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Stingrays registration

The Farmington Stingrays will be registering returning swimmers and new members for the fall season at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Farmington YMCA.

For new swimmers only, stroke evaluation and group assignment will take place Wednesdays, Aug. 26 and Sept. 2. Swimmers age 10 and under will swim from 6-7 p.m. and swimmers age 10 and over from 7-8 p.m. Registration information will be available for those swimmers on those evenings.

Practices are conducted at the YMCA and Farmington high school pools.

For more information call membership chairpersons Sheryl Swita (653-9369) or Barb Karoub (653-0446).

Soccer players sought

There are positions available for girls who want to play soccer in the Farmington Soccer Club's recreation division.

Girls under age 9 and girls between the ages of 13 and 14 are invited to participate. Call Chris at 471-4379 for registration information.

Collegiate athletics

Two Livonia Clarenceville High products are members of the Macomb Community College women's volleyball squad — Michelle Berry, a 6-foot-2 middle blocker and Wendy Roy, a 6-1 outside hitter. Both are freshmen. Macomb finished 26-17 overall and 6-4 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan CCAA.

TeeTime Golf Classic

The Fourth Annual TeeTime Golf Classic will be Friday, Sept. 11, at the Cattails Golf Club, 57737 Nine Mile Rd. in South Lyon.

The event will benefit the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft Community College.

The cost is \$85 and includes 18-hole scramble format, electric cart, range balls, hot dog lunch and buffet dinner. Dinner only is \$30. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100.

Registration is at 8 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Prizes include longest drive and closest to the pin (women and men). For more information call (248) 486-8777.

Warriors win opener

Walled Lake Western opened with an 8-1 rout of visiting Lakeland in boys soccer Friday.

Alan Mukhtar paced the Warriors with three goals. Victor Anaghi scored two goals; Ryan Sobaleski had one goal and two assists.

Erik Soranson (one assist) and Johnny Eagle rounded out the Western scoring. Mike Peltz was in goal for the Warriors.

Post-season picnic

All coaches and managers from the 1998 South Farmington baseball season are invited to attend an appreciation picnic from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29, at City Park.

If you plan to attend, call Roxanne Fitzpatrick at (248) 855-2000.

OCC needs coach

Oakland Community College has an opening for a men's soccer head coach to replace Phil Nielsen, who resigned to become head coach of the Kalamazoo College women's team.

The position needs to be filled as soon as possible. The Raiders play their first game Monday, Aug. 31.

Anybody qualified and interested should contact OCC Athletic Director Gerald Little at 300-5100.

Beginners soccer

It's time for the youth soccer season and the Farmington YMCA is looking for players. Boys and girls ages 3-6 have the chance to learn basic soccer skills and have fun at the YMCA.

Practices are conducted for 30 minutes on Saturdays and games are 30 minutes long. The program begins Sept. 12 and there is a \$30 fee. Players can register at the Farmington YMCA through Tuesday, Aug. 25. For information, call 553-4020.

(Readers can fax information for the Sports Scene to (734) 691-7279.)

Hawks have next group ready



Farmington Harrison lost 80 percent of its starting lineup in girls basketball, but the Hawks have a lot of varsity veterans who are ready to assume more playing time this year. Harrison was 16-6 last season.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Harrison lost four starters from last year's girls basketball team, but coach Pete Mantyla isn't exactly faced with a rebuilding situation.

The Hawks, who had a 16-6 record, are minus four-year starter Amy Robie, Mahogany Fletcher, Kristine Knutson,

Amy Jenkins and key reserve Kerstin Andzrejowski.

Robie was a two-time, All-Observer player who led the Hawks in scoring with 14.6 points per game.

She is attending Indiana University but not playing basketball; however, Fletcher is a member of the Oakland Community College women's team.

The lone returning starter is senior point guard Ari Ault, but Charlotte

Blashfield, Cassie Jemison, Emily Jackson, Ali Ault and Cierra Colbert were varsity backups who are ready to play larger roles in 1998.

"I think (the returning players are) hungry from being backups the last year or two," Mantyla said, adding they've paid their dues.

"We've got some kids who need to be rewarded. They've been loyal role players in the system, and this year is their chance to leave their mark at Harrison."

The Hawks will play an aggressive, running, scrambling style of basketball as they have in the past, but it will be due more to necessity this year since Harrison has a smaller lineup that

includes four guards.

"We'll be pressing from the opening tip until the final horn," Mantyla said. "I think it should be a lot of fun for the players. We had a solid commitment from this group during the summer and AAU seasons."

Ari Ault (6-4) has started at point guard since the last half of her freshman season and was an All-Western Division player last year when she averaged 6.2 points, 2.5 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 2.3 steals.

"A big key to our success is her taking charge of the team," Mantyla said, adding Ault has the potential to be one

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL DEXTER

Something to kick about: North senior Justin Street displays his soccer skill and flexibility by executing a bicycle kick during practice. The veteran midfielder was a second-team, All-Observer selection last year after he scored 12 goals and was second in scoring. The Raiders have most of their team back from an 11-6-2 season.

Raiders anticipate successful season

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STAFF WRITER

North Farmington boys soccer coach Ron Meteyer has been looking forward to the 1998 season since the day the last one ended.

The Raiders had one of the best records (11-6-2) in school history and have virtually their entire team back for a try at improving that mark.

"We're looking real strong; I don't see any weaknesses on this team," Meteyer said. "We're feeling pretty confident right now, but a lot of things can happen."

"Some players will end up being stronger than others, but we can go

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double deep at every position without losing any strength. We can move players around a lot more than in the past, and we're going to see a lot of that."

The top player is senior forward Craig Horn, who scored a school-record 25 goals last year and earned All-Observer and all-state honors.

"You can't ignore a kid like that," Meteyer said. "Any team that doesn't respect his ability to score will be stunned in a hurry."

"The key for somebody who is such a prolific scorer is to keep him healthy.

He's been very durable in the past, so we're looking forward to what Craig can do."

Senior Justin Street, who was the second-leading scorer with 12 goals and six assists, will move between forward and midfield.

"He's improved his touch; he's a lot more patient this year," Meteyer said. "He had some very good off-season experiences in tournaments, and we're looking for a big year for Justin."

The other forwards are sophomore Glen Hearn, the younger brother of Craig who scored eight goals on the JV, and juniors Eric Richardson and Jim Gabriel.

Richardson is fully recovered from a

hamstring injury and showing "a lot more speed than what he had," Meteyer said. Gabriel played forward on the JV but will also get a tryout at midfield.

The Raiders have a solid midfield led by junior Brian Horr, a returning starter and superb playmaker, according to his coach.

"The more touches Brian has on the ball, the better we are going to be," he said, adding Horr has become a better passer.

"He tended to hang on to the ball a little too long; now he's on the go as soon as he has the ball and gives it up very quickly."

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City teams count on veteran players

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Monday, reported a 420 at Kensington Golf Course and placed fourth in the 11-team meet, which was won by Country Day. North was seventh (432) and Farmington eighth (435).

Grohman is playing at the same level he did last year, and Harrison coach Bill Spencer anticipates he'll get better as the year progresses. Grohman averaged 41.4 in nine-hole matches last season.

"Basically, he's right on his average

of last year," Spencer said. "He's playing every day and his scores are going to come down. I expect a junior or senior to drop anywhere from two to four strokes at the level he's at."

Scott and Lee, as well as Matt Lee, a freshman on the Harrison varsity, played in every tournament they could this summer, according to Spencer.

"They played all the time," he said. "That puts you in combat, as we like to say as golf coaches. You're combat-tested."

Kenny Lee begins his fourth year on the team and has progressed every year, Spencer said. Lee shot an average

of 42 in matches last year. "He dropped four strokes in two major tournaments (last week), so he's right on target where he should be," Spencer said. "He's played competitively and has been tested, and he should be a real factor this year."

Scott averaged 44.1 strokes for 23 nine-hole rounds as a junior.

"I expect him to drop to around the 40 range," Spencer said. "I hope that will happen over a period of the season."

Matt Lee has good mechanics and

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