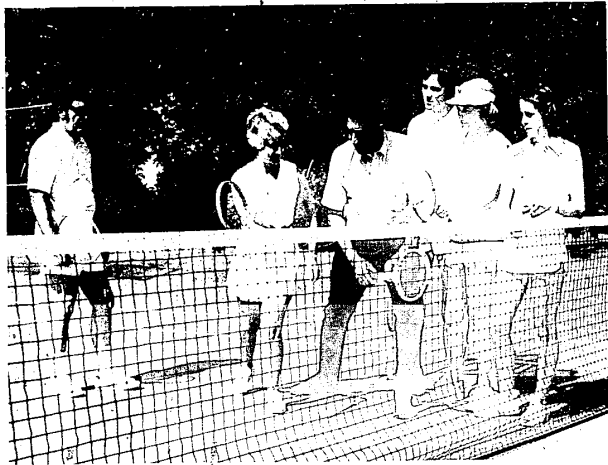


# Class A champions head for tournament

By TOM BAER  
 Farmington used good pitching and a tight defense often enough to finish first in the Oakland County Suburban Class A League with a 13-6 record.  
 And manager Duane Delling doesn't plan to change that strategy when his team enters play in the Michigan Class A Amateur Tournament Aug. 15-16 in Monroe.  
 "We've been winning on our defense and our pitching—playing for one run," said Delling, a real estate broker in Farmington who completed his second year as man-

ager of the Class A (19-25 years) team.  
 "We're going down to the tournament with the idea of doing the best we can. This is the first time we've ever played in a tournament like this."  
 Farmington, which finished a half game ahead of second-place Grosse Pointe, has three standout pitchers: Mike Hart (5-3), Kevin Kropp (5-2), and Greg Hatter (4-1).  
 Actually, Delling's squad is handy with the bats, too, compiling a team batting average of .313. Leadoff man Harvey Sell led the

team with a .462 average and drove in 16 runs.  
 First baseman Dan Delling, a baseball standout at Ferris State, batted .388 with seven home runs and 28 RBIs. Third baseman Pat Hickey is an outstanding defensive player, according to his manager.  
 Farmington wrapped up first place in the five-team Class A league by sweeping a doubleheader from Madison Heights last Sunday, by scores of 12-3 and 11-3.  
 Others on the Farmington team: Arnie Kokonan, Rick Garo, Rick Linahan, John Combes, Terry Moore, Kip Schultz and Jim Douglass.



## Courty gesture

Del Russell lent a helping hand during the official opening of the new tennis complex at Wabek Country Club in Bloomfield Township. Formerly a top-seeded racket amateur, Russell presently is executive director of Detroit's police Athletic League. He's pictured (in middle) giving pointers to Wabek residents (from left) Bob Hammel, Barbara Insley, Bruce Koch, Pat Hammel and Kathy Insley. Wabek is an 800-acre, recreation-minded community of homes and condominiums built on the former estate of Michigan's late senator and governor, James Couzens. It includes a tough, 6,387-yard golf course designed by Peter Dye with assistance from Jack Nicklaus.

## Caesars captures district

With a line-up spiced with Oakland County representation, Little Caesars won the Detroit District championship on the Mickey Mantle Baseball loop Sunday.  
 Manager John Moratin's sandlotters bumped off the West-Side Cubs, a Detroit Police Athletic League entry, to sweep top district honors.  
 Instrumental in Little Caesars' championship drive during the

best two-out-of-three district series were Paul Chatlin, Steve Morrison and Mike Cullen.  
 Chatlin, from West Bloomfield High, is a righthanded pitcher. Morrison, from Farmington Harrison, is an infielder. Cullen, from Birmingham Brother Rice, is an outfielder.  
**ON SUNDAY**, Chatlin went the distance on the pitching hill,

scattering seven hits and whiffing 12.  
 At the plate, Morrison logged three hits, including a solo homer, enroute to knocking across three runs. Cullen contributed a couple of singles.  
 On Thursday, Moratin's sandlotters will encounter regional play in Coldwater, Mich. The regional champion will advance to national action in Sherman, Tex.  
 Mickey Mantle Baseball is geared for players age 15 and 16.

## Women netters set for tourney

The 19th Michigan Women's Tennis Organization (MWTO) open tournament will be held Aug. 23-25 at Southdowns Tennis Club in Farmington.  
 Competition will be held in singles, over 35 singles and doubles. A total of \$720 in prize money will be offered, and gifts will be awarded

to finalists and semifinalists doubles competition, according to Margaret Blachut, MWTO president.  
**Cheer up!**  
 Eight girls from Southfield-Lathrup High's freshman cheerleading team prepared themselves for the upcoming sports season by attending a cheerleading camp at Northwood Institute last week.  
 Sponsored by the Dynamic Cheerleading Association of Kansas City, the camp instructed the girls in all aspects of creative cheerleading. The Southfield-Lathrup girls were Kris Jones, Sue Harley, Sue Herbert, Bridget Mulane, Rita Mastropietro, Debi Owne, Robin Dale, and Lisa Gaultzetti.

## Doubles champ

Runner up Mrs. Alice Scott of Farmington carded a gross score of 264. Her rounds were 90, 85 and 86.  
 Mrs. B. J. Volmer of Birmingham turned in the low net score of 224.  
**A sure thing**  
 Winning the women's club championship at Plum Hollow Golf Course is getting to be a regular occurrence for Mrs. Millie Osplack of Detroit.  
 Mrs. Osplack, the defending champion, won this summer's tournament with a gross score of 268 for three rounds. She fired rounds of 87, 90, and 91 in the tournament held July 30 through Aug. 2. The title was her seventh in the past 11 years.  
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Jeff Kaltreider, a former student at Farmington's Dunckel Junior High School, teamed with Mike Sargent to win the doubles championship at the Pre-Superstars Junior Tournament in Rotonda-West, Fla., recently.  
 Kaltreider and Sargent on a rain-soaked court in a single-set elimination, 6-4. Kaltreider also took second in the singles competition, losing to Joe Furia, a state-ranked USLTA Junior.

## Cranbrook set to defend pool title

Coach John Mason's Cranbrook Swim Club will be gunning for its third consecutive Northwest Suburban Swim League (NSSL) title this week. Bloomfield Hills Laker High will host this year's version of NSSL's annual age-group title meet.  
 Preliminary competition will continue to take place Thursday and Friday, starting at 6:30 p.m. each night. The finals will get underway at 1 p.m. Saturday.  
 Cranbrook, which completed its regular season with a 6-0 record, again ranks as the team to beat during the title action.  
**BLOOMFIELD SURF** Club, 5-1 during the regular season with only a close loss to Cranbrook marring its record, is rated by Mason as a prime challenger.

"I look for Bloomfield and Rochester Heart of the Hills to give us the most trouble," Mason said.  
 "The Beverly Hills Athletic Club could have an outside shot at taking it all, too."  
 Surf Coach Mike Lane said, "The title should belong to either Cranbrook or our team after the action wraps up."  
 The meet's seven highest team finishers will form NSSL's upper bracket next year; the remaining teams will form the lower bracket.  
**THERE WILL** be no admission charge for spectators either during the preliminaries or during the finals. A program will be available for a nominal price.  
 "Many of the better Amateur Athletic Union swimmers will be on hand for the meet so fans will see a lot of fine swimming," Mason noted.

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