

# Siblings give kick to area soccer programs

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Talk about chain reaction, O'Neil's talk about it. Soccer would be a good example. The reaction hasn't been as swift as a nuclear explosion, but the sport's popularity has increased every year over the past decade.

Examining that popularity chain reaction closely will reveal dozens of O'Shea stories. Few, though, could match the success.

The O'Shea — a trio of brothers, all Livonia Franklin graduates — got interested in soccer one by one, passing it along the family chain. Not only interested in the game trickled down, talent blossomed as well.

THE OLDEST of the soccer O'Sheas, Nick, started the family on his current course. Nick never played in high school, with good reason: The school had no soccer program when he graduated from Franklin in 1977.

He enrolled at Schoolcraft College, where a friend suggested he give the sport a try.

"I thought it would be a good way to keep in shape," Nick recalled. After two years of learning soccer at Schoolcraft, he took a year off and traveled to Ireland where he lived with relatives and played with the Shamrock Rovers.

"When I went to Ireland I didn't know how the game was played, really," Nick said. "Everything I had learned previously was in two years at

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Schoolcraft. That was all the experience I had.

"I learned a lot about the game (in Ireland), how to move the ball around. The competition was much better."

NICK GOT A TRYOUT with Exeter City, a third-division English team, but didn't make it. He returned home and enrolled at Oakland University, where

he holds down a midfield position for the sixth-ranked Pioneers.

Nick's interest spread through the family. Brian, the next oldest, and Dan started their playing careers in the Livonia YMCA leagues.

Brian ended up on an experienced Livonia YMCA team that needed a goalie. Since he wanted to play rather than sit, that's the position he chose.

But Dan, on a younger age-group team with few experienced players, liked the position Nick played — mid-field.

"THAT'S WHY I started out there — because of Nick," Dan said. "And probably because I could run a lot." The O'Shea ability led both Brian and

Dan along Nick's path: to Schoolcraft. Brian started in goal last year, but academic problems sidelined him this season. Dan is a starting midfielder for the Ocolets, who have won their regional title and are gunning for national junior college honors.

Dan, who graduated from Franklin in June, credits Nick with kindling his interest in soccer.

"When Nickie started playing I got into it," Dan said. "That's where I learned to play — from Nick."

"He never really sat down and taught me anything, but he told me what I was doing wrong."

Nick's counsel to both brothers was to attend Schoolcraft.

"IT'S BETTER than going to a four-year school and sitting," Nick said. "If you go to a two-year school and play for two years, you'll have playing experience when you transfer to a four-year school."

Both Nick and Dan have been invaluable members of their college programs this season. And the experience has been mutually educational. As Dan

put it, there's still "too much to learn" on the soccer field.

"It's hard to go from high school, where it's a kick-and-run game, to college, where the emphasis is on passing."

Dan has picked up a lot by playing in a Windsor summer league, where Nick and Brian also play, and by watching his more experienced older brother.

"Nick calls it, 'getting a close,'" Dan said.

"We play the same style," said the youngest O'Shea in comparing himself with Nick. "People say we look a lot alike. Our styles are the same, only he does it much better."

Nick, a senior at OU, isn't certain where his soccer ability will take him after this season. Dan, too, is not sure what four-year school he'll attend after Schoolcraft. OU is a possibility, where coach Gary Parsons "has expressed some interest (in me) to Nick," Dan said.

If the chain remains unbroken, look for another O'Shea to be patrolling midfield for the Pioneers over the next few years.

# Bollettieri teaches the pro's game

By Brad Emmons  
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You've heard of the famed "Cradle of Coaches"? Miami of Ohio was a fertile ground for football's most influential minds — Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian and Bo Schembecker, to name a few.

The same thing is happening in junior tennis where an ex-paratrooper — Nick Bollettieri — is nurturing children to compete on the same level with adults at his growing tennis academy in Bradenton, Fla.

Slum, trim and tan, Bollettieri paid his first visit to Detroit and its surrounding suburbs during the final weekend of the Virginia Slims pro tennis stop recently.

He was the guest of Tom Seavy, a Nike sales representative who showcases his line of products on Northwestern Highway, just east of Middlebelt in West Bloomfield.

Bollettieri is coaching some of the game's future greats — upstarts Aaron Krickstein of Grosse Pointe and Lisa Bender of Saline.

He's also working with Jimmy Arias, Carling Bassett, Fritz Buchening, Chip Hooper and Pam Casale, to name a few. One of his first pupils was Brian Gottfried.

BOLLETTIERI conducted clinics and met players and coaches during his two-day Detroit visit. "I'm also interested in the inter-city or grass roots programs," Bollettieri said. "It's the desire of our sponsors."

Gaining admittance to the academy is quite expensive, costing thousands of dollars. But with the help of sponsors such as Nike, Ellipse Sportswear, Atari and Prince sporting goods, Bollettieri can also attract the less fortunate.

"I think blacks will be more in the picture," he noted. "The more exposure they get, the more they'll be able to get in the limelight."

"We try to find those kids with potential that have no money. We try to help our sponsors."

Bollettieri's growth in tennis has been enormous.

His academy is at full capacity — 215 students and 47 full-time employees. His new projects include building a library, coaching center and an indoor arena.

HE ALSO owns a nearby club and conducts two summer camps, one in Deerfield, Mass., and the other in Beaver Dam, Wis.

Bollettieri also plans to open a tennis academy before the year is out in Japan.

The Florida coach admits his style of teaching "is not the only way." That's why he meets with and teaches the country at clinics and speaking engagements.

"I like to exchange ideas," Bollettieri said. "I think coaches can benefit from each other."

The Florida coach stresses stroke production, discipline, physical fitness and sportsmanship. "We're into aerobics and dancing," he said. "We try to explain the benefits of nutrition and the importance of a balanced diet."

"And mobility plays an important role in becoming a player."

With hard work, Bollettieri believes Krickstein, the top junior in the world, could break into the top 20 or even the top 10 within two years.

"Aaron has to spend time when we're not around with his physical make-up," he said. "With the stretching and preventive exercises, he can be physically fit if he wants to be."

"Everyone likes Aaron. He can become the best, but he has to pay the price."

BOLLETTIERI is asked most about the on-court attitude of today's players.

"What I talk to these kids about is 'does it hurt you or help you when they throw a racket?' We just had two kids who threw rackets and we had to punish them, and the parents were delighted."

Bollettieri believes tennis has too many organizations, which hinders standard procedure on court etiquette.

## ELECTION NOTICE CITY OF FARMINGTON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE LAST DAY TO OBTAIN AN ASSUREE BALLOT FOR THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1983 IS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1983  
9:00 A.M. UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

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JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY,  
City Clerk

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# ELECTION NOTICE

To the Qualified Electors:  
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The Polls for the said Election will be open from 7 o'clock A.M., and remain open until 8 o'clock P.M., of the same Election day.

JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY,  
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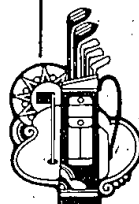
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