## World Cup will be an inspiration

START SAVING your pennies and bottle deposits. Travel may be necessary. Tickets will be hard to come by, and will be will be hard to come by, and will be will be hard to come we're not talking about a World Series, which the Tigers may be headed toward. Nor even an NBA or NHL championship, which could be less than a year away for the Pistons and Red Wings. And I wouldn't even mention the Lions and Super Bowl in the same sentence without adding something about the next century. Nah, that stuff's strictly minor league compared to the World Cup. league compared to the World Cup. ISA.

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Americans love to hear about all
those TVs tuned in around the world
to the Super Bowl or World Series.
But Americans should understand,
most of those foreigners who tune in
don't really understand what's going
on. It's a specialce; they're watching
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The opposite is true at World Cuptime. American watch because every other country on this globe makes such a big deal over it. It is, without rival, the most anticipated and atention-riveting sporting event in the world.

OF COURSE, that's not the attitude Americans have displayed toward soccer. When the U.S. was granted the privilege of hosting the 1994 World Coup Monday, the country we beat out was — can you imagine? — Morocco. The vote was 10 to seven, with No. 3 Brazil getting two ballots.

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What an embarrassment it would have been if FIFA, soccer's world wide governing body, had chosen Morocco — a country with two stadiums with more than 40,000 seats and a promise to build nine more over the U.S.

But it might have come to that. According to newspaper reports, the main flaw in naming the U.S. as host considering the naccording to the parameter of both tradition and apparent large of both tradition and apparent large in the country, surpassing Little League baseball — interest shouldn't be a problem. Certainly not by 1994.

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"By the time the World Cup arrives," noted Wally Barrett, Southfield's boys soccer coach, "the kids playing now will be six years older. They'll be fans, and they'll want to

"This could be what gets America on its feet again in soccer."

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DON'T EXPECT too much too soon, however. It's been a long time since the U.S. has done anything of note in international soccer. The last time we played in the World Cup was 1950; that was the year we shocked England 1-0.

Since then, we've been no-shows come tournament time (which is very four years, by the way. This is the first-ever. World Cup staged in the Hand Held of 24.

And yet, no matter how our national team fares ("I'we could win a geme, or even the a couple, it would be a supported that the World Cup has — befored that the World Cup has — befored that the World Cup has — befored that the World Cup has — before the properties of the properties of

fore and after — will be far-reaching.

"It has the potential to have a tremendous impact," said Gary Parsons, Galdand University's meas
soccer coach, "I think it will lead to
the re-establishment of pro outdoor
soccer in this control of refer we'll
see. And it will be incentive for
investors to get on the bandwagon
carly,"

"Ourrently, there are a couple of
minor outdoor soccer leagues, the
most prominent of which is the
American Soccer League, located on





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the east coast. Still, its players "play for part-time money," said Parsons.

A NATIONWIDE pro league could spring up in the next few years, par-ticularly if interest in the U.S. Olym-ple team and the national team, combined with the World Cup, snow-balls.

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a marketable tool, and they'l marketable tool, and they'l marketable tool, and they'l marketable tools. Think it will give this role models," said Mike Morgan, Plymouth Canton's boys coach. "Hight now, hey don't have auyone to look up to, if they're going to copy a style of jans coach, concurred. "There will be a greater identification with the current crop of players," he said. "After the 1986 Work. It was the said. "After the 1986 Work. It was the said. "After the 1986 Work." "Now, kids may have a chance to see a World Cup game, and it will be an experience they'll never forget."

IT'S CERTAIN to be a month-long spectacle. Twelve cities are to be se-lected to host the 54-match tourna-

The closest to Detroit? How about Ann Arbor? Parsons thinks it's plau-sible, particularly since the grounds-keeper at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium proved it's possible to put grass over artificial turt (all World Cup games must be played on grass fields).

That would make University of Michigan Stadium's 100,000-plus seating capacity attractive. Chicago is the closest other Midwestern city being considered.

None of the sites has been deter-nined yet, but any city selected is ound to make money. Which is why probably makes sense to start sav-

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## Hawks lead local tourney romp

Livonia teams gave out-of-towners a swift kick at annual Wolverine Soccer Tournament, held over the Fourth of July Weekend at

over the Fourth of July Weekend at Schoolcraft College.
Vying for titles in 13 different age groups were 130 teams, including inhe boys and four girls divisions.
Probably the most successful coach ever in the nine-year history of the tournament is the Livonia Crusaders, 1-6, for the under-19 grits crown. It was Dugan's seventh Wolvernac rown. It has won once at under-12, and twice each in under-16, under-16 and under-14.
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"It took us more than a half to get going, but I always expect a close game with the Crusaders," said Dugan, whose team has defeated its close rival four times this season.
Dugan, who also coaches at Ladywood High School, can now set his sights on the Midwest Regionata, July 16-18 in Lawrence, Ind. where the Hawks will represent the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association.

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"I THINK OUR chances are good if we get a few breaks there," said Dugan, who has visions of sending his club to the Nationals, July 30-31, in Philadelphia, Pa.

Meanwhile, the under-17 boys final was not decided until overtime as Livonia United, coached by Tom Montroy and Schoolcraft College's Van Dimitriou, defeated the Motor City Raiders of Utica, 4-3.

It was the third meeting between the two clubs with United finishing the year with a 2-1 edge.

LaMarr Peters of Birmingham Brother Rice High tailted the gamewinning goal in second five-minute overtime, taking a pass from Jim Harkins. He finished as the team's opsocret in tourney play with seven.

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United also features several out-standing area high school boys in-cluding Derek Williford, Derek Mon-troy and Bob Dimitriou, all of Live-nia Stevenson; Brian Thiel, Steve McCaul, Brian Derkins and Harkins, all of Redford Catholic Central; Khaled Zeldan and Terry Flowers, Livonia Churchill; and Jeff Tutor, Plymouth Canton.

IN ONE OF the most lopsided fi-nals, the '74 Michigan Hawks, a Livonia-Farmington Hills-based club, roared past the West Carrollton



Jeff Tutor of Canton, controlling the ball against David Ponla-towski of the Kensington Cobras, helped Livonia United cap-ture the under-17 boys title in the annual Wolverine Soccer

(Ohlo) Express, 4-9, for the under-14 girls crown.
It was the third straight tournament win for the state cup-champion Hawks, who outscored their opponents 23-1 in five games. (The Hawks, coached by Tom Copne, will also compete in the Midwest Regional).

Midfielder Patty Shea led the Hawks' goal scorers with eight. She was joined on the midfield by team-mates Ragen Coyne, Kim Phillips, Kara Nance, Suzanne White and Ju-

lle Dugan. Scoring punch also came from forwards Shannon Wilkinson, Kristen Westveer, Lisa Grace, Natalle Neaton and Dana Posocki.
Lisa Toomas paced a stout Hawk'd defense that also included Tracy Morrell, Bridget Bradley, Kim Popk and Julie Drayer. They allowed Just one shot on net in the final.
Goalies Kris McGough and Catherine Donkers combined for four shutouts. McGough is unscored upon in three tourneys.

MEANWHILE, the Livonia Youth

Soccer Club '77 Wings, coached by Rick Hamers, captured six straight en route to the under-11 boys title, capped by 2-1 victory over the Livo-nia Wolves.

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In the under-10 boys, the Livonia, 778 Wolves followed up a win at the Canton Tournament over Memorial weekend by defeating the London, Ontario Youth for the Wolverine. Crown on Sanday, 3-0.

The '78 Wolves, coached by Stan Varga, capped off a 17-0 season by winning five straight in the Wolverine.

Members of the under-10 champions included Scott Babinski, Jeff Backus, Kevin Flyna, Sleve ligrao, Michael Monson, Bryan Gramecki, Michael Monson, Bryan Gramecki, Michael Monson, Bryan Gramecki, Justin Hoener, Joe Kodiba, Jason O'Beirne, Jeff Tomlinson, David Venning, Jim Grewe, Ronald Mashni, Chris Kennedy and Robert Vega.

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The Troy Turbos captured the under-13 boys crown with a 1-0 tritumph over the Livonia 75 Wolves, despite being outshot 17-2. (The Wolves' top scorer for the tourney was Jeff Thomas, who taillief four goals and four assists.)

In the under-15 boys final, Troy Dynasty downed Kalamazoo Gazette-TKO,2-1.

In the under-12 girls champion ship, the Troy Dynamics took out the Pointe Girls Mustangs, 2-1.

Two other Troy Learns reached the finals including Alliance (under-14 boys) and Spirits (under-18 girls). In the final match of the day played under swellering conditions. Sport Club 124 of Mount Olemens, outscord Vardar 176 in a should be supposed to the supposed victory.

See championship results.



