

# Area coaches refute 'poor sports' theory

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FARMINGTON Harrison grid coach John Herrington has been satisfied with the officiating of his team's games over the years, but he's also disturbed with the findings of the survey.

"Most of the coaches I know are great gentlemen and show respect for officials," he said. "I think we should question them (officials), but we shouldn't berate them."

Last year, we had a controversial call (offside) that cost us a victory, but it was a judgment call. You'll never see any of our kids (Harrison) arguing with an official. On the whole, the officiating has been pretty good."

The survey is a followup to the "Miller Lite Report On American Attitudes

Toward Sports," published last year. Of the 250 amateur and professional sports officials that attended the convention, 92 percent gave responses on questions regarding sportsmanship, officiating and other sports-related issues.

ONE OF THE more interesting topics covered female athletes and their conduct during competition when compared with men.

By an overwhelming 3-1 margin, the officials believed women generally display better sportsmanship than men. Only those who had officiated both were asked to respond.

Lang agreed. "It's probably true," he said. "Girls are unique. They're easier to coach, and they're more interested in learn-

## people in sports

ing. Some hotshot boys give their coaches a hard time."

When judging themselves, 14 percent of the officials said they were swayed "one" or "a great deal" by fan reaction. Seventy-four percent said they were influenced "little" or "not at all."

The officials conceded that they're all guilty of making bad calls in game situations. But only 22 percent believed

moral role models for the community.

Eight of 10 officials firmly believe the use of drugs, to increase body weight or strength, should never be allowed.

More than half (53 percent) don't think athletes should be tested for drugs before games. On the other hand, 38 percent felt they should.

Ninety-three percent claimed that most fans don't understand the roles of officials and referees.

Sixty-nine percent disagree that instant replays should be used as an officiating tool.

The coaches had a positive response to the officials' assessments on most of these issues.

**IN OTHER FINDINGS:**  
 • A majority (84 percent) are convinced athletes have an obligation to be



## Maccabi games begin

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The boys team is led by Southfield's Jason Goldsmith and Farmington Hills' Jason Panitch and Dave Hoffman. Natalie Greenspan of Birmingham and Carolyn Alkon of Greenspan Hills lead the girls team.

Competition takes place in three age groups — 12, 13-14 and 15-16.

"It's hard to say how well we'll do, because a lot of it depends on how many people are competing," Berlin noted. "Basically, we're looking for our older kids to do well, and one or two of the 13-14 year olds might pull something out."

The older kids will have the toughest competition since they are more experienced and they'll be going up against experienced runners."

**VOLLEYBALL** — Coach Dave Ollivick had the

task of forming teams from seven boys and eight girls, and, although the majority of the players are inexperienced, he's been pleased with the results to date.

The boys team is comprised of West Bloomfield's Bobby Baker, Michael Flasher, Alec Melber and Jerry Kozak, Southfield's Boris Kavorkin and Ben Blau and Huntington Woods' Richard Baum.

The girls team is made up of West Bloomfield's Lori and Stephanie Krause, Patty Lieberman and Cindy Kahn, Southfield's Michelle Mantel, Becky Wasser and Tammy Blau, and Oak Park's Sandy Kruger.

"We've come a long way, and they know the game," Ollivick said. "We're stressing playing with intensity. That's the most important thing."

"The gist of the whole thing is to go out, meet people and have a good time. If we win, that's all the better."

## Fallon may get pro ticket

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FALLON said last season was "best time of my life."

"It was my (graduating) class and I was very close to them (the players)," said Fallon. "With a little luck against Augustana, we could have gone all the way."

With a little luck, Adrian could go back to the NCAA Division III playoffs although the MIAA coaches pick Hope College to win the league title.

"It doesn't really matter," Fallon said. "We ended

up being ranked sixth and Hope was seventh last year."

Fallon hopes to improve his pass blocking this season, although Adrian uses the run-oriented Wing-T attack.

"The Wing-T is a lot different because people say there's so much more to do," said the Rice grad, "but it's not really complicated. When you play it — it's simple. We've been throwing more and more each year anyway."

Look for Fallon to be throwing his weight around even more this year.

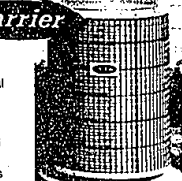
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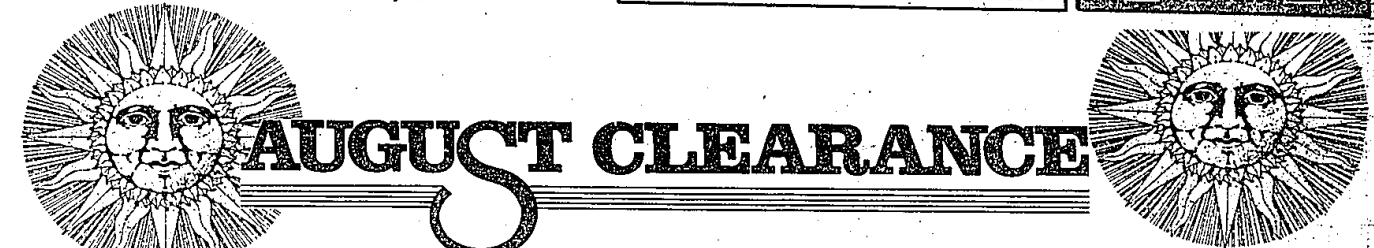
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