

SPORTS ROUNDUP

EMU YOUTH FOOTBALL CLINIC

The Eastern Michigan University football coaches will host a youth football clinic 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Rynard Stadium in Ypsilanti for kids ages 8 to 14.

Each participant will receive a T-shirt, two tickets to the home opener against Toledo on Sept. 7 and a tour of the team locker room and weight room.

The cost is \$10 before April

15 and \$15 after that date. All groups or teams of 10 or more will be charged \$10 a person.

The coaches, including head coach Jeff Woodruff, will teach basic skills and techniques to become an improved player. For more information call (734) 487-5642.

FHMIA REGISTERING PLAYERS

Farmington Hills Hockey Association is accepting registrations for new players for the

2002-2003 fall/winter season. Registration forms are available at the information desk at Farmington Hills Ice Arena on Eight Mile Road. For more information call (248) 478-8193.

YMCA STINGRAYS SIGNUP

The Farmington Family YMCA Stingray swim team is registering swimmers for its "Spring Tune-Up," a competitive swim program that runs from Monday, April 8, through

Friday, May 31.

Team participation is open to anyone between the ages of 6 and 18. Participants do not need to be YMCA members during the Spring Session only. Depending on ability, participants will swim either at the YMCA or local high school pools.

For more information, call Cathy Warnick at (248) 653-0276 between the hours of 8:30

a.m. and 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

The Great Lakes Women's Soccer League is seeking players for the outdoor season, Sunday evenings, June through August, for 18-and-up competitive, 30-and-up competitive and recreational.

Teams or individuals, experienced or novice, are invited. For more information, call (248) 624-7515 or fax (734) 207-

1656, or visit www.GLWSL.com.

BLUES BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The 14-and-under South Farmington Blues travel baseball team is looking for one or two more players and will be having tryouts in early April.

The Blues play in the Midwest Super League. Players must be age 14 or under as of July 31, 2002. Call (248) 477-3523 for more information.

MU baseball team suffering in WHAC

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play has produced hard times for the Madonna University baseball team.

The Crusaders fell to 7-12 overall and 0-4 in the WHAC after dropping a twinbill Monday at Aquinas College, 10-2 and 4-3. Jason Ladd and Kyle Kracht each went 3-for-4 and combined for five RBI in the opener for the Saints, now 7-12 overall and 3-0 in the WHAC.

Mario D'Herin (Redford Catholic Central) went 2-for-3 with a run scored for MU. WHAC Player of the Week Chris Woodruff (Redford CC) and Mark Cole (Redford CC) each had an RBI in the loss.

Madonna starter Joel Halliday (Redford Union) suffered the loss, dropping to 1-2 on the year.

Aquinas starter Paul Gillett (3-0) worked six innings, allowing eight hits and two walks before giving way to Justin Miller in the seventh.

In the nightcap, Aquinas rallied for three runs in the seventh to beat MU.

It was scoreless through the first five innings before the Crusaders struck for two runs in the top of the sixth.

Brian Williams and D'Herin each walked and came home on a Woodruff double.

Aquinas got a run back in the sixth, but the Crusaders' Sterling Minter homered in the top of the seventh to give MU a 3-1 cushion.

In the top of the seventh, MU starter Mike Hayes (1-3) hit Chad Hansen with a pitch and walked both Jeremy Frost and John MacLeod to open the inning.

Cole came in and gave up an RBI single to Kracht.

Ladd, 3-for-4 on the game, then doubled down the left field line to score pinch runner Matt Bocian and Frost with the tying and winning runs.

VanDoorn, Tenyer hurl MU to sweep

After a slow start, Madonna University's young and inexperienced softball team may be hitting its stride.

The Lady Crusaders traveled south on their Florida trip in March, losing six of their first seven games. They bounced back to win four straight and finish their trip at 5-6, only to return home and drop three in a row.

But once again, Madonna is on the verge of bouncing back. After dropping a 5-0 decision to Saginaw Valley State in the opener of their non-league double-header last Thursday at Madonna Park, the Crusaders regrouped and won the nightcap against the Cardinals 13-2 in a five-inning mercy.

They followed that with the sweep of a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference twinbill Saturday against Indiana Tech, winning 11-1 (five-inning mercy) and 4-2 at Madonna Park.

Madonna is now 8-9 overall, 2-2 in the WHAC.

Tech fell to 3-6 overall, 0-2 in the conference; Saginaw Valley is 13-4 overall.

In the 11-1 mercy of Tech Saturday, the Crusaders scored nine first-inning runs while Missy VanDoorn handcuffed the Warriors on four hits and a walk, allowing one run and striking out five. The Cards' Crystal Ybarra gave up 11 runs (four earned) on six hits and five walks, with no strikeouts in four innings.

Emily Cunningham drove in three runs with a hit, and Kathy Day (from Livonia Ladywood) and Autumn Batyik each had two RBI with one hit apiece. Mary Warchuck and Tara Turner had a hit and an RBI apiece.

In the second game against Tech, Jenny Tenyer also tossed a

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Hayes (1-3) went six innings, allowing four earned runs on four hits. He struck out four and walked four.

Jon Renbarger (2-0) was the winning pitcher in relief for the Saints after taking over for Smith in the seventh.

•SPRING ARBOR 5-2, MADONNA 2-3: MU opened WHAC play March 27 with a doubleheader loss to host Spring Arbor, 5-2 and 2-1.

With the two wins, Spring Arbor improved to 7-7 overall and 2-0.

In Game No. 1, MU pitcher Corey Farmer (0-3) took the loss. He gave up three runs in the opening inning as Corey Parrott clubbed a 2-run homer followed by Jason O'Neil's solo blast.

Parrott gave up nine hits and five runs. He struck out one and did not walk a batter.

Winning pitcher Justin Hahol scattered six hits, while walking one and fanning five.

Woodruff went 3-for-4 with a run scored for MU, while Minter added two hits and one RBI.

In Game No. 2, the Crusaders jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning on Woodruff's double, scoring Neil Wildfang (Plymouth Canton).

Ronald Peou homered for Spring Arbor in the second and the Cougars scored the game-winning in the fifth when Duke Solaita tripled and scored on wild pitch.

Losing pitcher Ray Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) went six innings, allowing just five hits. He struck out two and walked two.

O'Neil worked all seven for the Cougars, allowing five hits and four walks while striking out eight.

The Crusaders threatened in the top of the seventh putting runners on second and third, but O'Neil fanned Woodruff to end the game.

Woodruff and Joe Pruchnik (Lutheran Westland) each collected two hits for MU.

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four-hitter, allowing two runs (one earned) with no walks and six strikeouts.

Cunningham had three hits, two runs scored and an RBI, while Warchuck had two hits. Turner also had a hit and an RBI as Madonna struck for two runs in the bottom of the sixth to break a 2-2 tie. Danielle Archer took the loss for the Warriors, giving up four runs (one earned) on seven hits and a walk, striking out three.

In the opener Thursday against SVSU, Madonna trailed 2-0 after one inning and 3-0 after three. VanDoorn took the loss for the Crusaders, surrendering five runs (three earned) on eight hits and a walk with three strikeouts. They managed just four hits in the game, one of them a double by Batyik.

The second game was far different. Tenyer was a standout at the plate and on the mound, giving up two runs on five hits and a walk on the mound and slugging a home run and a single, driving in three runs at the plate.

Arin Fowler contributed a triple and a single with four RBI, Day and Kyratle Shinn (Farmington Mercy) each had two hits, two runs scored and an RBI, and Allison Luczak (Livonia) had two hits and no RBI.

Carrie Shay started and took the loss for the Cardinals, lasting 3 1/3 innings and giving up seven runs (five earned) on seven hits and two walks.

Madonna's double-header against WHAC rival Siena Heights Tuesday was cancelled by inclement weather. It has not yet been rescheduled.

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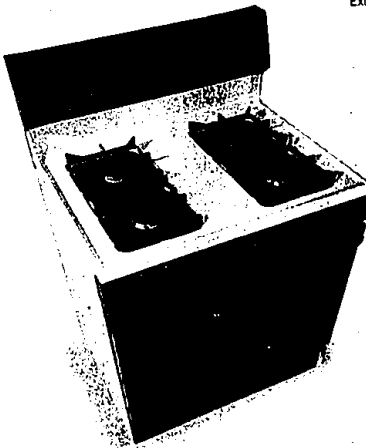
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