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FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Cobras have tryouts

Tryouts for the North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobras travel baseball teams will be Saturday, Aug. 28, and Sunday, Aug. 29. Players should plan to attend both days.

Tryouts for the 13-, 12- and 10-year-old teams will take place at Pioneer Park (Farmington Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads).

The 13-year-olds will have tryouts 9:30-11:30 a.m. (Mel Borock, manager), 12-year-olds from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Alan Borsen, manager) and 10-year-olds 2:30-4:30 p.m. (Marc Berlin, manager).

Tryouts for the 15-, 14 and 10-year-old teams will take place at Founders Park, field Nos. 7 and 8 (Eight Mile Road, two miles east of I-275).

The 15-year-olds will have tryouts 9-11 a.m. (Don Petry, manager), 14-year-olds from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Chuck Finkston, manager) and 10-year-olds 2-4 p.m. (Tony Agosta, manager).

Ages are determined as of Aug. 31, 2000. Players are asked to arrive a half hour early to sign in. All players need to bring bats, mitts, helmets and cleats.

For more information call NFWB Travel Commissioner Mel Borock after 5 p.m. at (248) 788-0691.

Adult goalies needed

The Farmington Hills Adult Hockey Association is in need of goalies for its 40-and-over age division. Any interested goalies should contact Ray Kilmas at (734) 453-4570 by Wednesday, Sept. 1.

The 44-game regular season starts Tuesday, Sept. 7. Games will be played at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena and the Suburban Training Center.

S. Farmington baseball

South Farmington Baseball Inc. will have tryouts for its Little Caesars travel baseball teams on Saturday, Aug. 21. Sunday, Aug. 22, will be the makeup date in the event of rain.

The time and place is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Founders Park for all ages. Age 9 will be on field No. 8, age 10 on No. 4, age 11 on No. 3, age 12 on No. 2, age 13 on No. 1 and ages 14 and 16 on field Nos. 5 and 6.

For more information call Steve Pelletier, age 9, 476-8968; Geoff Scott, 10, 478-1971; Rick Tuyn, 11, 474-8895; Jay Cummings, 12, 477-3523; Greg Anderson, 13, 477-5096; Al Zarkin, 14, 477-4537; Ken Chesney, 15, 471-3347; and Mike O'Connell, 16, 476-6178.

Sarsfield makes grade

Sean Sarsfield, a junior at Albion College, was selected to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's academic honor roll, which recognizes scholar athletes who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average.

Sarsfield, a former Farmington Harrison football player, lettered in football and field and track at Albion.

Hockey clinic is set

The 'Player's Edge' Hockey Clinic will be held Aug. 30 to Sept. 2 from 6-8 p.m. at the Birmingham Ice Arena.

Director and instructor Kristin Vivian has taught skating technique professionally for a decade. As a member of the Professional Skaters Association, she's a rated figure skating coach and a certified hockey instructor.

The developmental clinic is intended for novice and mite house players as well as those ages 5-12 with little or no organized hockey experience. To enroll, call (248) 370-9226.

Lahser top golf team

Bloomfield Hills Lahser's boys golf squad won the nine-team O.J. Shannabrook Invitational Tuesday at the par-71 Hunters Ridge course.

The Knights scored 308 points, and Williamson was one stroke back at 309. West Bloomfield was third (311) and Swartz Creek fourth (314) in the nine-team field.

John Bowersox of Williamson was match medalist with a 72. West Bloomfield's Steve Roling was runner-up with a 73, and Lahser's Brad Rager was third with a 74. Lahser's Scott Seurk and West Bloomfield's Steve Frank tied for fifth with rounds of 76.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL JENSEN

In your face:

Ex-Detroit Tiger Dave Rozema gives South Farmington pitcher Nick Hammer a piece of his mind after Hammer brushed back the former Major League pitcher with one of his offerings Monday. The 9- and 10-year-old Crushers played the 1984 World Series champions in a fantasy game and prevailed in a 7-4 victory.

'84 Tigers? No sweat for Crushers!

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Though the young South Farmington baseball players aren't old enough to remember the 1984 Detroit Tigers, that didn't get in the way of making memories that will last a lifetime Monday.



Post-game ritual: Coach Jeff Scott and Kirk Gibson shake hands.

The Crushers, all of whom were born after the Tigers last won the World Series, were thrilled to participate in a fantasy ballgame with members of the '84 championship team.

"It was really fun that we could actually play against real baseball players who actually won the World Series," said 11-year-old Phillip Scott. "It was one of the biggest opportunities I'll get for a while."

"I thought it was pretty cool and pretty fun," said 9-year-old Ryan Young, adding the Tigers "did pretty well for their ages."

The South Farmington players won the privilege of challenging the former Major Leaguers in a contest sponsored by Knorr Corporation and The Locker Room, a television show on Fox Sports Detroit.

Young's aunt, Patti Delapaz, entered the 10-and-under Crushers in the contest, and former Detroit Lions quarterback Gary Danielson made the winning selection on the Aug. 9 viewing of The Locker Room.

Dave Rozema pitched for the Tigers, and Lance Parrish was behind the plate. Danielson played first base, Kirk Gibson second base, Alan Trammell shortstop and sports broadcaster Eli Zaret third base.

"I think it was great," said Crushers head coach Jeff Scott, Phillip's father. "The kids seemed to enjoy themselves, although they really didn't know who (the Tigers) were."

"A couple of the older ones we picked up did. They knew they were Tigers, and that was a big thrill, being on the same field. And they were all very nervous!"

While the South Farmington players' knowledge of the '84 Tigers is limited to video footage and written accounts, the event was just as meaningful, if not more so, for the coaches and parents, who have personal recollections of that magical season.

"But it was a big deal for the kids, just saying they were out there with Major League players," Jeff Scott said.

"They knew what that was. That was a big

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Holding penalty: Former Tigers catcher Lance Parrish applies a bear hug to first baseman Ryan Young.

Compuware girls end successful year

SOFTBALL

Thursday, Compuware was a 3-2 winner over Parker's Eagles from Chattanooga, Tenn.

Jessica Brubaker centered five hits, struck out six and walked one. Andrea Hillsey was 2-for-3 with a double, and Lisa Copeland had an RBI single. Both girls scored a run, too.

Compuware advanced Friday with another 3-2 victory over the Clearwater (Fla.) Bombers, who were the runners-up in the NSA national tournament.

Brubaker was the winning pitcher again, allowing seven hits and two

walks while striking out five.

Melissa Wilson was 2-for-3 and had the game-winning hit, a two-run single, in the bottom of the sixth inning. Hillsey had one hit and two walks, and she scored two runs.

Compuware suffered its first loss in a 9 a.m. Saturday game with the Orange County (Calif.) Athletics, 3-1.

The southern Californians had seven hits off Brubaker, who fanned four and walked one. Hillsey, who had a double and one RBI, and Wilson had two hits each.

The loss meant Compuware had to play again at 11 a.m. Saturday, and Tuff-E-Nuff from Los Angeles put the

Michiganders out of the tournament with a 6-2 loss.

Tuff-E-Nuff scored three runs off starting pitcher Beth Carkuff in a third of an inning. Brubaker pitched the rest of the game, allowing two runs on six hits.

Hillsey was 3-for-4 with an RBI and scored a run. Copeland had another RBI single.

In the first post-play game Tuesday, Compuware managed to beat the Mega Millers from Sioux Falls, S.D., despite the opposing pitcher throwing a no-hit-ter.

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