

Bitter years end for happy Ferguson

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

SUE FERGUSON is a happy young lady these days.

This weekend she is joining her FLIP Rowdies teammates on a little excursion to St. Louis to play in the United States Youth Soccer Association National Youth Challenge Cup tournament.

Ferguson is a key player on the Rowdies (a 19-under women's team comprised of players from Farmington, Livonia and Plymouth — thus the moniker FLIP). First of all, she's the only player on the squad from Farmington. Without Ferguson, the team would be known as the LIP Rowdies.

More importantly, Ferguson is the oldest and most experienced member of the Rowdies. Ferguson is a 1983 graduate of Farmington Harrison. The majority of her teammates are either still in high school or recently graduated.

"I CALL SUE my money player," said Rowdies coach Dave Lusier.

"When the chips are down, we need a score, she's always the one that seems able to give that extra effort above and beyond to get the job done."

Said Ferguson: "The girls on this team are real fun to be with. Everybody just seems to fit in. I don't look at it like I'm older. I mean, they are younger, but they've been in these situations before. Even though, I may have been in them a little more."

Ferguson and the Rowdies are one of four teams vying for the National Cup in St. Louis. The Rowdies, Dallas, Seattle and Fairfax, Va., will play for the title in a 10-man, 10-minute, \$3-million soccer facility erected by the Anheuser-Busch Co.

"I'm real excited, the whole team is," said Ferguson. "I have a little injury, but nothing will be able to keep me off the field this weekend."

Yes, right now Sue Ferguson is a happy lady. But, deep inside, a strong bitterness burns at her.

FERGUSON was a talented two-sport athlete at Harrison, excelling in both basketball and soccer. But, what

soccer

should have been an enjoyable time in her life turned into a nightmare.

"I really feel I was cheated in high school because of the coaches," she said. "They just didn't help me out any."

Specifically, Ferguson said, nobody helped push her toward a college scholarship.

"My basketball coach (Dave O'Brien) just pushed Alice Short. He didn't publicize anyone else on the team," Ferguson said.

That's ironic because though Short was a standout performer in her own right, Ferguson led the team in both scoring and rebounds her senior year. Short wound up with a scholarship to Bradley University.

Her high-school soccer experience was worse, she said.

"The biggest adjustment I had to make when I started playing with the

Rowdies was having a coach that knew what he was doing. I mean, the Rowdies had a set offense and everything. In high school, I played all over," she said.

FERGUSON WAS named to the all-league and all-area teams her senior year, even though her coach, Harry Swystun, didn't attend either meeting.

"He wouldn't go to any meetings. The league coaches didn't know where to put me on the team because they didn't know what position I played. They named me as the all-around player or something like that," she said, not really able to hide her disgust.

Against her better wishes, Ferguson chose Oakland Community College as her first college. She didn't play basketball because of an injury sustained before the tryouts and OCC doesn't have a soccer team.

Needless to say, it wasn't a fun couple of semesters for Ferguson, although academically, it was a success. She posted a 3.5 grade-point average in the spring term raising her cumulative average to 2.5.

Schoolcraft Community College may be the next step for Ferguson. The Livonia Junior College has just taken on women's soccer as a varsity sport and coach Ed Dudak has a spot waiting for her.

"I REALLY want to go there," she said. "But, my parents are worried that I won't be able to handle school, work and soccer at the same time. I don't want to go against their wishes. They said it was up to me, though."

Her ultimate goal is to attend Central Michigan University where the business and sports medicine departments are attractive to Ferguson. Meanwhile, she is having a good time with the Rowdies and trying hard to erase the bitterness she feels for her high-school days.

"I'm having a lot of fun with these girls. They are easy to get along with



Sue Ferguson still kicking and easy to be with. And coach Lusier is a nice guy. He puts up with a lot of stuff and he really knows the game, she said.

Kick squads set sights on regional title

By Fred Emons
staff writer

The Livonia Hawks bill themselves as the "FLIP Rowdies of the future."

A girls under 16 team, the Hawks will represent Michigan this weekend in the Coca-Cola Midwest Regional Soccer Tournament at Schoolcraft College and Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

The event kicks off Saturday with 70 teams from 11 different states — Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska — vying for boys and girls under 16, under 14 and under 12 division titles.

The Hawks, a team comprised of the some of the top high school underclassmen in the area, hope to follow the lead

of the Rowdies, who captured girls under 19 Midwest regional crown three weeks ago at Schoolcraft.

The future, however, may be now for the Hawks, who swept through the state championship and the Midwest Invitational (outscoring the opposition 15-1) in June. They went on to finish second in the Fourth of July Wolverine V tournament at Schoolcraft.

THE HAWKS were edged by the Coca-Cola Soccer Club of St. Louis, 2-1, in the championship game of the Wolverine.

Misleading numerous scoring opportunities, the Hawks' only goal came on a cross from Kim Montgomery to Jennifer Flowers in the second half.

In the semifinals of the Wolverine, the Hawks beat the Cincinnati Celtics, 2-0, on goals by Flowers and Montgomery. Dana Dugan assisted on the Montgomery goal.

The Hawks may well meet up again with the Ohio state champions, the Cincinnati Cardinals, who beat 1-0 in the quarterfinals at Wolverine thanks to the superb goalkeeping of Shannon Moore and Lynne Shelly.

"This team has been together since under 12's," said Don Montgomery, the Hawks' spokesman. "We won the Wolverine II (in 1981) and we've been second two years in a row."

"In the fall season we tied for first in the Bonanza League with the Troy Netics. This team has a good record over

the years."

OTHER MEMBERS of the Hawks include Shari Acetelli, Jackie Berry, Beckie Demetriou, Christie Green, Rosemary Hally, Andria Horn, Jamie Kubacki, Mary Paillet, Kris Schultz, Erica Skorman, Amy Weber and Pam Webster.

Joining the Hawks as Michigan champions in the Midwest Regional are Warren Capital Kickers, boys under 16; Troy United, boys under 14; Vardar III, boys under 12; WSSL Sting-ers, girls under 14; and the WSSL United, girls under 12.

The championship matches begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday. Each age division, featuring 12

teams, will be divided into three groups of four. Each group winner and one wild card team advances to Sunday's semifinal round.

As part of the big weekend, there will be an entertainment and games night beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Schoolcraft's Waterman Center.

Admission is \$1 as 10 prizes will be raffled, including a \$1,000 home computer, donated by the G&M Data Corp. of Southfield.

WHAT: Midwest Regional Soccer Tournament for boys and girls under 16, 14 and 12. Sponsored by Coca-Cola and sanctioned by the U.S. Youth Soccer Association and hosted by Michigan State Youth Soccer Association. WHERE: Schoolcraft College and Bicentennial Park in Livonia. WHEN: All day Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. start Monday (finals). WHO: Some 70 teams from 11 different states. ALSO: Opening ceremonies with presentation of state flags at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Northville High School. "Saturday Night Live" festival at 7:30 p.m. at Schoolcraft's Waterman Campus Center (\$1 per person). ADDITIONAL: Opening ceremonies, free; each day, \$1 parking.

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LEGION SPLITS

The Farmington American Legion baseball team had a good-bad weekend.

The good: They won two out of three games. They beat Berkley 7-2 in a non-league scrimmage on Friday, then split a pair Sunday with league-leading Auburn Hills.

Farmington committed six errors in the opener, losing 8-4. Losing pitcher Dan Zang was the victim. Neil Davis had a double and a home run, while Mike Colovis and Scott Draper each had a pair of hits.

In the second game, Farmington made no errors and, consequently, won a 4-3 thriller. Scott Glinicki, with relief help from Rich Muller, got the win. Glinicki fanned eight and allowed six hits in 8 1/3 innings. Muller came on with the tying run on third in the seventh and fanned the only man he faced to end the game.

Muller, Colovis and Draper all had two hits to lead Farmington.

The bad: Draper, who was starting to come around at the plate, broke his hand diving for a ball in the outfield. He's out for the remainder of the season.

Farmington is now 5-9 in District 18 play, 8-10 overall.

TROUT RED-HOT

Bruce Trout, a graduate of Central Michigan University and Farmington Harrison (1979), set a new course record with a blistering 18-hole round of 65 at the Mount Pleasant Country Club last Saturday.

The previous record had been 67.

Trout, one of CMU's top golfers, scored five birdies en route to a 30 on the front nine. He followed that up with two more birdies and a 35 on the back nine.

Trout earned a marketing degree from CMU.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING July 16, 1984

Mayor Williams opened the regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council on July 16, 1984. Members present: Alastock, Amador, Dolan, Doolley, Sorocow, Williams and Wolf. Others present: City Manager Cusick, City Clerk Curran, City Attorney Foshman and Planning Consultant Coste.

Council introduced Zoning Map Amendment C43-337 (Z1 34-9-83) to rezone property at 27115 Silverstone from B-1 to L-1.

Council introduced Zoning Map Amendment C43-338 (Z1 33-4-84) to rezone lots 9, 10 and 11 Sunnyvale Subdivision from RA-9 to D-3.

Council adjourned the request for Vacation of Moran Street between Cora and Haynes in Hollywood Subdivision for study days.

Sean Higgins and Robert Primeaux were appointed to the Planning Commission. The roll was confirmed for road improvement on Lundy. Special Assessment Roll No. C-118.

The roll was confirmed for road improvement on Hathaway. Special Assessment Roll No. C-119.

Council set August 18, 1984 for public hearing date to consider the vacation of utility easements for Manufacturers Hanover in Section 18.

Consideration of designating Thirteen Mile Road between Drake and Haledale as a Natural Beauty Road was referred to staff for comments.

A joint meeting with the City of Southfield was set for September 8, 1984.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 p.m.

CHARLES H. WILLIAMS, Mayor
FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk

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