

Marauders win again in Great Lakes soccer

By Brad Emmons
staff writer

It was virtually a who's who among area players Friday as the Bedford Marauders downed Livonia Paragon in a key Great Lakes Soccer League encounter at Bicentennial Park, 3-0.

The makeup match pitted some familiar current and former collegiate players on both sides. The win kept the Marauders all alone in first place with an 8-0 record, while third-place Paragon dropped to 4-2-2. Barring any upsets, the Marauders can clinch the regular season title with a win or a tie against second place Bulldog of Flint (7-1) in a match set for 3 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at the Whitman Center in Livonia.

"We're in good, tactical position in our league," said Marauders coach John Petterson. "But we can't start slow against Bulldog like we did here in the first half tonight or we'll be behind."

With some tight marking, Paragon played the deep and

defensive Marauders evenly for almost 53 minutes before Rob Ludwig, an Eastern Michigan University player, blasted a shot from 20 yards out past a sprawling goalie Shaun Stragham.

BUT PARAGON answered with some pressure of its own.

Barrett saved a potential goal when King, denying the fast Paragon

breakaway goal. Marauders goalie Brian O'Shea, a former Schoolcraft College standout and Livonia native, then took charge, coming up big on successive stops, first denying Anthony Kenton from point-blank range and then King on the rebound.

Later in the match, O'Shea stopped a penalty kick by Russ Gans.

"He (O'Shea) was the No. 1 star for sure," said Petterson. "He also stopped Bobby Paul (of Paragon) on a couple of good plays. He's amazing. He saved three penalty kicks for us in a tournament in St. Louis. Not too many have been scored on him."

The Marauders broke Paragon's back with just under 12 minutes left in the match when Scottish transplant Gordon Wells scored on a nifty set-up from Lars Hobbler, the former Livonia Stevenson High All-Star now playing at Yale.

Gary Mexicotte, another Stevenson All-Star who went on to play at Bowling Green, tallied the third and

final goal only a minute later on an assist from Jim Rhoads.

"I'D SAY the No. 2 star was our whole defense," Petterson said. "Our defense got a little tight when we got we got ahead 1-0, but Paragon started pushing and made some good counter attacks. We're a defensive oriented team. For us to score three or four goals is a gift."

But the telling story may have been the Marauders' superior depth.

"The first goal didn't faze us as much as the second goal did," said Paragon coach Dan Duggan. "They (the Marauders) are deeper everywhere and they have a lot of name-brand players like Gary and Lars, who were all-stars in high school. We're a little older and we have a lot of club-type players, while they've been playing together for five years."

"We have some excellent athletes, but on paper they're better. But everybody knows sometimes you can win on emotion and that's what we were trying to do." Quickness may have been another telling factor, according to Duggan.

"We have some speed when we need it, but their speed is overwhelming," said the Paragon coach.

One of the most demonstrative players on the field was Wells, whom Petterson said came over to this country "looking for opportunities."

"Every team needs a sparkplug and he's a fiery character for sure," said the Marauders coach.

SOME OF THE familiar names in the match come from the area high school coaching ranks.

The Marauders featured such players as former indoor professional player Nick O'Shea, now the girls soccer coach at Livonia Churchill; Matt Davis, the girls coach at North Farmington; Scott Stelner, the new boys coach at Garden City; and Barrett, who was the boys coach at Southfield High.

On the Paragon side, among the coaches in the high school ranks include Bobby Paul, who led Northville to a runner-up finish in the 1988 state Class A girls tournament; Jim Duggan, who coached the North Farmington boys; and Marty Caves, the former Livonia Bentley standout.

And some of these coaches may see each other on the playing field.

The two teams could meet in the playoffs with the top four finishers in Division I of the GLMSL advancing to elimination rounds.

Women's U.S. Open rates as Indianwood milestone

By Marty Budner
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STAN ALDRIDGE, owner/president of Indianwood Country Club, will tell you he's not a golf fanatic. But you'd never know it by the empire he's creating.

Although he refuses to accept full credit for bringing the 44th U.S. Women's Open Championship to the area, the Bloomfield Hills resident is a major reason why the ladies will be making their first pro tour stop in Michigan since 1956 when they competed at Forest Lake Country Club.

Aldridge, a husky, but gentle-looking gentleman with a love for art and redecoration, bought the decaying club in 1981.

He has since rebuilt Indianwood into the classic monument it once was in the Roaring '20s. Aldridge even entertains thoughts of a possible men's or senior's national United States Golf Association-sponsored golf tournament in the future.

But, first things first. Aldridge is happy to play host to the world's top female golfers. It's something he and the club's management — have been looking forward to for a long time.

INDIANWOOD HAS hosted numerous statewide tournaments, including the first Michigan PGA championship in 1928. The only "major" tourney at Indianwood was the 1930 Western Open won by Gene Sarazen.

"This is the biggest women's golf tournament in the world," beams Aldridge. "We're gonna have Japanese television crews here, ESPN, ABC. Of course, all your correspondents from Sweden, Spain, Australia. They'll all be here. ... all the foreign press."

Aldridge and his management team made it known their club wanted to host a major golf tournament. After many board-room discussions and a professional presentation, the



Consequently, Aldridge developed some unique and interesting plans to rebuild Indianwood, but, at the same time, preserve its storied decor.

And they worked. "When I learned more about how great this golf course was and the history behind it, I became more enamored with it," he said. "I'm not a golf fanatic. I'm in love with golf, with art and with creating great golf courses."

"The clubhouse was in total disrepair, the roof was leaking and the chimney was falling in. This place was an absolute disaster. We started tearing things out and rebuilding. We put in everything new from one end to the other."

"Originally I was just going to fix it up, paint it up and sell it. But the more I got involved in it, the more excited I got and the more other people got excited. It's dramatically changed my whole life and the life of my family," he said.

ALDRIDGE has reached beyond the bounds of Indianwood in full search of his golfing empire.

An automotive manufacturer before steering heading into his burgeoning love affair with golf, Aldridge recently expanded Indianwood by building a second 18-hole golf course, which opened last year.

He is currently constructing three other courses in Atlanta, Baltimore and Farmington Hills (12 Mile and Haggerty). Another course looms as a possibility in the Lake Orion area. And that's not to mention an overseas project in progress in Beijing.

"Golf is opening up all over the United States... all over the world," he said. "It's project after project. We average one golf course project a day with somebody calling us about something to do with golf."

And there will be another call some day from a USGA official asking Aldridge and his Indianwood team to host another major. You can plan on it.

sports shorts

SWIM CLINICS

Former U.S. Olympic swimmers Mary T. Meagher and David Berkoff will conduct a series of clinics entitled "A Michigan Salute to Swimming — Olympic Style" — on Tuesday, July 18, and Wednesday, July 19.

Northwest Suburban Swim League members may attend any of the sessions at league clubs. The Farmington Hills-based Michigan Singswims will sponsor one of the clinics, open to the public, at Harrison High School 7:30-10:30 p.m. July 18.

The other clinics, which are open only to NSSL swimmers, will be 8-11 a.m. at the Bloomfield Hills Club and 1-4 p.m. at the Beverly Hills Athletic Club on July 18 and 8-11 a.m. at the Village Athletic Club in Southfield and 1-4 p.m. at Woodbrooke Hills Swim Club in Farmington Hills on July 19.

Tickets for the NSSL-only clinics are \$4; tickets for the Singswim clinic are \$5. Those attending the NSSL clinics may obtain tickets at their respective clubs. Anyone wishing to attend the Harrison High event should write to the Michigan Singswim Association, 28587 Banknook, Farmington Hills, 48018. Please include name, address and \$5 per ticket request.

SOCCER SIGN-UP

The Farmington Soccer Club is accepting registrations for the fall '89

season from residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills with birth years of 1978-81 for boys and 1971-81 for girls.

Walk-in registration is scheduled for Saturday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Farmington Hills City Hall. Those registering must bring the \$35 fee, their social security number and birth certificate with them.

Registration forms can also be picked up at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Office at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. The \$35 per season fee includes a uniform and is due July 15 to ensure a place on a team.

For additional information call Joe Miller at 553-2536 or Fred Burton at 478-4322.

SOCCER TRYOUTS

The Plymouth Sting '75 boys soccer team will have open tryouts for its spring '90 team from 7-9 p.m. on July 18, 19 and 20 at Plymouth Canton High School. The field nearest the corner of Canton Center and Joy roads will be used. Call Don Smith at 452-7888 for more information.

The Metro Magic '74 boys soccer team will conduct tryouts for the spring season at 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 22-23, at Hines Park Field, located west of Haggerty Road.

This is a Little Caesars Premier (U14 Division) team that has been under-12 and under-14 state titles. Call John Boots at 344-0831 for information.

All boys with 1980 birthdays

are invited to try out for the Farmington Soccer Club's fall select team. Practices will be 7-8:30 p.m. July 11, 12 and 13 at Farmington High School. All participants will receive a soccer T-shirt. Call Jack Claberty at 476-2639 for details.

Girls are invited to attend a tryout session for an under-12 Little Caesars Premier-League team. For information call Bill or Sue Roy at 484-0033.

swimming

Farmington Glen Aquatic Club managed to stay unbeaten (4-0) in the Northwest Suburban Swim League by edging Kentwood 281-280 in its latest meet last Thursday.

The Glen team was led by five swimmers who recorded double victories. The group consisted of Jason Hoher, Brenda Newton, Eric Newton, Jim Varles and Deaky Weary. The events they won, as well as other Glen winners, are as follows:

Glen double winners: Jason Hoher, 13-14, 50 yd and 50 free; Brenda Newton, 11-12, 100 yd and 50 free; Eric Newton, 15-17, 50 back and 100 free; Jim Varles, 7-8, 25 free and 25 yd; Deaky Weary, 13-14, 50 yd and 50 free.

Glen single winners: Andrea Delemonache, 9-10, 50 free; Tom Bonner, 15-17, 50 free; Don Boyer, 11-12, 50 free; Pam Holdridge, 15-17, 50 back; Kristel Mathe, 7-8, 25 free; Brad Moore, 15-17, 100 yd; Karl Pedersen, 9-10, 50 yd; Andrew Peiss, 9-10, 50 back; Steve Scario, 11-12, 50 breast; Nick Sosnowski, 9-10, 50 back; Kevin Todd, 13-14, 50 breast.

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