

Sports & Recreation

FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Cyclones capture title

The Cicri Cyclones won the under-9 boys division championship in the Farmington Soccer Club spring season.

Under the guidance of coach Jim Cicri, the Cyclones were undefeated in eight games with seven victories and one tie.

The team members are Brad Balsis, Ben Beale, Joe Buzek, Mike Cicri, Scott Dixon, Alexander French, Randy Krahm, Ryan Pylar, Matt Rose, Steve Tomkovich, Michael Ujick, Ameyo Walombe, Justin Work and Aashay Yande.

Pom pon squad excels

The North Farmington High School pom pon squad received the rating of grand champions during competition July 21 at Grand Valley State University in Allendale.

They Raiders were judged on their kickline performance, speed-learning routines and an original performance.

Twelve of the 18 girls on the squad participated in the competition.

Representing North were Julie Artinian, Kelly Brickner, Stacey Cohen, Tobi Cohen, Annette Gajda, Lauren Malatesta, Wakisa Mwaungulu, co-captain Janet Pien, co-captain Sarah Plafchan, Stephanie Rosen, Jenna Scotti and Rachel Soper.

Hogan keeps chin up

Greg Hogan of Farmington Hills earned first place in the Class D (ages 7-8) chinning competition July 23 in the Metro Youth Fitness Competition at Kensington Metropark.

With a total number of 13 chin-ups, Hogan was only one short of tying the Metro Youth Fitness record that was set in 1994 by David McGuigan, also of Farmington Hills.

Golfers achieve honors

Farmington Hills golfers Nancy Coyne, Jan Bukes and Elaine Taylor finished with second low gross scores Wednesday in the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association's final event of the season at Greystone.

Coyne shot 38-45-83 in the championship flight, Bukes 45-61-96 in the second flight and Taylor 52-63-108 in the third flight.

Bob Robert (New Baltimore) had low gross with a 74 in the championship flight, Renee Ross (Sterling Heights) with 95 in the second flight and Vicki VanBeele (Clinton Township) with 100 in the third flight.

In the WMGA match-play finals, Sophia Kang was the championship flight winner, Sandra Burns first flight winner and Mary Kranich second flight winner. The respective runners-up were Janina Jacobs, Shirley Estabrooks and Sallie Campbell.

Fall softball sign-up

The City of Farmington Hills is accepting team registrations for the adult fall softball leagues.

Registration is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Leagues will play one night per week. Men's games will be played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and on Wednesday.

The registration fee is \$445 per team. League play starts the first week in September. Games will be played at Harrison High School and Drake Park. Leagues are limited to the first six teams.

For further information call the Farmington Hills Recreation Division at 473-9570 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Girls swim notice

Girls planning to compete for the Farmington Harrison girls swim team this fall should pick up a physical form from the high school office and complete it before practice begins on Monday, Aug. 17. For more information contact coach Ross Bandy at (810) 760-2899.

Fall coaches needed

• Detroit Catholic Central needs a freshman boys soccer coach. Call athletic director Bob Santolito at (313) 534-2798 if interested.

• Walled Lake Central High School needs an assistant football coach. Call athletic director David Yarbrough at (248) 960-9373.



Eagle-eyed trio: Butch Johnson, Shane Parker and 1996 Olympic gold medalist Justin Huish study the target Friday to see how they scored at the National Archery Championships in Canton.

Archery underdog wins women's U.S. Open title

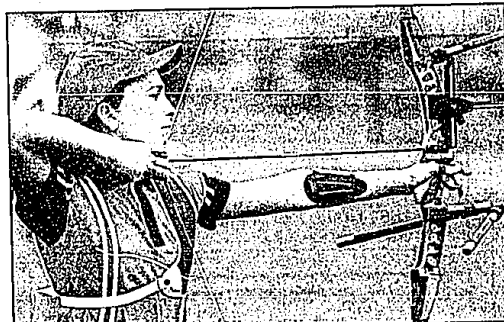
Elif Altinkaynak overcame a lot of obstacles Friday to win the U.S. Open at the National Archery Championships in Canton.

Oppressive heat and humidity. Nerves. And her own teammate, who went into the tournament ranked No. 1 in the world.

But Altinkaynak, a native of Antalya, Turkey, rose to the occasion. She overcame a two-point deficit in the final two rounds to defeat fellow countryman Natalia Nasaridze 114-109 for the gold medal.

"I'm very happy," said Altinkaynak, who spoke through an interpreter. "But I was expecting to win."

If that sounds like cockiness, it isn't.



Women's winner: Turkey's Elif Altinkaynak overcame favored Natalia Nasaridze to win the women's U.S. Open archery title.

Altinkaynak, 23, took a bronze medal in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics using a recurve bow. She came into this week's action ranked No. 5 in the world.

Nasaridze defeated Altinkaynak by 60 points in qualifying competition to earn

the top seed for Friday's Open.

Nasaridze looked unbeatable as she mowed through four opponents to make it to the final. She then jumped out to a 67-55 lead after the first two rounds against Altinkaynak.

Both competitors shot three arrows, worth a maximum of 10 points each, from 70 meters for a total of four rounds. Altinkaynak made her move in round three by launching three perfect shots.

She, in fact, scored 59 out of a possible 60 points in the final two rounds to edge Nasaridze.

"It was not so easy," Altinkaynak said of shooting against her friend and teammate. "But we expect to have

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Road trip concludes campaign for Blues

The South Farmington Blues 11-year-old travel baseball team returned home after two weeks on the road, capping a successful season.

The Blues received an invitation to the United States Specialty Sports Association World Series in Kansas City, Mo. The July 20-26 tournament featured 52 teams from across the U.S.

The Blues then traveled to Cooperstown, N.Y., to compete in the Dreams Park Hall of Fame Invitational July 26-30 against mostly 12-and-under teams.

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In their World Series opener, the Blues trailed the Missouri Blue Springs Slingers 9-4, but clutch hitting by Andrew Anderson, Max Kelmigian, Doug Benton and Brian Sternberg tied the score and forced the game into extra innings.

After stealing two bases, David Trost scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning on a hit by Kelmigian.

The Blues fell behind 9-1 after one inning against the Lenexa (Kansas) Indians, then rallied to take the lead only to lose by a 16-14 score.

Doug Benton had two doubles and Tim Mitchell a two-run triple as the Blues scored seven runs in the second inning. Anderson also doubled in a run, and Zach Flavin added an RBI single.

A double by Matt Kerr and another triple by Mitchell gave the Blues a 14-13 lead, but the Indians scored twice in the bottom of the sixth to win.

Tommy Scott pitched four shutout innings as the Blues merited Plainfield, Ill., in their next game to stay alive, 8-0.

The Blues finished the World Series among the top 20 teams following a 7-5 loss to the Buccaneers of Slidell, La.

Kerr homered for the Blues; Flavin and John Rochow had RBI singles, and Brandon Garner also drove in a run with a groundout.

Anderson led the Blues hitting attack with a .500 average and four RBIs. He also scored five runs. Kelmigian hit .438, Benton .417 and Flavin .308. Kelmigian had four RBIs and Benton three. Benton and Flavin scored four runs each.

Scott, Garner, David Koch and Trost did the pitching. Other members of the team are Greg Jones and Steve Petersen.

In Cooperstown, the Blues advanced to the second round of the single-elimination tournament before losing to the Glencoe Golden Gophers of Glencoe, Pa.

South Farmington competed against

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Western grid coach will retire when season ends

The Chuck Apap era at Walled Lake Western is coming to an end. Heading into his 22nd season, Apap has decided to make 1998 his last year as head coach of the Western football program.

"It's time to let some of the new guys step in," Apap said. "We've got some great coaches on this staff, not good coaches, great coaches. I don't want to lose them, because they don't have a chance to be the head coach. Right now, this is the best thing for the Walled Lake Western football program."

Apap has compiled a 98-93-1 career record in his 21 seasons. After a slow start, the program appears to be peaking. Over the past three years, the varsity team has gone 25-8 with back-to-back playoff appearances the last two years. The JV was 21-6 and the freshman team 24-2.

In 1992, Apap guided Western to division and conference (Western Lakes Activities Association) championships, a Class A regional championship and the state runner-up trophy.

The Warriors again won divisional and regional titles in 1996 and returned to the state finals. This time Apap coached the Warriors to a

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thrilling, 34-18 victory over top-ranked Sterling Heights Stevenson in the AA championship game.

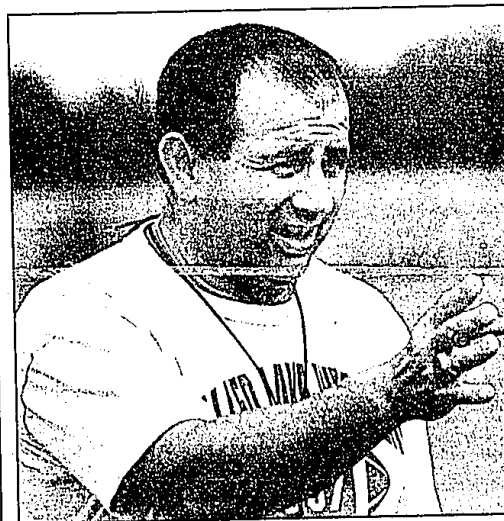
The Warriors went 8-1 in the 1997 regular season and knocked off No. 3 Brighton (29-28) in the first round of the playoffs before falling to eventual state runner-up Ann Arbor Huron (21-0) in a regional championship game.

"The program is where it should be — one of the best in the state," Apap said. "When I was hired 22 years ago, my main goal was to build a strong football program, and I feel I've done that."

Apap has many memories of his career at Western. Of course, the playoff runs and the march to the '96 state championship stand out, but he also has fond recollections of many other experiences.

"My third season here, we had dropped a couple early games by one touchdown each and we were playing Redford Union," he said. "At the time, they were ranked fifth in the state. We

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Last call: Heading into his 22nd season as head coach, Chuck Apap has decided to step aside at the end of the 1998 season.