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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Margarita Bowl tryouts

How can you spend the biggest weekend of the football season in Cancun (Mexico) competing against a group of former pro stars? It all starts with Training Camp.

Jose Cuervo will host a series of Super Party Training Camps in Michigan and seven other major cities to assemble the Cuervo Bandits, a team of football wannabes who will challenge a group of former gridiron greats.

Some of the ex-pros are Jim Krick, Steve Bartkowski, Floyd Little, Randy Cross, Jack Youngblood, Bill "White Shoes" Johnson, Phil McCortney and Tim Mazzetti in the first Cuervo Margarita Bowl on Saturday, Jan. 30.

For a \$3 donation to the Michigan chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, men and women who are at least 21 can compete in one of five qualifying events in Michigan.

One of those sites will be Mr. Sports in Farmington Hills, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16. The regional finals also will be at Mr. Sports the same day at 8:15 p.m.

Participants will compete in a series of football-related drills, including a football toss, crab crawl, spike-and-dance competition, super hike and tire run.

The regional winner will earn the grand prize of an all-expense paid trip for two to Cancun to compete in the Cuervo Margarita Bowl, a flag football game.

For information about Training Camps call 1-800-4CANCUN. Other camps will be conducted in Atlanta, Miami, Washington DC, New York, Chicago, Denver and Los Angeles.

Rockers sign Richters

Livonia Stevenson High and Yale University product Lars Richters was signed to a one-year contract Wednesday by the Detroit Rockers, defending National Professional Soccer League champions.

Three-time NFL all-star Randy Prescott and NFL rookie of the year Sean Bowens also inked one-year pacts Wednesday, bringing the Rockers' signings to nine.

The Rockers open their season Saturday at home against the Dayton Dynamo at Cobo Arena.

Grand Slam baseball

Weekend baseball hitting leagues (second session) will begin Saturday, Nov. 21 at Grand Slam U.S.A., 42930 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi. The cost is \$20 per player (five weeks). Registration deadline is Nov. 20.

Also, an all-night sports camp for boys ages 9-15 will be Friday, Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving weekend). The camp features indoor batting cages, baseball training areas, basketball courts, along with special guest instructors. The cost is \$35 per person. Registration deadline is Nov. 20.

Six-week velocity improvement classes will begin Sunday, Dec. 6. The cost is \$50. Registration deadline is Nov. 28.

For information, call 348-8338.

Marlins win cage contest

Farmington Hills Mercy gained a non-league victory in girls basketball Friday, defeating Allen Park Cabrini 57-38.

The Marlins (6-11), who earlier faced a murderous slate of Central Division opponents, had another game Saturday against Cody and also added Mumford and DePores to the schedule for Tuesday and Thursday of this week.

"Our practices have improved and we've regrouped," coach Len Bendor said. "We had a fine scrimmage Wednesday at Flint Northern, and I felt we were moving forward."

"We've picked up some even tougher competition this week, and I hope we'll be even more tournament-ready after that."

The Marlins outscored the visiting Monarchs 30-15 in the middle quarters to open a 13-point lead going into the last period. Mercy led 23-16 at halftime and expanded it with a 16-7 advantage in the third quarter.

Dana Wade scored 13 points to lead the Marlins and played an active game about the basket, according to Baker. Marshelle Brooks added eight points, and Lisa Pretty scored 10 to lead Cabrini (8-9).

Mercy also is helped by the addition of guard Glenda Lee, a transfer from Southfield who missed most of the season with a stress fracture. "She has jets; she increases the tempo of the game just by her presence," Baker said.

"We're as healthy as we have been all year, so we hope to benefit from these next three games."

Golfers record aces

Two West Bloomfield golfers recently carded holes-in-one and are entered in the Drambuie Rusty Nail Hole-In-One Shootout.

David L. Sklar aced the 180-yard hole No. 8 at Tam-O-Shanter and Sylvia Wohlman scored the 139-yard hole No. 9 at Franklin Hills Country Club.

Sklar and Wohlman, along with the golf professionals who validated the sweepstakes entries Dennis E. Spauldy and William Baldwin, respectively — are all eligible to win the grand prize of a one-week trip for two to Scotland, VIP tour of the Drambuie Liqueur Co. Ltd. and \$1,000 cash.

Shamrocks advance in playoffs

Redford Catholic Central won its 10th consecutive game and advanced to the regional final in the Class AA football playoffs Saturday.

By STEVE KOWALSKI
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Redford Catholic Central's 28-12 football victory Saturday afternoon over Detroit Mumford was Taylor made.

Junior tailback Freddie Taylor gained a career-high 157 yards on 27 carries and scored all four touchdowns as the Shamrocks won a Class AA Region 3 playoff game played at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium.

CC, 10-0 overall, will play in the Region 3 final at 1:30 p.m. Saturday against Troy at Wisner Stadium. Troy, also 10-0 overall, beat Detroit Henry Ford 17-6 in the other Region 3 game played Saturday.

Taylor scored on runs of 3, 11, 3 and 3 yards. His third score, which came with 11:58 remaining in the game capped a 14-play, 62-yard drive and gave the Shamrocks a 21-6 lead. "That was an important drive," CC coach Tom Mach said. "It showed a lot of guts. Our brand of ball is not fancy but our players take pride in it. I can't remember any (CC) tailback since (the late) Aaron Roberts scoring four times."

Mumford made the score 21-12 on a 19-yard TD pass from quarterback Darrell Whaley to Dion Patterson but CC put the game away with an 87-yard drive to make the score 28-12. Taylor's 47-yard run set up his 3-yard score with 2:19 remaining. The second-half scoring drives were especially satisfying for the Shamrocks, since they twice failed to score after Mumford turnovers in the first quarter. CC, which recovered two



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Touchdown-bound: CC tailback Freddie Taylor outruns Mumford's Luther Bennett for one of his four TDs in the Shamrocks' 28-12 victory in the Class AA playoffs at Pontiac Wisner Stadium.

fumbles and had three interceptions, gained 152 of its 219 total yards after halftime.

"We felt we should have capitalized (in the first half) and knew we had to come out hard in the second half," Taylor said. "It was all because of the (offensive) line."

CC two-way tackle Aaron Babicz helped open holes for Taylor and fullback Jason Krueger (15 carries, 47

yards) and also combined with teammate Joe Suhajda to sack Whaley for a 7-yard loss late in the game. Babicz said Mumford is much improved over last year, when the Shamrocks won a regular-season meeting 20-6.

"You've got to love blocking for a smart running back who reads holes like Freddie," said Babicz. "Mumford is stronger than last year, a lot stronger. Their linemen were immov-

able. You couldn't toy with them. I don't think we'll see anyone else that big."

Mumford's offensive line included bookend tackles Brian Ferguson and Luceno Franklin, who weigh 360 and 340 pounds, respectively, but CC's main concern was wide receiver Derrick Mason.

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Hawks attempt to regain winning edge

Senior center Heather Hopkins had an outstanding individual effort Wednesday but couldn't carry Farmington Hills Harrison to victory by herself.

Despite the play of Hopkins, the Hawks were beaten 48-41 by host Walled Lake Central in the first round of the Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball playoffs.

The 6-foot-1 Hopkins had 21 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks. Krista Snow added eight points and six rebounds for Harrison (10-9). The Hawks, who have lost their last two games after winning six straight, committed 28 turnovers. Plymouth Canton defeated Harrison 43-32 last week.

"We're not playing in sync with each other," coach Pete Mantyla said. "We've lost two games that were pretty close to two good teams. We were right there with them."

"We need to amend our spirit a little bit. We need to channel our energy out instead of at each other. We to find our competitive spirit again."

Kerri Kobus scored 19 points and Bridgette Norris 13 for the Vikings (13-5). Norris and Jenny Czech also had big games as rebounders.

"We did things to stop them and still were not successful," Mantyla said. "That was discouraging because we've done things to shut people down and been able to do it."

The Hawks were close all the way but trailed at the end of each quarter: 14-12, 20-18 and 38-35.

Harrison will play at Northville in the second round Tuesday. The Hawks had to give up the home-court advantage because parent-teacher conferences will take place in the gym that night.

■ CHURCH. 43, FARM. 23: The Falcons were minus leading scorer Tammy Allen, and the final score reflects the senior center's absence.

The Falcons were outscored 15-3 in the second quarter and trailed 22-7 at halftime, 31-14 after three periods.

Sophomore Andrea Salyer scored 12 points for Farmington (4-13) and senior Nicole Bingham six.

Sophomore Stefanie Rentle grabbed eight rebounds, and sophomore Jenny Neu had six steals and six rebounds.

"It was a physical game," Farmington coach Brian Swinehart said. "The score doesn't show it, but this was one of our most aggressively-played games. I'm proud of the girls' effort."

The Falcons held Churchill's Chrissy Daly to eight points. She had scored 35, 29 and 20 in previous games with Farmington. Cheryl Lewis had 12 points to lead the Chargers (5-13).

Churchill was 17-of-31 shooting free throws; the Falcons made nine of 21.

SALEM 39, NORTH 23: The defending WLAA champion Raiders pulled away in the last quarter Thursday to defeat host North Farmington.

Salem overcame a slow-down attempt by the Raiders, outscoring North 12-2 in the fourth quarter.

"They ran some delay and we took a lot of time each half to take them out of what they were doing," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "We did what we

needed to do to win."

The Rocks (10-8) had no one in double figures but had balanced scoring. Leslie Gotts scored nine points, Christy Parimucha eight and Cynril Platter six.

Platter, who was in early foul trouble and didn't play long, also had nine rebounds. Gotts had six steals and Parimucha four assists.

North center Carey Perkins also saw her playing time limited by fouls and was held to four points. Allison Stein and Carrie May scored five apiece for the Raiders (9-9).

"We played excellent defense," North coach Lance Davis said. "Offensively, we must have averaged 15 turnovers in each quarter, and we were still in the game."

"It just was not a good day offensively. We didn't get enough shots because we were always turning it over. We never got into a rhythm."

The Rocks led 16-9 at halftime, holding North to two points in the second quarter, and 27-21 after three periods.

The Raiders play at Walled Lake Western in the second round Tuesday.

Spartans still champs in WLAA swimming



Swim finals: North Farmington junior Sherri Richardson was fourth in the 200-yard freestyle Friday. The Raiders were fourth in team scoring.

By DAN O'MEARA
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The Western Lakes Activities Association girls swim meet Friday night was a virtual replay of the last one.

Livonia Stevenson claimed its second straight championship, winning by nearly the same margin over runner-up Plymouth Canton.

It was the sixth title in 10 years for the third-ranked Spartans and third for coach Greg Phill.

"I told the girls this — and I truly believe it — is the best team I've coached," he said. "When we were third in the state and set all those records (1986), that was a more talented team. As far as practice attendance, dedication and focus, this has been a great team."

The next four teams were the same as 1991 but in different order this year: Northville, North Farmington, Salem and Livonia Churchill. The last five held their places from a year ago.

The Spartans won by 47 points (544-497) over Canton as opposed to 46 last year (542-496). Stevenson got a challenge from the Chiefs, who were

seven points ahead after the 100-yard freestyle.

"They're deep in every event," said Canton coach Hooker Wellman of the Spartans. "They have more choices than any team in the conference as far as where they want to put kids."

"Greg Phill did a great job not tapering his kids. They swam sore Wednesday and today. Now they can get back after it and really taper for the state meet."

Based on strong showings Wednesday in the preliminaries and diving Thursday, Wellman hoped his team could challenge in the finals. The Chiefs did but weren't quite strong enough.

"You look at what you can do and think maybe it could come down to the last event," he said.

"It's like flushing the toilet. It gets near the end and it all disappears. There's no room for mistakes. We had to be perfect, plus lucky on how the other teams swam."

Stevenson tied Canton for first place in the medley relay and won just two other events — the 500 free-

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