

TRYOUTS

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

• The NFWB Cobras will have additional baseball tryouts Saturday, Sept. 18, and Sunday, Sept. 19.

Players should plan to attend both days and arrive a half hour early to sign in. All players must bring bats, mitts, helmets and cleats. Ages are determined as of July 31, 2000.

The 15-year-old tryouts will be noon to 2 p.m. at North Farmington High School. The manager is David Friedman.

The 11-year-old tryouts will be noon to 2 p.m. at Founders Sports Park (field Nos. 1, 2 and 3) on Eight Mile Road. The manager is Don Egedy.

The 13- and 14-year-old tryouts will be 10 a.m. to noon at Founders Sports Park (field Nos. 1, 2 and 3). The manager is Rick Burkhardt.

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

• The 15-year-old Michigan Bulls need additional players for the 2000 season. Players must have birth dates between Aug. 1, 1984, and Dec. 31, 1985.

Tryouts will be Sunday, Sept. 12, and Sunday, Sept. 19, at Farmington High School (west of Onond Lake Road between Ten Mile and Grand River). The times will be noon to 2:30 p.m. both days.

For more information call coach Eric Sams at (248) 647-5301.

• The NFWB Ultimate Precision Cobras, a 16-and-under girls fastpitch travel softball team, will be conducting tryouts 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at North Farmington High School (13 Mile and Farmington roads).

The makeup date in case of rain is Sunday, Sept. 26. Potential players can't be 17 before Jan. 1, 2000.

For more information, call Les Taub at (248) 826-7701 or Rob Schrock at (248) 471-3686.

• Tryouts for the 12-and-under Michigan Rattlers travel baseball team will be 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Founders Sports Park, diamond No. 2.

Boys interested in playing competitive baseball in the Little Caesars Federation should plan to attend. The Rattlers ended

the 1999 season ranked 10th in the nation and are looking to improve their team.

For more information, contact manager Mike Kish after 6 p.m. by calling (248) 476-2702.

• Tryouts for the Novi Heat of the Novi Youth Baseball League's travel division will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Community Sports Park, located at Eight Mile and Napier roads.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. with players assigned to respective fields for warmups. Actual tryouts start at 11 a.m. For more information, call Greg Hatcher at (248) 347-3338.

• The Dearborn Heights Knights travel baseball team is scheduling tryouts. Players must be 12 or under as of Aug. 1, 1999. To schedule a tryout, call Richard Cruz at (800) 949-8834.

• Tryouts for the 15- and 16-year-old Michigan Lake Area Rams baseball team will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at Madonna University Park. For more information, call Rick Arbogast at (313) 291-8999.

• A new Livingston County girls fastpitch softball team will have tryouts Sept. 19, 25 and 26 at Howell High School (1200 West Grand River). Ages 8-16 are welcome.

The times are 1-3 p.m. for under-16, 3-5 p.m. for under-14 and 5-7 p.m. for under-12. Registration is 30 minutes prior to the starting time.

For more information, call Susan Bushong at (517) 546-1789 or Kelly Kellar at (517) 646-6025.

BASKETBALL

The Tri-County Cobras, a 10-and-under boys AAU basketball team, will have tryouts for the 2000 season.

Players should be prepared for an intensive, two-hour tryout at Oakland Community College 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2. Registration is noon to 1 p.m.

Players must have been born on or after Sept. 1, 1989; players who were born on or after Sept. 1, 1988, and are in the fourth grade are eligible, too.

For more information, call Al or Regina Storrs at (248) 553-8419 after 6 p.m.

The Cobras will play in the state AAU tournament, as well as other local tournaments.



Ready to row: Caroline Gregory and her fellow crew members in the women's intermediate lightweight four with coxswain are ready for competition in the annual Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in St. Catharines, Ont.

Gold from D1

team, according to Gregory.

"I was excited to get more water time and coaching and to compete at the lightweight level since I would be more competitive in that class," she said.

The camp is where Gregory made the connection with her teammates for the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta.

But their first race was at the U.S. Rowing nationals in Indianapolis where Gregory won a bronze medal as part of the lightweight eight with coxswain crew.

"It was pretty exciting to look over into the next lane and see the top lightweight rowers in the country," she said.

Gregory's team went next to Duluth, Minn. It was an open-weight-only event, but her four with coxswain managed to overcome the odds and win.

"We were supposed to go to the club national championships and then to Henley," Gregory said. "But we decided to use all the time we could to prepare for our biggest race, which was Henley."

At the Henley Regatta, the top two boats in each heat qualify for the final, and Gregory's boat beat a good Canadian crew from Dons Rowing Club.

"We were excited to see we had beaten them but careful not to make too much of it since it was only the heats," Gregory said.

"Most crews were racing a number of races; therefore, if they had a spot secured in the finals, they eased off for the rest of the race to conserve energy." All races were 2,000 meters in



Winning crew: The members of the winning four with coxswain boat were (left to right) Jenny Swenson, Wisconsin; Kirstin Holbeck, Minnesota; coxswain Kim Harding, Washington; Caroline Gregory, Michigan; and Elise Hazelwood, California.

length. In the final, the collegians had a one-seat lead on Dons Rowing Club with 500 meters remaining.

"We had given everything and had to come up with more if we were going to win," Gregory said. "With about 250 meters to go, our stroke rate was up to 42 per minute."

"We usually raced the body of a race at 33 or 34 strokes per minute and the sprint at the end at 36 to 38. I looked over and

saw Dons crew rowing harder through the finish than I ever had."

"After we crossed the finish, I thought we had won, but it was too close to be sure."

Gregory and her fellow rowers had to wait until the official times were posted and then breathed a sigh of relief when they knew they had won.

Gregory's team finished with a best time of 7 minutes, 24.54 seconds and was less than a seat

length (about a second) in front of Dons Rowing Club.

"One of the keys to our successful rowing was that we all knew how bad each of us wanted to win, and no one wanted to settle for anything less," Gregory said.

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"Overall it was a good game, we worked the ball around pretty well," CC coach Dana Grucel said. "We started strong, stuck to the task, got a lot of guys in the game."

"We did not play well the first half, but the second half we were a different team," Glenn coach Jerry Poniatowski said. "We had some good combination

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