## Area women get their kicks in soccer

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That's the case with a group of women in Farmington. Not content with watching the kids play soccer, the women decided to take up the game themselves. They formed a team — the Farmington Angels. Similar teams have been formed in Ann Arbox, Mirod, Plymouth, Grosse Fointe, Dearborn, Livonia, Birmingham and Mount Cimeness.

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Fortunately for the Farmington gals, John Magee was available and willing to be their coach.
The 57-year-old Magee was born in the Ford Magee works as a tool machinist in the Ford Motor Company's Wixom plant, and spends his spare time coaching the Angels through an informal season.
"When I began coaching these ladies, they knew practically nothing about soccer," Magee said. "There was only one girl who had ever played before."
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But the Angels were quick learners, and after several training Sessions, they had their first game, defeating Plymouth 8-0. The team has had three

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more games, losing to Milford (4-2) and Ann Arbor (4-2), and beating Grosse Pointe (5-0). The women have learned their soccer skills, according to Magee.

"THE WAY THEY'RE playing now is unbelievable," he said. "It looks like they've been playing all their lives. I really didn't expect this much. I really didn't expect this much. I hought there would be a certain amount of awkwardness, but I was surprised. They really caught on." Most of the women are oriented toward physical fitness. Martha McIntosh, a centre half for the Angels, is a good example. She knew nothing about soccer, but had two childrap laying on teams in the Farmington Soccer Association.

ciation.
"It looked like an exciting game," said Mrs. McIntosh, a physical therapist in Livonia's St. Mary's Hospital. "I've been running a couple of miles three times a week since April. I find

playing soccer kind of reinforces my running. "I also like the non-stop action," she said. "It's a fast game, and a good team

said. "It's a fast game, and a good team game."

McIntosh gives Magee most of the; redit for the team's success.

"He's very enthusiastic and very encouraging," she said. "And he sort of transfers this to the players. I think he enjoys our practices as much as the games because he has a chance to get out there and boot the ball around and show us what he can do."

BORN IN RELEAST. Mages spent BORN IN BELFAST, Magee spent the war years in England building Spit-fire lighter planes, playing soccer and running track. He war runner-up in the quarter mile in the All-Ireland championships in 1944.

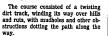
After the war, he went to sea as the gymnasium director on the Queen Eliz-(Continued on page 3B)



Goaltender Joni Snapke prepares to make a save.

## Lori Byers boots one for the Farmington Angels. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

## Motocross is a challenge to youths



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That may sound like the description to a survival course And, to a degree, it is. But the object last to survive the course—tight for trace verse it. The track was the site of the Second Annual West Bloomfield Bicycle Motocross, staged last Friday on the lot where the West Bloomfield Civic Center will be built. Forty participants competed in the four age groups. Bicycle motocross racing is becoming an increasingly popular sport across the country. The Oakland Country Parks and Recreation Department sponsors a motocross race every Saturday morning, attracting between 100-150 participants every week.

The sport is an outgrowth of motor-cycle dirt track racing. The competi-tors wear similar protective equipment— helmuts, gloves, arm and leg cover-ings. Special bikes are also important in both sports, to stand up to the rugged terrals.

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The West Bloomfield race was for 20-inch bikes. Most were equipped with special tires and frames designed for speed and durability.

The only other major difference between the two sports is the age of the competition. In the bleycle molectors, the age groups for the competitors ranged from 7 and 8-year-olds to 13 and 14.

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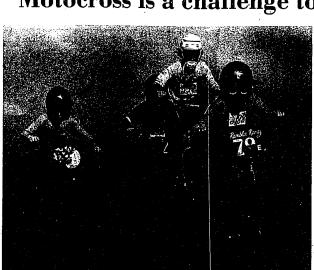
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Racing over one of the track's hills, John Colle (291) and Bob Ligon (290) are in hot pursuit of leader Randy w Spivy (288). (Staff photos by Charlie Kidd)