

Road race has hometown winner

FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Women's soccer tour

Twelve members of the women's champion United States World Cup soccer team will participate in an indoor all-star game Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Americans who have made a commitment to play for Team USA against the world all-stars are Mia Hamm, Julie Foudy, Carla Overbeck, Michelle Akers, Kristine Lilly, Brianna Scurry, Brandi Chastain, Tiffany Milbrett, Tisha Venturini and Joy Fawcett.

The game begins at 2 p.m. and is part of the 12-city World Soccer Victory Tour across the United States.

Ticket prices are \$37.50, \$29.50 and \$18.50. Children age 12 and under and seniors age 62 and over receive a \$5 discount on all tickets.

Tickets are on sale at the Palace, Fine Knob Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers.

Tickets may be charged by phone to American Express, Discover, Visa and Mastercard by calling (248) 645-6666 or may purchased through Ticketmaster Online at www.ticketmaster.com.

For more information on the game or tickets, call The Palace at (248) 377-0100.

Founders tennis action

Fred Karoub was the men's open winner in the annual Founders Festival tennis tournament last weekend, defeating Adam Bergstrom in the final, 7-5, 6-3.

Rocket Shureb won the men's 45-and-over title with a 6-0, 6-3 victory over Stephen Hack in the championship match.

Kevin Wise and Glenn Merrit captured the men's doubles crown by scoring a 6-0, 6-3 win over Larry Proctor and Lance Proctor.

John Paul Martin claimed the boys 14-and-under singles championship, winning 6-0, 6-0 over Jonathan Williams in the final.

Summer ice programs

The Suburban Training Center of Farmington Hills offers a full slate of summer skating and hockey programs.

The offerings include Rise and Shine 4-on-4, an adult morning league (\$100 per player); 3-on-3 Summer Challenge, a one-day event for youth players (\$200 per team); Learn To Skate for ages 3 and up with instruction in proper skating technique (\$80 per skater); Learn To Play Hockey for beginning players (ages 4-6) (\$80 per player); Summer Skills and Conditioning, organized conditioning skates to prepare house-level players for evaluation (\$12 per session); Pop-In Hockey Practice, open ice time for players to work on their skills (\$8 per session); and Shooting Range, open ice time two afternoons a week to practice shooting skills (\$6 per session).

For more information or to enroll in a program, call the Suburban Training Center at (248) 888-1400.

Rockers summer camp

The Detroit Rockers will stage a summer camp (ages 6-16) at Bicentennial Park in Livonia Aug. 2-6.

The camp will be directed by Rockers coach and goalkeeper Bryan Finnerly. Appearances will also be made by Rockers Neil Gilbert, Droe Callahan and Tim Ernst.

The fee is \$99. All campers will receive an official Kendeis ball, camp T-shirt and one free 1999-2000 Rockers season pass. Call (313) 396-7070.

Tennis lessons offered

Improve your tennis game this summer through a program offered by West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation. USA 1-2-3 tennis will be held on the hard courts at Drake Sports Park.

The lessons, offered twice weekly by a certified instructor, are for ages 4 through adult and are geared for beginners and advanced beginners.

The remaining three-week session will be Aug. 2-20. Cost for ages 6 to adult is \$45 for West Bloomfield residents and \$48 for non-residents. For ages 4-5, cost is \$27 for residents and \$30 for non-residents.

Call (248) 738-2600 to register and for more information.

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Men's winner: Dan Jess of Farmington Hills was first across the finish line.

Dan Jess of Farmington Hills, a future member of the Indiana University cross country and track teams, won the annual Founders Festival race Saturday. Novi's Jenny Hampton was the women's winner.

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Super Bowl MVPs go to Disney World, and the women's World Cup soccer champions went to Disneyland.

So where does the winner of the annual Farmington Festival road race go to celebrate? Cedar Point. Actually, it was just a coincidence that Dan Jess of Farmington Hills spent Monday at the Ohio amusement park after winning the four-mile event Saturday.

The 18-year-old Jess, who graduated last month from Catholic Central High School in Redford, was the men's overall winner with a 20:49 time.

Novi's Jenny Hampton, a student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, claimed first place in the women's competition, finishing in 26:07.

It was the first time Jess, who plans to run cross country and track at Indiana University, has competed since the high school season ended in early June.

FOUNDERS FESTIVAL RUN

"I took a break the first week," Jess said. "Then I received a training program from the coach at Indiana, and I've been working on that more than running."

Jess finished seven seconds ahead of runner-up Rick Brauer, a 36-year-old former national-class runner who recently started running again, according to race organizer Chuck Block of the Michigan Running Foundation.

"I didn't know that that's pretty exciting," Jess said. "I know he was pretty close to me most of the race, and I could hear people yelling to him."

"I noticed him right at the start of the race. He looks like a top-notch racer."

It was only the second time Jess has run in the Founders Festival race, having finished fourth last year.

"I think I was a little bit hesitant last year," he said. "My buddy, John DiGiovanni, and I were pacing ourselves for cross country. I was less experienced then. I was just a little more confident this year, coming off track season."

Jess said his victory should help to prepare him for the challenges that await him when he reports for training camp Aug. 18 in Bloomington, Ind.

"It's a good confidence-builder," he said. "In the past, I haven't been that confident going into races against older competition. Obviously, going off to Indiana, I'll have to run with the big boys."

Jess didn't have a set plan entering the race, but he found himself in the lead early "and decided to keep pushing it. I didn't want to leave it to a kick at the end."

Jess ran the first mile in 4:58, two miles in 10:15 and three miles in 15:40. By that point, he had a 10-second lead.

"I didn't really think I could do that fast," he said of his overall time. "I've been training pretty tough; I've been sticking to (the program) the last month, and I think it helped



Women's champion: Jenny Hampton was first among 99 female runners.

Big names headline Mentadent event

Professional tennis returns to the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club this month.

The \$150,000 Mentadent Joe Dumars Champions tournament, the eighth stop on the Worldwide Senior Tennis Circuit's 1999-2000 schedule, will be played at the prestigious BOH in Bloomfield Hills July 21-25. Five-time Wimbledon singles champion

TENNIS

Ejorn Borg heads a star-studded field that features Jimmy Connors, the senior circuit's top player, Mats Wilander, Yannick Noah and Guillermo Vilas.

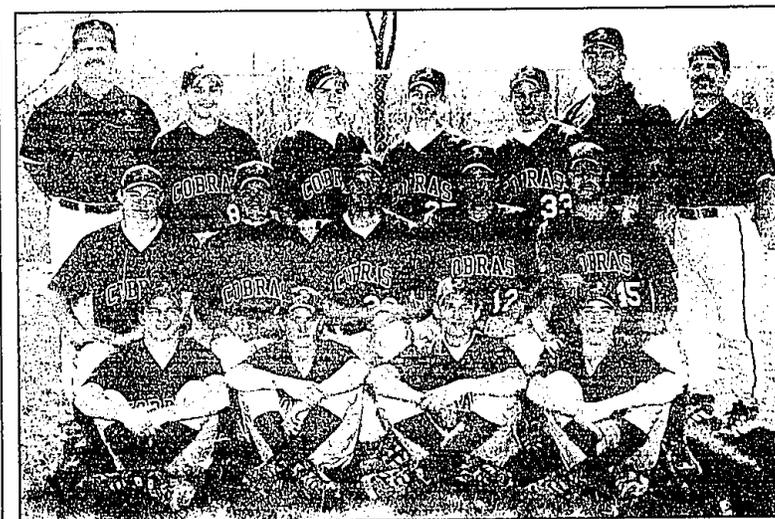
The Mentadent Joe Dumars Champions event will include a 12-man singles

field with the winner pocketing \$40,000. Action begins Wednesday evening when Noah and Peter Fleming square off in a first-round match. Borg and Wilander, who have captured a combined 18 Grand Slam singles titles, will pair up on opening night for a doubles match against Mansour Bahrami and seven-time Grand Slam doubles winner John Fitzgerald.

Borg has been a staple on the Senior Tennis Circuit and still attracts large crowds. He will be chasing his first Joe Dumars Menladent championship.

"I run everyday and play tennis about twelve hours a week. In the wintertime I do a little skiing and ice hockey," said Borg during a recent conference call. "Everyday I do some sort of

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League champs: The members of the NFWB Cobras 14-year-old travel baseball team are (seated, left to right) Nick Vitanis, Bryan Smith, Doug Pickens, Ben Darga, (kneeling) Danny Graham, Dan Lentz, Kevin Zerbo, Matt Clark, Neil Sternberg, (standing) coach Dan Petry, Andy Wingert, Matt Petry, Evan Rodriguez, Sam Grossman, coach Jim Darga and coach Randy Rodriguez. Not pictured is coach Bill Clark.

Cobras end league play undefeated

The NFWB Cobras can make a strong case for being the No. 1 14-year-old travel baseball team in the state.

The Cobras finished with a 20-0 record in the Little Caesars Baseball Federation, considered by many to be the premier youth league in Michigan.

NFWB achieved its perfect season with two victories last week, concluding with a 10-0 rout of the once-beaten Michigan Bulls on July 10. It was the 18th win in a row for the Cobras.

BASEBALL

Danny Graham came through with a one-hit pitching performance for his 12th victory of the season. He overpowered the Bulls with nine strikeouts.

Doug Pickens, batting .463 on the year, had a big day at the plate, going 3-for-4 with four RBI. Nick Vitanis also went 3-for-4.

"Having an undefeated season was one of the goals we set for the team last fall," NFWB coach Dan Petry said. "But you have to take it one game at a time and hope everything goes your

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