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success in the ring have given him the inner strength to stand on his own and overcome any self-doubt.

"My friends think I took the easy way by being a boxer, not being a doctor, lawyer or businessman," he said. "They ask 'Why do you do that? Why do get hit?'"

"At the beginning of my career, it was really hard. When you don't have confidence and people ask those questions, you ask yourself 'Why do I do this?' Now I don't care. I tell them 'I'm going to be there whether you are or not.'"

"I can count on one hand the number of times my friends have been to the gym. My brother (Greg) is my biggest fan. He and his friends are more into it with me. They're always there for me; they're my team."

Johnson hopes to capitalize on Detroit's future in gambling casinos to promote future fights and make Tuesday night fights at Chene Park a regular event. More fights are slated for July 14, Aug. 11 and Sept. 15.

**RUMBLE ON THE RIVER:** At the top of the card Tuesday will be a pair of 12-round NABO championship bouts. Lonny "Honey Bee" Bostley of Detroit (New Champions) will fight Syd "The Jewel" Vanderpool of Ontario for the midweight title; in a welterweight contest, Tony Rodriguez of Pontiac faces Doug Gray of Yonkers, N.Y.

In addition, NABO light heavyweight champ Ko-Dy King and NDA junior welterweight champ Munton Thomas will fight on the undercard.

Ticket prices are \$50 ringside, \$35 reserve, \$20 individual and \$15 lawn. Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster outlets (845-6565) or the Chene Park box office (393-7827).

# Cobras capture tourney title

## BASEBALL

The 14-year-old NFWB Cobras won the championship of the Great Lakes Classic in their age division May 23-24 in Canton Township.

The Cobras opened with a 10-0 victory over Livonia Travel as Kevin Gignac and Joe Armao combined for a two-hit shutout.

NFWB had outstanding defensive plays by Armao, who made an over-the-shoulder catch in left field, and Michael Baltus, who executed a double play at third base. Scott Duchinsky was solid behind the plate.

Gary Rosenberg pitched a three-hitter against the Wayne Bandits in the next game, which the Cobras won, 7-4. He also led the offense with three hits. Brian Johns and Baltus chipped in two apiece.

Johns, Baltus and Rosenberg combined for 10 hits in the next

game, but NFWB was on the losing end of a 12-11 score with the Windsor Titans.

A second loss would have meant elimination, but the Cobras rallied for a 6-2 win over Bloomfield Baseball.

Brad VanGorder ignited a three-run rally in the sixth inning by stealing home. Johnson pitched a complete game.

The Cobras played errorless ball in the quarterfinals and defeated the Columbus (Ohio) Cobras, 5-3. NFWB had eight hits to support the combined pitching of Darren Dickow, Armao and Masaru Saito.

Rosenberg's three hits powered the Cobras to a 14-9 victory over Lincoln Park in the semis.

Baltus, VanGorder and Jason Berthiaume added two hits each. David Hoffman started on the mound; Saito pitched four innings of middle relief and Dickow was the closer.

The Cobras continued their torrid hitting in the championship game to defeat the 13-year-old NFWB Cobras, 7-5.

Gignac and Johns had three hits each, Jeff Vieder two. Rosenberg pitched five innings to earn the win, and Dickow shut the door for the second straight game.

Rosenberg was named the most valuable player and earned a spot on the all-tournament team with Baltus, Vieder, Armao and Johns.

The 14-year-old Cobras are managed by Dennis Baltus. The coaches are Mark Rosenberg, Doug Johns and Ken Gignac.

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- Under-15: coach Emmitt Windahl (477-5487), June 10 and 17, Founders Park No. 3.
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- Under-13: coach Alan Helnek (471-4475), June 17 and 18 at Founders Park No. 1.
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