

# New coaches lift soccer hopes

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Paul Najar, Gordon Richel, Jim Ragland, Craig Burdall and Mike Smith are also back from last year's team.

But what may make the difference in the Raiders this year are the underclassmen.

"I have seen about a 40 percent increase in talent level this year," Cole said. "And I think what is happening is the younger guys are pushing the older guys to their optimum level."

Karsten Fetto, Zac Beim, Josh Goffman, Jeff Juliano, Brett Wills and Shaun Howe are those youngsters Cole spoke of.

"All six of these players are extreme assets to the 1984 team," she said. "They provide the finesse and pulse of experienced players."

North, which opens up its schedule at home Tuesday, Sept. 4, against away-visit Livonia Stevenson, was in the past.

## FARMINGTON HARRISON

Harry Swystun is entering his fifth year at the helm of the Hawks and for the first time his program looks to have a bright future.

He plans to start four or five freshman and three or four sophomores this year. What that means is not too many wins this year, but next year and the year after — look out.

"This is the best crop of ninth and 10th graders I've ever had," he said.

"But, how do talented 14-year-olds measure up against talented 17-year-olds?"

That question will be answered this year.

The Hawks will not be totally inexperienced. The fullback line sports two seniors and two juniors. Captain John Sorek and Ralph Redding will anchor the defense, along with juniors Shawn Brennan and Willard Lund.

Halfback Eric Reed and goalie Kelly Birmingham are two more experienced seniors returning to the fold.

Of the youngsters, Swystun is most high on freshman Jim Hill.

"He's extremely big for a freshman. He's 6-foot-11, and about 175 pounds. I'm surprised (football coach) John Harrington didn't grab him," Swystun said.

ACTUALLY, HILL comes from a strong soccer background. His father was a soccer star in his native Scotland.

Other youngsters set to crack the Hawk lineup include freshmen Craig Bailey, Peter VanVleet and Brian Fitzgerald; and sophomores Matt Creme, Mike Voerg and Eric Wiles.

"Our experience is at fullback," Swystun said. "I hope our defense can keep us in the games. Our freshman and sophomores have potential, but they are untested."

Harrison will open the season Tuesday, Sept. 4, at Clarkston.

# Area hurler fits into pro game

By Rich Swenson  
staff writer

When Andy Robertson finished his baseball season at Redford St. Agatha this spring, he had earned a reputation as one of the best "throwers" around.

Today, after a full summer of professional baseball in the Cleveland Indians farm system, he has changed that image — he is now a bonafide pitcher.

What's the difference, you ask. Well, Robertson came up with an impressive 12-4 record for the Aggies in his senior season, finishing with a phenomenal 0.17 ERA, while fanning 160 batters. But he relied strictly on his overpowering fastball to get the hitters out.

Through hard work and dedication, he now has developed himself into a

complete pitcher, adding a curve and change-up to his pitching repertoire.

HIS STATISTICS and pitching position were good enough to get him drafted in the sixth round of the 1984 free agent baseball draft by the Indians, making him one of the top high school players drafted in Michigan.

He took his 85-mph fastball to the Indians rookie minor league team in Batavia, N.Y., (near Buffalo) in June. After a lot of hard work and dedication, he has earned a spot in the Trojans starting rotation.

"I was really excited when I found out I'd been selected in the 6th round," Robertson said from his home in Batavia. "I was really hoping just to get drafted. I was just a little kid when I came here. But my coaches have been great. They've developed me into a pitcher."

"I'm really happy with my progress. Professional baseball is everything I thought it would be — and more. It's been a great experience."

It took the 18-year-old Robertson some time to get accustomed to facing batters that could rip the cover off the ball, something he wasn't used to in high school.

AFTER A SLOW start, he's been coming around steadily. With five starting assignments under his belt, he has a 1-2 record with a 3.00 ERA.

"In high school, there were only one or two good hitters on a team," he said. "But in professional ball, everyone can hit."

"You can get by in high school with a good fastball. But in the pros, you have to throw a few pitches to set up the hitters."

He's been very happy with the Cleveland organization.

"They take care of you and they're very understanding," he said. "There's a lot of discipline and they stress team effort."

Robertson could have gone to college, but he decided to sign with the Indians right out of high school. He was heavily recruited by the University of Michigan and the University of Detroit, but he felt he would be better off giving pro baseball a shot right away.

"PLAYING PRO ball is all I really ever wanted to do," he said. "I didn't really have the grades in high school and the colleges couldn't really promise me anything. I'm happy I made this decision."

"I just have to keep concentrating — to think about what I have to do," he said. "I'll take it one step at a time. I'd like to move up a level every year."

# 12-field complex to open in 1985

By Chris McCosky  
staff writer

Right now, it's just a large mass of land and dust. But, by April of 1985 it will become developers hope, the softball capital of southeastern Michigan.

Parks and Recreation officials from all over Michigan, Canton Township officials, and a handful of media members gathered on this mass of land last Wednesday to witness the groundbreaking of the Canton Softball Center.

The center, which will feature 12 softball diamonds, is located on Michigan Avenue, just west of Belleville and Canton Center roads.

Bernard Goodstein, who along with developer and owner Aaron Jade, began this project more than three years ago.

THE PAIR have big plans for the facility. Among them, world-class softball tournaments, professional tournaments as well as fast-pitch leagues, modified leagues, slow-pitch leagues and little league baseball.

The 12 fields will be lighted with a computerized lighting system designed to eliminate dead spots. The infield will consist of brown Fuller's lime to provide a firm, stone-free surface. Underneath will be a special drainage tile system. The outfield will feature an automatic irrigation system. Each diamond will sport 300-foot deep, seven-foot high fences.

Technical stuff, but the bottom line is this: The 12-field Canton Softball Center will be a top-notch facility.

The first pitch will be thrown in April of 1985. Eight diamonds will be completed at that time. By July of 1985, all 12 diamonds will be completed. Goodstein estimates as many as 850 teams can be competing by that time.

The finished product will also include a clubhouse, pro shop, concession stands, batting cages and day-time child care facilities.

THE PROJECT'S initial concern was money. Goodstein and Jade say they have come up with sufficient financial backing to begin and to complete the project.

The life span of the Canton Softball Center is dependent upon its number of users. Team fees for the center's 14-game seasons are \$275. There will be no residency requirements.

The second concern was conflicts between the center and existing softball facilities in Canton. Canton Township's superintendent of parks and recreation, and a member of the Softball Hall of Fame, Mike Gouin, was on hand Wednesday to settle the conflict.

## CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Farmington Hills, Michigan will accept sealed bids or proposals until Wednesday, September 12, 1984, 10:00 a.m. prevailing local time at which time they shall be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Clerk for the following:

- A. Two (2) One-Ton Dump Trucks
- B. One (1) Trailer Mounted Infra-red Heating System
- C. One (1) Tree and Back Mower
- D. Two (2) Four-Wheel Drive Vehicles

Bids for the above shall be submitted to the City Clerk, 31555 Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, Michigan 48031 on or before the above date and time. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Agent, (313) 474-8115, Ext. 295 during normal business hours. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if the public interest is better served thereby.

FLOYD A. CARBINS  
City Clerk

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## CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 27, 1984

Mayor Pro Tem Delan opened the regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council on August 27, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. Members present: Alkatech, Anzior, Dolan, Dudley and Soronen. Absent: Williams and Wolf. Others present: City Manager Costick, Deputy Clerk Reynolds and City Attorney Bibeau.

Minutes of August 13, 1984 were approved as amended.

Council issued a permit to Saint Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center for a Country Fair to be held September 15 and 16, 1984 at the Center.

Council approved an executive session to be held immediately following the regular meeting to review labor negotiations.

Council postponed consideration of completion date of Bridle Hills Subdivision Open Space Improvements for two weeks and directed staff to review cost of Open Space Improvements.

Contract for Landy Drive paving project, SAD C-186, was awarded to Reno Ministri-ri and Sons in the amount of \$80,535.96.

A rebidding of cost for repaving of Chatsworth Road, SAD C-187, was set for September 10, 1984.

Council rescinded assessment roll and deferred proposed paving improvements to Scottsdale Road, SAD C-181, due to changed project scope. Resolution was adopted to delete Scottsdale from the bond issue.

An agreement was approved with Michigan Department of Transportation for deck overlay of the ramp from westbound 1498 to southbound 1475 costing \$5,158.23 which shall be appropriated from Mayor Road Funds.

Council approved an informational program for proposed City Charter Amendment regarding Capital Improvement Millage.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

A. JANETTE DOLAN, Mayor Pro Tem  
JOAN R. REYNOLDS, Deputy Clerk

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## CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 8:05 p.m. on August 29, 1984, by Mayor Pro Tem Hartcock in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

PRESENT: Bennett, Hartcock, Tupper, Walker.

ABSENT: Mayor Yoder.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Desdemon, Director Billing, Director Seifert, City Attorney Kelly, G. Horner, City Clerk Busby.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Council held a Public Hearing to review the City's application to the Department of Natural Resources for Land & Water Conservation Fund Assistance for Improvements to this waste Park. Council adopted a resolution approving the full application and authorizing that the application be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed.

Council received, with regret, the City Treasurer's Letter of Retirement.

Council accepted, with regret, the resignation of the Director of Public Safety.

Council was advised that the Lapsor Control Commission has an application from Thinkers Engrg Ltd. for transfer of a 1984-85 EDM licensed business from The Kruger Company.

Council approved an outdoor sale and temporary sign for the Grand Opening of Fantastic Farm's Beauty Salon at Orchard Lake and Ten Mile.

Council tabled a decision relative to an outside sales permit for the Fresh Catch Express mobile seafood market until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Council issued a proclamation for Constitution Week, September 17-23, 1984.

Council, by resolution, adjusted tax rates to enable taxicab companies to use either mechanical meters or new electronic meters.

Council accepted the low bid of \$12,697.00 from New Hudson Penco Co., Inc., for replacement of Chandler Drive wooden sidewalk fence.

Council authorized the purchase of a Mita DC-3125 photocopier and a service contract with Diversified Business Products for same.

Council introduced Ordinance C-618-84 which would prohibit parking on Oakland Street.

Council authorized payment of \$14,379.42 to Michael Crown Excavating, Inc., for work completed on the Hephzibah Water Main Project.

Council adopted a resolution joining to Oakland County's civil lawsuit against the City of Detroit relative to sewer services provided to suburban communities.

Public comments were heard.

Council offered the position of City Treasurer to Patry K. Cantrell.

The following financial reports for the period ending July 31, 1984, were received:

General Fund, 47th District Court and Water & Sewer Fund.

Monthly bills were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

WILLIAM A. HARTCOCK, Mayor Pro Tem  
JOSEPHINE M. BUREY, City Clerk

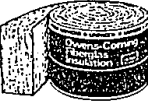
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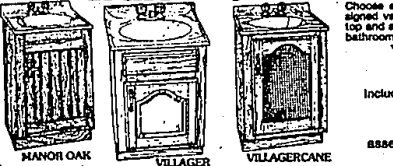


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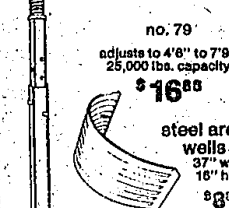
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