

## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Gaines attends camp

Former University of Vermont basketball player Trevor Gaines (Farmington Hills) was invited to the Minnesota Timberwolves mini-camp, which began Thursday at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

The 6-foot-7 Gaines is one of 18 players the NBA team invited to its five-day camp. Following the mini-camp, the Timberwolves will field a contingent to participate in the Shaw's NBA Pro Summer League July 15-21 at the Clark Athletic Center at the University of Massachusetts in Boston.

Gaines concluded an outstanding collegiate career in March, finishing third all-time at UVM in rebounds and 13th in scoring.

He was named to the America East all-conference first team after leading the Catamounts to a school-record 21 wins and their first conference regular-season championship. The conference leader in rebounds, he also finished seventh in the nation, averaging 11 per game.

The Farmington High graduate is the first Catamount to attend an NBA camp since Kevin Roberson in 1992.

Roberson attended the preseason camp of the Charlotte Hornets that year and appeared in several exhibition games. He received another invitation to the Hornets' camp but was killed in May of 1993 by a drunk driver in his native Buffalo, N.Y.

The Shaw's Pro Summer League, hosted by the Boston Celtics, also includes entries from the Atlanta Hawks, Milwaukee Bucks, New Jersey Nets, New York Knicks, Orlando Magic, Philadelphia 76ers, San Antonio Spurs, and Washington Wizards.

Minnesota will open the Summer League against New York on July 16, followed by games against New Jersey (July 17), Washington (July 18), Philadelphia (July 19), Atlanta (July 20) and Orlando (July 21).

### Koch 4th in golf sectional

David Koch, a 15-year-old junior golfer from Farmington Hills, shot 80-76 (156 total) to tie for fourth place out of 36 golfers in his age group at the Michigan Sectional Tournament of the Westfield PGA Junior Championship July 10-11 at Bedford Valley Golf Course in Battle Creek.

Koch qualified for the tournament by posting a 77 in the qualifying tournament at Fieldstone Golf Club in Auburn Hills on June 25.

### Tournament help sought

The Gus Macker Charity Basketball Tournament is just around the corner, and organizers are on the lookout for scorekeepers and court referees.

Scorekeepers must be at least 14 years old and court refs need to be at least 17. A general knowledge of basketball is required for both jobs.

The 3-on-3 tournament, sponsored by the Optimist Club of West Bloomfield, is slated for the weekend of Aug. 10-11 at the West Bloomfield High School parking lot.

For more information about applying, contact Charles Moore (248-539-2826) or Joey Spano (248-738-3393).

### Cross country workouts

Farmington High School's boys cross country team is doing its summer conditioning 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday at Drake Park. Anyone with questions can call coach Chip Bridges at (248) 808-0412.

### Founders Festival softball

The City of Farmington Hills Recreation Department is accepting registrations for the Founders Festival men's softball tournament to be played Saturday and Sunday, July 20-21.

Games will be played on the fenced fields at Founders Sports Park. Softballs and umpires are included in the fee of \$160.

For more information call the recreation department at (248) 473-1800 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

(Readers can submit information for the Farmington Sports Scene by sending a fax to Sports Editor Dan O'Meara at 734-591-7279.)

# Farmington teams enjoy success

## NFWB Cobras take 2nd at Bowling Green, Ohio

The 17-year-old NFWB Cobras travel baseball team was the runner-up in a second consecutive national tournament during the Fourth of July weekend.

The Cobras battled to a second-place finish in the 18-and-under division of the Great Black Swamp Classic in Bowling Green, Ohio. The prestigious tournament featured teams from five states, Canada and Puerto Rico.

"Baseball doesn't get any better - playing against tough competition in hot summer weather in the heart of America," Cobras manager Dan Petry said.

The Cobras, who were 5-2 in the tournament, began pool play by defeating the Cincinnati (Ohio) Sharks, 10-0. Dan Lentz struck out six batters while giving up only three hits and no walks.

Drew Stanton and Kevin Zerbo, both of whom led Farmington Harrison to the Western Lakes Activities Association title in May, powered the offense with two hits and two RBI apiece.

### BASEBALL

Stanton was a tournament addition, playing for the Cobras for the first time. Brendon Rosenbergh and Lentz also knocked in two runs each.

In the second game, the Cobras won a tight game over Lorraine, Ohio, in eight innings, 4-3.

Doug Pickens had a big game at the plate, going 4-for-5 with two RBI, which included the game-winning hit that scored Sam Grossman. The pitching duties were handled by Andy Winger, Stanton and Lentz.

The Cobras continued to roll in pool play by winning their third consecutive game, this time defeating London, Ontario, 3-2.

NFWB pitcher Matt Petry gave up only three hits and one earned run. Nick Vitonis used his speed to score two of the Cobra runs.

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## Post 346 coasts to win in Legion tournament

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### BASEBALL

Farmington Post 346 was in the driver's seat and a position to win an American Legion double-elimination baseball tournament Saturday.

After beating Clarkston in six innings Friday, 12-2, Farmington was the only unbeaten team remaining among the five competing ballclubs.

The tournament was intended to give the American Legion teams that didn't qualify for the Babe Ruth state playoffs the opportunity to keep playing in the meantime.

Preston Picard improved his personal pitching record to 5-1 by throwing a complete game Friday. He scattered six hits, didn't walk anybody and struck out four at Farmington High School.

Mike Kish sparked Post 346 to the mercy-rule victory over Clarkston

with four hits, four RBI and three runs scored.

Brian Dickey was 3-for-3, had two RBI and scored a run, and Chris Chesney, Picard and Anthony Volpe contributed two hits apiece.

Farmington took a 2-0 lead in the second inning when Kish hit a two-run single after Tony Luttmann and Volpe had hit safely.

Post 346 scored six runs in the fourth to boost its advantage to 8-1. After a walk to Volpe and a base hit by Kish, Justin Droste connected for a two-run single.

Dickey and Chesney then followed with back-to-back RBI doubles. Picard singled home a run and later scored on a balk.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BARBER

Going in the net: Sean Smith picks up the puck, shoots and scores the seventh goal Thursday for the Lakers in their 9-4 win over the Warriors.

## Lakers trounce Warriors, 9-4; It's 1st loss for league leaders

Unbeaten no more. The Lakers saw that, ending the Warriors' seven-game unbeaten streak by scoring the game's first four goals en route to a 9-4 Metro Summer Hockey League victory Thursday at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills. The win pushed the Lakers' record to 5-2-1 (11 points). The first-place Warriors slipped to 7-1-0 (14 points).

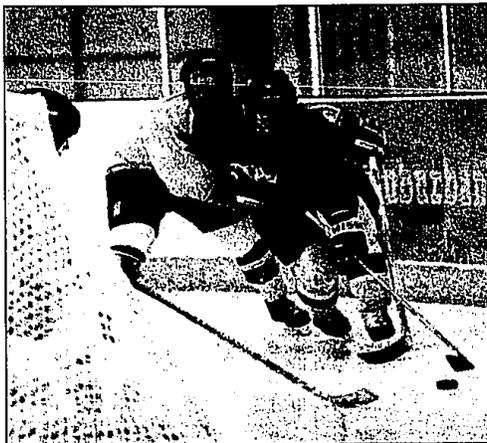
### MSHL HOCKEY

The Lakers were paced by Bryan Marshall (Livonia) with three goals and assist. John Vigilante contributed a goal and three assists. Nicholas Jardine and Mike Vigilante each scored two goals. Sean Smith (Livonia) had a goal and two assists and Joe Pomaranski (Plymouth) totaled three assists.

The Warriors were led by Dave Moss (Livonia) with two goals and an assist. Brandon Kaleniecki (Livonia) and Joe Hillebrand each had a goal and an assist.

The Lakers built an 8-1 lead with less than four minutes left in the second period. Goaltending by Lanny Jardine and Brian Whetstone (Plymouth) made certain they maintained their advantage. Chris Elliot was in goal for the Warriors.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BARBER

Summer hockey: John Maley of the Lakers controls the puck and tries to escape the reach of the Warriors' Steve Nelson. The Lakers dealt the Warriors their first loss Thursday, 9-4.

## Oakland Hills site for U.S. Amateur

BY MARTY BUDNER  
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Gene Littler, Tiger Woods, Bobby Jones, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Phil Mickelson. All are easily recognizable golf names.

On the flip side, Marvin Giles III, E. Harvie Ward Jr., William C. Campbell, Mitch Voges and Hank Kuehne are known only by golf's most knowledgeable historians.

### GOLF

Despite the varying degrees of name recognition, these linksters have one thing in common. They're all former U.S. Amateur champions.

Who knows if the next U.S. Amateur champion will become a household name.

But one thing is certain. The nation's most prestigious amateur golf championship is up for grabs, and the tournament will be played next month right in our own backyard.

The 102nd playing of the United States Amateur Championship will be contested Aug. 19-25 at venerable Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

It will mark the 14th major tournament hosted by Oakland Hills since the 1922 Western Open won by its own club professional Mike Brady. However, it will be the first U.S. men's Amateur championship at the world-renowned course.

Oakland Hills officials are excited their first official national championship tournament of the 21st century will be the nation's oldest tournament.

"When you look at the history of the Amateur, every major player in the game today and in history, including Nicklaus and Palmer and Mickelson and Woods have all come from the Amateur," said Don McBride, General Chairman/Championship Director of the 2002 U.S. Amateur Tournament.

"Those players made their name in the game of golf by winning the U.S. Amateur. That's when they broke on the scene and became a player of stature," he said. "Now the USGA treats this as their second major, right behind the U.S. Open. They put that much emphasis on it. Actually, it's the first championship conducted by the USGA."

### A coveted championship

The U.S. Amateur is one day older than the U.S. Open championship, also conducted by the United States Golf Association. Over the years, it has become one of the country's most coveted golf crowns.

Jones owns a record five national Amateur championships, winning in 1924-25, 1927-28 and 1930. Nicklaus

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