

United's European trip successful

Michigan United squad back from All-Star trip

The All-Star team had an All-Star time.

Coach Deepak Shivraman's Michigan United team of high school girls All-Star soccer players completed its European trip with a 3-4-1 record.

"I felt it was successful trip," said Shivraman, girls coach at Farmington Hills Mercy and boys coach at West Bloomfield. "In the short time the team was put together, and the way our players came together and played, it was great to see."

"The trip in regards to soccer was an awesome experience. Our girls trained and played very hard. In fact, the Italian coaches were amazed and were very complimentary of our work ethic. And all of the fields we played on were spectacular."

The team had seven Observerland stars among its 18 from schools and communities in western Wayne County and

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southern Oakland County.

It played games in German, Austria and Italy and melded sightseeing in with the soccer.

"We were treated to castles and other incredible sights," Shivraman said. "The history, the foods, the people and culture that we experienced will truly be with us for the rest of our lives."

As to the soccer ... Michigan United found itself up against three professional teams and five regional select squads.

"It was an incredible experience for our team, to play against good teams and great players," Shivraman said, "especially for many of the younger players."

"We had three 14-year-olds, and for them to go up against older, experienced pro players will only make them better."



European adventure: Members of the Michigan United All-Star girls soccer team include (back row, from left) coach Deepak Shivraman, Katie Milligan, Theresa Kolly, Annie Obrecht, Mary Gignac, Lisa Moore, Erin Soisson, tour director Franco Perrot; (middle row, from left) Cathlyn Newell, Colleen Soisson, Diana Capanyano, Kelly Rychlik, Rebecca Doig, Molly Simons; (front, from left) Tracy Stewart, Amber Morris, Liz Aguirre, Michelle Lowe, Kelly Quick, Jena Kluska, Erin Stohl.

AGE-GROUP SWIM

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN SWIM LEAGUE B Finals at Cranbrook (Monday, July 21)

Kendallwood Club first-place winners —
 Kyle Bryant: 9-10 boys 50 fy, 54.20; July Telford: 13-14 girls 50 breast, 43.89; Lenora Hank: 9-10 girls 50 back, 51.24; Lucas Diga: 11-12 boys 50 fy, 46.56.

Kendallwood Club ribbon winners —
 Christy Stockton: 11-12 girls 50 back, 45.60 (1st); Suzanne Jones: 11-12 girls 50 back, 48.03 (10th); July Telford: 13-14 girls 100 IM, 1:20.08 (3rd); Lucas Diga: 11-12 boys 50 free, 37.21 (2nd); Sarah Connor: 11-12 girls 50 fy, 58.09 (8th); Gary Oswald: 13-14 girls 50 back, 55.84 (13th); Alex Saravanan: 11-12 boys 50 breast, 1:09.03 (10th); Laura Gindem: Sunder girls 25 back, 28.85 (3rd); Laura Ann Malhotra: Sunder girls 25 back, 29.36 (6th); Mariele Marchant: Sunder girls 25 back, 29.12 (10th); Beverly Smith: Sunder girls 25 back, 29.83 (8th); Sam Denton: Sunder boys 25 back, 29.52 (3rd).

Sarah Ring: Sunder girls 25 free, 22.17 (2nd); 25 breast, 30.54 (6th); Andrea Park: Sunder girls 25 free, 23.43 (6th); 25 fy, 23.77 (2nd); K. Karoub: Sunder girls 25 free, 23.47 (7th); Sarah Lindsay: Sunder girls 25 free, 24.71 (10th); 25 breast, 28.62 (2nd); Scott Farnock: Sunder boys 25 free, 22.38 (3rd); 25 fy, 20.01 (2nd); Jared Acker: Sunder boys 25 free, 23.29 (10th); 25 fy, 20.18 (3rd); Ryan Podge: 9-10 boys 50 breast, 50.73 (10th); 50 free, 45.54 (5th).

Kyle Bryant: 9-10 boys 50 free, 44.50 (3rd); Kunal Bensch: 9-10 girls 50 back, 51.07 (2nd); Bonnie Smith: 9-10 girls 50 back, 50.41 (10th); Caroline Rooney: Sunder girls 25 free, 23.47 (7th); Chris Carlsman: Sunder boys 25 breast, 31.22 (2nd); Lenora Hank: 9-10 girls 50 free, 42.25 (5th); Laura Saravanan: 9-10 girls 50 free, 43.29 (8th).

Ultimate Precision ends up 3rd

The NFWB Ultimate Precision 16-under girls fastpitch softball team finished third in a 14-team field last weekend at the Waterford Founders Tournament.

The team made the semi-finals by taking three games in pool play. It defeated the Oakland Merchants, 7-4, edged the St. Clair Sharks, 6-5, and dumped West Branch Eye Care, 10-2.

NFWB-Ultimate Precision then beat the West Bloomfield Mustangs, 11-2, but lost to the Windsor Wildcats, 7-4, in the semis. The team is now 13-4 in four tournaments.

Defensive lapses proved costly as NFWB out hit Windsor, 11-8. Ali Ault struck out six and walked four but her team managed only one run in the odd-numbered innings.

Melanie Grewe, Lindsey Emmett, Leslie Schrock and Ari

Ault had two hits while Katina Vitanis, Diana Gustkey and Ali Ault had one hit.

Schrock held the West Bloomfield Mustangs to two hits, walking four and striking out three. Leadoff hitter Grewe had three hits including a triple.

Ari Ault had two hits and a walk, scoring three times, while Jamie Swartz, Schrock and Gustkey had two hits apiece.

Schrock pitched the mercy win over West Branch as her team piled up a 9-1 lead in the first two innings. He allowed five hits, walking two and striking out three.

Grewe had three hits with a double and a triple. Emmett and Vitanis had doubles.

All Ault held the Sharks to six hits and struck out six while Grewe had three hits including another triple. Ari Ault had a

double and a single, and Britany Maxey and Randi Taub each had two hits.

Maxey singled to start a sixth-inning rally that produced a 6-4 lead. Gustkey and Taub followed with hits.

Schrock pitched a seven-hitter to win the opener as NFWB spotted Oakland three runs in the first before coming back to win. She struck out four and also had three hits herself.

Maxey caught a deep liner to left field with the bases loaded and one out in the sixth, throwing to third to complete a double play that spiked the rally.

Gustkey had a two-out triple to key a four-run fourth. Meghan O'Rear capped the rally with an RBI single. Emmett and Taub got on base four times apiece in the game.

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