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Kori carries on family tennis tradition



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Kori Davidson, who carried on a family tradition with a first place in the recent Michigan State Closed tennis championship, gets in some practice on the Harrison High School courts.

Joins sister and mother as champ

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"Tennis, anyone?" used to be a frequently asked question. For the Davidson family of Farmington Hills, the answer would be, "Tennis, everyone."

Mother Nancy, who ruled the Dearborn courts 25 years ago, and father Butch produced three children — daughters Kelly, Kori and son Ken — and now the children are making tennis news of their own.

Kori, the youngest Davidson child at 8, won the girls' 10-and-under crown in the recent Michigan State Closed Championship in Kalamazoo College's Stowe Stadium.

In winning, Kori extended the family dynasty in that particular tournament. Sister Kelly, a 15-year-old sophomore-to-be at Farmington Harrison, won the same age-group title in the same tournament in the same stadium five years ago. Their mother earned three titles — same tournament, same stadium — in the 1950s when she was Nancy Daubemeyer.

Kori wrapped up the this year's 10-and-under title by outlasting another Farmington Hills girl, Nicole Transon, in the finals, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.

"The two were pretty evenly matched," said Bud Donnelly, a pro at the sponsoring West Hills Tennis Club in Kalamazoo, "although Kori was stronger at the end. It was a long match. Must have lasted 2½ hours."

KORI OPENED tournament play with a 6-2, 7-5 victory over Debbie Zurcher of Okemos before eliminating Kalamazoo's Jennifer Thurman, 6-0, 6-

1, in the semifinals. Nicole made the finals by winning 24-straight games and recording match victories over Holland's Marie VanTubbergen and Ludington's Rachel Jensen.

Kori is coached by Joe Shaheen of the Wimbledon Racquet Club in St. Clair Shores and Bob Despirit of the Franklin Racquet Club.

"I don't think she's ordinary," her mother said. "But we'll see. She might turn out to just like it (tennis) and nothing more."

"But she just loves this game. Just recently she said, 'Gosh, mom, when Kelly's 25, I'll be at Wimbledon.' She really loves what's happening."

"She went with us when we took Kelly to the (United States Tennis Association) nationals (in Charleston, W. Va.) this year, and she hit with a lot of the top girls."

Meanwhile, Kelly is looking forward to another good season for coach Bernie Goldstein at Harrison. Last fall, Kelly compiled a 14-2 match record, advanced to the state Class B semifinal before being eliminated and was picked for the Observer & Eccentric's All-Area team.

BROTHER KEN, 13, has several local titles to his credit and is ranked No. 3 in the Southeastern Michigan Association rankings.

"He had a chance to go to the nationals," his mother said, "but he prefers golf in the summer."

Father Butch is the family's only non-tenniser.

"I retired when my 8-year-old started beating me," he said with a laugh. "I don't really need to be in this story."

Pioneer strikers tune up with Express

After nearly earning a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II tournament playoff bid the past two years, the Oakland University men's soccer team hopes to make the grade this season.

The 1981 team finished the season with four straight wins to boost its overall record to 14-4-1, but could not secure a playoff spot. The 1982 cast includes the nucleus from last year's team, plus a promising list of high-school recruits and junior-college transfers.

Tuesday, the Pioneers will tune up for their 1982 season when they host the Detroit Express in an exhibition game at 8:30 p.m. All donations gathered from spectators will aid the soccer scholarship fund at Oakland University.

The entire Express team is scheduled to be on hand. The game will take place on the Pioneers' field.

The Pioneers open the regular season Sept. 8 against Cleveland State University in a home game at 3 p.m.

Oakland University's 1982 roster will be led by five seniors — Dave Daiek, Kevin Kelly, Dave Morgan and co-captains Dandy Oskey and Lou Vulovich.

VULOVICH is a 6-foot-3, 185-pounder from Farmington Harrison. He missed the first half of the 1981 season due to a knee injury but came back in the second half as the starting sweeper. Vulovich will be counted on again this year to lead the defense from his sweeper position.

Daiek, a 5-10, 160-pounder from Bloomfield Hills Lahser, played the entire 1981 season as the starting center midfielder. He scored two goals and added six assists last year, which put him fifth on the Pioneers' scoring list with 10 points.

Other key returnees include Lindsay Hamilton and Mehdi Eskandari. Hamilton is a 5-8, 145-pound junior from Rochester. Hamilton saw action in 13 games as a sophomore and had one goal and one assist. He has shown much improvement during the off season and could challenge for a starting position this year.

Eskandari, a 5-9, 140-pound sophomore forward/midfielder from Bloomfield Hills Reeper, played two games as a freshman. He has potential and has the ball-handling skills to become a factor on the Pioneers' team.

Oakland University coach Gary Parsons also is excited about the new crop of talent coming in this year, including Troy Athens graduate Marty Hagen, Bloomfield Hills Lahser graduate Paul Silvi, and Schoolcraft College transfer Nick O'Shea.

Hagen, who led Athens to the Michigan A-B state soccer title last fall, was chosen as the top high-school soccer player in 1981 by the Michigan Soccer Coaches Association. He also was named all-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

HAGEN SCORED 38 goals and added 30 assists to lead the Red Hawks — a first-year varsity team last season — in both categories. Silvi, according to Parsons, was one of the best forwards in the state and should challenge for a spot on the OU team.

O'Shea, a 5-9 150-pounder from Livonia, is a former junior college all-American while playing at Schoolcraft College. He currently is playing in the Michigan Soccer League for the Detroit Sport Club and should provide the Pioneers with some immediate help at midfield.

Other returning players include senior Dave Morgan from St. Louis senior Kevin Kelly from Granite City, Ill.; Steve Mastrogrianni from Toronto; Morris Lupenec from Ontario, and Barry Vince from East Lansing.

Lupenec was the Pioneers' leading scorer last year as he scored 43 points on 20 goals and three assists.

Returning sophomores are Chris Hauer from Fairfield, Ohio; Dave Martilla from Okemos; and John Mehl from Ontario.

Other transfers are junior Scott Kinley from Delta College and Mike Lupenec from Oakland Community College. Joe Allen (Oak Park), Donn Hilker (Pennsylvania) and Paul Larkin (Ontario) round out the list of freshman recruits.

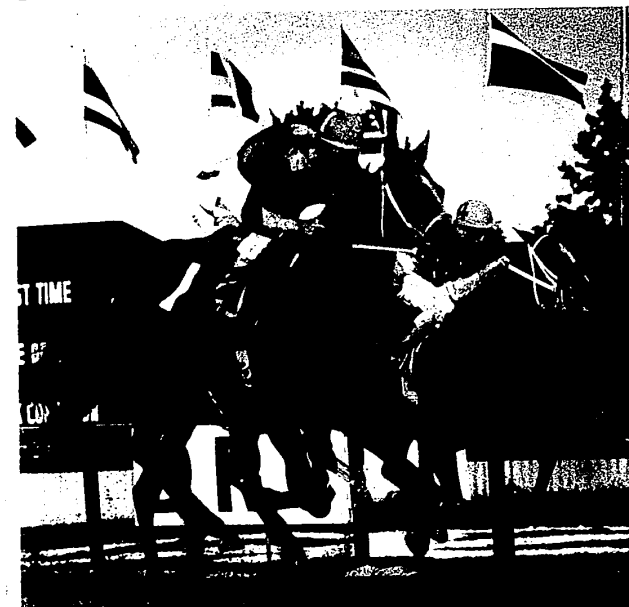
1982 OAKLAND UNIVERSITY VARSITY SOCCER SCHEDULE

Sept. 8 CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY, 3 p.m. Sept. 11 NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, 2 p.m. Sept. 15 at Western Ontario University, 2 p.m. Sept. 18 PIONEER CLASSIC Indiana State (Bloomington) vs. UW-Parkside, noon Oakland University vs. Lewis University, 2 p.m. Sept. 19 PIONEER CLASSIC Lewis vs. UW-Parkside, noon Oakland University vs. Indiana State (Bloomington), 2 p.m. Sept. 21 SPRING ARBOR COLLEGE, 3 p.m. Oct. 15 at Toledo University, 2 p.m. Oct. 20 WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, 3 p.m. Oct. 24 at University of Missouri (St. Louis), 7:30 a.m. Oct. 27 at Akron University, 3 p.m. Oct. 30 at Lock Haven State College, 2 p.m.

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Nov. 3 at Central Michigan University, 3 p.m. Nov. 6 at Wright State University.

Home games in capital letters.



Joe Judice rides Vodka Collins (in foreground) into the lead in Saturday's Michigan Mile at DRC. Vodka Collins broke from a seven-horse pack down the stretch to capture the victory.

Vodka Collins reigns in 34th Michigan Mile

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The Shoe couldn't beat the Smile in the Mile.

That sums up what happened Saturday in the 34th running of the Michigan Mile at Detroit Race Course in Livonia. A crowd of 14,853, the largest since the 1977 Michigan Mile, gathered just to witness the state's biggest thoroughbred race of the year but to see the best jockey to ever mount a horse — Bill Shoemaker.

Those that jammed into the park in hopes of seeing "the Shoe" add to his career victory total (which stood at 8,173 before Saturday) weren't disappointed. The Shoe did win. But his victory didn't come in the feature event.

INSTEAD LOCAL jockey Joe Judice drove Vodka Collins inside of Shoemaker's mount, Recusant, down the stretch to win the \$186,400 race.

The triumph was the biggest in the 21-year-old's racing career, and he showed it. The wide smile never left his face, from the time he jockeyed Vodka Collins into the winner's circle until the party in the clubhouse an hour later. "It's just a great feeling," Judice said, still beaming. His account of the race: "I saw the one horse (Bay Diplommat) in trouble on the inside, so I went to the outside. (Down the stretch) I saw an opening and went for it."

over one-eighth of a mile to go. Seven of the 13 horses were lined across the track, including Recusant. But as the hole opened on the outside, Judice beat Shoemaker to it, forcing the Shoe out even further.

Vodka Collins crossed the line in 1:50.2, a length ahead of Recusant. Lord Gallant was third and Withhold fourth.

"I thought I could catch him," Shoemaker, who turned 51 Thursday, said afterward. "I just didn't have enough speed."

STILL, IT WASN'T a wasted trip for Shoemaker. He rode his first mount, Pensar, to victory in the Dowling Prep Stakes in the fifth race. In the sixth

race, Shoemaker finished out of the money aboard Amanda Bonada, and in the ninth his horse, Tinsley's Hope, was edged by Dave's Find.

The career leader in wins was gracious in defeat, greeting Judice in the clubhouse. "Here's the winning jockey — congratulations," Shoemaker said. Judice was also gracious, sharing the laurels that were being heaped upon him.

"You know, I don't care what anybody says," the young jockey said. "The horse does all the work. He makes us all look good — the jockey, the trainer and the owner."

Judice, of course, grinned broadly as he said it.



A smiling Debbie and Joe Judice celebrate the victory in the winner's circle after the race.

JUDICE'S OPENING came with just