

Rockers finished — for now; league reorganizes as MISL

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A couple dozen kids dragged themselves off the Bell Creek Park soccer field in Redford Wednesday afternoon, heading straight for their water bottles, the near 100-degree temperatures fueling their intent and narrowing their focus.

Water on a hot day. That's simple enough.

For the three older guys wandering off the field with the kids, lugging small goal nets and markers with them, things weren't nearly as focused. And the certainly clouded their intent.

This was one of many soccer camps conducted by the Detroit Rockers, the local member of the National Professional Soccer League, which played most of its home games at Plymouth's Commonwealth Arena last season. The

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three guys were Rockers — or at least they were when the summer started.

The camps will continue another couple of weeks; the Rockers won't go beyond that.

On Wednesday, it was made official: The NPSL is gone, or rather it will be renamed. Of the 10 teams that were in the league last season, six will play this year under the title Major Indoor Soccer League: current champions Milwaukee, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Harrisburg (Pa.) and Kansas City.

Buffalo, Wichita, Toronto and Detroit are out.

Financial concerns are the major problem. The MISL will adopt a structure similar to Major League Soccer's, with all player contracts owned by the league.

"The MISL has a high set of business and operating standards that must be met by member clubs," league commissioner Steve Ryan stated in a press release Wednesday. "We now have a strong foundation of teams from which we can move forward, build and grow. The investor group is extremely committed to the direction of the league."

The Rockers, apparently, were not part of the foundation.

However, it may be premature to say the team is finished. League officials left the door open, saying both Toronto and Detroit may join the MISL in 2002. Other geographic markets are also being explored.

Rockers' co-owner/general manager Gary Miller was unavailable for comment and did not return calls.

So what will happen to the players? "I honestly don't know," was Droc Callahan's answer Wednesday. "We've been waiting around to hear."

"I feel bad because we do these camps for the team. The kids come up to us and say, 'I can't wait to see you play,' and I don't know what to tell them."

The Rockers started last season 1-13 but finished 13-27.

Pitching falters; DCI exits tournament with 1-2 mark

BY BRAD EMONS
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Manager Mike George came away from this year's All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnston, Pa., somewhat perplexed.

His pitching staff had carried Decision Consultants, Inc. (28-2-2) to its fourth straight Livonia Collegiate Baseball League title.

But DCI ace Randy Ford (Eastern Michigan University) was rocked in Monday's 10-0 opening-round loss to the Arlington Senators of Washington, D.C. On Tuesday, EMU right-hander Derrick Peterson tossed a nine-inning complete game against the Maryland State Bombers in a 4-1 triumph.

But following Wednesday's 13-3 mercy defeat to the Baltimore (Md.) Orioles, which eliminated DCI from the 20-and-under tournament, George had trouble explaining what happened.

"I didn't think we'd come down here and get mercied,"

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George said. "I thought our pitching would take us further."

"We played two of the premier franchises in Washington and Baltimore, teams from the upper bracket that really swing the bat. We knew we couldn't get in a slugfest, not with the guys we have."

Starter Brent Brown, a lefty from Oakland University, lasted just two-thirds of an inning, allowing four runs on four walks and one hit.

Baltimore's ace McCloskey (Michigan) fared no better against the Birds, giving up six runs in six innings.

The Orioles opened up an 11-3 lead after four innings and put it away with two in the top of the seventh to invoke the 10-run mercy rule.

After Baltimore jumped on Brown for a 4-0 lead, DCI got three back in the bottom half of the first.

Shawn Dobson (University of Toledo) walked in the top of the first, Spencer Hynes (UDM) walked and Tim Andrzejak (Detroit Mercy) singled to load the bases.

Peterson walked to force home DCI's first run and OU's John Sullivan's RBI ground out cut the deficit to 4-2. Dave Lusky, the EMU griddle from Redford Catholic Central High, followed with an RBI single.

But Baltimore hurler Nick Vitelli (Indiana University) prevented the tying run from coming home by getting an inning-ending double play ball.

Vitelli then settled down, holding DCI scoreless over the final six innings. He struck out four, walked two and allowed seven hits in seven innings.

Shortstop John McCurdy (University of Maryland) led the Orioles with two triples and a single. Third baseman Allen Strick (Old Dominion) had a triple, single and scored three runs, while left fielder Brent Weiss (Notre Dame) went 2-for-2, walked twice and scored four runs.

Jamie Glinz worked three innings in relief for DCI. Dale Hayes (Madonna) and Bobby Lindsey (UDM) finished up in the seventh.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT COMBINED WITH NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS. AUGUST 12, 2001

City of Farmington Hills
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
(248) 474-4115

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:
On or about August 28, 2001 the above named City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project:

William Tyndale College - 67,721 Sq. A. Science and Computer Learning Center addition.
The EDI Funding Grant (No. 801-SP-MI-0274) will be used to cover planning and construction costs.

Grant amount: \$997,800

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action, significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly, the above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL-91-190).

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

The proposed projects will require only minor alterations to the landscape and will not destroy or interrupt natural features of the surrounding environment, such as but not limited to, water courses and wildlife.

An Environmental Review Board respecting the within project has been made by the above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets for the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Board is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request at the Community Development Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County to the City Manager at 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 on or before August 27, 2001. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

The City of Farmington Hills will undertake the project above with Block Grant Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Farmington Hills is certifying to HUD that Farmington Hills and Steve Brock, in his official capacity as City Manager, consent to accept this jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Farmington Hills may use the Block Grant Funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of funds and release of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD, P.O. Box 2008, Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after September 12, 2001 will be considered by HUD.

STEVE BROCK, City Manager
City of Farmington Hills
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Hartsock at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 6, 2001 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

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

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Attorney Donohue, Director Gass, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

Agenda was approved as amended.

Minutes of the Special and Regular Meeting of July 2, 2001 were approved as submitted.

Minutes of other boards were received and filed.

Council introduced Elaine Grohman, Farmington Artist in Residence, and presented her with a proclamation in recognition of her many achievements and contributions to the Arts.

Council granted permission to the Harvest Temple Worship Center for a Special Event Permit to use of Shiwassee Park pavilion on Friday, August 17, 2001.

Council granted permission to Bellacino's Pizzeria and Grinders for temporary outdoor seating.

Council voted to support 8 candidates of the Michigan Municipal League to fill the open positions of Workers' Compensation Fund Trustees.

Council granted permission to Kathy Pennywitt, 23672 Cress, for a community block party on September 8, 2001.

Council accepted the resignation of Mardy Stirling from the Planning Commission.

Council received and filed the Public Information Plan regarding the Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Council introduced Ordinance No. C-685-2001 to rezone the property at 22700 Lakeway Street from single-family residential to C-2 commercial.

Council authorized the Mayor to sign the Cost Participation Agreement with the Road Commission For Oakland County for the widening of Farmington Road from Grand River Avenue to Eight Mile Road.

Council approved purchase of personal protective fire apparel and equipment.

Council approved purchase and installation of replacement computer system hardware.

Council approved purchase of a Dixie Chopper mower.

Council approved payment of Estimate No. 2 to Detroit Concrete Products Company for work completed on the 2001 Paving Program.

Council approved an amendment to the ICMA Retirement Corporation 401A Plan Adoption Agreement for the City Manager.

City Attorney Donohue updated Council on the status of the Evergreen-Farmington Sewerage Disposal System.

Public and Council comments were heard.

Council confirmed the appointment of Susan Halberstadt as Deputy Clerk.

Council received and filed the Building Department Quarterly Report for period ending June 30, 2001.

Council received and filed the Department of Public Works & Water and Sewer Department Report for period ending June 30, 2001.

Council approved the monthly payments report for July, 2001.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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The Panthers upset one of the tournament favorites, Dow Select from Seattle, Wash., in a semifinal game, 5-4.

Eric Pitts scattered 10 hits to get the win. The hitting attack was led by Kris Clark and Crist, both of whom were 2-for-3. Kris and Matt Clark combined for five RBIs.

But Dow Select got another shot at the Panthers in the championship game and won the rematch, as well as the World Series title, 15-3.

The Panthers had a home run from Saul Bosquez, a 3-for-3 game by Roeler and two hits by Kyle Crepeau.

Matt Clark, who was behind the plate for every inning, received the Outstanding Defensive Player Award. Antonioti, McCormick and Theisen were named to the all-tournament team.

The Panthers finished the season with a 42-17 record and were champions of the Boast of the East Tournament in Wheeling, W.Va.

The Panthers were coached by Jim Ferguson, Bill Clark, Roosevelt Morris and Gordon Theisen.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ADVERTISEMENT

The City of Farmington Hills Purchasing Division will solicit sealed bids during the next thirty (30) days for the following products and/or services:

2001/2002 & 2002/2003 Sidewalk Replacement Program
Rock Salt for Snow & Ice Control
Sand Chloride

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Central Services Department. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the bid specifications.

The City of Farmington Hills reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in part or in whole, to waive any formalities and to accept the bid which it believes to be in the best interest of the City.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN
City Clerk

CITY OF FARMINGTON SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH SOUTHWEST OAKLAND CABLE COMMISSION (Summary)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council with the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission was held Monday, August 6, 2001 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: City Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Lauhoff (arrived at 7:12 p.m.), Assistant City Manager Richards.

SOUTHWEST OAKLAND CABLE COMMISSION - Caren Collins.

Council met with Caren Collins, Executive Director of the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC), to discuss the new SWOCC building renovation and equipment and the status and direction of public access.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

WILLIAM HARTSOCK, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL PETITIONS

PETITIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE at the Office of the City Clerk, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, for the nomination of candidates for Three seats on the Farmington City Council.

PETITIONS may be requested from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and must be filed between AUGUST 7 AND AUGUST 17, 2001, BY 6:00 P.M. All candidates who qualify will be placed on the ballot. There is no Primary Election. Voters will select THREE Councilpersons on a Non-Partisan ballot at the Regular City Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2001.

Candidates for nomination must have the following qualifications:

- Must be a qualified, registered elector of the City of Farmington on August 17, 2001 and throughout the tenure of office.
- May not be in default to the City or any other governmental unit of the State.
- Must submit petitions signed by at least 50 and not more than 75 qualified registered electors by 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2001.
- Must submit an Affidavit of Identity in duplicate.
- Must submit an affidavit as to name change (if applicable).

The terms of Council members Mary L. Bush, Arnold T. Campbell, and James K. Mitchell will expire in 2001.

If you have any questions, please call the Clerk's office at 474-5500.

PATSY K. CANTRELL
City Clerk/Treasurer

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