

Oakland U replaces longtime soccer coach

By MARTY BUDNER

soccer in this area was outstripping our forward progress.

"Two or three years ago we were way ahead of most other programs in the state as far as soccer is concerned, but now we are lost in relation to what is happening around us. Our evaluations show we need someone who is willing to spend more time on promotions, and we don't think John can spend the amount of time we would like."

"His (the termination) has nothing to do with John's ability to handle the program. We just want to get into the mainstream of soccer which has passed us by," said Van Fleet. "We believe our coach has to be involved with the Detroit Express (the new professional soccer team in town), the Bonanza Express League and all the high school soccer programs in the area."

Van Fleet stated that the principle reason for changing coaches was that the soccer program needs to be expanded. The OU athletic administration felt that Motzer could not spend enough time with promotions, as well as handling the coaching position and a full-time job.

Oakland is also attempting to establish a summer soccer school. Although Motzer says he could have handled the job, the athletic department felt differently.

"His (Motzer's) idea was to come in during the last weeks of August and instruct 10 coaches," said Van Fleet. "Our philosophy is to run a summer camp for youngsters, and this is where we were different in our approaches to the camp."

Motzer's record at Oakland was a credible 63-7-8, and included one trip to the NCAA Division II finals last year in St. Louis during his career at Oakland. Motzer's teams have been ranked anywhere from fifth to 10th in the midwest region.

Prior to the Oakland job, Motzer was head soccer coach at Ulita High School, where he guided the Chieftains to the Eastern U.S. playoffs in his first—and only—season.

Motzer was also a player-coach for the Detroit Kickers, an amateur team which won a soccer cup in 1962. The team, which played most of its games at Mack Park, was always a contender under Motzer.

Motzer said he was proud of the record he built up at Oakland, and he was looking forward to adding to his number of career victories. He said he was looking forward to the future progress of the OU team.

"My plans were to continue at Oakland, and my goal was to reach the 100-victory mark for OU," said Motzer. "I recruited diligently, and I have

no regrets. It was fulfilling for me to coach at Oakland.

"I just don't feel the release was handled in good faith, and I feel that through all the dedicated service I gave, it's not what I deserve. But, I realize things like this happen.

"When you have a winning team, and you are successful at what you do,

you would hardly give anything like that up. I'm not mad at anybody, but this whole thing has been a shock to me.

"My problem is to explain to friends what has happened," he said. "They see a successful program, and I have a hard time explaining what has happened."

Soccer league forms

The first of its kind nationwide, this amateur league will be associated with the professional Detroit Express soccer team. The purpose of the league is to develop and perfect soccer players throughout the southeastern part of the state.

Players who are selected, based on a high level of performance in the Bonanza League tryouts, will experience the closest level of amateur soccer to professionalism without jeopardizing their amateur status.

The two leagues being formed for the 1978 spring and summer season are an under-22 league (for players born on or after Jan. 1, 1956), and an under-17 league (for players born on or after Jan. 1, 1961).

The season will begin the end of May, and continue through mid-August. All games will be played at the Oakland University facilities.

There will be another tryout Wednesday for the under-17 soccer player, and on April 9 and 16 for the under-22 player. Practice for the younger group will start at 4:30 p.m., and the older group sessions are scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

All practices are being held at the Oakland University soccer field in Rochester. A player is required to attend only one of these dates to be considered for the team.

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In The Pocket



By W.W. EDGAR

There was a time—not too long ago—when a 600 series was the goal of every bowler. And if a fellow averaged 200 for the season, he was looked upon as a bowler who was on his way to the Hall of Fame.

But times change. Now a 600 series is common—even women reach that figure in all star league competition. The mark has now been raised to 700. Few other places put as much importance on the 700 series as Wonderland Lanes, where the 700 series barrier was broken for the 40th time Tuesday night.

The latest kegler to turn the trick was Bob Rose, a member of the Quicke team, who rolled games of 248, 236 and 234 for a 718. It marked one of the few times this season that only one of the sharpshooters broke the barrier.

While this was happening, the Wonderland Lanes team won a stirring battle from the Ryder Rangers, 3185 to 3079. The Wonderland team posted games of 1076, 1039 and 1070, while the Rangers put together counts that were only a few pins apart from the eventual winners.

SHE DIDN'T LEAD her league, but no one was happier about her performance on the lanes than Midge Paszkot, the friendly clerk at Westland Bowl.

Several months ago, she rolled a 681.

Since then, she hasn't come close to equalling that game and series. But the other night in the Ladies Classic, she put together games of 202, 218 and 189 for a 609.

It was her first 600 series in months, so she had good reason to smile even though Linda Schneider took over the pacesetter role with games of 246 and 245 for 590. The only other 600 series was a 606 by Betty New.

Among the other top scorers were Shirley Le Blanc with a 222 in 582, Marilyn Bourquin with 582 and Bonnie Schneider with 571. In the individual sweepstakes, Robin Frye and Nancy Hed each has a 222.

THE GIRLS ALSO did some fancy shooting at Mayflower Lanes.

Jeanie Le Masters had an unusual series in that she converted the 2-10 on the way to a 541 series that included a 226 game.

Alma Mahar and Dorothy Goryca waged a great battle before Alma won by two pins with a 573 and had the added honor of a 249 game.

Meanwhile, Lucy Heyman topped the 47-10 split and Dorothy Gorek swept the 3-6-7. Both gained membership in the Split-Conversion Club, along with Le Masters.

ANOTHER BUDDING YOUNG player to register. The soccer team will begin play the first week of May with games being played on Saturday mornings at the Southfield Civic Center.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 354-9903.

STAR has come on the horizon at Garden Lanes.

He is William Petersen, who came through with a 594. And he is only 12-years-old.

In the ladies classic, Sue Stemette returned to the winners' circle after a long absence when she took the pacesetter role with a 590.

In the St. Linus league, top honors went to Dave Bailey who rolled a 621, while Stan Canski paced the Vinco loop with a 618.

BUD WERTZ will long remember his bid for bowling fame that came a cropper last week at Merri-Bowl.

Bowling in the junior house league, he strung 10 strikes. Then the atmosphere became too much for him. He failed on the 11th ball and had to settle for a 285 series.

NANCY KRAMES had one of her biggest thrills of the bowling season in the Elkettes League at Plymouth Bowl. She found the range for a 247 that helped her to post a 602 series.

In the men's league, Rich Mozeri had a 231 center to post a 632 and Gary Wilson showed the way to the Chevy league with a 654 that came on games of 160, 233 and 251.

AT PLAZA LANES, Joe Zimnicky took the spotlight in the senior citizens league when he rolled an opener of 206, duplicated it in the second and closed with 187 for a 589.

SHARON BEHRENDT'S Rollie Barrett team provided the thunder in the Ladies Major League at Crown Lanes by putting together games of 854, 1016 and 1061 for a 2921. Sharon showed the way with a 241 in 694.

Sharing in the spotlight was Nancy Mischuk, of the Lvonvia Bowling Sales team, who fired a 633—and she is only 19-years-old.

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