

College soccer player teaches

BY ANITA CRONE

A Western Michigan University soccer player is teaching area fourth through ninth graders the fundamentals of the game.

And at the same time Sam Sakorafis and his brother Andy are keeping themselves in shape to play the game next year for their respective teams.

Sam will play his second year of soccer for Western, while Andy will return to Bloomfield Hills Andover High School. While Sam was at Andover, the school won the North Subur-

ban Soccer League championship three years in a row. The older Sakorafis plays center forward.

ALTHOUGH THE students at the soccer school are easy to teach, according to Sam, they are not being taught the fine points of the game.

"Right now we're working with the younger kids on kicking the ball in a straight line, while the older ones are being taught passing and blocking shots," Sam said.

Despite a lack of expertise, the students make up for that with a sincere desire to play the game, according to the young coach.

"The young kids will go after one of the older, more experienced players, even if there is some doubt that they can block the shot or stop the player," Sam said.

THE SIX-WEEK school features a different aspect of soccer each week in its program—from shooting and passing, to dribbling and kicking.

"When we get through with them, they at least have some idea of the fundamentals of the game, even if they can't go out and play a professional game of soccer."

In addition, scrimmage soccer games are held during the latter part of the session.

"A lot of the students haven't ever played soccer before," Sam said, "and when we get through with them, they at least have some idea of the fundamentals of the game, even if they can't go out and play a professional game of soccer."

In addition to actually playing soccer, the soccer school students also exercise and do laps—all a part of making them better players.

According to Sam, soccer is one of the most physically grueling of all sports.

"IT INVOLVES tuning your entire body—from the head on down, and coordinating all your body movements. A soccer player is constantly running and sprinting, as well as jogging, and using all parts of his body to stop the ball," Sam said.

"A really experienced player works

at tripping the ball no matter where it is—on the ground or in the air.

"A player uses whatever part of the body is most agile near the onrushing ball—whether it be foot or a shin or even your head," Sam concluded.

The school meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Currently there are 30 students in the school—mostly of junior high school age.

THE AREA COACHES and teachers announced the beginning of the school before school let out for the summer and Sam was heartened by the initial response.

"Although none of the students is professional quality yet, if they work at it there is no reason some of them can't become quite good," Sam said.

And if the players improve, a large part of that improvement can be directly traced back to Sam Sakorafis and his summer soccer school.

Lower Huron swim meet

set for Aug. 15

The 16th-annual Lower Huron Novice Swimming Meet will be held at Lower Huron Metropolitan Park near Belleville on Aug. 14. Events will begin at 9 a.m. Ribbons, provided by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA), will be awarded to the top seven finishers.

Meet director will be Mrs. Sally Prior of Orchard Lake. She will be assisted by members of Michigan Amateur Aquatics, Inc., and the lifeguard staff of the Lower Huron pool.

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Assembly	4	9	1	8
Country Lanes	3	9	1	7
Livonia Auto	2	10	1	5

SCORES

Vasu-Lynch 7, Livonia Auto 1
Berry's 7, Country Lanes 8
K of C 7, Assembly 6
Wayne Police 10, Steinhaus 5

TUESDAY GAMES

8:30 p.m.—Steinhaus vs Assembly
7:30 p.m.—K of C vs Wayne Police
8:30 p.m.—Country Lanes vs Livonia Auto
9:45 p.m.—Berry's vs Vasu-Lynch

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