

The best there is in soccer

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Adds Fortier: "It's the best feeling to win the state championship. It's even greater to know that both Plymouth schools have won it two straight years."

DEFENDERS

Kellie Davis, Liv. Churchill: A four-year player, Davis capped an outstanding career by leading the Chargers to the WLAAC crown and a berth in the state Class A final.

She was selected first-team All-State and first-team All-WLAAC, along with being honored as Churchill's MVP. "We had a great season," said Davis, who scored four goals this season. "We worked hard for what we achieved."

Rosemary Hally, Liv. Churchill: Hally is another four-year standout who spearheaded a stingy Churchill defense. She was one of the big reasons why the Chargers finished with a 14-4 record. Scoring two goals and adding four assists, Hally was also named All-Western Division in the WLAAC.

Maureen Scullen, Farm. Hills Mercy: The senior is a two-time All-Catholic League pick. She was also on the Catholic League's All-Academic squad.

The Marlins' co-captain tallied one goal and added four assists this season, making All-State (honorable mention).

"Maureen was our team leader who made people around her play better," said Fortier of the three-year starter. "She was a coach on the field."

Lori Stocklein, Ply. Canton: The senior sweeper is a four-year letter winner for the Chiefs.

This season she was named All-Western Division in the WLAAC and Most Improved by her teammates.

"You could not ask more from a player," said the Canton coach. "She played 80 minutes in every big game. Lori is a very spirited and team player."



Jill Estey Salem



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Ellen Schnackel Salem



Rosemary Hally Churchill



Kellie Davis Churchill



Dawn Gabriel Churchill

Kerr cancels out of Amateur

By Steve Kowalski staff writer

The missing link among all the other competitors this year at the 77th annual Michigan Amateur Golf Tournament is Livonia resident and one-time runner-up of the tournament, Mike Kerr.

The 20-year veteran of the field will miss this year's tourney beginning Tuesday in Charlevoix because of a business venture that has given him little opportunity to practice his golf game.

Kerr, who also works full-time as a real estate appraiser, bought into a Nevada Bob's golf shop, which opened in May in Southgate.

"I've just been too busy to practice," Kerr said. "Before his latest business venture, Kerr was a one-handicap and practiced three or four times a week. This spring, he has been able to golf only about once or twice a week, and his game has suffered."

KERR SAID the year's sabbatical from the Michigan Amateur is just that. He intends to return to his past form, which includes a Michigan Medal Play championship and also three titles in both the Michigan Publix Medal Play and the Publix Match Play.

And of course, in 1982, Kerr was runner-up at the Michigan Amateur. "I'm going to miss it," said the 43-year-old Kerr. "I love the (Charlevoix) area and the competition is the best. But we'll be back."

"It's a matter of getting motivated to practice. Initially, when we first opened up the golf shop, I was there three or four times a week after my regular job. What little time I have had, I've come home from work and plopped myself on the couch and relaxed."

8 past champs in field

Some familiar faces will be missing Tuesday in Michigan's most recognizable amateur golf tournament.

The 77th Michigan Amateur begins Tuesday at Belvedere Golf Club in Charlevoix, but last year's titleist, Pat Chisholm, isn't among the 166 qualifiers. Chisholm turned professional this year.

Also not competing is Mike Kerr, a Livonia resident, who was a runner-up in 1982 and Greg Hay, holder of Grand Blanc that finished second in 1986.

Kerr is not playing because of a business venture he said.

Other area golfers who qualified are Josh Monday, a former champion in the tournament, including the 1982 winner, and John French, a former champion in 1985 from Farmington Hills. Other area golfers who qualified are John French, a former champion in 1985 from Farmington Hills. Other area golfers who qualified are John French, a former champion in 1985 from Farmington Hills.

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from a field of 822 who competed in sectionals throughout the state.

THIS AVERAGE SCORE for this year's sectional qualifiers is 74.4, the lowest since sectionals began in 1985. Four players, including Brian Sparrow of Birmingham and Mark Bartolotti of Farmington Hills, shot single digits in qualifying.

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Earlier in his career, Kerr said he thought about turning professional, "but then I got myself an education and got married, and that killed that thought."

So the amateur circuit was Kerr's calling, and the road to the 1989 Amateur for Kerr begins July 4 in Pontiac, when Kerr competes in the Syron Memorial, a tournament he has won before.

"I've got a lot of good years left, I hope," Kerr said.

Canadiens make Carnes 3rd pick

More than likely, Carnes will spend at least another year in the junior league at Verdun. There, he will be under the watchful eye of former Canadian great Jacques Lemaire.

Verdun is operated by the Montreal organization, making the transition to the NHL club a bit easier.

Carnes' first year at Verdun was not an easy one. The adjustment to a new culture, a new language and a new way of life was difficult. He became homesick.

"I was only 15 years old," he said. "It was really a big adjustment. Even this season, I was 17 and was it tough to go. You stay home for six months with your family and friends. It's tough to go back."

"The first year was really difficult, though. I didn't get settled in until Christmas."

CARNES WILL TAKE a detour on his way back next season. He'll attend his first NHL camp.

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In preparation, Carnes will tryout with the U.S. Junior National Team in August. He also plans to play summer hockey again.

One area in need of work, he admits, is defense. He's already looking forward to September.

"You go out and show them what you can do," he said. "They'll probably send me back to my junior team and tell me to work on a few things. But I'm sure I'll make an impression on them."

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Marion's U-M dream a reality

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AS A JUNIOR, he had a .492 average, eight home runs and 36 runs batted in. Heading into regional play last week, he was hitting .406 with six home runs, eight doubles and 34 RBI. Ten of his 22 walks were intentional passes.

"I started throwing when I was 7 (years old), and when I went into

hard-ball leagues I could always do that best," he said. "I used to be the worst hitter on the team until the end of my freshman year."

"Last year was by far the best for me (as a hitter). I had to really work at hitting. Pitching always came naturally for me."

Being a solid hitter opens up the possibility for Marion, should he not make it as a pitcher for some reason,

to play the outfield or contribute as a designated hitter.

"(Middaugh) knows I play other positions and can swing the bat," Marion said. "He said he'll be working with me on pitching technique until he's taught me all he wants to. Then he'll let me show what I can do at another position."

Marion, whose father, Barry, once played in the Minnesota Twins farm

system, has dreamed of even greater feats in baseball than pitching for U-M in the College World Series.

"Since I was 7 years old, my dream has been to try and play pro ball," he said. "Playing for U-M is one step closer to that dream."

"Michigan has a great coach, and I believe they'll get the best of my ability. If you don't cut it there, you never will."

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