

Indoor soccer: A 'goal-mouth game'

By MARTY BUDNER

Soccer purists believe the only place to play the game is outdoors on a regulation-sized field.

More liberal-minded thinkers contend the indoor game — played on a hockey-sized rink — provides more excitement.

What does Detroit Express coach Ken Purphy think?

"Naturally, when you're a kid growing up, you dream about playing for a national team and maybe in a World Cup game if you're a successful player," said Purphy, the only coach the Express has ever had.

"I've been brought up on the outdoor game, but we enjoyed playing indoors

last season. It's always a challenge to get your players to play goal soccer no matter whether it's indoors or outdoors."

There are six players to a side in indoor soccer, with unlimited substitution. The game consists of four 15-minute periods.

The action is much faster than the outdoor game, and the smaller playing surface generally accounts for higher scoring games. As in hockey, players are allowed to use the boards for passes and they are assessed penalties for rule infractions.

DETROIT WAS scheduled to open its North American Soccer League (NASL)

indoor season over the weekend against the Toronto Blizzard.

However, a federal injunction barring foreign players from entering the United States threatened to cancel the game. Late Friday afternoon, harried Express officials were trying to set up another game with an American-based team.

Familiar names like assistant coach Eddie Calquhoun, Sam Oates, team captain Steve Seargent, Brian Timmon and David Bradford will wear Detroit's orange and navy blue uniforms.

Purphy said two of his team's best players are Pato Margetic, the blond-haired, 20-year-old speedy forward from Argentina, and goalie Jim Brown. Margetic scored 11 goals — including two hat tricks — in only five games during last year's indoor season. The 5-foot-11, 154-pound forward was one of four Express members to play all 32 games of the 1980 season.

"PATO IS certainly the strength of our team up front," said Purphy, who once coached the Cosmos. "He (Margetic) should be a leading contender for the league's goal-scoring title."

"And I think with Jim Brown we have the finest goaltending in the league. He suffers in this town because he doesn't get much coverage through the media."

"This is a game where you have to be familiar with all the positions," he said. "You are always rotating and changing positions, so you have to adapt quickly."

While the indoor game may provide more action with its speed and contact, Purphy said young soccer players should improve themselves by learning the fundamentals of indoor and outdoor soccer.

"The development of a soccer player is mainly outdoors, but it's good to have them (young players) develop their

skills either way. You're not going to be a complete player if you learn just one style and not the other."

"Indoors is a good way to develop your short passing game because defenders are constantly marking you. It's a very tight and restricted area which makes the game faster and you have to be able to make those short passes."

"Players learn to become more agile

in a faster game like indoor soccer. And it's a good way for us (the Express) to develop our younger players who don't get a chance to play as often in the outdoor game."

"The public seemed to like the game last year, and as they got more involved with it, it becomes more serious for the coaches and the players," he said. "It's a goal-mouth game with lots of action."

Express soccer schedule

Detroit's 18-game indoor soccer season will consist of nine home and away games.

The Express will play in the North Division of the Eastern Conference with Calgary (Boomers), Chicago (Sting), Minnesota (Kicks) and Toronto (Blizzard). The Conference's South Division includes Atlanta (Chiefs), Ft. Lauderdale (Strikers), New England (Tea Men) and Tampa Bay (Rowdies).

The Western Conference teams are Edmonton (Drillers), Los Angeles (Aztecs), Portland (Timbers), Seattle (Sounders) and Vancouver (Whitecaps) in the North Division. The South Division members include California (Surf), Dallas (Toreros), San Diego (Sockers), San Jose (Earthquakes) and Tulsa (Roughnecks).

Following is Detroit's 1980-81 North American Soccer League (NASL) indoor schedule:

LEAGUE SCHEDULE

All kickoff times are EST

Toronto at Detroit (Nov. 15), 7:30 p.m.; Ft. Lauderdale at Detroit (Nov. 19), 7 p.m.; Detroit at Chicago (Nov. 22), 1:30 p.m.; Tampa Bay at Detroit (Nov. 20), 1 p.m.; Detroit at Calgary (Dec. 7), 5:30 p.m.; Minnesota at Detroit (Dec. 13), 7:30 p.m.

Detroit at Chicago (Dec. 21), 2:30 p.m.; Detroit at Atlanta (Dec. 25), 8 p.m.; Detroit at Minnesota (Dec. 31), 8:30 p.m.; Detroit at New England (Jan. 4), 7:30 p.m.; Detroit at Ft. Lauderdale (Jan. 6), 7:30 p.m.; Chicago at Detroit (Jan. 10), 7:30 p.m.

New England at Detroit (Jan. 23), 7:30 p.m.; Detroit at Toronto (Jan. 29), 8 p.m.; Detroit at Tampa Bay (Jan. 31), 7:30 p.m.; Toronto at Detroit (Feb. 7), 7:30 p.m.; Calgary at Detroit (Feb. 11), 7 p.m.; Atlanta at Detroit (Feb. 15), 9 p.m.

Mercy tankers win 12th meet

See Cashman, Kara McGrath, Jill Andries and Beth Droleit each won two individual events to place Farmington Our Lady of Mercy's 62-21 win over Birmingham Marian in Catholic League girls' swimming. The win was Mercy's 12th in a row this season.

Cashman won the 200-yard freestyle (2:09.1) and the 500 freestyle (5:27.3). Andries won the 200 individual medley (2:24.6) and the 100 breaststroke (1:11.6). McGrath won the 100 backstroke (1:02.0) and the 100 butterfly (57.6). Droleit won the 50 free (25.8) and the 100 free (56.1).

Mercy will be shooting for its 16th straight Catholic League swimming championship when it participates in the conference meet, Nov. 22 at Oakland University.

In another recent meet, North Farmington gained at least a share of the Northwest Suburban League championship with a 105-62 win over Livonia Franklin. North will own the title outright if it can win the NSL meet Nov. 21-22 at Redford Thurston.

Kirstan Kinsman of North Farmington won the 200 free (2:21.9) and the 100 breast (1:23.5). Teammate Mary Manderfield finished first in the 50 free

Spartans flat, but still triumph

Livonia Stevenson had every reason to be flat during its Inter-Lakes League girls' basketball finale last week against Milford Lakeland.

That's exactly how the Spartans played, too, but they still managed to record a 36-24 victory.

Stevenson, already assured of a conference championship, coming off a big non-league win on the road over Redford Union and playing in front of a Parents' Night crowd, looked like anything but one of the top-rated teams in the area.

The Spartans missed 10 of their first 11 shots and finished with an overall accuracy rating of 31 percent from the field.

The Spartans turned the ball over more than usual and generally looked sluggish on the court all evening long.

"You saw us on a downer and we won," said Stevenson coach Jim George. "Bad teams on downers lose, good teams win."

"Their minds aren't here," he continued. "When you don't shoot, you win with defense. Our scramble man-to-man defense has been our forte all year."

Karen Kelley led Stevenson with 14 points. Beth Mueller and Wendy Jenkins each scored eight.



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Area swim summaries

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200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — West Bloomfield (Schipper, Webber, Patton, Kopins) 1:58.9, Farmington High, Farmington High.

500-YARD FREESTYLE — Kim Pogue (F) 2:09.9, Stevens (WB), Sheridan (WB).

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Dawn Stanton (F) 1:22.6 (variously record), Liu (WB), Schipper (WB).

50-YARD FREESTYLE — Webber (WB) 25.6, Kopins (WB), Laura Edwards (F).

DIVING — Sue Giersbach (WB) 217.05 points, Lisa Giersbach (WB), Sue Schwartz (WB).

100-YARD BUTTERFLY — Dawn Stanton (F) 1:54.3, Liu (WB), Patton (WB).

100-YARD FREESTYLE — Kopins (WB) 58.3, Jo Smith (F), Margaret Richards (F).

500-YARD FREESTYLE — Kim Pogue (F) 2:25.5, Healey (WB), Becker (WB).

100-YARD BACKSTROKE — Stevens (WB) 1:54.7, Schipper (WB), Laura Edwards (F).

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE — Webber (WB) 1:11.1, Cindi Meili (F), Lisa Smith (F).

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY — West Bloomfield (Liu, Stevens, Becker, Sheridan) 4:02.5, Farmington High, West Bloomfield.

N. FARMINGTON 106 — FRANKLIN 62

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — North Farmington (Helen Sue Howard, Katy Harnden, Stacy Greenberg, Judy Kettenstock) 2:14.7, North Farmington, Livonia Franklin.

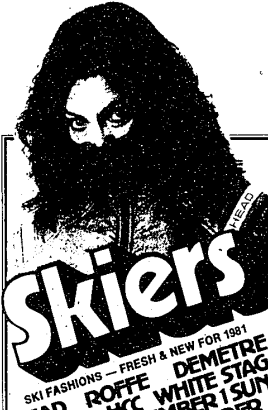
500-YARD FREESTYLE — Kirstan Kinsman (NF) 2:13.9, Deanna Miller (NF), Rice (LF).

600-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Michele Lifter (NF) 2:28.5, Katy Harnden (NF), McIntosh (LF).

50-YARD FREESTYLE — Mary Manderfield (NF) 27.2, Helen Sue Howard (NF), McGraw (LF).

DIVING — Beth Foley (LF) 159.40 points, Joanne Wolski (LF), Susan Moore (NF).

400-YARD BUTTERFLY — McIntosh (LF) 1:16.0, Heather MacKenzie (NF), Rydell (LF).



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