



Saintly ballplayers: The members of the Sorrows Saints baseball team are (front) Jon Castine, (kneeling, left to right) Kevin Murphy, Luke Nemes, Dean Hall, Thomas Whiting, Matt Rejc, Nick Carroll, (standing) Jeff Bachor, Tim Nagrocki, Steve Kish, Harvey Martin, Patrick Powers, Scott Malinowski, Jeff Petry, (back row, left to right) coaches Jim Martin, Joe Rejc, Rick Nagrocki and John Castine. Not pictured is Jon Falvo.



Pony League champs: The members of the NFWB Marlins baseball team are (front row, left to right) Michael Kroopnick, Doug Coursen, Ryan Myers, Brad Stulberg, Jeff Prueter, Sean Merriman, Erik Bermann, (back row, left to right) coach Mike Pickens, assistant coach Steve Foon, Elliott Foon, Michael Levine, Phil Deangelis, coach Ray Merriman, Joe Pickens and coach Ken Myers. Not pictured is Bobby Cahill.



New-look skipper: A clean-shaven coach Joe Rejc (above) looks a little different after his Sorrows baseball players took care of his beard and mustache (left). Rejc told his players they could give him a shave if they won their CYO division title.

Saints, Marlins take titles

Joe Rejc, head coach of the Our Lady of Sorrows Little baseball team, thought his first close shave in many years would be worth it if the Saints could win their Catholic Youth Organization division title.

Rejc agreed to let his team, comprised of fifth- and sixth-grade players, shave his beard and mustache — something Rejc himself hadn't done in 17 years — if it had an undefeated season.

The Saints accepted the challenge and responded with a 15-0 record in league and tournament play.

"Although we marched six division rivals the first time through the schedule," Rejc said, "I knew teams would be bearing down on us the second time they saw us. So I used the (shaving offer) as a motivational tool."

The Saints achieved their impressive record, which includ-

ed a first-place trophy in the OLS EarlyBird Tournament, by scoring 218 runs and allowing only 33.

"St. Fabian almost got us," Rejc said, referring to a 9-1 victory. "We didn't break that game open until late. But St. Michael just about saved my beard."

The Saints had to score twice in the bottom of the last inning to beat St. Michael, 4-3, in their second-to-last game.

After mercyng St. Raphael in the last game, the Saints brought out the scissors, shaving cream and razors.

"I was surprised they didn't nick me with the razors," said Rejc, who laughed and added, "but, after I got home and did a little touch-up, I cut myself."

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ed Marlins are champs, too

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Marlins earned first place in Pony League play (ages 13 and 14) Monday, beating out the Cubs, 1-0, as Brad Stulberg pitched a seven-inning shutout.

Stulberg struck out 13 and walked four while allowing only four hits.

The Marlins scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning on a single by first baseman Elliott Foon and a double by catcher Michael Levine.

The Marlins, who finished with a 10-2 record, are coached by Ray Merriman, Mike Pickens and Ken Myers. The Cubs, managed by Larry Huston and Glenn Warsh, had a 10-3 record.

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