

# Rockers select Richters

By Brad Emons  
staff writer

Lars Richters isn't ready to project the image of a Yale man quite yet.

The 1987 Livonia Stevenson High grad learned recently that he was the territorial pick of the Detroit Rockers, the arena soccer team that plays in the National Professional Soccer League.

"Things have changed drastically the last couple of months," Richters said. "I still love to play the game. It's not completely out of my blood."

Richters graduated from Yale last May with a degree in Political Science. This summer he interviewed for a sales position in California, but turned down the offer.

"It's the same company my brother (Andris) works for," Richters said. "It was in the fitness industry. I'd be selling treadmills."

"I was offered a job, but I wanted to play some more. I just told myself that you can always go back to the coast-and-the-world."

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### DETROIT ROCKERS PREFEASION SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 12: Open tryout, 9 a.m. at Beechwood Arena in Southfield.

Tuesday, Oct. 15: Training camp opens, 10 a.m. at Total Soccer East in St. Clair Shores.

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 18-20: National Professional Soccer League Tournament in Chicago.

Wednesday, Oct. 23: Silver and Black Intrasquad Game, 7 p.m. at Total Soccer East in St. Clair Shores (admission free).

Friday, Oct. 25: Exhibition game vs. Canton Invaders, 7:30 p.m. at Beechwood in Southfield.

Sunday, Oct. 27: Exhibition game, 2 p.m. at Canton, Ohio.

Wednesday, Oct. 28: Silver and Black Intrasquad Game, 7 p.m. at Total Soccer Central in Royal Oak (admission free).

Wednesday, Nov. 6: Silver and Black Intrasquad Game, 7 p.m. at Total Soccer West in Farmington Hills (admission free).

Home opener: 7:30 p.m. vs. New York Knicks at Cobo Arena. (For more information, call 475-9418.)

Richters played striker in high school, leading Stevenson to back-to-back state titles in 1985 and '86.

"He was an outstanding high school player and played four years in a quality-based collegiate program," Tinnion said. "He's also shown well in our (Total Soccer's) Christmas tourney. On that alone he has a good chance."

Michigan State's Doug Landefeld, the Rockers' territorial pick a year ago, stuck with the club. He started the team's final 15 regular season games at midfield.

"Lars is in the same situation, he could be the 16th man and work his way up," said the Rockers coach. "We have eight or nine returning players, and we expect some of them to be asking for more money, but keep in mind that this year the league has a salary cap."

Richters was unaware that the NPSL had a territorial draft.

"Since I was done with soccer at school I wondered if I'd ever play seriously again," he said. "I decided fairly early that I wanted to try out, but I didn't really know they even had a draft until I spoke to Brian and Paul (Sciuluna, the Rockers' president)."

Richters is OUT to prove he belongs in the indoor game. He will be among 25 to 30 players believed to be fighting for three or four spots.

"I don't know what to expect," he said. "I've been working really hard the last few months and my confidence is high. I believe I have the desire to make it."

"I don't think I have a lot of indoor experience. Until now I used it at school to stay fit and work on my ball skills between seasons. I think I'm somewhat suited to the indoor because I can be an offensive-minded defender."

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# Secretaries put in time

THE NEXT TIME you pick up your league sheet, take a good look at it. Don't only check the standings for the week, high game and high series, but also the schedule and last week's jackpot winners, but the entire sheet.

When you look at the sheet, you are looking at some pretty good time and energy spent by the league secretary to produce the weekly sheet. Sure, there may be an occasional typographical error, but the secretary's overall job goes much further than just the many hours involved in producing the sheet.

First, the scores have to be collected and analyzed. Are the scores added correctly? Often, an incorrect entry can change a close match from a win to a loss.

Each bowler has an individual record sheet. The scores are entered and the averages recalculated. It's the secretary's job to present the new sheet every week and keep the averages up to date. However, score cards must also be prepared with the proper team assignments and each team's handicaps and averages figured out for all bowlers. All these computations of league essentials require hours of tedious work and record-keeping.

However, the secretary's job does not stop here. If the league is ABC/WIBC sanctioned (as most are), the secretary must also arrange and take care of the association cards, attend the local association clinics, send out announcements at the start of a season or for meetings and send in for any bowling awards, such as for 100 series or 100 plus over average. Any special scores or splits made must be sent to the GDBA/DWBA for proper recognition.

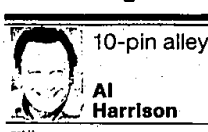
The secretary's responsibilities go well beyond the above duties. The secretary also reports mid-season averages and repeats that at the April 1 reporting date.

In larger leagues the secretary's chores become even more magnified, but there are compensations. Most leagues do pay their secretary. They don't become rich from this stipend, but it usually covers their bowling costs.

Modern technology has also brought the computer into play. There are programs available that enable the computer to take some of the load off the secretary. However, even a computer can't do everything or make an instant decision when a problem occurs.

After all it is said and done and every last detail is taken care of, someone is sure to approach the secretary and point out, "hey, bub, ya spelled my name wrong!"

Next time your league elects its officers, consider running for secretary. It's a lot of good work, if you're lucky to



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Attention ladies: You can try your luck at 10-pin bowling on Monday mornings. This is a new program at Livonia's Merril Bowl Lanes. The cost is \$10 per person and includes two mystery games, three games with handicaps and a "lucky strike." A prize fund and other jackpots. For details, call 457-3499.

Woodland Lanes in Livonia has started a "King of the Hill" sweepstakes at 10 p.m. on Tuesday. Entry fee is \$15 per bowler. Call 521-4515 for details.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL  
Super Bowl (Canton Township): Super Tuesday Big Bucks — Steve Klein, 260 series.

Cantonites — Joanne Nelson, 201 game; Fran Elvinger, 222/570.

Deaton Gap Mixed — Bob Schaefer, 206/612.

Bags and Bats — Cindy Mauph, 178; Greg Science, 182.

Van Born Auto Wrecking Tro — Robin Lemmon, 299/668.

Del Aire Lanes (Farmington): Nov. Pro Bowlers — Rosemary Barnd, 204.

Said Bowlers — Alice Lacombe, 204; Joyce West, 204.

Senior House — Dave Weidenbach, 707 (his first 700); Mark Abey, 699; Hank Luden, 663; Jim Lange, 255/550; Tom Jensen, 257.

Country Lanes (Farmington Hills): Wednesday Junior House — Gus Trombley, 299.

Greenfield Mixed — Steve Mushinski, 238/655; Debbie Van Meter, 224/634; Lloyd Arne, 223/635; Marvin Smith, 605; Sherry Pettie, 228; Roberta Barksdale, 238/581; Sue Addy, 212/580; Larry Way, 611; Maked Wood, 206; Tom Kriebel, 269/665.

Drakeville Lanes (Farmington Hills): Monday Women Early Birds — Fred Ramirez, 300/769.

Tuesday Men's Junior House — John Flores, 267/759; Greg Hood, 268; John Brynner, 743; Duane Hanson, 719.

Wednesday Merchant Men's — Scott McCoskey, 269/722; Mark Britton, 715; Merrill Bowl (Livonia): Men's Senior House — Craig Senkowski, 278/779; Garrett Nagle, 279/753; John Azzovis, 250/729; Jim McPhail, Jr., 705; Doug Nakke, 275; Stan Maroneau, 219; Chuck Dobrick, 237/686; Rick Privol, 246/663; Greg Hage, 246/673.

Golden Eagles Sportsmen — Ron Deonich, 255/712.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia): Senior House League — Mark Payne, 278/767; Tim Bennett, 575.

Easy Rollers — Elen Lobb, 238; Ford Parts — Art Potts, 269.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth): Plaza Men — Jeff

Henson, 269/725; Ron Beck, 236/647; Olson, 233/657; Bob Day, 268/687; Larry Gawe, 233/643.

Kaplan — Steve Marso, 268/664; Beach Lanes (Redford Township): Monday

Seniors — Henrietta Sponen, 220; HLM — Pat Stritz, 217/644; Ed Petrick, 210/551; George Malachuk, 210; Steve Dwyer, 212.

Redford Lanes (Redford Township): Ups & Downs — Tom Maki, 268/722; Irene Hen, 208.

Shaw — Georgeann Howet, 248; Ladies Senior House — Annette Wischert, 248/668.

Grandson Ladies — Madred Gentry, 221; Junior House — Tom Pettis, 243/714; John Newman, 268/615; Bernie Antonick, 225/626; Mike Pata, 244; Ed Backstrom, 223/611; Dan Aronow, 232; Jeff Deane, 221.

West Side Lutheran Lanes — Will Gunkle, 248/642; Ken Rutt, 619; Frank Galtz, 618; Randy Molus, 609; Dena Haghe, 602.

Frederic Lanes (Westland): Thursday Morning Men — Rick Farn, 257/638.

Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic — Shaun Aronoff, 216/609; Jim Bragmeyer, 234; Tim Whitaker, 230; Tim Zaka, 222; Jeff Monnette, 225.

Town & Country Lanes (Westland): Wednesday Ladies Junior House — Donna Reed, 214.

Wednesday Night Merchant Men's — Yves Szmanski, 268/714; Doug Briley, 267/693; Tony Nohok, 277 (11 in a row).

Westland Lanes (Westland): Ladies Classic — Lisa Martin, 236/685; Jane Martin, 258/656; Kim Jones, 256; Patty Pennington, 230.

Sunday Sleepers — Marcelus Scott, 278/758; Charlie Riffe, 248/736; Frank Brocos, 267/725; Robert Smith, 264/722; Larry Kornman, 257/704.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia): Classic — Al Moreno, 269/739; Denny McDonnell, 733; Ken Batsman, 716; Jim King, 269/683; Garrett Nagle, 279; Jerry Heitman, 677; Larry Franz, 705.

Motor City Eagles Men's — R.W. Barne, 640; Larry Kule, 637; Doug Davidson, 255; Larry Blanchard, 245; Jim Hornberg, 264/658.

Heathstone Squares Mixed — Terry Madgen, 263/671; Bob Polke, 246/649; Marc Wiedorn, 247/649; Claude Deyan, 568.

St. Paul's Presbyterian — Marce Scher, 230; Kathy Scher, 224/598.

Clack Lanes (Westland): Sunday Classic — Ralph Ramon, 268; Bob Varos, 256; Tony Mack, 257; Ray Shepherd, 732.

Tuesday Night Men's — James Hagan, 253; Don Tyson, 237; Jeff Fisher, 235; Jim Morawa, 219/639.

Wednesday Night Bowlers — Cheryl Koken, 219; Cindy Lang, 212.

Tuesday Men's — Charles Nelson, 263; George Bird, 246/633; Rick Sumpter, 236; Al Butshaw, 230; Steve Marlow, 222/645.

Wednesday Night Men's — Max Feser, 257/624; Steve Guro, 243/631; John Wagner, 232; Bradley Warkus, 257/607; Jim Sprague, 258; Jim Ruben, 246/635; Steve Longway, 233.

Wednesday Night Pacesetters — Sylvia Woodard, 246/206/003; Vy Walden, 241; Donna Feltz, 235; Lee Galt, 200.

Old Couples — Kathy Zeeb, 201.

Monday Night Men's — Dave Fortin, 244; Larry Ecker, 231.

# Hawks, Falcons suffer defeats

Livonia Churchill continued its winning ways in boys soccer, blanking a pair of foes earlier this week.

The state-ranked Chargers ran their overall record to 10-1-2 with a 4-0 triumph Monday at Farmington Harrison in a Western Division match in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Churchill jumped out to a 2-0 half-time lead on goals by Dario Raucker (assist Mike Gentile) and Gentile.

Senior midfielder Dominic Vella made it 3-0 at the 15-minute mark of the second half. Curly Golden drew the assists.

Goran Raucker then closed out the

scoring from brother Dario as Churchill won its fourth straight division game without a loss.

The state-ranked Chargers, who made four saves, posted the shutout.

On Saturday, Churchill turned in perhaps its best effort of the year, blanking host Rochester, 5-0. The Falcons fell to 6-5 overall.

Gentile and Golden each scored twice for the winners. Vella also added a goal.

Scott Lamphair contributed two assists, while Gentile and Villeri Trippini chipped in with one apiece.

FRANKLIN 3, FARMINGTON 2: Sophomore center-striker Victor Rodopoulos scored a goal and added two assists Monday, leading host Livonia Franklin (6-5) to the WLAA over the Falcons.

Franklin trailed 1-0 at halftime, but rallied with three second-half goals — Rodopoulos, Guillermo Carreras (from Rodopoulos) and Matt

Schmidt) and Bill Binkiewicz (from Rodopoulos).

Goals of Farmington's goals were scored by Franklin players. Mike Giese was credited with the first goal.

REDFORD CC 3, U-D JESUIT 0: Rich Wilson and Anthony Verino each scored a pair of goals Tuesday, lifting Redford Catholic Central (10-1) to the win over the University of Detroit-Jesuit at Bell Creek Park.

The Shamrocks are 5-1 in the Central Division of the Catholic League.

Brendan Sullivan, Kerry Zavagnin, Matt Koppmeyer, Mario Sciuluna and Steve Herfert also notched goals for CC.

Zavagnin and Walos contributed two assists apiece. Sullivan, Koppmeyer and Verino added one each.

Goalkeeper Tim Bober, subbing for the injured Jeff Sawicki (wrist), made four saves. It was state-ranked CC's seventh shutout of the season.

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