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Needing a few good men

Old 'kids' get shot at big time

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Adult baseball has been around the Michiana area for years. This year, South Bend Cardinals outfielder Tad Dickerson hopes to finally take a Michiana area team to the Adult Baseball World Series.

Dickerson, who's also general manager of the Cardinals, began playing adult baseball about 10 years ago.

"A friend at work invited me to play on his team in the old Michiana over-30 league," says Dickerson, who is now 42. "That league no longer exists. We, since, have played in another league but started the Northern Indiana Adult Baseball League due to the lack of direction in the previous league."

The Northern Indiana Baseball League was created this year to provide an alternative to softball and enable men to play real baseball at a competitive level on a regular basis in a professionally-run environment.

Prior to this year the South Bend Cardinals had played in two other leagues.

This year, Dickerson hopes to take a South Bend area team to the Roy Hobbs World Series in Florida, something he has come short of the last two years.

"I found out about (the world series) when I turned 40 and immediately looked to put together a local team," says Dickerson, who along with another local player, Todd Moorehead, was picked to play in the World Series the last two years with the Massachusetts Chiefs.

"The past two years, I have not been able to get enough players committed," adds Dickerson. "The Chiefs are moving up to the 48-and older division this year, so we would rather take a team from South Bend than try to get picked up by another team."

The World Series event is about as close as the players can get to a professional atmosphere.

"The World Series takes place in Fort Myers, Fla., each fall. All games are played on major league spring training fields, mainly the Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins facilities," says Dickerson. "All of the fields are like playing at (Coveleski Stadium) everyday."

Dickerson is still looking to complete his roster for the division chosen this year.

"We will be playing in the Veterans division, which is 38 years old and older. (Players) must turn 38 years old in the calendar year 2005 to be eligible for the Veterans division," he says. "The Veterans division starts play on Sunday Oct. 30, with the championship games after a full week of baseball being played on Saturday Nov. 5."

No prerequisites were needed to be met in order to sign up for the World Series event. It's open to any team willing to enter.

"We are a self-funded group," says Dickerson. "We'll be splitting up the tournament entry fee, lodging and rental car costs between the players. Travel to and from Fort Myers is the responsibility of each player."

Dickerson has 14 players committed to the, 12 of which are from the Michiana area.

"Hopefully we can put together a team made up of mostly Michiana area players," Dickerson adds. "However we are allowed to have up to four out of area players on our roster.

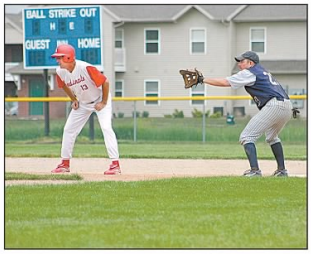
"We will pick up the final two (players) from the Massachusetts Chiefs, depending on what we can get from the Michiana area."

The following players are current members of the South Bend Cardinals who have committed to Dickerson's team: Dave Catanzarite, James Gill, Keith Hodgson, Tommy Hollabaugh, Bob Knight, Terry O'Brien, Mike Catanzarite, Jim Hill, and Brian Smith.

Also joining the World Series team will be Moorehead and Harry Verbilley, both former members of the Cardinals who have since retired.

"We are currently looking for any additional pitchers, outfielders, and a right side infielder," adds Dickerson. "I would like to have between 18-20 players on the Cardinals roster."

Anyone interested can contact Dickerson at sbcardinals3@msn.com or (574) 276-5492.



ABOVE: Jim Hill from Mishawaka focuses on the upcoming pitch while batting for the South Bend Cardinals. RIGHT: Cardinal Terry O'Brien from Berrien Springs takes a lead off first base.
Photos provided

BRIEFS

FOOTBALL

Ferguson at Titans game

Former Notre Dame football standout, Vagas Ferguson will make an appearance at the Indiana Titans semi-pro football season opener tonight at the former Galien High School.

The Titans will face MidStates Football League defending champion Chicago Thunder at 7 o'clock (Michigan time).

Admission is $5 adults, $3 for school-age youths, 12-under are free.

BASEBALL

Fun Fest at the Cove

Fans should plan to come early when ESI's Principal Family Fun Fest makes a stop at Coveleski Stadium Sunday as part of the festivities for the South Bend Silver Hawks when they take on the Lansing Lugnuts.

Created and produced by Entertainment & Sports International (ESI), the 4,000-square-foot Principal Family Fun Fest will be set-up just outside the main gates and will begin at 9:30 a.m.

ESI's Principal Family Fun Fest is an unprecedented, and completely free, celebration of baseball which will be visiting 56 different minor league baseball ballparks during the 2005 season.

It is the most extensive traveling baseball festival in history and features more than 20 baseball themed attractions including a minor league baseball museum, the Xbox Home Run Derby video game trailer, and a fan festival midway with batting and pitching cages, bungee runs, a huge side-by-side giant slide, baseball bounce houses, and lots more interactive fun for baseball fans of all ages.

There's even an exhibit where fans can put themselves on a free souvenir Topps Baseball Card.

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Sharkeys

support than competition.

"My brother Mason and I support each other very much," says Jared. "We have lots of competition between each other. I like when he gets a trick before me because that encourages me even more to get the trick."

Kathi Sharkey, the boys' mother, agrees that the boys' participation is more about support for one another rather than beating one another.

"They wanted to follow in dad's footsteps in water skiing and we support them completely," she says. "The boys drive the boat for dad and dad drives the boat for the boys. I ride along and enjoy the sun."

Mason and Jared continue to have a large pair of shoes to fill, as their father has set the standard high in his 40 years of competition.

Randy has held state titles in slalom, tricks, jumping and overall in several men's and veteran men's divisions, as well as holding numerous state records in the same events.

According to their father, Mason and Jared both have excelled in competitions.

Mason has had several second places in the state and has placed 13th in the nationals.

Jared currently holds two state records in tricks, and has six state titles. He also has placed in the state in slalom, jumping and overall.

Most recently, both boys competed at the Indiana State Water Ski Championships at Cardinal Way Shores in Milford.

Jared placed first in Boys 3 tricks and broke his own state record scoring the highest score in the tournament over all age divisions.

Mason placed second in Boys 3 tricks and scored the second highest over all male divisions.

Mason and Jared have each experienced success in regional and national competitions in the past.

Mason has previously placed fourth in the regionals and 13th in nationals. Jared has placed second in regionals and fifth in nationals.

Both boys attribute their success to their parents, Randy for his teaching and Kathi for her support.

"I think my parents have supported me a ton throughout my skiing career," says Jared. "If it weren't for them I wouldn't be where I am."

"Dad coaches us every day for many years in the boat, mom comes out to cheer us on," says Mason.

Both boys add that training with Cory Pickos, world record holder in tricks, periodically throughout the summer, has also contributed to their success.

Randy continues to be impressed by the performance of Mason and Jared in competitions, as well as the effort each puts into training throughout the summer.

As Mason and Jared continue to ski their ways into the Indiana and national record books, the torches passed by their father will continue to burn for a long time.

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COMMUNITY SCOREBOARD

A roundup of results and announcements for the week of July 24.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Local results

ALL-STARS
District 11
Junior softball
Chief Wagoner 18 Mishy/Milltown 0: Angela Miller had a single, double and a triple. Tara Hicks was the winning pitcher with nine strikeouts. Chief Wagoner wins the District 11 championship.

CHIEF WAGONER
Major Baseball
Card of Fr. Mychek 13, Mishawaka 3: Dan Hill pitched a perfect game and Brad Horner had three hits for Cards.

BASEBALL

Adult results

Mishawaka Dreams 11, South Bend Cardinals 3: Mark Scott, Dowey Parker, Chris Bracey, Alex Parker and Jerry Wolf had two hits each for the Dreams. Eric Grounds had two hits for the Cardinals including a double.

EDPN Red Box 10-14, South Bend Dressed 9-10: Jamie Vehl scored four runs to help the Red Box win their first game of the season. In the second game, Jason Dargovich hit a grand slam for the Red Box. Tony Moore drove in the winning run for the Dreams.

Travel results

Warsaw 9-13 Invitational
Hanna Black 13, Syracuse 0: Eric Perry got his win for Hanna while striking out 8. Max Anderson had a home run while Ryan Barny, Kyle Schneider and Stanley Szolkowski each collected two hits.

Hanna Black 2, Columbia City 0: Kyle Schneider pitched the complete game for Hanna giving up two hits while striking out 16. Craig Caldwell and Ryan Sellners each had two hits for the winners.

Hanna Black 12, Noble County 0: Bradley Szolkowski threw a one-hitter while striking out 5. Randy Prestolaski had a double and triple. Barny, Schneider, Sam Swoverden and Szolkowski also had two hits each for Hanna.

SOCCER

Youth results

BLOOSGUARD LEAGUE
League Tourney
Whirlpool United 10, Tornados 1. Goals: YMJ - Mike Dalton (3), Archie Matta (2), Santiago Pedroza (2), Brian Bowers, Tanner Mirk, Eduardo Duczak; TCM - Jean Vitale.

PMR FC 6, Downpour Chiefs 1. Goals: PMR - Judson Doane (3), Matt Keller (2); Chiefs - Kyle Hoffman.

St. Joe Kickers 8, Mishawaka Chaos: Jason Grean, Kyle Hammermeister, Chris Hammermeister, Andy Spivey, Nick Sheerd, Jay Fortig, Downpour Diamonds United 4, Athletic Jeer FC 3. Goals: DDU - Ismael Hernandez (2), Rolando Hernandez, Hector Resusmez; AJFC - Ian Spooner, Troy Sirk, Nashir Condrat.

Downpour Chiefs 8, Tornados 4. Goals: Chiefs - Brian Eggery (3), Tony Black (3), Adam Hess (2), Tornados - Andy Low (3), Steve Cowley.

Whirlpool United 1, PMR FC 0. Goal: Mike Dalton.

Downpour Diamonds United 3, St. Joe Kickers 2. Goals: DDU - Octavio Hernandez (3); Kickers - Josh Sullivan, Nick Sheerd.

Athletic Jeer FC 6, Mishawa 0. Goals: Troy Sirk (3), Mike Arnold, Ian Schulze, Jon Beck.

Adult league sign-up

Sign up for the Elkhart Sports Center 2005 Adult Soccer League is now available. Entry fee for each team is $450, $400 if paid before the first game. Available leagues are Co-ed beginning August 10th, Men's B beginning August 15th, and Men's A beginning August 17th. For more information contact the Elkhart Sports Center at (574) 294-5850.

BASKETBALL

Adult results

Westside Men's League
Fresh 96, Cinderella's Slipper 64: Pete Byrd scored 20. Bob Knight Jr. had 23.

Sweet Nectar 77, Tackle Monster 48: Tony Chelmicki scored 28, and Adam Shelton 22.

Remedy Co-ed 80, Gypsy's Pizzeria 78: Aaron Johnson scored 34. Randall Christian had 28 points.

TNT Tourney
Blues Brothers 81, White Russians 69: Antonio Joseph had 37 points for Blues Brothers. Dale Hauser had 28 for White Russians.

Reg's Boys 68, Cash Money 59: Dan Applegate had 30 for Reg's Boys. Nick Bauters had 19 for Cash Money.

Consolation Game
White Russians 71, Cash Money 64: Keith Bartlett had 22 for White Russians. Tom Schultheis had 21 for Cash Money.

Championship Game
Blues Brothers 58, Reg's Boys 56: Antonio Joseph had 24 for Blues Brothers. Jerry Smith had 20 for Reg's Boys.

Tracy Richardson was named the MVP of the tournament.

RUNNING

Fun run results

Run Village Isle-mile relay
(Two runners per team with distances determined by adding the runners' ages)
Men's winners
21 under: Conner Zielowski-Myles Bolden 20:26; 22-31: Luke Meyer-Kevin Barnett 24:21; 39-33: Andrew McCrory-Vince Metz 23:23; 34-39: Justin Kowalski-James Kearney 25:23; 35-58: Daniel Hauser-Tim Snyder 27:39; 40-69: Jeff Kowalski-Jim Kearney 27:39; 70-99: Harry Alexander-Matt Harrington 29:02; 80-89: Paul Carr-Sam Zagada 31:06; 100-109: Mark Behensky-David Rigdonas 32:12; 110-119: Dave Mahan-John Valenta 35:06; 120-over: Jerry Hoffman-Gene Kopke 48:03.
Women's winners
21 under: Molly Meyer-Kristina Gatto 33:26; 29-33: Mary Marion-Allison Sweeney 27:49; 34-38: Megan Malone-Shelly Morrow 27:35; 45-49: Jennifer Beasley-Jackie Rogers 32:11; 50-59: Nicole Primrose-Antoinette Stoddard 29:46; 60-69: Laura Meyer-Kate Barnett 29:39.
Boys winners
20-27: Craig Carr-Isaac Thompson 31:58; 28-33: Aaron Reagan-Craig Sweyzer 33:36; 34-39: Aaron Reddemann-Neil Brown 28:46; 40-49: Dana Coleman-Dustin Beck 28:06; 50-59: Ashleigh Stach-Terry Beck 29:57; 60-69: Julie Alexander-Mark Alexander 35:22; 70-79: Kathy Crook-Kent Crook 30:06; 80-89: Chico Sagoyewa-Rich Reggmann 30:56; 90-99: Bob Mazurkiewicz-Michelle Andzaroski 32:18; 100-109: Joan Zielinski-Ron Zielinski 32:37; 110-over: Jim Murray-Mary Connelly 37:42.

AUTO RACING

Local results

Osceola Dragway
Junior dragster: 1. Jeff Smith Jr.-Mandeville, Mich. 2. Logan Mitchell-Middlebury.
Top Eliminator: 1. Steve Sayre (Elkhart). 2. Roger Pine (Sheridan).
Another Eliminator: 1. Ron Hagar (Clear Lake, Mich.). Dave Pingitor (Coldwater, Mich.).
Street: 1. Jason Stuhr (Osceola). 2. Nate Puscuber (Niles).
Bellissa Ironman: 1. Steve Sayre. 2. Dave Pingitor (Colome).
Motorcycle: 1. Jim Harvey (Mishawaka). 2. Dustin Tinker (Waterville).

SKATE BOARDING

Youth event
JD's Skatepark in South Bend will hold a skateboard competition on Saturday at noon. There is a $15 entry fee and prizes will be given in each category: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced.

GOLF

Women's results

ST. JOE VALLEY TEAM PLAY
Green Division
At Elsie
Elbel 39th, Four Lakes 39th, Knollwood CC West 35, Knollwood CC East 34, Eberhart 19th, Christiana Creek CC 18th
Marcia Kuer 40, Bill Tossel 31
Blue Division
Michigan City Municipal
Morris Park 20, Elkhorn 19 3/8, Michigan City 20, Elkhorn 8 3/8th, Hampshire 19th, South Bend C C 16.
Sharon Wiersma 74, Carlla Doolittle 73, Carolyn Nedbalski 80, Linda Maciowski 80, Ruth Henry and Joan Ward 83, Gail Kroll, Rachel Thompson and Sheri Cox 84, Ann Lincoln 86, Linda Closson 85, Roberta Zielowski 88, Bobbie Ruff 90.
St. Joseph Valley Invitational
At Lubby Creek
Flight A: Cathy Doolittle 81 (Morris Park), Margie Schultz 84 (Christiana Creek), Ann Lincoln 85 (Hampshire), Connie Fashner 87 (Elkhart), Dr. Judy Lutz 88 (Knollwood), Sue Landwehr 89, Pat Lakey, Dr. Pat Hudnut 100 (Elkhorn), Carol Taylor 106 (Michigan City).
SOUTH BEND
A Flight: Frances Landolfi, B Flight: Marilyn Miller, C Flight: Twoli Murray.
ELBEL
Championship Flight: Dana Hemringer 81; A Flight: Jackie Klayber 91; B Flight: Elbel Practice 96; C Flight: Charlene Baldwin 98.
A Flight: Marcia Kuer 89; B Flight: Cathy Sowersine 110.
EBERHIT
Championship Flight: Cindy Prudhomme 41; A Flight: Mary Roberts 51; B Flight: Pat Gilmore 57; C Flight: Barb Vorda 58.
Championship: Dale Coombs 87; A Flight: Becky Wiersma 88; B Flight: Beth Gallagher 101; C Flight: Pinky Rizzo 106.
STUDEBAKER
Championship Flight: Pat Farrow 72; A Flight: Kay Brubaker 87; Martha Fleisch 87; B Flight: Esther Cyr 91; C Flight: Joan O'Neil 98.
EBERHART
Flight A: Sandy Coleman 48; B Flight: B. Janice Meisel 49; Flight C: Carolyn Ellis 54.
FOUR LAKES
A Flight: Jill Miller 59; B Flight: Pat Robertson 92; C Flight: June Evans 97; Memorial Tournament: Jan Bickel 67.
A Flight: Jody Lambert 92; B Flight: Paula Tadd 100; C Flight: Nora Allen 104.
ROBIN HOOD
A Flight: Margaret Pierce 47; B Flight: JoAnn Miller 60; C Flight: Kathleen Bradley 66.
KNOLLWOOD
A Flight: Ann Jones 49; B Flight: Kathy Bussema-Joyce Knapp 94; C Flight: Pat Dolan 61.

HORSESHOES

Bendix Park results
Singles: 1. Carl Berger 150; 2. Mel Weh Carter and Russ Kohler 117.
Doubles: 1. John McCaffrey-Bob Higginbotham 96; 2. Billy Gold-Chuck VanCamp 92.

SOFTBALL

Adult results

Barnaby's P.A's 9, Knights of Columbus 8: Steve Beall hit a three-run double and Joe Lee, Chris Conner and Nick Wardy each added two hits in the win.

Travel results

U-12 "B" World Series
Chattanooga, TN
Hanna Heat Red 8, Hanna Heat Blue 7, Tennessee Thunderbolts 6: Jessica Simon had a triple and two singles, Jaycee Ellis had two doubles and a single and Lindsey Zeisby had a double and single in the extra inning win for Hanna.
Hanna Heat "Red" 7, Indiana Inferno 2:
Hanna Heat Red 7, MWA Jets Saginaw, Mich. 1: Jenna Simon and Shannon Stephan both had two singles.

8-10 Niles tourney
Lakeshore Lightning 11, Hanna Heat Red 6: Katie Marine and Caitlin Dudley each had two hits in the loss for Hanna.
Hanna Heat Red 8, Allen Park Xtreme 6: Hannah Minter and Caitlin Dudley each had two hits for Hanna with both of Minter's being doubles. Katie Reynolds pitched a shutout, striking out 11.
Hanna Heat Red 9, Hanna Heat Gold 5: Reynolds, Minter, Conner, Lee, and Katie Hoppe each had two hits for Hanna Red. Chrisa Carlton stack out 11.
Hanna Heat Red 19, Miss B Jennifer Mater, Reynolds and Hoppe each had three hits for Hanna.

Team wanted
A team wanted for co-ed softball league at South Bend FOP. Entry fee is $300 per team. Call 319-1347 for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niles physicals
Niles High School physicals for the upcoming school year will be held Wednesday and Thursday at the Lakeland Rehabilitation facility at Long-Hospital. The physicals will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on both nights with the girls Wednesday and the boys Thursday. The cost is $10 payable at the time of service. This is for Niles students entering grades 7-12.

Niles coaches night
The Niles High School fall sports "Meet the Coach" night will be Tuesday at 6 p.m. (Michigan time) in the high school auditorium. Students going out for a fall sport and parents may attend.

CROSS COUNTRY

Alumni race
Riley
The Riley High School cross country program will be holding an alumni race Saturday, Aug. 13, at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Any former Wildcat runner is invited. The women's race will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the men. For more information contact head coach Chad Wetzel at (574) 289-4807, or assistant coach Steve Wittberg at (574) 315-8546.

TRACK

Youth results
South Bend Parks and Rec Multi-event Championship
Team scores: Adams 197, Clay 93, Washington 72, Riley 33
Girls winners
9-10: Tatiani Reese, 11-12: J'Shante Cunn; 13-14: Andria Newsome-Cunn; 15-18: Mary Marion; 19-over: Susan Sexson.
Boys winners
9-10: Alex Patterson; 11-12: Ben Swanson; 13-14: Stefan Fabian; 15-18: Wesley Chambliss.

WATER SKIING

Local results
Jared Sharkey placed third in the boys three-trick event at the Midwest Regional Water-skiing Championships in Wilmington III. with a score of 3,738. Mason Sharkey placed fourth with a score of 3,710.

HOCKEY

IYHL registration
The Irish Youth Hockey League will hold its registration for the upcoming season at the Ice Box Sunday (3-6 p.m.), Wednesday (6-8 p.m.), Sunday, Aug. 7 (3-6 p.m.) and Wednesday, Aug. 10 (6-8 p.m.).

FOOTBALL

Junior league
Practice for Mishawa Junior Football League starts Monday, 5-7 p.m., at Coquillard School.

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