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A few area girls' soccer coaches can empathize easily with Frank Sinatra's song, "It Was a Very Good Year."

This spring's 14-member, first-team Observer & Eccentric All-Area girls' soccer team excelled both on the field and in the classroom.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser enjoyed an undefeated North Suburban Soccer League season (11-0-1) behind the performances of first-team selections Caroline Trout, Julie Gnuau and Becky Johnson.

Birmingham Groves, runner-up with a 10-2-0 record, displayed more than its share of soccer talent this year. Five Falcons were elected to the 14-member, first-team squad, including Chris Bagdol, Helen Pogrebnik, Minh Nguyen, Karen Pauli and goalie Cheryl Rysztak.

Third-place West Bloomfield (8-3-1) placed two players on the first team — Sue Vodka and Tracy Smith.

First-team member Rachel Leon was selected from fourth-place Bloomfield Hills Andover (4-4-0).

Other first-team players include North Farmington's Julie Pacheco and Anne Schans and Farmington's Laura Holley from the Western Suburban Soccer Association.

Chet Schultz of Bloomfield Hills Lahser received coach-of-the-year honors.

The 1981 all-area team was selected by a panel of three coaches — Diane Smith of West Bloomfield, Tim Russell of Birmingham Groves and Mike Horner of North Farmington. Here's a synopsis of this year's first-team selections:

TROUT, a junior at Lahser, tallied 24 goals and 12 assists at the wing position. Trout also participated in gymnastics this year and is a member of the National Honor Society.

GNUAU, a center-forward from Lahser, racked up 21 goals and nine assists. The junior first-team selection also swam for the Knights.

JOHNSON, team captain and middle-center/right wing forward, scored four goals and collected eight assists for Lahser. The senior captain of the soccer team started on the Knights' basketball squad and is a National Honor Society member.

BAGDOL, only a sophomore, was voted most valuable player by her teammates at Groves. The center-halfback scored four goals and tallied seven assists. Bagdol also ran on the Falcons' cross-country squad.

POGREBNIAK, a senior-center fullback for the Falcons, was voted best defensive player and graduated with several non-athletic distinctions — magna cum laude, salutatorian; National Honor Society president; Phi Beta Kappa; Birmingham Optimist and University of Michigan Regents. Alumni scholarship awards: Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition finalist and the Muriel Bruise award.

NGUYEN, a senior center-halfback for Groves, scored two goals and four assists this season. The National Honor Society and Phi Beta Kappa member was voted best playmaker of the season and last year received "most persistent player" honors.

PAULI was elected team captain the past two years. Playing at left wing forward, she scored 10 goals for Groves this season. Pauli graduated summa cum laude, was a National Honor Society member and the recipient of the Parents' Award.

RYSZTAK's polished performance in goal this season helped Groves to a 10-2-0 record and a second-place finish in the league. Rysztak, a junior, doubles as a varsity basketball player.

VODICKA, a senior center-halfback at West Bloomfield, cleaned up

this season. The two-year soccer captain collected 19 goals and four assists, was voted most valuable player, best offensive player and best female athlete for the Lakers. In basketball, the National Honor Society member served as captain in her senior season and received the leadership award.

SMITH, voted best defensive player at West Bloomfield, was named co-captain for the second season. The junior center-halfback scored two goals. In the academic arena, she won the Writing Award at West Bloomfield.

LEON, a senior right-inner forward, scored six goals for Andover this season. Leon, valedictorian and a Phi Beta Kappa member, earned several awards — among them the outstanding athlete-scholar award, most valuable player in soccer and cross country, most improved player (soccer) and most dedicated player (cross country).

PACHECO, North Farmington's senior-center halfback, was an all-conference selection this year. The three-year varsity letter winner was voted outstanding halfback all three seasons. The team captain and most valuable player is the youngest member of a soccer-minded family. Sisters Debra and Susan, graduates of North Farmington, also were team captains and MVPs as seniors. Jorge, their father and a state-licensed referee, was instrumental in starting local high school soccer and the Farmington Soccer Club.

SCHANS, North Farmington's junior goalkeeper, excelled at controlling the entire penalty area and coming off the line to receive long

balls. In 30 one-on-one situations with opposing forwards, the two-year varsity letter-winner either smothered the ball or forced an errant shot 29 times. With her senior year yet to play, Schans holds records for most saves in a season and in a career.

HOLLYER, an all-league team selection, was a three-year starter at center-halfback for Farmington. With her ability to read plays and remain steady, Hollyer was a controlling force in the progress of the game. She collected five assists and graduated with honors.

CHET SCHULTZ, long-time Lahser coach, took area-soccer squads by surprise this year. Freshman third-place or fourth-place picks, the Knights were guided by Schultz to an unexpected, undefeated first-place finish in the North Suburban Soccer League. The coach of the year also directed Lahser's boys' squad to a league championship last fall.

Striking!

Area soccer players honored

Chet Schultz
Lahser coach

All-Area girls' soccer team

FIRST TEAM

LAHSER — Caroline Trout, Julie Gnuau and Becky Johnson.
GROVES — Chris Bagdol, Helen Pogrebnik, Minh Nguyen, Karen Pauli and Cheryl Rysztak (goalie).
WEST BLOOMFIELD — Sue Vodka and Tracy Smith.
ANDOVER — Rachel Leon.
NORTH FARMINGTON — Julie Pacheco and Anne Schans (goalie).
FARMINGTON — Laura Holley.
COACH — Chet Schultz, Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

SECOND TEAM

Diane Myers, North Farmington; Beth Brancheau, Farmington High; Beth Porterfield and Karen O'Brien, Birmingham Groves; Tricia Broderick, Nadalie Nutt and Gaye Stivaletta, West Bloomfield; Chris Schetter and Martha Glynn, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; and Kara Steiner and Aimee Rousseau (goalie), Bloomfield Hills Andover.

HONORABLE MENTION

Alyse Light and Vickie Mays, Southfield-Lathrup; Kim Liu and Lori Peterson, Southfield High; Sandy Gray and Mary Cremer, Birmingham Seaholm; Sue Furgott and Diane Burell, Farmington; Mary Murphy, Farmington High; Clara Rauter and Wendy Shuler, North Farmington; Jane Wagner, Birmingham Groves; Jenni Erick (goalie), West Bloomfield; Naette Napol and Nancy Kopymer, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; and Liz Morphy, Bloomfield Hills Andover.

The ups, downs of qualifying

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"I played even par the last six holes. I was nervous as hell the first 12," he said. "My first drive went 20 feet, and I had a smooth eight on 11. I had a helluva putt for the eight."

"Seriously, if I'm hitting the tee shot, I'm a good golfer. I didn't hit the tee shot," Beal said.

LARRY TOMASINO, a Livonian who is a teaching pro at Silver Driving Range in Novi, withdrew from the tournament. He walked off the course after the 14th hole, apparently a beaten man.

"I had enough," he said. "I've been playing bad for two weeks. I three-putted the first hole and three-putted the second. I have a bad back and figured 'enough already.'"

"I just didn't have it," Tomasino added. "The last two weeks it just left."

Where did it go?

"I don't know," he said.

"If we knew, we'd be on the tour," said Larry, who was kidding for his dad.

AL MENGERT, golf professional at Oakland Hills, earned a spot in the Senior Open with a 72.

A Birmingham resident, Mengert said he prepared for the qualifier by playing more golf the previous five days than any other week during his eight-year tenure at Oakland Hills.

"I knew this would be a pressure round," he said. "It would be a shame to miss it (Senior Open) on a Tuesday."

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Athletes head to Israel for games

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she will compete in freestyle and individual medley events.

"I was born in Czechoslovakia and came here when I was 3," she said. "There was always a swimming pool where we lived, and I took to it."

A 1981 graduate of Bloomfield Hills Andover High School, Rival finished 12th in her class of 397. She was Phi Beta Kappa, made the National Honor Society and received the University of Michigan Regents Alumni Award for 1981.

She will attend Harvard University where she intends to study medicine and aim for a career in sports medicine.

"I work very hard at swimming," she said, adding she logs some 12,000 yards of swimming each week in six days of practice each week.

Rival's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Jan Rival, and her sister, Nicole, will make the trip to Israel also.

NANCI GOLDSMITH first became enthusiastic about gymnastics at Brookside School, when she was 7. "I saw the other kids do it and I wanted to," she said.

Now an accomplished gymnast, she moved to Eugene, Ore., two years ago to pursue gymnastics more seriously. She attends Eugene High School there and will enter 11th grade in September.

Like Rival, she would like to be a sports medicine doctor. Her idol is Nadia Comaneci, the European Romanian and Olympic medal winner.

"I expect that there are no Communist countries are competing, our stiff rivals will be the Canadians," she said.

In Oregon, at the National Academy of Artistic Gymnastics, she gets the kind of regimentation that the Romanians practice on gymnasts. "I live with a former gymnast and her husband, a coach," she said.

Her regimen includes strict dieting that allows no cakes, cookies or other sweets. Weighing just 76 pounds, she says she eats a lot of chicken and fish. "It's important not to weigh much," Goldsmith said.

The leading qualifier for the Maccabiah Games in Israel, Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Goldsmith, and her sister, Julie, will accompany her.

DAVID LINDEN has been a squash player for 16 years.

Born in Detroit, he attended the University of

Michigan and Rutgers Law School and lived in the east afterward.

He and his wife, Fran, recently returned to Michigan.

"In the east there are many good squash players," Linden said. "It's like racketball here. It's a good urban game requiring a small court and I think I will grow here."

Linden said he is quite excited about his second try at the Maccabiah Games. "Last time I met athletes from all around the world," he said.

Squash is played primarily where England has been, but this year I anticipate a Mexican team and now there are European countries where squash is becoming more popular."

Linden said five players and one alternate are going from the U.S.

"In 1977, the U.S. team came in second to South Africa and they're probably going to be our greatest competition this time as well."

OTHER LOCAL persons who will travel to Israel for the games include Anne Barnett of Southfield and her grandson, Ari Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Max Sheldon, Irene Rice and Robert Arnold.

Angels stay perfect in soccer

The Farmington Angels completed their first round of Great Lakes Women's Soccer League action with a 3-1 victory over the Farmington Furries Sunday at Schoolcraft Community College.

Both Farmington squads entered the game with unbeaten records in this battle for first place.

"The victory raised the Angels' perfect mark to 5-0-0."

Nancy Glynn of Bloomfield Hills scored two goals and assisted on the third to pace the Angels' attack. In the five games, Glynn has scored 13 goals.

Becky Johnson of Bloomfield Hills scored the Angels' third goal.

In recent action, the Angels blanked the Ann Arbor Antennas, 4-0.

Nancy Glynn scored three goals and Caroline Trout added another in the Angels' victory.

The Angels and Furries host a traveling German women's soccer team in exhibition play next week. The Angels will battle the German squad at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 9 at Schoolcraft.

golf

U.S. Senior Open Qualifier		Stuart Schwartz		39-41 - 80	
Franklin Hills Country Club		Alexander Venetites		38-42 - 80	
(Top 11 qualify for Open)		E. Ben Davis		11-10 - 81	
		Jim Devlin		28-43 - 81	
George Barber	34-37 - 71	Louis Koller		43-38 - 81	
Glenn Johnson	34-37 - 71	August Krastins		41-40 - 81	
Tom Simon	34-37 - 71	Herman Lang		40-41 - 81	
Al Mengert	34-37 - 72	William Browning		40-39 - 82	
Ray Beattie	34-38 - 73	Lloyd Martin		39-43 - 82	
Stan Javie	34-38 - 73	Karl Mueller		12-40 - 82	
Bob Imms	34-38 - 73	George Spencer		41-42 - 83	
G. Peter Smith	34-38 - 73	Ned Barnes		41-42 - 82	
John Williams	34-38 - 73	Michael Carey		41-42 - 83	
Tom Rizer	34-38 - 73	Angelo Letti		42-41 - 83	
Jack Van Dae	34-40 - 75	Don White		42-41 - 83	
Francis Carter (swing playoff)	34-40 - 75	John Williamson		42-41 - 83	
Donald Stevens	34-40 - 76	Robert Davis		43-41 - 84	
Max Evans	34-40 - 76	Jerald Griffin		41-43 - 84	
Samuel Enap	34-40 - 76	Roy Isenberg		42-42 - 84	
E. Clem Jensen	34-40 - 76	Walter Lusky		44-40 - 84	
Clifford Taylor	34-40 - 76	John Sigler		42-42 - 84	
Donald Dykstra	34-40 - 77	Terrence Sweeney		42-42 - 84	
Tommy Shannon	34-40 - 77	William Woods		43-41 - 84	
Bob Ojala	41-37 - 78	James Buchanan		43-42 - 85	
Rody Horvath	41-37 - 78	Ernie Burgess		40-45 - 85	
Sam Kook	41-37 - 78	Robert Friedlund		45-40 - 85	
Ben Lala	43-35 - 78	Arthur Bodou		45-41 - 86	
Raymond Madden	40-38 - 78	William Park		42-44 - 86	
Tom Takagawa	39-38 - 78	Raymond Florian		43-43 - 86	
Harold Trett	38-40 - 78	Frank Javor		42-44 - 86	
Walter Van Sickle	39-39 - 78	Donald Beal		45-42 - 87	
George Bigham	40-39 - 78	W.R. Dixon		46-41 - 87	
E.E. Brinzel	39-40 - 79	Al Weigand		41-45 - 87	
Vic Scholla	39-40 - 79	John Dalrymple		46-43 - 89	
Leo Miller	40-39 - 79	Walter Brown		47-39 - 97	
Lou Powers	41-38 - 79	John Hansen		disqualified	
Wally Potts	38-42 - 80	Thomas Crews		no card	
Robert Babbish	41-39 - 80	Don Soper		no card	
Ronald Burk	40-40 - 80	Joe Eustice		withdrew	
W.E. Holt	42-38 - 80	Larry Tomasino		withdrew	
William Williams	39-41 - 80	Robert Welling		withdrew	
Ronald LaPari					

Balloon Classic arrives in area

The annual Avon Hills Balloon Classic will feature something for everyone this year.

The three-day extravaganza will begin July 3 and run through July 5.

Proceeds will benefit Rochester's Leader Dog for the Blind School, Penrickton Home for Handicapped Children, Michigan Eye Bank, Welcome Home for the Blind and Silent Children.

"There will be something for everyone in the family, with hang gliding, live entertainment and balloon rides," said event chairman Russ Shelton.

Lift-off time for the first balloon race will be 6 p.m. July 3 at Michigan Christian College (Avon Road between Livernois and Rochester roads in Avon Township).

Some participating sponsors include the Avon Hills Lions Club, The Oakland Press, Liberty State Bank and Trust Co. and Northwest Propane Inc.

One of the balloons — Miss Liberty — is seven stories high and owned by Liberty State Bank.

Admission to all races is free.

For further information call 651-5500.