

Sports & Recreation

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FARMINGTON-FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Sorrows grid tryouts

Youths in the fourth through eighth grades who want to play CYO football for Our Lady Sorrows School can register by calling one of the two team's head coaches.

Student-athletes from Sorrows parish and school or bordering parishes are eligible. The JV and varsity teams being conditioning without pads at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10.

Players must have proof of a physical examination since April 15 of this year. The fee to play is \$75.

Student-athletes in the seventh and eighth grades should call varsity coach Ugo Abate at (248) 474-5880; fourth, fifth and sixth graders should call JV coach Steve Machacek at (248) 478-9459.

Assistant coaches are needed, also. If interested, call one of the head coaches.

U.S. team wins again

Coch Melvin Moore of Farmington Hills took a youth basketball team to Europe and returned with a championship trophy for the second straight year.

Moore's team of mostly metro-area high school players participated July 6-14 in the EuroBasketball High Five International Tournament in Nice, France.

The team finished with a 3-1 record following an 88-85 victory over Italy in its final game of the tournament. The competition consisted of 10 teams from the United States, France and Italy.

Morris Hall of Detroit Henry Ford High School was named the most valuable player in the tournament.

The squad also included Johnny Bouyer, Damon Dowell, Kyle Johnson and Jhamal Swift, Henry Ford; Earl Gray III, Redford St. Agatha; Richard Louwers, Scott Wisniewski and Andrew Kill, Royal Oak Shrine; Keith Harrison, Warren Fitzgerald; Aaa Vandl, Buffalo, N.Y.; and Chris Schutte, Quincy, Ill.

"The trip was an excellent opportunity for student-athletes to participate in an international sporting competition while experiencing a different culture," Moore said, adding his team toured the cities of Andora, CoGoletto, Milan, Amsterdam, Cannes, Nice and Monaco.

Calling ex-gridders

North Farmington football players who played under former coach Ron Holland between 1962 and 1983 are invited to attend a celebration and reunion in Holland's honor.

Holland, who served as Farmington Public Schools athletic director for the last 15 years, retired in June.

The schedule of events includes a golf outing and dinner on Friday, Oct. 9. The North Farmington football field will be dedicated in Holland's honor on Saturday, Oct. 10.

For more information call Don Roble at (248) 853-1288.

Soccer club news

Farmington Soccer Club is offering free skill clinics for boys and girls, ages 10 and under at Little Caesars Field at the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Drake roads.

Farmington Soccer Club also is registering players for the fall season. Girls are needed in the under-8 coed division and the under-9 and under-14 girls divisions.

For more information on either subject call Kris at 471-4379.

STC hockey programs

The Suburban Training Center has a number of hockey programs available this summer.

The following are drop-in programs in which players come to the arena, register and go out on their own. There will be a coach on the ice to supervise.

- Pop-in hockey practice session (all ages), 1:30-3 p.m. Monday through Friday until Aug. 21. No pick-up games allowed. The fee is \$8 per player per session.

- Shooting range (all ages), 3-4 p.m. Wednesday through Aug. 19; open ice time to practice and perfect shooting skills. The fee is \$8 per player per session.

- Drop-in hockey (18 and over), 6:30-8 a.m. Wednesday and Friday, 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday; full equipment required. The fee is \$7 per player.

For information call (248) 889-1400.

Injury won't stop North athlete

■ Samantha McComb plans to be back on the basketball court in the near future, practicing and competing with her teammates despite an injury to her shooting hand. The North Farmington sophomore was injured in an off-the-court accident while attending a summer camp.

A potentially-devastating injury to her right hand won't stop North Farmington High School sophomore Samantha McComb from playing sports again.

McComb, a standout basketball and softball player for the Raiders, lost the tip of her ring finger as a result of a dormitory accident July 8 while attending the All-State Basketball Camp in Traverse City.

While unable to play or participate in team drills with her hand heavily bandaged, McComb has continued to train

and planned to attend basketball camp with her North teammates this week in Mount Pleasant.

"I don't think that was even a question with Samantha," North coach Linda Perkins said in regard to whether or not McComb would play again.

"It was never an issue — 'Will I play?' It's 'As soon as I can, I'll be there, coach.' She is showing great perseverance and heart."

When the accident happened,

McComb said she was standing outside a dormitory room with her hand on the wall near the doorway.

As some other campers engaged in a water fight, a girl in the room, in an attempt to avoid getting wet, slammed the door shut on McComb's finger at a point halfway down the nail.

"It was a good thing a counselor was right there to help me, because I didn't know what to do," McComb said.

"When we got to the hospital, that's when it hit me. I didn't know how serious it was."

McComb was seen right away in the emergency room but had to wait for the orthopedic surgeon to finish in surgery. The temporary delay didn't affect the result, according to McComb, because there wasn't sufficient skin on the fin-

ger to be able to re-attach the tip. McComb returned home and had surgery July 10 to cover the exposed bone to prevent infection and accelerate the healing process.

"There was a sense of relief," McComb said, when she realized the injury didn't threaten her career. It was better it happened when it did instead of closer to the start of the basketball season, allowing more time for the injury to heal, she added.

"The first (doctor) said six to eight weeks, and the doctor down here said it would be an even shorter amount of time, because it was covered up. That made me feel even better. Otherwise, it would be like nature taking its course."

McComb was the starting point

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Hawk star signs with Chippewas

Talking to Zack Cornwell, you get the impression he's not merely looking forward to a new challenge in his athletic career but eagerly anticipating it.

Cornwell, twice an All-Observer baseball player at Farmington Harrison, will attend Central Michigan University on a baseball scholarship.



Zack Cornwell
CMU baseball recruit

"I can't wait; I'm very excited," he said. "They have a new coach, a new indoor facility, a new recruiting class, new assistant coaches. Everything is brand new. Everybody is pretty much starting over."

Judd Folske, who coached at Ferris State until that school dropped baseball, replaces longtime CMU coach Dean Kreiner and made a favorable impression on Cornwell.

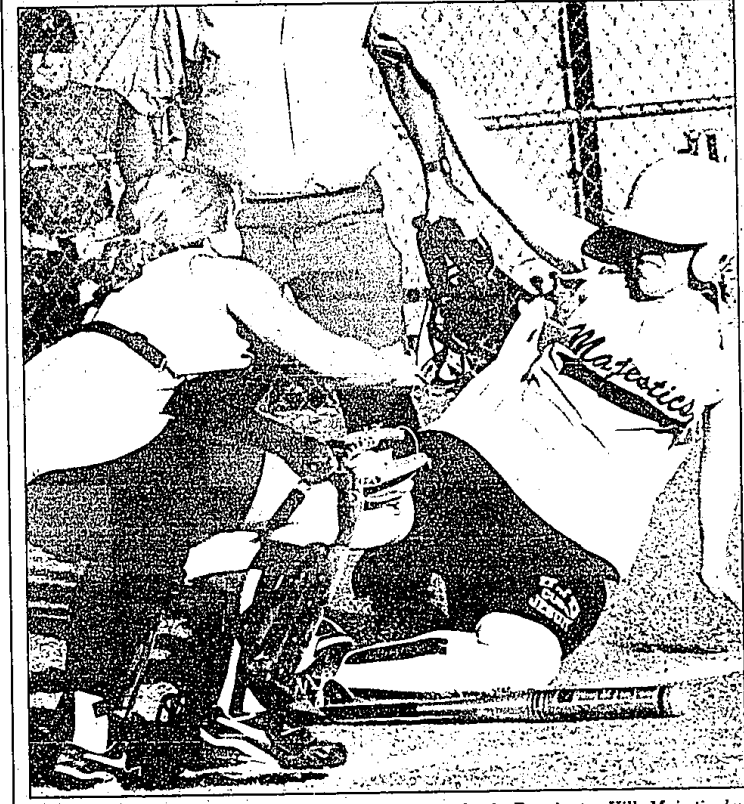
"I can't wait to play for this man," Cornwell said. "He's real down to earth. You can talk to him like a person, not like a coach. As a coach, you have to give him the respect he deserves, but you can talk to him. During orientation, I went by the field and was telling him about my summer team. He was high-fiving me; he's a people person. It's going to be a great four years. I'm looking forward to it."

Cornwell had wanted to go to Michigan State and wrote a letter to the coach saying so. He returned a questionnaire but never heard anymore from the Spartans.

The University of Detroit-Mercy wanted him to sign last fall, but Cornwell figured he'd wait and keep his options open. His plan, he did and couldn't be happier with his decision.

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Softball season-ender



Incredible action: Julia Dekovich attempts to score a run for the Farmington Hills Majestics by sliding into home plate Thursday in a Girls Incredible Fastpitch Softball League game against the Diamonds. Dekovich was out as catcher Maureen Cebula, a Majestics teammate who was on loan to the opposing team, made the tag. The Majestics won, 11-8. See story on Page D3.

Fury dominates opponents en route to title



Championship game: The Fury's Jarret Kruse moves the ball up the touchline against the Sterling Heights Mustangs.

The Farmington Fury under-16 boys soccer team won all five games by shutout to capture the Portage Invitational championship July 18-19.

It's the second consecutive tournament the Fury has won this season and its sixth championship in its last nine invitational. The Fury was runner-up in three other outings over the last 3 1/2 years.

The Fury began the Portage tournament with a 3-0 victory over the Red Arrow Express from the Mattawan-Paw Paw area.

Justin Street opened the scoring with a three-yard shot after a perfect cross from the deep left corner by midfielder Kyle Price.

Alan Mukhtar scored on a redirected cross from Street for a 2-0 halftime lead. Brian Horr provided the insurance goal in the second half when he fired a 30-yard bullet to the upper right corner of the net after a defender failed to clear the ball.

Erich Shrewsbury got the shutout in goal while backing up the defensive play of Eric Kelley, Kyle Meteyer, Dan Hopper, Jarret Kruse and Eric Phillips.

The only disappointment was a tour-

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namment-ending injury to forward Greg Brazzius who suffered a severe bruise to the left foot that restricted him to crutches.

The next Fury victim was the Swanton (Ohio) Storm, 5-0. Street struck first after a cross from Mukhtar and a perfect quick-touch pass from Dan Mooney.

It was Street again after Phillips began the attack from deep in the defensive half. Phillips passed to Kruse, who hit the breaking Street with another pass.

Street got the hat trick when Jim Young's pass to Mukhtar allowed him to set up Street for a 25-yard bullet.

Samir Janveja closed the first-half action when he intercepted a goal-kick and fired a 30-yard shot into the back of the net.

Jon Kambouris getting the Fury's final goal after a scramble in front of the Storm net. Farmington outshot Swanton, 16-0.

Shrewsbury was relieved in goal by

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