

Rowdies take prize at Wolverine tourney



Sue Ferguson (left), a 1983 graduate of Farmington Harrison, helped the FLIP Rowdies to victory in the Wolverine V tourney at Schoolcraft Community College last weekend.

By Brad Emone
staff writer

Three area teams came away with titles last weekend in the prestigious Wolverine V soccer tournament at Schoolcraft College.

Over 200 teams and 3,000 players competed for titles in 11 age divisions. The three-day tournament, which ended Monday, drew nearly 12,000 fans.

The area champions included FLIP Rowdies, who captured the girls under-19 division for the second straight year; the Livonia Diamonds, boys 14 (Division II); and Vardar III, boys 14 (Division II). FLIP stands for Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth.

The Rowdies, Midwest Regional champions, beat Centerville Micromil of Ohio for the title, 1-0.

Kim Reeves scored the winning goal on a cross-header from Sue Ferguson with eight minutes to go. Goalie Doreen Beagle, who made 18 saves, earned the shutout.

"THEY (Centerville) beat us three times prior to the final," said Rowdies coach Dave Lusier. "It was a goal we wanted to accomplish before the tournament. It was the last bit of finished business you could say."

Lusier said that defense was the key to the championship win.

Led by defenders Cheryl Gallido, Margie Waughbiller, Danielle McIntyre, Chris Lusier and Sheri Wolfe, the Rowdies posted three shutout victories en route to the crown.

"The defense kept us in the games until our offense got going," Lusier said. "We set the same pattern that we had in the Midwest Regional. We got a

Soccer

little soccer boys

The Greenhill Gators earned a 2-3 tie against the Rowdies in first-round action. But the Rowdies came storming back with a 4-0 victory over the Troy Eagles (4-0).

The all-around play of midfielder Kim Peterson carried the Rowdies past Troy.

The Rowdies trailed 1-0 against Saginaw before Doreen Ducker and Lusier scored to propel the Rowdies to an easy victory.

"The tie helped us come together a little more and to play stronger," Lusier said.

THE DIAMONDS, meanwhile, battled back to win their division after losing to Sparta, Ill. in the first round, 1-0.

A third-place team in the Bonanza League, the Diamonds beat Troy United for the championship, 2-0, on goals by Brian Thomas and Brian Daniel.

Troy United, which tied the Diamonds twice during the season, qualified recently for the Midwest Regional.

Getting a reprieve after the Sparta defeat, the Diamonds reached the final with wins over North Olmstead, Ohio (3-1) and London, Ont. Youth (1-0).

"We've had kind of hard luck all year," said Diamonds' coach Scotty Ozley. "We started the year with three fractured ankles and we lost two games to the WSSL Kicks. But we won the Midwest Tournament. That gives us two titles in four tournaments, so that's not too bad."

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CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Boys 10 and under: London (Ont.) Youth 2, Windsor (Ont.) Chamell Boys 1.
Girls 10 and under: Troy Blue Breaks 2, WSSL United 1.
Boys 12 and under: London (Ont.) Dynamite 2, Vardar III 2 (shootout).
Girls 14 and under: Troy Lightning 5, Vardar 2.
Boys 14 and under: Livonia Diamonds 2, Troy United 0 (Division II).
Girls 14 and under: Vardar III 3, Livonia United 2 (Division II).
Girls 16 and under: St. Louis (Mo.) Coca-Cola Soccer Club 2, Livonia United 1.
Boys 16 and under: Warren Cappelletti Kicks 2, Windsor (Ont.) Cabota Club 0 (Division II).
Troy Tornado 2, Livonia Cardinals 0 (Division II).
Girls 19 and under: FLIP Rowdies 1, Centerville (Ohio) Micromil 0.
Boys 19 and under: Forest Park (Ohio) Buckeyes 1, BSL Rave 0.

Farmington triathlete in it for fun

By Rich Swenson
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Farmington triathlete Jim Ingles may not have set any records at the Midwest Triathlon Classic staged last weekend in Minnesota, but he sure had a lot of fun trying.

The 46-year-old probation officer finished second in his class (45 to 49), completing the grueling Ironman event in a little over 14 1/2 hours. He placed 71st overall.

The event consisted of a 2 1/2 mile swim in the French River, followed by a 112 mile bike ride, and ending with a 56.2 mile marathon. The winner — world class triathlete Scott Thibault — broke the world record in 9 hours, 40 minutes.

"It was an excellent race — I had a

great time," said Ingles, who had never before attempted a full triathlon. "I just wanted to see if I could do it. I enjoyed the whole process. It was exhilarating."

THOUGH ONLY 95 athletes participated in the event, Ingles said it was a huge success.

"It wasn't a very deep race, but it should've been," he said. "The people were tremendously supportive. They ran an absolutely first-class race."

A veteran of 14 triathlons of shorter distances, Ingles wanted to prove he could compete in one of Ironman distance.

"I'm basically a runner," he said. "It was a matter of surviving the swimming and muddling through the cycling. I predicted that I'd finish in 14 1/2

hours, and I came in five minutes after that."

As a runner, Ingles has some 20 marathons under his belt, including the Boston Marathon. His rise to the ranks of a triathlete has evolved over time.

"I STARTED JOGGING, then moved up to 10ks and marathons," he said. "When you reach a certain level in competition, you look around for other things."

"I guess it's the Ironman mystique. You have to be confident that you can do whatever distance you're faced with," he said.

Whether it's, Ingles is not content unless he's trying something new. Next on his agenda is a triathlon in Canada that has one added feature — the athlete will also tackle the water in a canoe.

United kickers eye regional title

The United under-12 girls soccer team has advanced to the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Midwest Regional Tournament July 20 at Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia.

United, a first-year select team from Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Farmington, has a 15-2 record this year. The team, organized by Canton coach Mike Morgan and coached by

Bob Dart, has won the Midland Invitational championship, the Bonanza Premier Under 12 League championship, the Michigan State Cup and were runners up at last weekend's Wolverine Five Tournament.

After the Midwest Regional, which is the pinnacle of the Under 12 season and features 11 teams from 11 different states, United will compete in the Blue Water Invitational in Sarina.

Team members are: Kim Golf, Michelle Minton, Erin Morgan, Debra Pondant, and Michelle Akers from Plymouth; Michelle Baria, Sara Hayes, Jennifer Hockaba, Renee Lanson and Jennifer Marshall from Canton; Margaret Martin, Anne Scullen and Amy Trunk from Farmington and Kristy Turner, Marie Dast and Dana Lehmkuhl from Northville.

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