

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SOCCER LICENSING

For the first time in Michigan, the United States Soccer Federation is offering a free long-term licensing class that will enable soccer leagues and clubs to provide their directors of coaching or others who are interested to obtain a national youth license.

Tom Goodman, the national director of coaching for United States Soccer, will teach the clinic. Successful completion is based on attendance and passing written, oral and practical coaching tests.

The fee is \$375 for the week of Aug. 17-22. The course will be taught at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Class size is limited to 40.

For more information call Don Gemmell, the director of coaching for the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, at 734-459-6220, ext. 208; or Sylvia Charbonneau, recreational director for the MSYSA, at 248-477-5627.

NEW DRIVING RANGE

A new driving range at the Farmington Hills Golf Club, a public course, is open for business seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The driving range, located on 11 Mile Road west of Halsted, features 24 stations with multiple target greens. Lessons are available for golfers age 9 and up.

The range is part of an expansion of the former San Marino Golf Course from nine to 18 holes.

The new nine and clubhouse are scheduled to open in July or August. For more information about the club, call (248) 473-1800.

BUCKS TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the Mid Michigan Bucks minor league soccer team are now on sale.

The Bucks kick off their 2003 campaign Saturday, May 17. The team's first local game will be played at Canton High School on Saturday, June 14.

Ticket information can be obtained by calling (989) 781-6888, or you can visit www.mmbucks.com. Group discounts are available, and reduced-price advance tickets can also be purchased at various locations in the area.

The Bucks are a Premier Development League soccer team, featuring standout players from Michigan as well as from elite amateur players nationwide.

FOOTBALL TRYOUT

The Detroit Downriver Diesel, a minor league football team and member of the North American Football League are having their last tryout for players age 18 and up 1 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Dearborn Heights Robichaud High School. Registration begins at noon.

All home games and practices will take place at Robichaud. Participants must bring cleats and workout gear. There is a \$25 registration fee.

For more information call head coach John Kavanagh at (734) 775-3314.

YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

The First & Goal Youth Football Camp will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8, at Lake Orion High School.

The camp, for children in grades 3-8 and ages 8-14, offers 12 hours of instruction in football fundamentals, camp T-shirt, lunch each day, skills contests and guest speakers. The cost is \$69.

The camp is limited to 75 pre-registered participants. For more information, call Chris Fritzsche at (248) 393-2139.

ROCKETS REGISTRATION

The Farmington Rockets are in need of varsity football players (ages 12-14) and cheerleaders (ages 8-14).

Football players should call Footbal Heist at (248) 478-9341 to register, and cheerleaders should call Rick Curtis at (248) 470-6989.

Marlins take aim at state lacrosse title

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

The Marlins are off to a good start, taking a 3-0 record into the Easter break. Three other games were canceled due to the weather.

After finishing second in the state tournament, Farmington Hills Mercy players are hoping to win their final game in girls lacrosse this year.

"We're shooting for the title," first-year varsity coach Chris Nelson said. "That's what all the talk has been about."

"We made it to the final game last year and came up short, and we don't want to do that again."

Nelson, who played four years of lacrosse at Brother Rice High School, coached the Mercy JV team the past three seasons and replaces Kim Norton as the varsity boss.

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Mercy defeated Troy Athens, 15-13; the Erie (Pa.) Spears, 13-3; and Bloomfield, 9-7.

As evidenced by the scores,

the Marlins have a good offense. Of the 14 returning players, four are attackers and seven are midfielders.

Seniors Corey Wescinski, Katie Detskas and Lauren Russell and junior Emelia Ward will play on the attacking line.

Mercy is loaded with veterans in the middle of the field with seniors Nicole Tuma, Laura Meloche, Jackie Michon, Abbey Kelley, Nikki Hicks, Lauren Berger, Jackie Smith and Erin McCann all returning.

"(The midfielders are) smart players," Nelson said.

"They make as few mistakes as they can as far as bad passes, knowing when to hold the ball and when to go to the goal."

Wescinski is the team's leading scorer with eight goals. Ward and Detskas have scored six apiece, Berger five, Meloche three, Hicks and junior midfielder Alex Bryant two each.

"I'd have to say we're more of an offensive team than defensive," Nelson said. "That's what I tend to focus on more."

But the Marlins aren't weak defensively. Senior Karen Kudelko, one of the team captains with Berger and Smith, is a veteran defender, and junior Sara Larson returns as the starting goalkeeper.

"They're just loud and in your face, and that's all I want," Nelson said of his defensive players.

Ward also played defense last year, but Nelson moved her to offense this year. "She has better stick skills than the majority of girls out there," Nelson said, adding all

the mids can play defense, too."

In addition to Bryant, the new varsity players are seniors Lindsay Dougherty, attacker; Katie Egan, midfielder; Kelly George, defender; Sam Lawrence, defender; and Jessica Start, attacker; Juniors Lyndsey Andary, defender; Liz Kujala, goalie; Denise Sitko, midfielder; Dayna Stahl, defender; and freshmen Megan Bova, defender; and Brittney Krupa, midfielder.

Mercy competes in Division 8 of the Michigan Women's Scholastic Lacrosse Association with Farmington United, L'Anse Creuse, Bloomfield, Grosse Pointe North and Athens. The next game is May 2 at Troy.

"I'm happy with the heart and the spirit we have so far," Nelson said. "That means a lot to a winning team."

"Just keep an eye on us. We're excited and there are no boundaries (to what the Marlins can achieve)."

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Metro Mortgage places 2nd in national tourney

Metro Mortgage, making its third consecutive finals appearance, reached the championship game with four-straight wins, including a 5-4 triumph over the Sarasota Sharks.

Metro Mortgage of Livonia has been a bridesmaid three times, but the area over-40 hockey team is getting closer to taking the plunge toward a national title.

North Carolina's Labatts Eagles, however, defeated the Metros for the USA Hockey Over-40 crown for the second straight year, 5-3, on April 13, at J.P. Egloo in Ellenton, Fla.

The Eagles defeated Metro Mortgage in the 2002 championship, 11-3.

Metro Mortgage, making its third consecutive finals appearance, reached the championship game with four straight wins including a 5-4 triumph over the Sarasota Sharks; followed by 3-0 win over the Florida Blues; a 6-0 victory over the Orlando

Bandits; and a 7-3 semifinal victory over the Space Coast (Fla.) Rockets.

In the championship,

Metro's Michael Fox (Redford) scored with 13:43 left in the first period, but the Eagles responded before the period had ended on goals by Michele Lanouette and Bob Wensley.

Metro's Dave Roegner (Huntington Woods), who had a goal and assist in the semifinal win over the Rockets, tied it at 2-2 and scored the go-ahead goal entering the final period.

But third-period goals by Brian Clark, Lanouette and Troy Priede gave the Winston-Salem and Greensboro area team the championship trophy.

Metro Mortgage goaltender Duane DeMarois (Farmington) made 16 saves, while Eagles counterpart

Chris Winter made 15 saves. Rounding out the roster for Metro Mortgage: defenseman George Baker (Farmington Hills), Scott Edwards (Auburn Hills), captain Gregory Getchen (Livonia), Ken Karpeck (Brighton), Randy Kelemen (Wixom) and Doug Menzies (Livonia); forwards Michael Barta (Dearborn), Louis Elliott (Redford), Vincent Law (Canton), David Morrill (Westland), Michael Mussey (Dearborn Heights), Richard Shaffner (Northville) and Michael Tatar (Dearborn); and goalie Martin Crawford (Farmington Hills).

Shaffner, who sponsors the over-40 team, is the Chief Executive Officer of Metro Mortgage.

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them mature into their positions.

"They're stepping up, getting inside and taking shots - and that's great."

They're also the only players Fillion lists as attackers. Barring injury, they'll be on the field the entire time.

But the points don't all come from the attackers, however. Senior Matt Balla has 11 goals and already is the highest-scoring midfielder to ever play for Farmington.

"That's even more impressive, because most of his goals have come in tough games," Fillion said. "He's really a clutch player."

The other starting midfielders are seniors Mike Hass, a tri-captain with Tusolan and D'Angelo, and Kyle Hart. Each has three goals this far.

Other returning midfielders are senior Matt Ehrlich and juniors Mike Murphy, Adam Keesling and Brad Jaffe.

Mids moving up from the JV are seniors Stephen Bratcher, Ryan Lopez and Spencer Wood, juniors Nick Wilk, Nick Varlone, John Hick and Mike Menciotti and sophomores Kyle Schauer and Zack Thompson. Sophomore Ryan Van Horn is a transfer from Ohio.

Murphy and Keesling have scored two goals each; Van Horn, Bratcher, Ehrlich, Wilk and Lopez have one apiece.

"We have more depth at the midfield positions compared to past years," Fillion said. "The

midfielders are stepping up and playing more of an offensive role."

"We've rotated in five lines of middles, and that's something we haven't been able to do in the past."

Farmington also returns its starting goalie in senior Joel Rosen.

The front line defenders are senior Luens DiGila and juniors Jake Grubbs and Andrew Moulding.

"It's their first year as starters, and they're still growing at those positions," Fillion said of his defenders. "They're doing a great job."

The other defensive players, all of whom were on the JV, are seniors Chad Kresley, Brad Creger and Phillip Carlisle and juniors Alex Moulding, Aaron Lesniak and Ben Pernik. The backup goalie is senior Chris Church.

Farmington's next game is Wednesday night at Grosse Pointe North.

SUBURBAN TRAINING CENTER FITNESS CLUB
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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS
FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR THE REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the regular election for the Farmington Public School District will be held in the School District on Monday, June 9, 2003.

Act 461, Public Acts of Michigan, 1970 as amended, provides in part as follows:

"The inspectors of election at a regular or special election shall not receive the vote of a person residing in a registration school district whose name is not registered as an elector in the city or township in which the person resides."

The last day for receiving registrations for the regular election will be Monday, May 12, 2003. Persons registering after the Clerk's office closes, on Monday, May 12, 2003, will not be eligible to vote at the regular election. Persons planning to register must determine when the Clerk's office will be open for registration.

Only persons who have registered as general electors with the appropriate Clerk of the City or Township in which they reside, or through registration at a Secretary of State drivers license bureau, or at certain school district buildings are registered school electors.

The following persons have been nominated as Board of Education candidates for one four-year term ending June 30, 2007:

Karen Nelson
John Goshorn
Cheryl A. Swain

NOTICE REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Applications for absentee ballots will be available at the Lewis Schoolroom Administrative Center, 32500 Shawnessy, Farmington, during the week days beginning Tuesday, May 20, 2003 through Friday, June 6, 2003. The Administrative Center will also be open for absentee voting on Saturday, June 7, 2003 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Applications for absentee ballots will also be mailed to individual qualified electors, upon request made to Judy Steinheil at 489-3341.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of the Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

GARY D. SHARP
Secretary, Board of Education

Board Approved: March 18, 2003
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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

DATE: Thursday, May 18, 2003
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31855 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
ITEM: Rezoning Request 1-2-2003

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 34.32 of the City Code by changing the zoning classification of the following parcel of property as follows:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

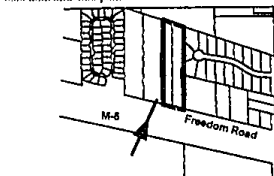
Address: 34740 Freedom Road
Sublot: 23-28-326-006 & 007
A part of the southwest 1/4 of Section 28, T1N, R0E, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan. The property concerned is located on the North side of Freedom Road, West of Gill Road.

REQUEST

Rezone from RA-1, One-Family Residential District to RC-1, Multiple-Family Residential District.

The proponent in this matter is Iain Vaild.

Any person who is interested in this proposed zoning map amendment is invited to participate in the discussion at the above mentioned public hearing. 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 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 21, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bates at 7:30 p.m.

Council Present: Bates, Barnett, Brickner, Ellis, Grant, McIlwain and Oliverio.

Council Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Dornan, Assistant to the City Manager Arneson, City Engineer Ottwell, Fire Chief Marinucci and City Attorney Jappich.

CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- Received presentations on:
 - George Romney Volunteer of the Year Award to Gerson Cooper, Buford Health Care
 - 2002 Fire Department Annual Report
 - Monthly Legislative Update
 - Declined April 27 through May 4, 2003 as Days of Remembrance

APPROVED:

- Appointment to the Committee to Increase Voter Participation.
- Enment dedication to Consumer's Energy Company for city property located within the Farmington Hills City Club.
- Special Assessment District boundary for road improvement for the Culney Park Subdivision 3 and setting public hearing date of May 19, 2003.
- Request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Code.
- 2003 City-wide Planting Program to Michigan Turf in the amount of \$62,305.00.
- Cancellation of the May 20, 2003 City Council meeting in honor of the Memorial Day Holiday.
- FY 2003/04 Budget Meeting and 2003 City Council Summer Meeting Schedules.
- Executive Session meeting immediately following the regular meeting to discuss pending litigation.

NANCY BATES, Mayor
KATHRYN A. DORNAN

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