

14-year-old Wolves take tourney title

The Michigan Wolves 14-year-old travel team swept through the Independence Township Baseball Tournament in Clarkston the first weekend in May.

The Wolves went into the tournament with only nine of its 13 players. Four players are high school freshmen and are restricted from playing for any teams other than their schools through May.

All nine players took a turn pitching. Led by Max Miller, Kurtis McMahan and Steve Antoniotti, the team earned run averaged was 2.61.

In the first game May 5, the Wolves edged Concealed Security, 2-1. Miller pitched a scoreless, hitless first inning, striking out two.

Leonard Ford came in to pitch the next three innings, allowing four hits and an unearned run while notching five strikeouts.

McMahan finished the game, giving up no hits while striking out five over the final two innings.

For the Wolves, Dustin Jeffery singled and scored on a McMahan hit. Antoniotti knocked in the winning run with a single to left field.

The Wolves merited the Macomb Hurricanes in the second game the next day, 12-2.

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Miller had an inside-the-park home run and a double. McMahan went 2-for-2 and Shohel Kasahara 2-for-4.

Antoniotti was the starting and winning pitcher; he allowed just one hit and struck out six. Tim Muir was the closer.

In the third game later that day, the Wolves defeated the Hartland Eagles, 8-5. Campbell had an inside-the-park homer.

Kris Clark started and earned the pitching win. He struck out five and didn't allow a hit. Jeffery finished the game, throwing four strikeouts.

In the quarterfinals May 7, the Wolves defeated the 13-year-old NWB Cobras in a mercy-rule game, 21-1.

Campbell was the winning pitcher; he struck out three and didn't allow a run. Kasahara ended the game in relief.

Campbell and Ford were 3-for-3, Kasahara 3-for-4. Miller hit another inside-the-park homer. Every player in the Wolves lineup had a hit.

The semifinal game ended in an 11-6 victory over the Bulldogs.

Antoniotti pitched the first



Wolves lineup: The Michigan Wolves 14-year-old baseball team consists of (kneeling, left to right) Steve Antoniotti, Kris Clark, John Feeney, Kurtis McMahan, Dustin Jeffery, (standing) head coach Tim Muir, assistant coach Jody Muir, Leonard Ford, Justin Murdock, Tim Muir and pitching coach Tom Miller, Rob Campbell, Max Miller, batting coach Bob Campbell and Shohel Kasahara. Not pictured are Mike Sacha, Chris Marshall and first-base coach Craig Murdock.

three innings and was followed by Campbell and Ford on the mound.

The Wolves blanked the Rochester Yankees in the championship game, 10-0, in another mercy contest.

Miller didn't allow any hits or

runs to get the pitching win. McMahan worked the second and third innings before Miller re-entered.

Jeffery hit an inside-the-park homer; Ford and Muir had doubles. Again, all the Wolves batters had at least one hit.

Antoniotti, Clark and Mike Sacha are from Farmington Hills; Campbell and Mark Feeney, Bloomfield Hills; Kasahara, Chris Marshall, Miller and Muir, West Bloomfield; Ford, Detroit; Jeffery, Howell; McMahan, Davison; and Justin Mur-

dock, Swartz Creek. The tournament was a tune-up for teams getting ready for the upcoming season. Each team was guaranteed three games. After that, it was a single-elimination tournament.

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Ethan Goodman, who walked 10, also went seven innings to take the loss.

Zielke was 2-for-2 with three RBI to lead Stevenson. Dan Wilson and Pete Pinto had two hits each and scored two runs. Ronnie Williams also went 2-for-4.

North's Jeff Granat pitched seven innings in the nightcap, allowing nine hits and one walk. He struck out five.

Buckler finished with two hits and two RBI. Zielke added two hits and one RBI; catcher Brian Campbell also collected two hits.

Right fielder Mike Livorno had an RBI single for North. The other run came home on a Stevenson error.

FARMINGTON 8, FRANKLIN 1: Brett Brown two-hit the Patriots on Wednesday, striking out five in the four innings he pitched.

Starter James Claranah, who worked the first 2½ without allowing a hit, went 2-for-2 with a solo home run in the fifth that tied the score, 1-1.

The Falcons then exploded for seven runs in the sixth, featuring a two-run home run by Tony Lattiman.

Kyle Burck (double), Brad Baranie and Chris Chesney contributed hits in Farmington's big inning.

Farmington is 14-6 overall, Livonia Franklin 5-13.

HARRISON 7, STEVENSON 3: Matt Zein earned the win for four innings of good pitching Wednesday, and Brent Porhala earned the save for three innings of hitless relief.

Mike Byberg took the loss, allowing

six runs in four innings. Tim Lawson went 2-for-2 and Tim Oliver allowed just one run in relief for Stevenson.

Jake Channam smacked a solo home run in his 2-for-2 game for Harrison, which improved to 15-2 overall.

Sean Sutton stroked a two-run single in the third as the Hawks scored three times to take the lead for good.

Lou Hadley went 3-for-3, scored a run and hit a double, and Tim Doig went 3-for-4 with an RBI.

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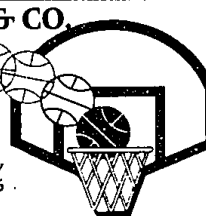
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