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Girls' soccer preview

North's star kickers return

By TOM BAER

Last year's Observer & Eccentric All-Area girls' soccer team shows why coach Mike Horner should have another winner this spring at North Farmington High.

North, which posted a 7-2-1 record and finished second to Birmingham Groves in the Eastern Division of the North Suburban Girls' Soccer League, had four juniors on the post-season dream team.

The returning honored players are fullback Shelby Smith, forward Kris Carl, center-halfback Sue Pacheco and goalkeeper Janice Higuera. All had impressive 1979 seasons.

Higuera, for example, was in goal for 10 of North's 13 games, allowing eight goals and recording five shutouts. Carl, who was voted best offensive player by her teammates, scored nine goals and assisted on three others. Pacheco, who missed five games because of an injury, scored 12 goals and had six assists.

Some other North Farmington soccer hopefuls include junior halfbacks Julie Pacheco and Cindy Nicholson, junior forwards Collette Jablonski and Clara Ranieri, and sophomore goalkeeper Anne Schans.

"We'll be real strong up front in the forward line," said Horner, a math teacher at North. "I have five or six forwards who can really run and kick. We should be strong in the midfield, too. I have just about all my halfbacks back, plus some younger kids who are really coming on."

ONE PROBLEM for North could be defense. "We graduated three of our four best defenders, but I think we can work things out," Horner said.

North opens its season on April 16 at Southfield High School. Several other girls' soccer teams — Farmington High, Farmington Harrison and West Bloomfield — also open on that day.

West Bloomfield, which fields its inaugural girls' soccer team this spring, has an experienced coach in Diane Smith. She has coached recreation teams in the Detroit area and in Centerville, Ohio.

"We started coaching our children when they were younger, and we kind of got bitten by the bug," said Smith, who is working with 34 girls at West Bloomfield.

"When I heard they were trying to get a team at the high school, I switched from coaching little boys to high school-age girls so I could get the feel of it."

Some West Bloomfield prospects are juniors Sue Vodica, Tricia Broderick, Sara Mammoser, sophomores Kelly Corby and Tracy Smith, senior Patty Bausano and freshman Wendy Stromberg.

"Most of them have soccer backgrounds," said Smith. "Sue (Vodica) is an extremely strong player," Smith said. "I think she has many seasons of soccer behind her."

FARMINGTON HARRISON has a new coach in Al Whittemore. His

daughters, senior Eileen and junior Nancy, are members of the Harrison squad.

Some Harrison players include seniors Betsy Anglemier and Beth Wadsworth, juniors Marci Grossman, Reni Kapila, Dawn Lemon, Dayle Churchill, and sophomores Deanna Churchill and Amy Hissom.

Whittemore, an engineer for General Motors, has yet to find a starting goalkeeper. "We're starting from scratch in trying to develop a goalie," he said. "We're emphasizing some sophomores."

Two Harrison junior boys, Keith Briggs and Greg Mehall, serve as assistant coaches. Last year, the Harrison girls compiled a 4-4-2 record.

At Farmington High, the girls' soccer team should have a strong international flavor with new coach Tom Caranicolos, a former professional soccer player in his native Greece.

Farmington's outstanding players include seniors Cheryl Conn, Terri Wolf, and Lisa King, juniors Missy Murphy, Laura Hollyer and Debbie Potter. Goalie Miltz Richardson has experience from last season.

"We have some players with good potential, but they need a lot more work," Caranicolos said. "They're out of shape. They'll be doing a lot of running."

THE NORTH SUBURBAN Girls' Soccer League has added some teams this spring, including Southfield High, Southfield-Lathrup and Northville.

The league's Eastern Division includes North Farmington, Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Bloomfield Hills Andover, West Bloomfield, Southfield and Lathrup.

The Western Division schools are Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Bentley, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Dearborn Fordson, Northville, Harrison and Farmington.

A league championship game, matching the division winners, is scheduled for June 4.

Prep soccer schedules

NORTH FARMINGTON SOCCER

SCHEDULE — April 16, at Southfield High, 4 p.m.; April 18, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 4 p.m.; April 21, at Birmingham Seaholm, 7 p.m.; April 23, Birmingham Groves, 4 p.m.; April 25, at Bloomfield Hills Andover, 4 p.m.; April 28, Southfield-Lathrup, 4 p.m.; May 5, at West Bloomfield, 7 p.m.; May 7, Southfield High, 4 p.m.; May 12, at Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 4 p.m.; May 14, Birmingham Seaholm, 6 p.m.; May 16, at Birmingham Groves, 4 p.m.; May 19, Bloomfield Hills Andover, 4 p.m.; May 21, at Southfield-Lathrup, 7 p.m.; May 23, West Bloomfield, 4 p.m.

WEST BLOOMFIELD SOCCER

SCHEDULE — April 16, at Birmingham Groves, 6:15 p.m.; April 18, Southfield High, 6 p.m.; April 21, Bloomfield Hills Andover, 6 p.m.; April 23, at Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 4 p.m.; April 25, Southfield-Lathrup, 6 p.m.; April 30, at Birmingham Seaholm, 7 p.m.; May 5, North Farmington, 7 p.m.; May 7, Birmingham Groves, 6 p.m.; May 12, at Southfield High, 5 p.m.; May 14, at Bloomfield Hills Andover, 7 p.m.; May 16, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 3:30 p.m.; May 19, at Southfield-Lathrup, 7 p.m.; May 21, Birmingham Seaholm, 3:30 p.m.; May 23, at North Farmington, 4 p.m.

HARRISON SOCCER

SCHEDULE — April 16, Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.; April 18, at Northville High, 4 p.m.; April 21, Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.; April 23, at Dearborn Fordson, 4 p.m.; April 25, at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.; April 30, Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 5, at May 7, Livonia Bentley, 7 p.m.; May 7, at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.; May 11, Northville High, 4 p.m.; May 14, at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.; May 16, Dearborn Fordson, 6 p.m.; May 19, Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.; May 21, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 23, Livonia Bentley, 4 p.m.

FARMINGTON HIGH SOCCER

SCHEDULE — April 16, Livonia Bentley, 4 p.m.; April 18, at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.; April 21, Northville, 4 p.m.; April 23, at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.; April 25, Dearborn Fordson, 4 p.m.; April 30, at Farmington Harrison, 4 p.m.; May 5, Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.; May 7, at Livonia Bentley, 7 p.m.; May 12, Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.; May 14, at Northville, 4 p.m.; May 16, Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.; May 19, at Dearborn Fordson, 4 p.m.; May 21, Farmington Harrison, 4 p.m.; May 18, at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.



Goalie Janice Higuera kicks out a shot at a recent practice. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)



Kris Carl finds some wet going in a soccer practice at North Farmington High School.

O&E All-Area spikers show all-around ability

By C.J. RISAK

If there is one outstanding trait on the 1980 Observer & Eccentric All-Area volleyball team, it's all-around ability.

The six first-team picks — Sue McColgan of Rochester, Robin Walker of Troy, Julie Tadzynski of Farmington, Nancy Hughes of North Farmington, Jill Forhan of Birmingham Groves and Jane Poretta of Bloomfield Hills Lahser — all earned praise from their respective coaches for being strong in all phases of the game.

"Our strongest hitter and best server, and a good passer," is how Rochester coach Jan Bowden described McColgan.

"One of our best servers, a team leader," Lahser coach Fred Youngman said of Poretta. "She's fearless around the net."

"She's strong all-around," Farmington coach Ron Shortt said of Tadzynski. "She was our best front-row player, our best server and one of our very back-line players. She played every minute of every game."

The same type of comments were spoken of Walker, Hughes and Forhan. Consistent, strong play in all parts of the game makes this team a group of All-Stars.

What Youngman said about Poretta could have been said by any of the coaches of any of the players: "She's a dream to coach."

Poretta and McColgan are both repeaters from last year's O&E All-Area team. McColgan, a senior, may not play volleyball at the collegiate level — only because she'll be playing basketball.

McCOLGAN IS ONE of the most sought-after girls' basketball players in the state. She has also been named to the O&E cage squad twice.

All-Area volleyball team

PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
Sue McColgan	Rochester	Sr.
Jane Poretta	B.H. Lahser	Sr.
Robin Walker	Troy	Sr.
Julie Tadzynski	Farmington	Sr.
Jill Forhan	Groves	Sr.
Nancy Hughes	N. Farmington	Jr.

SECOND TEAM — Annie Bauer, Ann Bonacci, Rochester; Amy Haagen, Chris Dichting, Lahser; Linda Bache, Farmington Harrison; Jeanne Gilbert, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood; Missy Thomas, Southfield-Lathrup; Chris Looser, Farmington; Karen Crawfis, Groves.

HONORABLE MENTION — Rita Snow, Renee Logsdon, Rochester; Adams; Ann Rehm, West Bloomfield; Patty Moore, Rochester; Liz Leggett, Groves; Monique Mansoura, Southfield-Lathrup; Dawn Winkler, Lahser; Lisa Strahl, Troy; Athens; Shelly Kefgen, Bloomfield Hills Andover; Ann Kozicki, N. Farmington; Isabelle Smith, Farmington; Suzanne Dietz, Farmington Our Lady of Mercy; Lynne Minnebo, W.L. Central; Vicki Alani, Detroit Country Day; Suzie Bilyeu, Kingswood.

COACH OF THE YEAR — Mary Haezebrouck, Troy

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