

FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Lee wins junior event

Matt Lee of Farmington won his second Kensington Metro Park Junior Golf Tournament, besting a field of 200 entries Friday.

Lee, who will be a senior at Harrison High School, was the only golfer to shoot under par. His winning score of 67 was three shots better than the next lowest score.

Lee is competing this week in the Michigan Junior Amateur, the state's largest junior tournament, in Coldwater.

The four-day event brings together all the best junior golfers in the state. Lee qualified for match play in last year's Junior Amateur.

Football officials meet

The Southeastern Michigan Officials Association will have its annual Football Officials Clinic on Saturday, Aug. 11, at Hazel Park High School.

The program, which costs \$5, which includes lunch and an information book, will feature rule enforcement updates and points of emphasis, reinforce changes, explain philosophies of the game and more.

The clinic will also allow officials to purchase equipment from Honig's Whistle Stop and attend the 2001 Michigan High School Athletic Association's football rules meeting at 1:30 p.m. and the basketball meeting at 2:30 p.m. The day's registration begins at 8 a.m.

For more information, call Bob Williams at (313) 937-3578 or (313) 927-2324. You may also e-mail him at bmoe@msu.com or check out the Web site at www.reis.org/ama.

Baseball farm report

Casey Rogowski (Redford Catholic Central) is having an outstanding season for the Kannapolis Intimidators, the Class A South Atlantic League affiliate of the Chicago White Sox.

Rogowski is hitting .296 — tops on the team and ninth in the league — and has a .400 on-base average, good enough to lead the team and place him third in the circuit. His 102 games played, 101 hits, 11 homers and 64 RBI lead the team. He has also scored 58 runs and hit 13 doubles and three triples.

Charlie Haeger (Redford Catholic Central) is 0-2 pitching for the White Sox rookie league affiliate in Tucson, Ariz. Haeger has pitched in eight games and started four, and he has an earned run average of 6.29 with 13 strikeouts, 23 runs (17 earned), 14 walks and 33 hits in 24-plus innings.

Justin Ockerman (Garden City) is 0-1 with an ERA of 8.10 in four starts for the Seattle Mariners rookie league team in Arizona. In 10 innings, Ockerman gave up 16 hits, four walks, 11 runs (nine earned) and had 10 strikeouts.

Girls hockey tryouts

The Michigan Capitals Girls Hockey Association will have tryouts for the following age groups at the Ice Box Center, 21902 Telegraph Road, Brownstown Township. The cost is \$15 per skater per session.

• 12-and-under A (birth years 1990-92), 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6; and Wednesday, Aug. 8.

• 12-and-under AA (birth years 1989-91), 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7.

• 15-and-under AA (birth years 1986-88), 8-9:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6; and Wednesday, Aug. 8 (call coach Ron Rosen at 734-283-9376).

A draft for 10-and-under players (born 1991-94) will be 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7.

For more information, call Dave Boik at (313) 386-1730 or Debbie Rees at (734) 722-6875.

Rockets football camp

The Farmington Rockets have scheduled their fourth annual youth (ages 8-14) football camp from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Farmington High School. The cost is \$25. To register call Rockets President Gary Cline at (248) 477-7871.

OLS welcomes players

Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows CYO football program continues to look for seventh- and eighth-grade athletes interested in playing football.

Conditioning begins Monday, Aug. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information contact head coach Dave Maiorana at (248) 488-0415 or Marge Chewing at (248) 615-6576.

Harrison's Stanton gives commitment to Michigan State

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Drew Stanton

Drew Stanton considered returning to Oregon where he grew up, and the lure of California with its warm climate was mighty enticing.

But Farmington Harrison's all-state quarterback has decided to stay home, in the state where he was born, to play his college football.

The 6-foot-4, 205-pound Stanton, who begins his senior year with the Hawks in a few weeks, gave a verbal commitment Tuesday to Michigan State.

The list of schools Stanton considered included Oregon State, Oregon, Notre Dame and Northwestern. In the end, it was a choice between MSU and UCLA.

"I had a chance to go to San Diego (for the Elite 11 camp), and I thought about the distance factor," Stanton said. "My whole family lives here in Michigan. All my relatives are here except my sister, who goes to the University of Oregon."

"I thought, 'What if I get homesick? What if I just want to be home in my own bed or around my family? I can call and talk to them, but it's a lot different than being able to sit down and have dinner with them.'"

"It was the little things that seemed

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more important — having my parents, brother, aunts and uncles watch me play when I get a chance at Michigan State."

Stanton's brother, Ben, is a senior at MSU, and his father, Gaylord, played baseball for State and later was in the Atlanta Braves minor league system.

Neither his dad nor his brother influenced Stanton's decision to attend MSU, nor did former Harrison quarterback Mill Coleman (1987-89), who also played for the Spartans.

"My whole family was very supportive," Stanton said. "Wherever I go, they want me to be happy. But it's important for them to be able to watch me play, too. Part of my enjoyment is having them share in my success."

Stanton, who was born in Lansing, had some contact with Michigan and spoke with U-M coach Lloyd Carr, but he wasn't seriously recruited by the Wolverines.

"The whole time they thought I was going to Michigan State, and I guess they were right," he said. "At times they said they were interested, but then I didn't hear from them for three months."

Stanton, who guided Harrison to a 14-0 season and the Division III state championship last year, is excited about the prospects of playing for the Spartans.

"I really like coach (Bobby) Williams a lot," he said. "There are a lot of things I like about Michigan State."

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Area all-stars are winners



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STODOLSKI

Back in action: Chris Roberson of Farmington Hills (right) defends against the pass in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star game Saturday in East Lansing. It was the first real action in a year for Roberson, who suffered a broken ankle in a preseason scrimmage prior to his senior year at Harrison High. Roberson recovered from the injury and will be a scholarship player at Eastern Michigan University. Roberson and his East teammates won the all-star game, 38-14 over the West. See story on Page D6.

Blues earn World Series consolation title

12-under team finishes strong



PHOTO BY JOHN CARTER

Victory lap: Brendan Clarke (left to right), Brooks Tuyn, Andy Harris and Stephen Doty run around the bases with the Blues' World Series trophy.

The South Farmington Blues rebounded from one bad inning at the 12-year-old USSSA World Series to knock out five straight teams and become champions of the 42-team consolation tournament.

The Blues finished five days of play in 100 degree-plus heat with a 6-2 record after defeating the Fayetteville (Ark.) Hawks, who were seeded No. 1 entering the 84-team tournament, in the title game at Hutchinson, Kan.

It could have been a short week for the Blues when they gave up five unearned runs in the seventh inning of their final pool play game and lost, 8-7, in extra innings to the Kansas City Bombers.

That loss dropped the Blues to 1-2 and put them four positions shy of qualifying for championship play.

"That was tough, but we got together and decided we could win five more games if we played our best," Blues head coach Rick Tuyn said. "We played pretty good baseball. That was great to see us bounce back."

As the fourth seed in the one-game elimination tournament, the Blues drew a bye in the first round and began their march to the top by beating the Ben Logan (Ohio) Raiders, 16-0; Tennessee Smokies, 8-5; Rockdale (Ga.) Rhinos, 9-1; and Houston (Texas) Hawks in the semifinal, 3-0.

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The win over Tennessee was one of the week's most dramatic of the Series — a 13-inning contest of stamina in the Kansas heat.

The Blues were down by two in the seventh and lost inning when Andy Harris' clutch two-run, two-out base hit tied the game at five.

Then, the drama began, as each team shut down the other over the next five innings.

The Blues were on the ropes in the bottom of the 12th when the Smokies loaded the bases with one out. But catcher Jonathan Castine tagged out a runner in a collision at home on a missed suicide squeeze bunt, and pitcher Jeff Gorecki alertly gunned out another runner at second for a double play.

Finally, the tie was broken when the Blues scored three times in the top of the 13th. Then Gorecki shut down the Smokies for an emotional and hard-fought win.

In the stretch run leading into the championship game, the Blues pitching rotation of Josh Rebandt, Gorecki, Matt Paul, Akhenaton Thomas and Stephen Doty held opponents to just one run over 20 innings. For the week, Rebandt and Gorecki com-

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It's an Incredible ending for Hornets

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SOFTBALL

The Farmington Hills Hornets-Lee's Conoy Island capped a successful summer of softball by winning the Girls Incredible Fastpitch League championship Sunday.

The Hornets, who coasted to the North Division title and finished with a 16-1 record, defeated the Plymouth Lightning in the final game at Livonia Ladywood, 4-3.

"It's the first year the Incredible has had two divisions with a playoff for the championship, so it's kinda special for us," Leo's assistant coach Rob Schrock

scored all of their runs in the second inning.

Beth Leeb started the inning with a single, Doughty walked and Jenny Musick put down a bunt single that scored Leeb.

On an attempted pickoff play at third base, the ball ricocheted off Doughty into left field. Doughty scored on a close play at the plate, knocking the ball away on the slide.

Kristin Schrock showed why she is the league's most valuable player, striking a season-high 14 batters while pitching a complete game. She allowed just four hits and walked six.

The Hornets, who had six hits off Lightning pitcher Michelle Jurcak,

the seventh, right fielder Kelli Yekin went far into foul territory to make a running catch and retire the leadoff batter.

Doughty turned a double play in the fourth inning. With a runner on first, she dove to catch a line shot off the bat of Rachel Heid and scrambled back to first base to double up the runner.

The Lightning scored all of its runs with two outs in the top of the sixth. Schrock walked the bases full, and Heid's single to right field would have scored one run at least. But an error allowed all three runners to reach

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