

Stevenson romps to regional title, 4-0 over Salem

The biggest gear Plymouth Salem soccer coach Doug Landefeld had going into Friday's Division I regional final against Livonia Stevenson was a repeat of the team's first meeting — a game that ended 5-1, with Stevenson scoring five times in the first 14 minutes.

"If it's still scoreless after 15 minutes, it'll be a good game," Landefeld had predicted.

Unfortunately for the Rocks, it wasn't scoreless. And this match, like every other one the Spartans have played this season, proved anticlimactic after they put in three first-half goals and cruised into the state semifinals with a 4-0 triumph at Southgate Anderson.

Stevenson (18-0) will meet the Portage Northern-Holt regional winner at 6 p.m. Wednesday at

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Mohal Field in Jackson.

"It was just what I said," Landefeld said after the loss. "They get a goal from (Melissa) Backus on her best shot of the year, a shot I've seen her miss on a dozen times this year, but this one she makes and we're down early again."

What Landefeld had hoped his team could do was keep it close for most of the first half, applying pressure and making it a one-goal affair, taking the Spartans away from what they do best — which is score early and often and keep pouring it on.

Problem is, almost everyone has tried to do something similar. In fact, just about everything has been tried against Stevenson, but nothing has derailed the Spartan express.

"That's all we talked about," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "We felt the longer Salem was in the game the harder it would be for us."

"It's a morale-booster for us, to get a goal that early. When we're on our game, we're pretty good."

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among the state's top 10. Against the Rocks, they were a combined 0-6 after surrendering 30 goals.

Only one non-WLAA team beat those four (Churchill lost to Brighton). Salem finished its season with a 17-2-2 record, its only loss to, who else?

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that got past her and was headed into the net — until Stevenson teammate Nicole Katikos slipped Barker and cleared the ball out of harm's way.

Defender Andrea Sied not only scored a goal, slamming her head about to make it 3-0 after Campbell had knocked a shot off the crossbar with 16:52 left in the opening half, but ran down any threatening attackers.

And then there's the Stevenson midfield, often overlooked simply because all other phases of the Spartan game are so impressive. In this match the midfield was, too, particularly Leah McGrath, who applied a smothering defense on Salem's star midfielder, Mia Sarkesian.

"You have to try to get numbers around her, she's so good," Kimble said of his team's defense

against Sarkesian, which featured several other players helping McGrath. "But she was Leah's assignment."

And as Landefeld noted, McGrath did "a great job on Mia. And once you take Mia out of the equation for us, we're hurt."

Down 3-0 at half, realizing Stevenson had surrendered just five goals in its previous 17 games this season, it was apparent Salem's hopes were slim.

The Spartans made certain when, with 21:58 left in the second half, a Sarah Wittrock corner kick reached Campbell into the box, and she headed it past Salem keeper Jenny Barker.

"That's the best team in the state," Landefeld said.

In a week, no one will be able to disagree — if indeed anyone does now.

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Cobras are runners-up in Canton tournament

The NFWB Cobras 13-year-old travel baseball team was the runner-up in a third consecutive Canton's Great Lakes Classic on Memorial Day weekend.

In pool play, the Cobras were 3-1, opening with a 6-3 win over the South Farmington Blues.

Nick Vitanis, Andy Wingert and Ben Darga held the Blues to only five hits. Evan Rodriguez and Wingert went 2-for-4, but the key hit was a double by Brian Smith with two runners on base to spark a rally.

The second game ended in a 12-6 win over the Columbus (Ohio) Cobras. Danny Graham, Darga and Danny Zentry did the pitching; Kevin Zerbo and Graham collected three hits apiece.

The Cobras bounced back from a 7-6 loss to Indianapolis by bunting the Lakeshore Tigers from behind, 8-6.

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"We wanted to start a family after about a year, but things changed a bit," she said.

The drive and focus the U.S. team had seemed unmatched by games. Brown-Miller described it as a determination instilled in them by their coach, Ben Smith.

"When (Smith) narrowed the tryouts down from 54 to 25 players, from that point on it was not like we took an oath, but we had really decided there was no such thing as second-best, she said.

"We were on a mission to be the best. It started from the top, the coaching staff. He really believed in us, and he made that apparent in the way he coached and talked to us. When the coach believes in you, it's like a trickle-down effect."

Brown-Miller's decision to try out for the Olympic team was hardly an easy one. She postponed her honeymoon until afterward and, thanks to a supportive husband, she entered the Olympic training camp the day after her wedding.

"My husband said 'Listen, I don't want to see us here in February watching the games and regretting not going to the Olympics.' He was the one who said 'You're going to have to go from Day One,'" Brown-Miller said. "Even when we were dating, he was always behind me."

An accomplished U.S. National Team player since 1990, Brown-Miller was on the brink of retirement when the news of the first women's Olympic hockey team first surfaced.

"I had really decided to lay it all on the line," she said. "I knew there were a ton of risks and no

guarantees. After all the training and tryouts, even if I didn't make it I could at least say I tried and I did my best."

Obviously, her decision paid off in full.

But it seemed unimaginable to a person with the work ethic and determination of Brown-Miller would be denied the opportunity.

West Bloomfield softball coach Bill Mason, who coached Brown-Miller in high school, said "She's the type that would run through a wall. She was a leader in action and words. And she hated to lose."

Brown-Miller agrees with Mason's assessment.

"When he says I'd go through a wall, I would go through the wall," she said. "When it comes to sports, it's something I'm a natural at."

"I'm not the best stickhandler or shooter; I'm not always the best, but when it comes down to who is gonna give the most effort I know I'll give it all I have."

Brown-Miller is the former women's hockey coach at Princeton University (1991-96) and would like to return to coaching or become a teacher.

The after-effects of winning a gold medal and representing the female gender have been staggering.

"It's more than I think any of us ever imagined," Brown-Miller said. "Everyone in this country watched us play. The exposure of women's hockey is huge. Girls can walk around and say 'I play ice hockey' and people won't think they're strange."

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However, if the flare is just another one in a series, happening days or even weeks apart, then the patient is sending a message. A re-evaluation of therapy is in order. Often, your doctor will use joint injections to bridge the gap between the introduction of new medicine, and the onset of its effectiveness.

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Bidders may obtain a set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager (313) 635-1140.

There will be a prebid meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 1998 at 2:30 P.M. at the construction managers field office at North Farmington High School. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

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 documents prepared by Childs Consulting Associates will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McS/IV, 2000 W. 14th Street, Farmington, MI 48335. For more information, contact the Construction Association of Michigan, P.O. Box 1000, Bloomfield Hills, MI, and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

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Secretary, Board of Education

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN
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MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1998

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Accuracy Test will be taken by the Farmington Public School District for the June 8, 1998 Regular Election. This test is to demonstrate the accuracy of the Optical Scan tabulation procedures used on election night. The test will be taken on Wednesday, June 3, 1998, at 2:00 p.m., at the City Charter Office, City of Farmington Hills, 11525 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

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DATE: JUNE 18, 1998
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall 31855 Eleven Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48336
ITEM: Rezoning Request 2-4-88

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a proposed amendment to the official Zoning Map of the City of Farmington Hills by amending Section 34.22 of the City Code by changing the zoning classification of the following parcel of property as follows:

Rezoned from RA-4, Single-Family residential District classification to P-1, Vehicular Parking District
Sidwell 423-36-430-002, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012

A part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 36, T1N, R9E, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, located on the northwest corner of Emmett and St. Francis Avenues, lots 576 thru 583 and 648, 649 of Grand River-Crest Subdivision No. 2.

The proponent in this matter is David H. Ferguson, Botsford General Hospital. Any person who is interested in this proposed zoning map amendment is invited to participate in the discussion of the proposed zoning change at the public hearing above mentioned. Copies of the Zoning Text, Zoning Map, and Application for Rezoning may be reviewed at the Planning Office, Farmington Hills City Hall at 31855 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

DAVID H. FERGUSON, Botsford General Hospital
Planning & Community Development
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