

The Detroit Express professional soccer team will conduct open tryouts from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at Joyce Park in Troy.

Express coach Brian Tinnin invites all who wish to try out to come to the park, which is located on Long Lake Road between John R. and Rochester roads.

The tryouts are an annual event which the Detroit Express sponsors to seek and encourage talented players to participate. Last year, approximately 150 men participated.

For further information, call tryout coordinator Donna Nichol at 335-4170.

● **PLATFORM WINNERS**

Henry Sprague of Grosse Pointe Farms and Mike Puffer of West Bloomfield pulled the upset of the tour-

ment during the weekend at the National Senior and Senior Vets Platform Tennis tourney.

Sprague and Puffer topped the No. 1 seeded team of Chuck Baldi (Toronto) and Roger Lankenau (New York), 6-2, 6-3, in the senior (age 50 and older) tournament.

The champions were Bill Schneebec and Cliff Kermore, both from Ohio, who defeated Ed Atherton and Jim Garavaltis of Massachusetts, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3.

In the consolation final, John Grant and Pete Whitelaw, both from Birmingham, dumped Bob Deary (Bloomfield Hills) and Dick Mulrany (Grosse Pointe Shores), 6-0, 6-1.

In the Senior Vets (age 50 and older) tourney, Brent and Eppie Williams (New Jersey) ousted Brent Baxter and Jim Walker of Pittsburgh, 6-4, 6-3.

Jack LeClaire (Pontiac) and Bob Hall (Milford) defeated Bud Potter (Birmingham) and Gene Quackenbush (Orchard Lake) 4-0 and 4-0.

The tournament finals took place Sunday at the Orchard Lake Country Club. Previous matches took place at the Birmingham Athletic Club, Oakland Hills Country Club and the Orchard Lake Country Club.

● **FRIDAY FIGHTS**

Super welterweights David Braxton and Mario Maldonado will square off in a 12-round title fight Friday night at the Cobo Arena in the main event of "Friday Night at the Fights."

Braxton (23-1) and Maldonado (23-11-1) will fight for the North American Boxing Federation's 147-pound title.

Also slated to appear on the card include local favorites Greg Coverson, a lightweight with a 29-1 record; Spencer Chavis, a light heavyweight with an undefeated record in five fights; and Billy Hearn, the brother of WBC Super Welterweight champ Thomas Hearn. Billy Hearn, who is 1-0 as a professional, will fight in a four-round featherweight bout.

CTC outlets. For more information call 537-8777.

● **SMA STARS**
Southeastern Michigan Association basketball champion Southfield High landed three players on the all-league team, led by senior forward Mike McCaskill.

McCaskill was joined by teammates Joey Walton and Terry Darden on the 13-member squad.

Don't let the snow on the ground deter you from thinking about the spring softball season.

The fourth annual Lockies Sports Shop-Vic Wertz Distributors pre-season softball tournament will kick off men's and women's slo-pitch action the weekend of April 16.

Entry fee is \$95 per team, with a deadline for Friday, April 8, for registration and payment. Teams are reminded that the two tournaments will include 16 teams, and each will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For further information and to receive a tournament packet, contact Sue Lockie at (800) 876-3712, or call Dennis Lockart 313-979-3333.

Due to an error, the profiles of five first-team members of the Observer & Eccentric All-Area Wrestling team were incomplete.

The following is what was omitted from the story:

Pete Cuffe (senior): A state qualifier, Cuffe won district and regional titles this season. He finished his stellar career at Amesbury with a 124-30-1 record, including 58 pins and 685 points. He won the Grand Rapids, Plymouth Canton, Birmingham, Bloomfield and Chippewa Valley invitationalss this season. Cuffe, who has a 3.64 grade-point average (of a possible 4.0), will attend Georgia Tech University this fall.

Paul Handel (senior): Handel has been a varsity member for the past three years at West Bloomfield. He finished with a 45-11-1 record, including a district championship and a fourth-place finish at the regional meet. He was a winner in the 1983 Greater Oakland Activities League (GOAL) meet.

Eric Collier (senior): Collier placed in every tournament he wrestled in for North Farmington this year, including seconds at the district and regional meets. He was fourth in the state Class A meet. Collier, who wants to wrestle in college, had a 37-11 record this season with 27 pins.

Chris Parent (senior): Parent won five invitationals and placed second in two others this winter. In compiling a 60-1, 1992-93 record, he took third at the district and first at the regional meets. He was the first four-time MSAA champion and Lathrup's most valuable wrestler the past three seasons. "His intensity is what makes him really great," said coach Eric Kopsch. "Everyone knows his intensity, and that's why he's still being offered scholarships despite the fact he was seventh at the state meet." His career record is 159-28 with 100 pins. Parent is receiving scholarship offers from the University of Michigan, Las Vegas and Eastern Central Michigan universities, according to Kopsch.

After nearly a week of elimination heats and final heats, the NCAA Division II swimming championships were decided Saturday night in Chico, Calif., by less than a half second in the final event of the day.

By that tiniest of margins, Oakland University's men's team was edged out by perennial power California State-Northridge and had to settle for second place at the national championships. Oakland was third a year ago, while Northridge has won the title six of the last seven years.

'It (being named coach of the year) is a great honor, but I'd gladly give it up to have won the championship.'
—Pete Hovland
OU swimming coach

had 299, Northridge 245 and California State-Davis 209

Oakland's swimmers were easily the stars of the meet, as they swam to a 71-point edge in the swimming. In fact, none of Oakland's divers were able to finish in the top 12, while Northridge's divers finished first, third and seventh. That was the difference.

Despite the lack of top-notch divers, Oakland nearly pulled out the championship in the final event, a 400-yard freestyle relay. But Tracy Huth, who had a spectacular meet, wasn't able to catch the Northridge swimmer of him. The final point tally gave Northridge 352.5 and the Pioneer 347.5.

Oakland's women also had a good meet, finishing fifth with 192 points. Clarion (Pa.) State was first with 308, while Air Force

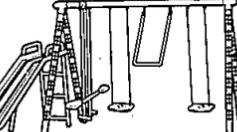
HUTH, a junior, had a week to remember. He set an NCAA national record in Division II with a time of one minute, 53.05 seconds in the 200-yard individual medley won the 400 IM and was second in the 1650-yard freestyle. In addition, he anchored the 400 medley relay team and the 800 freestyle relay team to wins and anchored the 400 freestyle relay team that finished second in the final event.

Ten Pioneer men made All-American meaning they placed in the top 12 for their event. For that and the second-place showing, coach Pete Hovland was named coach of the year.



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