking none in a three-hitter. Katie Albert (Waterford) went 2-for-3 and scored a run.

The Michigan Thunder of Tecumseh was the next opponent to tumble Friday, 8-4. Buckless pitched five innings, but Brubaker got the win when Compuware broke a 4-4 tie in the sixth.

Copeland went 3-for-4 with two RBI. Hillsley and Lauren Monterey (Farmington Hills) had two hits each, and Albert and Dana Falvo (Farmington Hills) contributed to the offense, too.

Buckless struck out 10 over five innings in the next game, a 4-0 whitewash Saturday of the Windsor Wildents.

Albert was 2-for-3 again; Hillsley hit a triple and scored two runs, and Copeland had an RBI with a double.

Brubaker pitched a no-hitter Saturday as Compuware blanked the Lake Orion Pistons, 2-0. She struck out eight, but didn't walk a batter. The defense made two errors, however.

Albert and Rebecca Land (Waterford) scored both runs in the fourth inning. Lindsey

Zienert (Lake Orion) and Falvo made offensive contributions, also.

In the winner's bracket final, Compuware dropped the Manicas with a 2-0 victory. Brubaker gave up seven hits but gained her fourth consecutive victory of the tournament.

Conlin Peterson (Walled Lake) tripled and scored the first run on Albert's single. Hillsley accounted for the second run with a solo homer.

Copeland batted .500 and was named the tournament's most valuable player. As the catcher, she also threw out eight of 10 runners trying to steal and picked two off base.

Brubaker pitched 27 scoreless innings with 22 strikeouts, 12 hits and three walks. Albert hit .470 and Hillsley .376.

Compuware goes to Milwaukee for an Amateur Softball Association regional this weekend and plays for the USA national championship July 29-Aug. 3 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The team is coached by Tom Hillsley, Al Land and Dave Brubaker.

# Win streak serves as warm-up for 16-year-old Cobras

In preparation for their appearance in the AAU Junior Olympics, the 16-year-old NFWB Michigan Cobras won seven consecutive games last week.

The Cobras began the week with a Toledo Invitational Tournament championship.

The first victory was a 6-2 win over Cleveland in which Dan Duffey pitched a complete game with 12 strikeouts while allowing six hits.

## BASEBALL

The defense turned two doubles plays as shortstop Andrew Todd, second baseman Mike Sopo and first baseman Jay Melvin stopped serious Cleveland rallies.

Game 2 was a decisive victory for NFWB as the Cobras defeated Saginaw, 15-3. Tim Andrzejak earned the pitching win with

relief help from Melvin. Sopo, Joe Morris, John Greshover, Andrzejak and Melvin collected multiple hits.

The third game had the Cobras beating Baltimore, 10-2, as pitcher Brad McCloskey struck out the first six batters he faced and allowed just two hits.

Melvin, Andrzejak, Greshover, Sopo and John Pickell had at least two hits each. NFWB clinched the champi-

onship by defeating Queens (NY) in the final game, 8-6. Morris gained the pitching victory and was relieved by Todd in the final inning. Morris and Greshover had two hits each.

The Cobras traveled to Grand Rapids to sweep two games, 8-7 and 15-7.

Mark Richards was the winning pitcher in the first game. Pickell hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning to clinch the victory. Josh Gad-Harf also homered and McCloskey collected three hits.

NFWB cleaned up in the second game. Andrzejak gained the pitching win with relief help from McCloskey and Melvin.

Greshover led the offense with two hits, including a 380-foot, towering homer that sealed the mercy victory. Pickell added two hits and Mike Barrett made several fine defensive plays at shortstop.

The Cobras defeated the Michigan Bulls II for their sev-

enth win, 9-4. Duffey pitched a complete game, striking out nine.

NFWB exploded with five runs in the sixth inning to break a 4-4 tie. Greshover continued his hitting rampage with three hits.

## Blues extend win streak

The 8-and-under South Farmington Blues ran their tournament record to 10-0 with a five-game sweep of the Davison Invitational.

Left fielder Harvey Martin's diving catch preserved a 4-3 victory in the deciding game against Elba.

The Blues also beat Davison (16-2), NFWB II (14-2), Otisville (20-0) and NFWB I (14-4).

South Farmington's offense was led by the power of Jon Falvo and Andy Harris combined with the power of Jon Castine, Nick Hammer and Jeff Kaberline.

The defense was anchored up the middle by catcher Chris

Egyed, pitcher Zack Crawford, the keystone catcher of Thomas Whiting and Brooks Tuyn and outfielders Andy Lentz and Paul Greenwood.

The Blues will put their streak on the line this weekend in Oxford and July 25-27 in Elba.

South Farmington also captured the NFWB Fourth of July Tournament championship with a 16-9 victory over NFWB I.

After cruising to the finals with a 4-0 record, the Blues found themselves facing a 9-0 deficit in the final game.

But Falvo ignited a 10-run rally in the fourth inning that put South Farmington ahead to stay.

The infield defense of Castine, Whiting, Tuyn and Harris helped the Blues shut out NFWB over the last four innings.

The Blues are managed by Rick Tuyn, who is assisted by coaches Larry Miller and Don Egyed.

**INDOOR WEATHER INSTRUMENT**

With a new Carrier Indoor Weather Maker, you'll save up to 60% on your cooling costs this summer. It's the most energy-efficient air conditioning you can buy.

TRU-TEMP HEATING & COOLING

CLARENCE CITY 425-8414 • EASTON TWP. 1-800-564-TEMP

11 and 12 year offer. See dealer for details. No purchase necessary. One award per 100 receipts. In qualified customers on the Carrier Energy program. Award ends 1/31/98.

**Insulation Special**

6" R-14 Fiberglass Blown In Attic Insulation

1,000 Sq. Ft. - \*\$389

**JONES INSULATION**

348-9880

**ATTENTION TIME WARNER CUSTOMERS**

**WARNER BROS. PRESENTS BUGS BUNNY on Broadway**

Receive 2 free tickets to Bugs Bunny on Broadway July 25th at Meadowbrook Music Hall. Just visit one of our convenient offices and ask for your free tickets. Tickets are limited and are only available while supplies last.

Time Warner of Redford 25000 Capital • Redford  
Time Warner of Dearborn 15200 Mercantile • Dearborn  
Time Warner of Livonia 14525 Farmington Rd. • Livonia

Time Warner of Wayne 35102 Michigan Ave. • Wayne  
Time Warner of Oakland County 37635 Enterprise Ct. • Farmington Hills

**TIME WARNER CABLE**

© 1997 Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. All rights reserved. Bugs Bunny and the Warner Bros. characters and their names are registered trademarks and service marks of Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.

# Tournament from page C1

pretty well," Pat Vellucci said of his team's success in the championship series.

"Before the third game, we said 'This is probably going to be the championship here. It would have been quite difficult for whoever lost to win two from the other team. That was the key; that was a big win.'"

In the 12-11 game, Pat's two-run triple and Hamilton's two-run single sparked the six-run rally in the sixth.

Vellucci Inc. got within a run, 10-9, on three straight singles by Perry Vellucci, Karhu and Behan. With two outs and an 0-2

count staring at him, Mark Vellucci ripped a single up the middle for the tying run.

Frank Vellucci's double and Hamilton's sacrifice fly knotted the score at 11 in the eighth. Mike Vellucci broke an 0-for-3 streak in the game with a single and scored the winning run on Behan's ninth-inning hit.

The championship game was doled out 6-6 after five innings. With two out in the sixth, Vellucci Inc. scored twice on four consecutive singles by Behan (3-for-4), Pat Vellucci, Mark Vellucci and Karhu.

"Both were one-run games, and that shows how evenly matched our teams are," Pat Vellucci said. "Most (of the games) have been one-run games decided in the last inning. And, of course, we want to be on the winning side."

Vellucci started the tournament with wins over Red Robin (13-3) and Library Pub (14-2).

In the opener, Frank Vellucci's two-run single broke a 3-3 tie during a five-run fourth. Hamilton was 3-for-3 in that game.

"We had a slow start; it took us a couple innings, but we finally got going," Pat Vellucci said. "From there (fourth inning) everyone got to hitting; it was a chain reaction thing."

Woodard and Karhu were 4-for-4 in the second game. The key hit was a three-run homer by Woodard in the second inning that gave Vellucci a 6-0 lead.

Behan, who was solid defensively in left-center and scored a team-high eight runs, was 10-for-15 overall. Karhu 10-for-16, Mark Vellucci 9-for-14 and Pat Vellucci 7-for-13.

Will Vellucci Inc. be back in an attempt to win its fourth straight championship in 1998?

"Oh, yeah, definitely," Pat Vellucci said. "We'll be playing again next year. We're certainly going to try to do that."

Playing for Cadillac Cafe were Pete Thompson, Kurt Perry, Dave Fimmis, Brian Smolinski, Mike Rudon, Mark Alcantara, Mike Callahan, Mike Gibson, Dan Townes, Mark Riewand, Sid Freidman and, appearing in his 19th consecutive Founders tournament, Mark McDonald.

Thompson was 16-for-19. Smolinski 13-for-21. Riewand 12-for-20 and McDonald, who has played on four championship teams and six runners-up, 9-for-18.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions for Mayor and City Council are available at the office of the City Clerk. The deadline for filing petitions is Tuesday, August 26, 1997, at 4:00 p.m. sharp.

Additional information and requirements may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (248) 473-8666.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

Published July 10 and 17, 1997

**AIR CONDITIONING**

SALES • SERVICE • INSTALLATION • REPAIR

Aspen, Arctic, Carrier, Comfortmaker, Lennox, Trane, York

**Deal Direct - No Subcontractors**

Thousands of Satisfied Customers - Referrals -

• FULLY LICENSED AND INSURED

• ONE DAY INSTALLATION

• ONE DAY SERVICE

As heard on JOE GAGNON'S Family

Heating, Cooling & Electrical Inc.

A Master Electrician Offering Full Electrical Service

Family Owned & Operated for 30 Years

Call For FREE Estimate...

248-548-9565