

North Farmington's Clara Ranieri works on her goalkeeping skills at a recent practice. (Photo by Allen Schlossberg)

Michigan's star cagers overcome Yugoslav squad

By BRAD EMONS

The rough and tough Yugoslava didn't live up to their reputation Friday uight at Schoolcraft College as the Michigan prep all-star cagers posted an easy 117-22 triumph. Michigan coaches Don Adams and Willie Norwood went into the game fearing the size and strength of the Yugoslavian Junior National team. The Michigan cagers, however, turned their foreign competitors inside and out with a deadly fast break and some muscle of their own.

"We pressed them and they didn't adapt," said Adams. "Our main goal was to be a cohesive unit and I thought we moved the hall well."

"We ran well and adjusted to the international style of play," he said. Led by the strong inside play of Brimingham Brother Rice's Tim Andree and River Ronge's Derke's The Andree and River Ronge's Derke Perry along with the outside shooting of the Grand Rapids Creston's Melvin McLaughlin, the Michigan cagers established themselves as the better unit right from the start. The Michigan team took command just five minutes into the game as McLaughlin, the Melvingham of the start of

Detroit MacKenzie's Steve Caldwell also hit for six points in a three-minute stand as the Michigan cagers widened the margin to 16 points, 29-13, with 10:14 to go in the first half.

THE YUGOSLAVS' sloppy ball-

handling led to numerous fast break opportunities for the Michigan stars. The only offense for the Yugos-lavs was 64 guard Djordano Bako-vic whose hard-nosed play kept kept his team from being totally embar-

Driving with reckless abandon toward the basket, Bakovic scored 17 of his teams' 37 points in the first half. He finished with 29.

17 of his teams 37 points in the first half. He finished with 23.

The Michigan team substituted freely in the first half and built a 5337 advantage.

The highlight of the 28-minute period was a running slam dunk by the 6-6 Perry with 3:14 left.

The Michigan team continued to show no mercy in the second half as Andree, a 6-10 center, and Perry, relentlessly dominated the the boards.

"They were not as strong physically as 1 though they would be," said Adams. "I didn't see the Russians play here last year but I understand they were more physical."

The Russians indeed were stronger, handing Michigan's all-staters an 18-point loss.

Yugoslav head coach Josip Gjergja was disappinted in his team's performance for the second straight time.

An Ohio all-star squad handed his team a 25-point defeat Wednesday night at the University of Toledo's Centennial Hall.

"ITT'S JUST SIMPLE, said Gjergja. "They had the best players, best fast break and best defense."
"They dominated and played the compilete game. To win, we have to play our game and play it well," he said.

In the preliminary game, the Wayne County all-stars erased a one-point halftime deficit with a strong second half and took 103-97 victory over the Oakland County all-stars.

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Livonia Bentley's 6-5 Eric Thorderson paced his team in the first half with 12 points.

The Wayne team took control in the second half thanks to the sudden arrival of Detroit Southwestern's 6-8 Lamar Jackson who finished with 10 noints.

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Girls' soccer kicks off for Farmington preps

Mike Horner is a soccer nut.

"I love soccer," said Horner, who teaches math at North Farmington High School. "Give me someone who says he doesn't like the game. I'll take him to a game and in 15 minutes I'll have him loving it.

"The action never stops — no huddles or time to a game and in 15 minutes I'll have him loving it.

"The action never stops — no huddles or time outs. It's a team sport, but there's also the opportunity for the talented player to do something creative with the ball."

Last spring the Farmington schools instituted soccer as a varsity sport for girls, and Horner Jumped at the chance to coach the North Farmington team.

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"I anticipate a very good season," Horner said. "Got most of my quality girls back.

"We're going to be very difficult to score on I've got most of my defense back and we allowed only 10 goals in 16 games last year."

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Farmington high and Farmington Harrison also fielded girls' soccer teams for the first time last

AT HARRISON, coach Dave Neher shares Horner's enthusiasm for the game. "Girls seem to like it a lot," he said. "It's a team sport — 11 girls on the field at the same time — and they're enthusi-

on the field at the same ume — and usery te enumeratic about that.

"The girls seem to like the challenge. And soccer is a challenge with the new skills and all the conditioning involved."

Last season, Neher's Harrison team finished third in the Suburban High School Soccer League with a 46 record. Neher has seven girls back from that team.

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"Things are looking pretty good," he said. "My whole defense is back and that was the strongest part of my team last year. Our offense was a little weak — some girls had problems with individual ball tactics — so we'll have to score more goals this



Some key Harrison players: seniors Colleen Far-rell, Jeanne Prichard, Dayle Churchill, Retha Rice and Sharon Brown; juniors Kari Oldham, Eileen Whittemore, Donna Lombardi, Jaisy Mead and Beth Round; and sophomore Nancy Whittemore.

"Most of our offense is new except for Rice and Round," Neher said. "It makes it kind of tough be-cause you need that individual ability that comes with experience."

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Neher has been stressing fundamentals and conditioning in the early practices.

"These girls have to run a little over a mile and a half in under 12 minutes to make the team," he said. "We run before and after practice. It then know they have to run to play soccer. It doesn't matter how mach ability you have, you must run in order to use it."

Harrison opens its season at 4 p.m. Wednesday at home against Livonia Churchill.

FARMINGTON HIGH has a new girls' soccer coach — John McKee, a student at Oakland Com-munity College and a former coach at the Grosse Pointe Academy and American Youth Soccer Or-ganization (AYSO) teams.

anization (AVSO) teams.

"We don't have a whole lot, and we have to do a to of work to get in shape for the season," said McKee. "But I feel we can overcome our lack of experience with hard work."

Senior Cairn Noble and juniors Mitzi Richardson, Lisa King, Jennifer Estabrook and Debbie Page have some experience. Sophomores Sarah Reddig and Debbie Hollyer have been looking good, according to the coach.

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This year the Suburban High School Girls' Soccer League will have a new alignment.

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