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## Race honors driver

On Aug. 3, 1996, Perry Younce of Canton was doing what he loved to do — racing in the NAMARS midget auto circuit, when an accident cost him his life at the Michigan Ideal Speedway in Springport. Younce, 35 when he died, has not been forgotten. The Perry Younce Memorial Race will be at Michigan Ideal Speedway Aug. 9.

Younce started his racing career in motorcycles at age 13. He moved on to midgets, racing for several organizations all over the midwest. He had one win in the NAMARS midgets, on Sept. 3, 1995 at Capitol Speedway in Plymouth, Ind.

## One up

Justin Allen tossed a four-hitter to lead the Athletics to a 5-1 victory over the Blue Jays in the opening game of the best-of-three title series in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League (14-15 year-olds) Thursday at Plymouth Canton HS.

Allen worked six innings as the Athletics, champions of the West Division, improved to 14-3. The Blue Jays finished first in the East Division.

The two teams will meet again at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Griffin Park. If necessary, a third game will be played at 6:30 p.m. Thursday behind Canton HS.

## Top puck prospects

"Future's '97," a pre-season conditioning and development mini-camp designed only for the top players in the Ontario, Western and American Hockey League, goes from Monday through Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The players participating in the mini-camp are considered high-ranking NHL prospects. Among the 30 players taking part are 10 who were drafted in the top four rounds of the NHL entry draft, including the Plymouth Whalers' Harold Druken, taken in the second round by the Vancouver Canucks.

The public is invited to watch the NHL's future stars at no charge.

The daily routine begins at 8:30 a.m. with power skating. Throughout the day, players will work both on and off the ice, with a practice from 2-3 p.m. and a scrimmage from 3:10-4:15 p.m.

Compuware Arena is located on Beck, just north of M-14.

## S'craft men's hoop tryouts

New Schoolcraft Community College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs has announced open tryouts for the 1997-98 season at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 31 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3 at the school's physical education building.

For more information, call (313) 462-4400, Ext. 5249.

## S'craft rec classes

Schoolcraft College will offer recreational golf and in-line skating classes beginning Monday, Aug. 4.

The recreational golf class is designed for beginning and advanced golfer. Students will receive instruction on the pre-swing, the full swing with irons, woods, the short game, rules and etiquette. Equipment will be provided for students or can bring your own clubs. The one-hour class meets for six weeks. The fee is \$60.

The in-line skating provides instruction in the fundamentals of rollerblading, including the start, stride and stop. Students must have or rent full protective gear. The four-week class meets two hours. The fee is \$50.

For more information, call (313) 462-4413. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, located between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia (just west of I-275).

## Adult hockey registration

The Plymouth Rockets (over 20) and the Silver Sticks (over 40) are accepting team registrations for its Sunday night hockey leagues at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

The Golden Eagles (over 48) and the Golden Blades (over 50) leagues are taking individual registrations for draft leagues on Wednesday nights at Compuware and Saturday mornings at Inkster Ice Arena.

Goalies pay only half fee.

For more information, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658.

## Day of golf

The name in itself is imposing: The Longest Day of Golf, which serves as a challenge to golfers from southeastern Michigan to play as many holes of golf as possible in a single day.

That day is Tuesday, Aug. 12; the location is the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club in Ann Arbor.

The day serves as a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society. Participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$200 prior to the event to sponsor their participation. Golfers who raise more than \$300 are eligible for incentive prizes through Square 2 Pick-A-Gift Program.

The format for the LDOG is just as it sounds: Between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., golfers will tee it up to see how many holes of golf they can play in a day of fun.

For more information, call the American Cancer Society's Washtenaw office at (313) 971-4300.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

# Lakers tip Huskies, close in on 1st

A closing flurry enabled the Lakers to extend their win streak to three games at the expense of the conference-leading Huskies in a Metro Summer Hockey League game Thursday.

A six-goal, two-assist performance by Bill Tucker paced the Lakers' 13-11 come-from-behind victory. The win elevated them to second place, at 6-4, in the Bakes Conference — just two points behind the Huskies, who are 7-4.

Two of the Laker wins in their

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current streak have come against the Huskies.

This one certainly went down to the wire. The Huskies scored the game's first four goals and led 4-1 after one period.

The Lakers battled back to forge a 6-6 tie after two periods, but scores by Kevin Swider (from Livonia), Kent LaFond and Ian Crockford (Bloomfield Hills) gave the Huskies

a three-goal lead with 12:15 left to play.

Their lead was still 10-8 with less than six minutes remaining, but that's when the Lakers rebounded once again. With Tucker scoring three times in the final 5:20, and Jason Couture and Tom Taylor also netting goals, the Lakers had a three-goal lead entering the game's last minute.

Taylor also totaled three goals and two assists for the Lakers, with Cou-

## METRO SUBURBAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Standings (through July 24)

Eagle Conference	W	L	Ties	Points
Broncos	7	2	1	15
Falcons	6	4	0	12
Spartans	5	5	0	10
Bulldogs	1	9	0	2

  

Bakes Conference	W	L	Ties	Points
Huskies	7	4	0	14
Lakers	6	4	0	12
Wolverines	5	5	0	10
Wildcats	3	7	1	7

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# Sweep keeps Mold in hunt

The Motor City Mold moved to within striking distance of the first-place Your Better Market Panthers by sweeping a double-header from them, 4-3 and 13-6, Thursday in Girls Incredible Fast-Pitch Softball League play at Plymouth Canton HS.

The two wins pushed the Mold's record to 12-5 in the league. The Panthers, consisting mostly of Redford Union players, fell to 14-5.

The Mold, made up of Plymouth Canton HS students, got timely hitting and good pitching in both games.

Patty Snook was the winning pitcher in the first game. Snook stopped the Panthers on eight hits and four walks through six innings, with one strikeout.

In the second game, Jenny Fisher was the winner for the Mold. Fisher worked four innings, allowing seven hits and four walks while striking out six. Fisher, however, also had four wild pitches and hit a batter.

Emily Williams was the losing pitcher for the Panthers in both games.

In the opener, Liz Elsner led the Mold offense, going 3-for-3 at the plate with three runs scored and four stolen bases. Christy Even added a hit and a run batted in, and Becky Mize had an RBI. Catcher Marie Pochran sparked the defense by nailing two potential base-stealers.

In the second game, Elsner again was the offensive force. She had a double and a single in three trips and collected three RBI.

Sarah Freels chipped in with three hits in three at-bats, including a double, three runs scored and two RBI. Carrie Kovachevich had two hits and two RBI, Mize had two hits, one RBI and two runs scored, and Angie Adkins had a hit, two runs scored and an RBI.

The Mold host the Farmington Hills Diamonds in a double-header, at 6 and 7:30 p.m., Tuesday at Plymouth Canton HS.

**Lasers 4-3, Knights 0-4:** The Livonia Knights rallied for three runs in the top of the fifth inning of Thursday's second game to salvage a split in their Girls Incredible Fast-Pitch Softball League double-header against the Livonia Lasers at Churchhill.

The Knights won the nightcap 4-3, as Danielle Busby walked with the bases loaded to score Robin Elliott.

Jessica Schulte and Ann Senne each delivered RBI singles during the comeback.

Winning pitcher Tara Muchow gave up four hits, walked two, hit two batters and struck out two to earn the victory.

Losing pitcher Andrea Kmet also gave up four hits over five innings (time limit). She struck out four and walked five.

In the opener, the Lasers won behind the two-hit pitching of Lori Jendrusik, who struck out seven and walked three over six innings.

Jendrusik doubled twice and had the game-winning RBI.

Muchow, who also went the distance, took the loss. She gave up three hits, walked five and struck out two.

The Lasers are 16-5 in the Incredible League, while the Knights are 13-5.

**Cobras 6-7, Hornets 4-8:** Lindsey Emmett pitched a no-hitter Thursday as the Farmington Hills Hornets split a doubleheader with the Canton Cobras in the Girls Incredible Fast-Pitch Softball League.

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Winning toss: Motor City Mold pitcher Jenny Fisher was good enough against the Panthers, enabling her team to sweep the league-leaders. Fisher was the winning pitcher in the second game, a 13-6 triumph.

STAFF PHOTO BY GUY WARRIN

# Hines Park clinches post-season tourney berth

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## COLLEGIATE

Pencil in Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury for post-season play.

Coach Dave Carroll's team wrapped up second place in the Livonia Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association with a 7-3 win Wednesday over the first-place Michigan Rams in a game played at Ford Field.

The victory gives Hines Park, 13-15, a spot in the National Amateur Baseball Federation's 22-and-under College Division World Series, a 10-team tourney beginning Aug. 7 in Rome, Ga.

Third-place Decision Consultants, Inc., of Livonia was eliminated from post-season contention with a 19-4

loss to the Windsor Stars on Wednesday.

DCI fell to 11-16.

Hines Park's Kimya Massey, a left-hander from Michigan State and native of East Lansing, was the winning pitcher. He scattered seven hits.

Second baseman Chris Karney (Redford Catholic Central/U-D Mercy), shortstop Bill Styles (Plymouth Salem/Henry Ford CC), catcher Carlos Fernandez (MSU) and third baseman Jeff Wozniak (Garden City) each had two hits and an RBI for the winners.

John Rogers, who pitched the final

two innings in relief, took the loss for the Rams, now 15-10.

Starter Brian Berryman (Redford Union/Michigan) pitched two scoreless innings, striking out three and walked one. Middle reliever Jason Westfall gave up three runs on five hits over the next three innings.

Tom Bilgan went 3-for-3 in a losing cause.

Schuyler Doakes added two hits, including a double, and a stolen base for the Rams.

Hines Park, which started the season 0-8, has won 13 of its last 20 games.

"We played terribly, like a high school team, for the first part of the season," Carroll said. "We couldn't catch it, pick it up, throw it or hit it.

"A lot of our guys were red-shirted in college and did not play during the spring, so it took them awhile."

After Carroll juggled a few positions, Hines Park began to take off.

"We started to hit the ball and it took pressure off our defense," the Hines Park manager said. "We started to get good pitching and played good defense. It got contagious and we had fun. Things started to go our way. We learned how to win."

The Rams, meanwhile, are headed to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association regional tournament, which begins Aug. 2 in Altoona, Pa.

The winner advances the AAABA Nationals in Johnstown, Pa.