

# High school teams get new coaches

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with the WIAA's perennial contenders. "These teams are 'programs' and not just teams in the fall," he said. "We have to make the change from a seasonal program to a year-round program, because few girls did that (in the past) with the exception of (Junior) Heather Hopkins."

"I want to provide our kids with an opportunity to compete and do things kids at other schools do, to turn Harrison into a competitive program."

"The ultimate goal is to win the state championship. Any time you take a high school job, that's what you hope for."

The 34-year-old Mantyla, a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, has been working with Farmington and North coach Lance Davis this summer to create a year-round program for all players at all three schools.

"To do that and supplement the fall season, they are working to increase the number of players in the Farmington Flyers AAU program. They have two teams this year and hope to eventually have four or five," Mantyla said.

"We want to provide a year-round opportunity for the girls if they want to take advantage of it," he said. "We need a strong AAU program and a tradition of going to summer camp."

BRIAN SWINEHART

Swinehart and Farmington Athletic Director Ron Holland have common roots. Both grew up and attended high school in Ionia.

Swinehart, who teaches fifth grade at Highmeadow Elementary School, coached the freshman boys basketball team at Farmington last season after spending two years in Richmond, Ind.

The time spent in that basketball-mad state was good preparation for his new assignment, according to Swinehart.

"It was like Heaven for me because of their love for the game," he said. "Just about every day at practice was like a clinic, and it was a tremendous learning experience with the coaches down there."

Swinehart spent one year as the girls varsity assistant at Richmond High, which had the equivalent of a Class A enrollment in Michigan. The team was 25-1, ranked sixth in the state and a regional finalist.

Swinehart, who graduated from Ionia in 1984 and Michigan State University in 1988, also coached JV football and baseball teams, middle school boys basketball and AAU girls basketball in Richmond.

He replaces Diana Fair, who coached the Falcons for six years. Farmington won a district championship in 1989 and was a district finalist last year, finishing with a 5-17 record.

"I just want (the players) to work hard and to build fundamentals," Swinehart said. "I hope to build a program in which the kids are going to work hard and make a commitment."

"I know we're in a pretty tough league, but I think we can work to be competitive in that league."

"I'd like to be right here in Farmington for the next 20 years, working with the girls program," he added.

LUKE JUNCAC

Like his basketball counterparts, Juncac (pronounced YUN-ah) has coached in the Farmington

system. He was the JV boys soccer coach at Farmington last year and the girls JV coach for two years.

The 27-year-old Juncac, an Albanian who came to the United States from Yugoslavia in 1983, has an extensive background as a soccer player.

Besides having grown up playing the sport in his native country, Juncac has played for teams in the Michigan-Ontario, Detroit and Great Lakes soccer leagues.

Juncac replaces Cathy Cole, who coached the boys team for three years and will continue as the Farmington girls coach. The Falcons were 4-7-2 last year.

In addition to soccer, Juncac is accomplished in the language arts. He speaks four languages — English, Albanian, Russian and Serbo-Croatian — and works for Farmington Public Schools in the bilingual department.

As for his coaching objectives, Juncac hopes to impart his knowledge of the European style of play to his Farmington players.

"(Coaching) is something I've wanted to do for a long time, especially since I came here and saw the way the game is played," he said.

"There's a big difference between the way soccer is played here and in Europe. They play controlled soccer and not kickball like a lot of teams here. They use a lot of controlled passes and not plays in Europe."

Juncac also is working with North Farmington coach Kris Galczyk and Harrison coach Glenn Breuhahn in organizing clinics for the Farmington youth.

"The younger kids have to start learning ball control and controlled passing," he said. "That's the only way they can become good soccer players."

## Soccer star battles rare illness

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end of the soccer season in June. Though she is one of the top goalies in the state, Emmett couldn't get a medical release to attend the Olympic Development Camp. She had been working two jobs but was forced to give them up because of conflicts with her medical appointments and lack of energy.

"I'm scared, really scared," Emmett said. "I want my body to get back to where it used to be or do down, so we can do the bone marrow and I can get back to where I used to be. I miss soccer so much now that I can't play."

"UNTIL NOW she was doing a lot of denying that she was even sick," her mother said. "But now her counts are dropping so low even she can't deny it."

"Now that I'm home sick a lot I have to take this," Emmett said. "She isn't alone, however. Her family agonizes with her and there has been an outpouring of concern from teammates, friends and coaches. The family also wonders if their insurance will cover the estimated cost of the \$200,000 transplant procedure."

"I feel like Sally Fields in Steel Magnolias," Linda Emmett said as tears welled up in her eyes. "I'm angry but I don't have anyone to be angry at. I just can't fix it and it makes me mad."

Emmett's condition baffled doctors until the disorder was diagnosed through a process of elimination. She had missed a large part of the volleyball season but returned to find it, though her stamina was not the same.

"Here's a kid who could play tournament play from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 at night," her mother said, "and now she could only go three games."

THE EMMETTS had to decide whether or not to let Jenny participate in soccer. Physical exertion in the approaching warm weather

could overtax an already weakened blood/oxygen level, and a serious collision with another player could be fatal.

Emmett's parents took legal responsibility for her and consented. Salem coach Ken Johnson presented officials with a doctor's letter regarding Emmett's medical condition prior to lack of energy.

"Jenny is a very skilled keeper; she knows what she's doing and she does it well," Linda Emmett said. "We exercised a lot of faith in Jenny's ability. It was tough watching her and knowing that could happen, but who was I to denounce that kind of faith in her?"

"I give a lot of credit to the soccer community for allowing a young player to excel and perform at something she wanted to do instead of putting barriers in her way."

Emmett had an extraordinary season, achieving the kind of impressive statistics that would have made a glowing tribute for a completely healthy player.

Despite her condition, Emmett played well enough to be named the Class A all-state goalkeeper for the second time in three years, receiving the honor she won as a freshman.

"SHE HAD a heckuva season," Johnson said. "She's a terrific goalie, one in a million."

"She taught me a lot about human nature, how strong a person can be with the backing of teammates and family. The girls did their best to keep her cheerful."

In helping to lead Salem to a 16-2-1 record and a runner-up finish in a regional tournament, Emmett posted 14 shutouts — she has the school record of 33 during a career — and allowed only nine goals in 19 games.

"I was so proud to be her mom because I knew what she was dealing with," Linda Emmett said. "She didn't give herself any excuse not to perform as well as she could."

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"WE'RE ALWAYS been close, but this has made us closer," Jenny said. "She's scared about it, too."

"It scares me because if her body rejects it she can die," Mackenzie said. "That's another thing I think about — what it would do to Mackenzie emotionally," Linda said.

Roy Emmett now works in Bay City, but Linda and the girls stayed in Plymouth to allow Jenny to graduate from Salem and play her final year of high school soccer for the Rocks.

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## Playoff needed in modified league

Primo's Pizzeria and AJ's Lounge will have a playoff game to determine the champion of the Livonia Modified Fast-Pitch Softball League Monday night at Ford Field.

The teams tied for first place with 12-1 records. A score was incorrectly reported last week, indicating Primo's Pizzeria had lost to Malarkey's Pub and suffered a second defeat.

Primo's won that game to remain one behind AJ's and then gained a share of the regular-season title when Total Foods upset AJ's 8-7 Monday. Primo's beat the Marauders 4-2.

Total Foods led 8-3 going into the seventh inning when AJ's scored five runs to take a 7-4 lead. Total Foods rallied with four in the bottom of the inning and scored the winning run when a fly ball

was dropped in the outfield.

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## Bowling leagues begin to prepare

BOWLING LEAGUE officers have been receiving their mailer envelopes from ABC during the past week.

This is the first sign of fall, the time to start getting ready for the coming season. There are the usual league meetings coming up soon. Some newly created officers are finding out what it's all about to take on the responsibilities of running a bowling league.

That mailer envelope contains several important items: the league president handbook, the secretary/treasurer handbook, one copy of the rule book (perhaps the most important piece that ABC provides) and a supply of applications for awards.

Also included in the packet is a letter listing the four league officer meetings at the following times and places: Thursday, Aug. 15, Airway Lanes, 4825 Franklin Road, Farmington; Monday, Aug. 19, Ark Sterling Lanes, 33300 Schoenher, Sterling Heights; Wednesday, Aug. 31, Satellite Bowl, 25451 Michigan, Dearborn Heights; Monday, Aug. 26, Thunderbolt Lanes, 4100 Allen Road, Allen Park.

In addition to receiving scoring record sheets and other material, there will be discussion on the league operations. Association representatives will be in attendance from 7 to 7 p.m. with a question and answer session at 6:30. Another item to be found in the envelope is a folder about ABC sanctioning and the rules to every bowler from the membership.

The brochure says: "Be a bowler — not just someone who bowls. Be a bowler for some, there is a point of discussion about each season: 'Why pay the extra money for sanctioning?' This may be an even bigger point to ponder this time, since last season's \$6 fee has now grown to \$9 per person. We all like to save money whenever we can, so consider the benefits from ABC (this also goes for the WIBC ladies) and the local associations."

As far as the money, 66 percent goes to membership benefits, 21 percent for communication and 13 percent for administration.

This is still called your best buy in sports with these services provided by the national organization: 1) all of the necessary league supplies, schedules, standing sheets, rule books, educational materials, etc.; 2) standardized rules for both leagues and tournaments. Constant updating of the rule book; 3) nearly 1,000 awards annually; 4) bonding program to protect the league funds from misuse or theft; 5) sanction materials, direction and consultation to managers of more than 8,000 tournaments each year. An ABC-sanctioned event gives the bowler protection that the event is properly conducted in accordance with ABC rules; 6) research and testing to keep up with today's

technology. An elaborate testing facility provides on pins, lane finishers and conditioners and various equipment which affect our game; 7) rules interpretation and consultation for a wide variety of situations; 8) a 10-man service staff to travel around the country, working with the local level; 9) financial support to the National Bowling Council which distributes information and statistics to help strengthen the sport; 10) free film library with instructional and educational materials as well as entertainment films for you use at league meetings or end of the season banquet; 11) a monthly magazine to every ABC sanctioned winter league; ABC's communications department helps to make bowlers the most informed sports group in the world; 12) staff and/or funds to support senior citizens, collegiate and youth 10 pin bowlers; 13) participants for international 10 pin competition and is working toward full admission as a regular sport in the Olympic Games; 14) ABC is instrumental in the support of the bowling "Hall of Fame" in St. Louis.

You bet we do! Every bowling league should be a fully-sanctioned league, with all of the benefits for the members. One new item has been added, incidentally to the list of awards, and that is a wrist watch for anyone bowling a game of 100 pins over average.

Of all the services rendered, perhaps the most indispensable is the annual yearbook which contains the league averages for all sanctioned men and women bowlers within that group. This is important to anyone who ever wants to enter a tournament.

The yearbook also contains the local records of those whose bowling accomplishments are so noted. Last year's edition contained the stats of all 102,816 male bowlers who competed in 2,822 leagues along with 79,556 women bowlers in 2,409 WIBC sanctioned leagues.

All those who bowled 21 games or more in any league are listed. If anyone ever brags about their great bowling feats, you can look them up in the book and find out if they are for real.

A new format in ladies bowling leagues is beginning now for the better bowlers with averages of 160 or more. This is a tria match play league and will be competing at Cherry Hill Lanes located at Inkster Road and Cherry Hill.

The match play will provide something new and different for those women bowlers who are seeking more challenging competition with a different format than the usual team play.

There will be an estimated 10 starting, bowling 35 weeks with a 6 p.m. start time on Thursdays. For more details, contact Bob Vickerman, 31474 Rush, Garden City, 48135, or phone her at 437-5281.

## MSU keeper's goal to make U.S. team

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really worth it," he said. "The way I look at it I'm in a no-lose situation. If I make the team, I'll be great; if not, I've got another year to play at MSU. "I'd be disappointed if I didn't make (the Olympic team), but I'm looking at it with open eyes."

GILMORE PLAYED in 22 games for MSU last season, making the all-CHCA second team after posting a 9-8-3 record and 2.66 goals-against average. He is certain to be the No. 1 goalie if he returns since the Spartans have only an incoming freshman at that position.

Gilmore also made the CHCA all-academic team, graduating last spring with a 3.4 grade point in engineering arts. If he returns to MSU, Gilmore plans to pursue a master's degree in business.

"Hockey really came through for me," he said. "I've done pretty well. I got an education and I have a lot of options."

Gilmore hopes one of those options leads to an eventual contract with the Rangers.

"After my senior season, hopefully, they'll try and sign me," he said. "When I started as a freshman, pro hockey was just a dream."

The same can said of making the Olympic team, but underdogs sometimes beat the odds and surprise people.

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