

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

## ADULT HOCKEY

Suburban Hockey's Rise & Shine 4-on-4 Adult Ice Hockey League begins play Tuesday, July 15, at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills. Games will be played 7-9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The league season runs through Sept. 4.

Each team will consist of 13 players and one goaltender and will play an eight-game schedule (one per week). Players sign up individually.

All players will receive a membership to the STC Fitness Club throughout the eight weeks of league play.

For more information or to register call STC at (248) 888-1400 or visit [www.suburbanhockey.com](http://www.suburbanhockey.com).

## VIKINGS OPENINGS

The NFVB Vikings football program has positions available for varsity players and cheerleaders.

The participation fee is \$150, plus limited fundraising to cover the balance of the total cost of the program.

Anyone interested in registering should contact either Jeff Hunter (553-0051) or Charlie Fleetham (476-7577) for football and Shari Gambill (427-0003) for cheerleading.

The season runs from August to October, plus any playoff games. Games are usually played on Saturdays or Sundays. Practices are Tuesday through Friday. Home games are played at North Farmington High School.

## HOCKEY TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Farmington Unified high school summer hockey team will be 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19, and Friday, June 20, at Suburban Training Center.

Athletes entering the ninth through 12th grades at one of Farmington's three public high schools are eligible to participate.

For more information, call coach Mark Vellucci at (248) 730-2233.

## Gridders needed

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

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

## MU VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

Madonna University will host a series of summer volleyball camps. The cost is \$120 (\$90 for youth camp).

Morning sessions will be 8:30 a.m. to noon June 29-July 2 (elite), July 7-10 (setters) and July 13-16 (hitters).

Afternoon sessions will be 1-4 p.m. June 29-July 2 (general players), July 7-10 (youth) and July 13-16 (defensive specialty).

For more information and registration, call MU head volleyball coach and camp director Jerry Abrahamson evenings at (734) 254-0698 or the volleyball office at (734) 432-5612.

## Mustangs blank Blazers to reach final

BY BRAD EMMES  
STAFF WRITER

It was meant to be a cross, but Meghan Garrity's shot ended up in the net and Birmingham Marian is headed to the Division II state girls soccer championship for the second-straight year.

The Mustangs, 21-1-2 overall, dominated for the first 30 minutes and made Garrity's goal stand up, hanging on for a 1-0 state semifinal triumph Wednesday over Catholic League Central Division rival Livonia Ladywood at Canton High School.

"I was just trying to cross it and get it near the net," said Garrity, who guided the shot from just outside the left box from 20 yards out and over the outstretched arms of Ladywood goalkeeper Stefani Szczechowski with 28:30 left in the first half. "It was lucky I guess, but she (Szczechowski)

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was on the short side and we practice those kind of chips all the time in practice."

Marian will play Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (21-1), a 2-1 winner in the other semifinal over Portage Northern, 11 a.m. Saturday at Richland-Gull Lake. Last year, Marian lost in the final to East Grand Rapids, 2-0.

"The win was more important than the goal," Garrity said. "Ladywood is a good team and a big rival. We're just excited to be back in the final."

Ladywood, coming off its most successful tournament run in school history, finished 10-6-5 under coach Jill Logsdon, a Marian graduate.

Just five minutes into the match, Marian nearly had its first goal, but Ladywood defender Sue Christenson headed out Cara Leonard's

point-blank shot. The Blazers were outshot 10-3 in the first half, but gradually got back into the game with more aggressive play. And by then the shots and possessions began to even out. With 23:42 remaining in the match, Marian goalkeeper Leah Perz, who notched her 13th shutout, made a sprawling save on a shot by Ladywood's Patti Hoeg to preserve the win.

"We started with the momentum, but they (Ladywood) started winning balls in the middle," Marian co-coach Chris Courage said. "We didn't put as much pressure up front. Defensively we played well enough to deny them dangerous shots."

Barry Brodsky, Marian's other co-coach, agreed the defense was the difference.

"With a one-goal lead we feel it's enough," he said. "We responded. We seem to play well with the lead."

Three of Ladywood's six losses -- 2-1, 1-0 and 1-0 -- occurred against Marian. It might have been a different outcome had the Blazers erased the first 30 minutes.

"I think we were nervous and played too loose," we gave Marian too much room," Logsdon said. "After 30 minutes we started playing them tighter. We won the 50-50 balls and we started to create more opportunities."

"We scored more goals in the tournament than we did during the (regular) season," Logsdon said. "I'm proud of the girls with the way they picked up their game in the tournament. They went farther than they expected. It was satisfying to watch the team come together and play as a team."

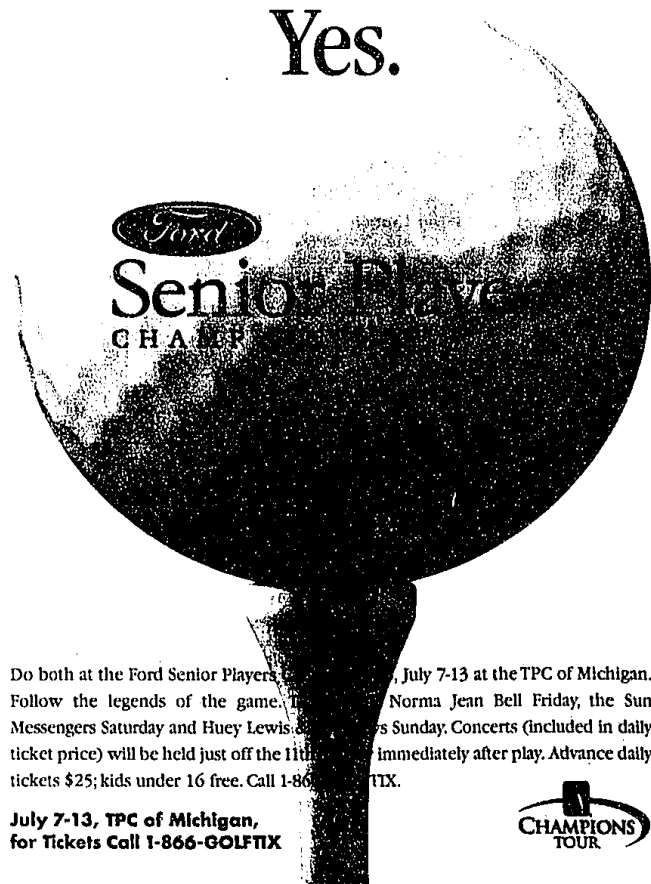
"But the kids aren't satisfied. They'll come back ready next year. We're losing only two seniors (Szczechowski and Sunny Gredzik)."

# Should you watch Hale Irwin play golf or Huey Lewis play hits?

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