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this is the best all-around staff North has ever seen," Horwitz said. "I'm not saying we're going to win everything, but they're going to be class ballgames."

Trzos also is the team's best hitter and, depending on who's pitching, will split time with Taylor and Penta at first base.

Penta might fill that role more often, allowing Horwitz to use Trzos or Taylor as the designated hitter and save their arms for pitching only.

Trzos, who hit two out at North in the scrimmage, batted .450 with an on-base percentage of .560, two homers, 27 RBI, 11 doubles and three triples.

Horwitz looks for Taylor, who had 29 plate appearances in 14 games for a .275 average, to have a better year with the bat.

"He's a powerful hitter and has really worked on his hitting," Horwitz said. "I think he'll hit for a heck of an average."

To handle the quality pitchers, the Raiders have an experienced backstop in junior catcher Andrew Weitz, who became the starter late in the '96 season.

"Trzos, Taylor, all the guys have a lot of confidence in him," Horwitz said. "That's your battle right there, so he's going to be a big help for us."

"The Raiders have returning starters on the left side of the infield in junior shortstop Mike Gleeson (.277) and senior third baseman Dave Gosselin (.280).

Gleeson is the kind of player who keeps a low profile and will surprise everyone with a big play in the field or a key hit, according to Horwitz.

"He's a great bunter, a great hit-and-run batter," he said. "He's a big asset to the team. (Gosselin) has a great glove and is an excellent leader."

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—North baseball coach

"He has the best heart of any kid I've ever coached," Horwitz said of Seaman. "He didn't play much, but he never quit. He's been such a dedicated athlete he earned the position."

There is still competition for playing time in the outfield, he added, with juniors Wayne Faleiros, Bryan Glazer and Tom Moran challenging for a place in the lineup.

"I think we have a good outfield," Horwitz said. "The question now is 'Are these guys going to hustle and get to the ball? We have a lot of outfielders, so it's quite a battle right now. The competition is going to make our outfield a lot better."

Horwitz is concerned about inexperience in the field since the Raiders have only three seniors on the team, but playing underclassmen has its advantages, too.

"It's also great playing juniors, because they're not thinking about the prom and graduation," Horwitz said. "I don't blame any senior for that, but this is going to be nice just concentrating on baseball."

The Raiders, who were 14-9 last year, won a district title and lost to Brother Rice in the regional, begin the season at Birmingham Groves on Tuesday, April 8.

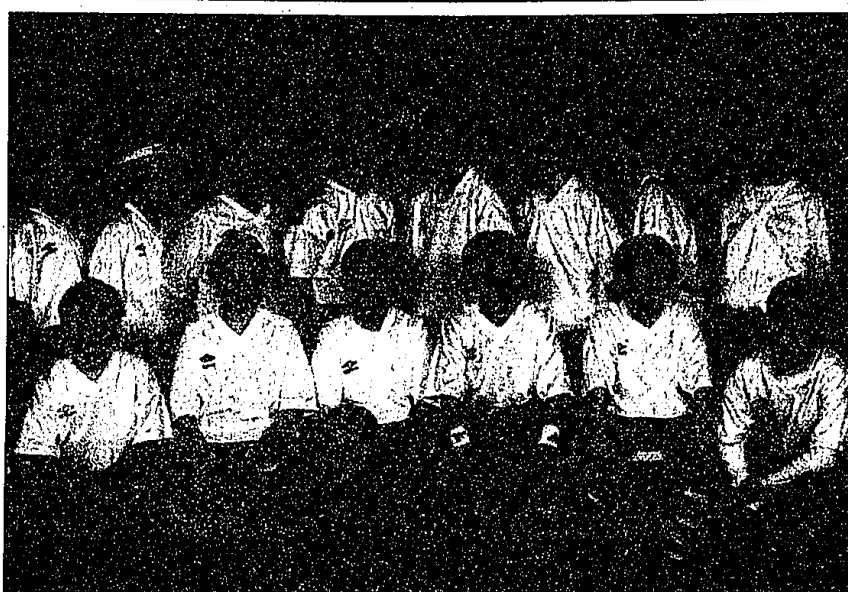
"I don't want to jinx us by saying we're going to win it all, because our league is so tough," Horwitz said. "But we do have the potential to be an excellent team."

"If we can get a break on the weather and not have too many (makeup) doubleheaders, we have a good chance of doing well in the (Lakes Division)."

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Seventh-place in national tourney: Members of the '86 Fury under-11 boys soccer team are (seated, foreground) Alex Garcol, (front row, from left) Mike Mennotti, Casey Rice, David Ujick, Jeff Schield, Chris Kovacinski, Chris Kollias, (back row, from left) Jordan Fylonenko, Ian Schinelli, Arman Osoli, Clay Richeson, Chris Conliak, Nathan Crowther, Momchil Filev, Jesse Ranney and (standing, background) coach Bill Kollias. Missing from the picture are Matthew Daigler, Matt Milliken and Jason Smith.

Fury among top teams in nation

The '86 Fury under-11 boys soccer team finished among the top 10 teams in the North American Indoor Championships.

The Fury was one of three Michigan teams to compete in the national finals that included 24 regional champions and runners-up, finishing in seventh place.

The highlight of the tournament was the game against another national powerhouse, the Ohio Premier. The Fury dominated the Premier, winning 5-2 to stay alive in the tournament.

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A defense anchored by Chris Conliak, Casey Rice and Michael Mennotti and a balanced offense propelled the Fury to the national spotlight.

Chris Kollias was the team's leading scorer with five goals. Arman Osoli scored three, Jason Smith and Clay Richeson two each.

The Fury's most valuable player award for the tournament

was shared by Conliak and Rice. Both played nearly every minute of every game.

The most valuable player on defense was Mennotti. Kollias, Osoli and Smith shared offensive MVP honors.

Other members of the Fury team are Nathan Crowther, Matthew Daigler, Momchil Filev, Ian Schinelli, Jordan Fylonenko, Chris Kovacinski, Alex Garcol, Matt Milliken, Jeff Schield, David Ujick and Jesse Ranney.

"I am very proud of all the boys for doing what was asked of

them," Fury coach Bill Kollias said. "They fully deserved the honor and privilege of being one of the best indoor teams in North America. The parents of these boys should be proud of them."

Team manager Randy Daigler added: "This sort of national placement so early in the soccer career of the '86 Fury may come as a surprise to those who don't know soccer or coach Kollias."

"Coach Kollias' teams have won several championships, both indoor and outdoor, and his style of coaching is very effective."

Livonia 'rookie' contributes for Badgers

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

In the 1996-97 University of Wisconsin hockey press guide, Dustin Kuk is listed among the rookies.

But the 17-year-old Livonian quickly proved he belonged and performed beyond his years for the Badgers, who finished seventh in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association and 16-21-2 overall.

Kuk (pronounced Cook) appeared in all 37 games and finished fourth on the team in scoring with nine goals and 17 assists. He had six goals and 15 assists in the WCHA.

Not bad for the youngest player on the squad.

"I'd say Dustin made the step quicker among the eight freshmen," Wisconsin coach Jeff Sauer said. "He really asserted

himself and was not afraid to talk and express his views, which shows a lot of intestinal fortitude."

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound winger was not hesitant about doing the dirty work as evidenced by his team-high 67 penalty minutes.

"Dustin is not afraid to go in there and win the battles in the corners," said Sauer, who compares Kuk's style to NHLers Scott Melnyk and Pat Flatley. "He's a very hard worker. He has a very strong work ethic and I was really pleased with his progress."

Despite his age, Kuk was not overwhelmed playing in a big-time college hockey program or

adapting to life on the huge Madison campus.

He spent the 1996-96 season playing for the Bramlea Blues of the Metro Junior A Hockey League in Ontario where he tallied 25 goals and 32 assists in 40 games with a plus-31 rating en route to you guessed it: Rookie of the Year honors.

"For the rookies, there was a period of adjustment, an initiation of sorts, but it was really no big deal at all as long as you are pulling your weight and doing your job," Kuk said. "It was difficult at the start, but the more I played the more confident I felt."

The pace is a lot faster in college hockey. The rinks are a lot bigger and the skill level is a lot higher."

Kuk accepted a hockey scholarship after graduating from high school (Redford Bishop Borgess) a year early.

He is currently taking classes in business and history.

"Academically, I felt comfortable," he said. "The difference in college is that they're not going to hold your hand. You have to get assignments in on time without people reminding you."

Greyhounds finish Whalers

As it turned out, one of the high points of the season only ended up delaying the inevitable for the Detroit Whalers.

Last Saturday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth, Detroit — trailing the favored Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds 3-0 in games in their best-of-seven series — had to battle through regulation time and two overtime periods before finally pulling out a 4-3 triumph.

That kept the Whalers alive, but hopes for a return trip to Compuware for game six were dashed when the Greyhounds held Detroit's offense at bay, then put up two unanswered goals in the third period en route to a 4-1 victory in game five Monday in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Greyhounds win the series 4-1 and advance to play Sarnia for the Ontario Hockey League's West Division title.

On Saturday, Mike Morrone got the game-winner at 10:02 of the second OT period, assisted by Harold Druken. It was Morrone's second point of the game;

The left-handed shooter made big strides after the Christmas break.

"He's going to be one of our key guys as he continues to develop," Sauer said. "Next year is going to be his draft year (in the NHL). He needs to work on his skating. If he has a weakness, it's that, but he improved 100 percent in that area during the season."

Kuk caught the attention of collegiate and Ontario Hockey League scouts as a 15-year-old on the Little Caesars Midget Major team. During the 1994-95 season for Caesars, Kuk racked up 107 points in 79 games. During the summer of 1995 he captained the Under-17 USA team.

And although Kuk acquitted himself well in his freshman year at Wisconsin, the season was not all peaches and cream.

The Badgers lost their final 10 games of the year, including four by a goal.

"We didn't meet our expectations," Kuk said. "At one time we were tied for second place in the best league in the country, but then we had so many injuries we couldn't overcome. It was very disappointing."

he also assisted on Steve Wasyliuk's first-period goal.

Detroit led 1-0 after one period and 3-2 after two, with their second-period goals coming from Andrew Taylor and Julian Smith. The Greyhounds tied the game at 3-3 on an unassisted goal by Matt Lahey.

Both goalies, Robert Esche of the Whalers and Michael Podolka of the Greyhounds, were outstanding. Esche made 56 saves, Podolka had 51.

On Monday, the Greyhounds scored two first-period goals to take control.

Detroit narrowed the gap to 2-1 with a second-period power-play goal by Druken.

But the Whalers could not get the equalizer in the final period and, with 4:05 left, Sault Ste. Marie's Richard Unicek scored to make it a 3-1 game. Nathan Perrott's empty-net goal with 25 seconds remaining was the clincher.

Esche stopped 37 of 40 Greyhound shots; Podolka had 26 saves.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
(SUMMARY)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor McShane at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 1997 in Council Chambers, 23000 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 307-1076.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartcock, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Guashan, City Manager Leuthoff, Assistant to City Manager Richards.

Minutes of the Special and Regular Meeting of March 3, 1997 were approved as submitted.

Reggie Loidaris made a presentation on the Senior Community Outreach Program.

David Mariner made a presentation on the CSO Detroit Sewer Department.

Council appointed Edwin Eggleston and reappointed Thomas Lynkowiak and Michael Harrison to the Historical Commission to serve terms expiring March of 2000, and reappointed James McLaughlin to the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees to serve a term expiring March of 2001.

Minutes of other boards were received and filed.

Council authorized the Groves-Walker Post #348, American Legion to conduct Poppy Days sales on May 15, 16 and 17, 1997.

Council granted permission to the Chamber of Commerce for the Founders Festival parade.

Council issued proclamations proclaiming June 1997 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, May 15, 16 and 17, 1997 as Poppy Days, March 23-29, 1997 as Michigan Severe Weather Awareness Week, and April 1997 as Fair Housing Month in Oakland County.

Council granted permission to March Tire to erect a temporary sign in the Central Business District.

Council received and filed the Six Year Capital Improvement Plan for 1997-2002.

Council authorized the Public Safety Department to participate in a grant and purchase consortium for advanced mobile operations simulators.

Council set a public hearing for March 4, 1997 for Special Class C Liquor License in the Downtown Development Authority District.

Council introduced Ordinance No. C-638-97 to amend Chapter 3 Alcohollic Liquors.

Public comments were heard.

Council comments and announcements were heard.

Council adopted Ordinance No. C-636-97 amending the Solicitors Ordinance.

Council adopted Ordinance No. C-637-97 amending the Business License Ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

JOANNE M. McSHANE, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF FARMINGTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICANT
CONSIDERATION

The City of Farmington City Council will conduct a hearing at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 1997 in City Municipal Building at 23000 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, for public comment regarding the Downtown Development Authority recommendation of applicants for Special Alcohol Licenses available under Public Act 440.

Interested persons will be given an opportunity to comment at the above time and place.

JOANNE M. McSHANE, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for roofing projects at various locations until 1:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 15, 1997 at the Learning Schoolman Administration Center, 32000 Shawansee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, addressed to Paul Hain at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

It is strongly recommended that bidders attend a prebid meeting held on Wednesday, April 2, 1997 at 1:30 P.M. at the Farmington High School.

A bid bond for 5% of the bid amount issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from AM Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified checks accepted.

Bid specifications and documents may be obtained from the purchasing department, 32000 Shawansee, Farmington, MI 48336, (810) 469-3346. Call first for availability.

BORRIS FELDMAN, Secretary
Board of Education

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