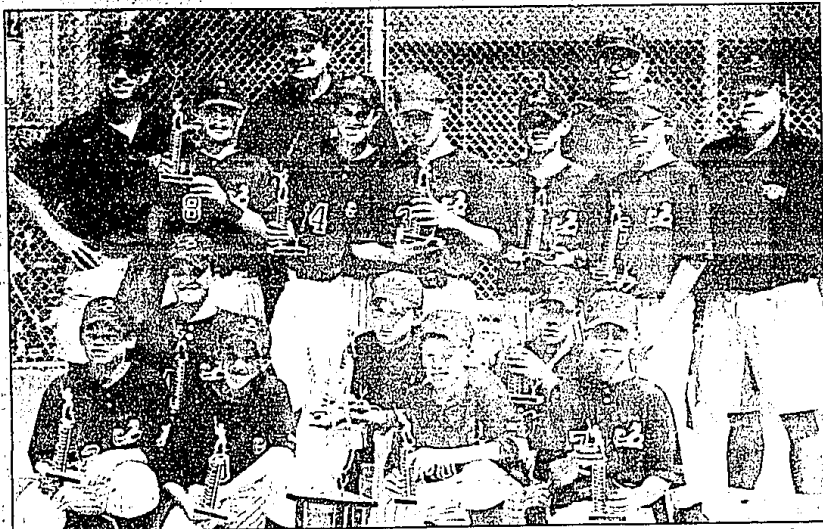


Tournament champions



Baseball champs: The 12-year-old NFWB Cobras travel team won its own Fourth of July tournament. The NFWB players are (kneeling, left to right) Gary Kennedy, Jonathan Noble, Josh Feinberg, Matt Cowan, Max Miller, Kris Clark, Kyle Phillips, (middle row) Steven Antoniotti, Rob Campbell, Sean Murnane, Mike Saha and Mike Hand. All the players are from Farmington Hills except for Cowan (White Lake), Miller (West Bloomfield), Campbell (Bloomfield Hills) and Murnane (Ann Arbor). The assistant coaches are (back row, from left) Tom Miller, Bob Campbell and Mike Noble. The head coach is Roy Phillips (far right).

# NFWB girls are 5th in state tournament

The 14-and-under NFWB Cobras finished fifth out of 26 teams in the NSA state fastpitch tournament July 10-12. Their record in the double-elimination event was 4-2.

The Cobras lost their first game to the Interlakes Flames, 10-2, after taking a 2-0 lead into the sixth inning.

NFWB could muster only three hits by Danielle Bongero (triple), Lauren Ouellette and Hilary Goldin.

The Cobras bounced back from the loss to beat the Ann Arbor Twisters, 20-1. Kelly Taylor and Ouellette were 5-for-5 at bat. Taylor had two doubles and a home run, Ouellette a triple and a home run. Patty Kolinaki (double, triple) had four hits; Bongero, Kristin Schrock (triple) and Lindsey Taub had three each. Bongero also homered.

Kolinaki scored and added an RBI. Schrock notched the win, pitching a five-hitter.

Ouellette's two homers and five RBI led the Cobras to a 15-0 shellacking of the Mount Pleasant Oilers.

Kolinaki also knocked in five runs with three hits. Bongero chipped in three hits and Taylor two, including a home run.

Goldin and Caitlin Bailey contributed single RBI. Schrock and

Taub combined to pitch a five-hit shutout.

In their fourth game, the Cobras defeated Branch County, 11-2. Both Danielewicz, Taylor (two triples) and Ouellette (triple) powered the NFWB attack with three hits each.

Bongero (two hits), Kolinaki, Schrock, Goldin (triple) and Taub helped by knocking in runs. Schrock and Danielewicz shared the pitching role.

The next victory for the Cobras came against the Downriver Crystals, 14-1.

Danielewicz got the win with Taub finishing the game on the mound. They allowed only two hits and no earned runs.

Danielewicz knocked in five runs with three hits; Ouellette drove in four with three hits. Kolinaki and Goldin had three hits each.

After four straight wins, the Cobras lost to the Michigan Outlaws, 10-6. It was NFWB's fourth straight game without a break. Ouellette pounded a home run among her three hits.

The Cobras are 21-8 since the start of their tournament season, during which they have won two tournaments.

NFWB plays next in the NSA World Series July 21-26 in Columbus, Ohio.

# 11-year-old Concealed starts with 2 victories

The Concealed Security 11-year-old travel baseball team won two games on Thursday before losing one on Friday before the team's break of the 12-year-old American Amateur Baseball Congress district at Stepping Stone Field in Farmington Hills.

"That's nothing to be ashamed of, being the only 11-year-old team in the field, coach Lou Pirronello said.

"The kids are playing their hearts out, and that's all that matters," he said. "The team is playing very well considering this is an 11-year-old team."

Novi handed Concealed a 3-0 loss as Mark Sorenson pitched a four-hitter for the winning team. Chris Rusin of Canton suffered the pitching defeat, losing only for the second time against 11 wins. The three runs he allowed were unearned. Andrew Stafford led Concealed with two hits.

Corey Sargent and Jeff Richard made diving catches in the outfield for Concealed.

Concealed won a pair of games on Thursday, 8-6 over Hartland and 3-0 over the Detroit Cobras.

Sargent was the winning pitcher against the Cobras, tossing a complete-game three-hitter with 11 strikeouts and three walks.

Richard had two hits, including a solo home run, and Matt Rodeghier (Farmington Hills), Ryan Shay and Stafford also collected two hits.

Concealed scored three runs in the seventh inning in the first game, allowing relief pitcher Alan Hagedorn (Westland) to pick up the victory. He moved to 5-0 on the mound, allowing one run on two hits and two walks over 3 1/2 innings.

Phillip Mabey (Livonia) was the starting pitcher; also seeing time on the mound were Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne) and Eric Drieselmann (Garden City). Drieselmann was perfect in one inning.

Shay had a two run single to lead the offense. Scott Szpyka had an RBI single in the seventh. Vojtkofsky laid down a suicide squeeze bunt to score a run in the seventh, and the other run came home that inning on Hagedorn's sacrifice fly.

Concealed earned an automatic berth in the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series in Missouri by beating Novi in a best-two-out-of-three qualifier July 12-13.

The World Series begins July 30 and goes through Aug. 10.

Concealed beat Novi 10-3 on July 12 and came back a day later to win 19-4.

Mabey was the pitching winner on July 12, allowing three hits and walking seven with 12 strikeouts. Hagedorn, Richard and Drieselmann had two hits each. Drieselmann also drove in two runs.

Concealed exploded for 25 hits

the next day, led by three batters with four hits each: Rodeghier, Richard and Szpyka. Rodeghier had two RBIs. Richard, who had two doubles, and Szpyka drove in four runs each.

Shay was 3-for-3 and Drieselmann 3-for-6 with one RBI each. Rusin and Sargent had two hits and two RBI apiece.

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