

S'craft recruits fill needs

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Several key players will be missing from Schoolcraft College's men's soccer lineup this fall. Guys like Chris Speen, Brian Thomas and Rick Menary are gone; so are both keepers, Jeff Shuk and Brad Burgess.

All told, coach Van Dimitriou will have to replace nearly 50 percent of his roster, which — at least initially — would make the Ocelots' prospects of repeating as Region 12 champions seem rather slim.

Not so, insists Dimitriou. His reasoning requires little research: He simply believes the new recruits will more than make up the losses.

In fact, Dimitriou is so confident, he made this prediction: "With the kids we have coming back and the kids we have coming in, we should challenge for the league title."

"I'm even going to have to go out on a limb and say we'll repeat. We'll win the region and try to make it to the (National Junior College Athletic Association), nationals. That's our goal for this season."

CONSIDERING SC has made it past the NJCAA Inter-regional round

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of play just once in its history, that's a tall order. But Dimitriou is convinced his new recruits can carry the Ocelots to that goal.

Goal — a significant term for any soccer team. With much of the defense and midfield returning, SC has a nucleus to build around. So Dimitriou concentrated his recruiting efforts on offense and in finding a keeper, of the 10 players signed, six are forwards or offensive-minded midfielders, and two are keepers.

The following is a brief look at each of the new Ocelots:

• Chris Crawford, forward-midfielder, Wallied Lake Western. All-Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division. "He gave his team some recognition. He's very polished for a kid who comes from an area not known for soccer. He has an outstanding attitude, he's hard-nosed, he wants to win and he goes

all-out." Dimitriou envisions Crawford as a staff player.

• LaJuana Grigby, forward-midfielder, Flint Powers. First team Big Nine conference, honorable mention all-state. Scored 18 goals and had 10 assists. "We're going to play him at forward because I don't think anyone can play with him. He was jumping three feet over everybody on head balls when I saw him. He's going to be taking a lot of pressure off (returning forward) Khaled Zeldan."

• Phil Todino, midfielder-forward, Livonia Churchill. Second team all-state, all-WLAA, all-sectional. "He's very agile and a durable performer. He's a spark plug. He really came on last year and was the leader of that team, no question about it."

• Shane Miller, forward, Livonia Stevenson. All-WLAA, honorable mention all-sectional. "He's a big boy (6-foot-2, 170), a strong kid, and a good athlete. He's the kind we can use on specialty situations, like throw-ins. He's quick and strong for

his size, and should complement our other (smaller) forwards well."

• Shawn Mac, defender, Plymouth Canton. "He's a pretty steady kid. He's an outside back; I think that's the only position he could fit in at right now. His attitude is very good, his physical attributes are very good. With a little coaching, he could develop. He's a real hard-nosed kid."

• Bob Hayes, midfielder, Livonia Franklin. All-Western Division. "He was the main player on our team; that's good. It tells me he could play and contribute for us. He's got good tools. He's the kind of kid we could use at an outside midfield position."

• Edward Dzyngel, midfielder, Farmington Harrison. Team MVP. "Again, he was the best player on our team for the last two years. I like him at midfield. He's solid."

• Jeff VanDemergie, forward-midfielder, Brighton. All-Kensington Valley, second team all-state. Had 19 goals and 14 assists. "He's a strong right-footed player. We might use him at midfield because he's not as quick as our other forwards. He uses his head, he's an intelligent kid. And he has a very good shot; I'm impressed with that."

• Scott Hausman, goalie, South Lyon. All-Kensington Valley first team twice. "He's the No. 1 man to beat right now. He's excellent in one-on-one situations and has that typical take-charge attitude."

• Tom Cventanowski, goalie, Sterling Heights. "He'll be 15 or 20 pounds (he's 5-11, 200) if he's going to play. But for a big kid he really moves. He's got good keeper quickness and good hands."

The talent, Dimitriou is convinced, is in place to surpass last season's 13-2 record. Whether the new Ocelots blend well enough with the returnees — Dave Dingler, Jeff Saylor, T.J. Flowers, John Cortese, Jerry Stast and Zeldan — to bring his prediction to reality is something else again.

Prep standouts clash in classic

girls basketball

Two area players, Shawn Bannon of Livonia (Dearborn Divine Child High) and Susan Ferko (Plymouth Canton), have been named to the girls roster for the 1990 Nestle Michigan/Ohio High School All-Star basketball games Saturday, June 23, at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The girls game, which features Michigan's Miss Basketball, Peggy Evans of Detroit Country Day, will start at 6 p.m. Birmingham Marian's Mary Lillie-Cleerone will coach the Michigan girls squad.

The boys game, starting at 8 p.m., will feature Anthony Miller of Benton Harbor, Michigan's Mr. Basketball.

Reserve tickets are \$7.50 per person and can be bought at all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets are \$1.50 off regular price for groups of 25 or more by calling the Palace group sales department at 377-0100.

Tickets for people 12 and younger or 65 and older, are \$4. Students presenting high school ID will be admitted for \$6.

THE OPERATION-FRIENDSHIP All-Star basketball games, featuring some of the best players from the Catholic League, Detroit Public School and suburban leagues, will be at 6 p.m. (girls) and 8 p.m. (boys) Friday, June 8, at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall. Tickets, available at the U-D Box Office, are \$3.

Scheduled to play in the girls game is Jenny Clinton of Farmington Hills Mercy, Tanya Tounsel of Redford Bishop Borgess, Kathleen O'Connor of Dearborn Divine Child, and Peggy Knittel of Livonia Ladywood.

Scheduled to play in the boys game is Randy White of Borgess. Teammate Shawn Respert, out with a knee injury, will be an honorary member.

Respert will receive the Wall Barzilewicz Athlete of the Year Award Wednesday, April 30, at Tiger Stadium between the C-D and A-B Division baseball championships.

The All-State guard, headed for Michigan State, was fourth in the voting for the Mr. Basketball Award. (Redford Catholic Central's Mike Sheridan, a track and cross country performer, also was a finalist.)

The women's winner is O'Connor, a Redford native and three-sport athlete (basketball, volleyball and softball) at Divine Child.

O'Connor is headed for Ferris State on a full volleyball scholarship.

St. Mary's recruits former DCDS star

It's a well-known adage: If at first you don't succeed... Jimmy Bolden was hardly failing at the University of South Florida. The Detroit Country Day graduate (1988) appeared in 20 games his freshman season, but a slight injury and a decision by the USF coaching staff led to his redshirting last season.

It also led to a decision by Bolden. He opted to leave USF and enroll at St. Mary's College.

Bolden will be eligible this season because he sat out last year. And there's little doubt that he'll get what he was seeking at USF — playing time.

A 6-foot-2 point guard, Bolden will share time at St. Mary's with senior Denny Butcher. His signing is significant for the Eagles; Butcher injured his knee at the end of last season, and his status remains questionable. Butcher will play with a torn anterior cruciate ligament, wearing a brace for protection, this season.

At DCDS, Bolden was first team all-state in Class C, averaging 17.8 points, six rebounds and 4.4 assists, making 52 percent of his floor shots.

"He's got the physical abilities and he plays hard," said St. Mary's assistant coach Kevin Donahue. "He'll fit right in."

That's the plan, anyway.

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Forward: Jenny Russell, senior, Plymouth Canton; Michelle Martin, senior, Plymouth Canton; Amy Trunk, senior, Farmington. Midfielder: Carrie Miler, senior, Farmington; Raygan Coyne, sophomore, Livonia Stevenson; Patty Sica, sophomore, Livonia Franklin. Defender: Stephanie Speen, junior, Livonia Stevenson; Erin Morgan, senior, Plymouth Canton; Margaret Martin, senior, Farmington. Goalkeeper: Kaiti Turner, senior, Northville. Player at-large: Jennifer Marshall, senior, Plymouth Canton.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION

Forward: NAKI Higdon, junior, Northville; Lori Pace, junior, Churchil; NAKI Higdon, junior, Churchil. Midfielder: Marice Dasi, junior, Northville; Helen Cavanaugh, junior, Northville; Michelle Bann, senior, Churchil; Laura Cail, senior, Walled Lake Western. Defender: Michele McQuaid, junior, Northville.

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vile, Karl Zabel, junior, Franklin; Fran Priebe, junior, Churchil. Goalkeeper: Dana Keller, senior, Churchil.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION

Forward: Lori Godlewski, junior, Stevenson; Cheryl Wallis, junior, North Farmington; Julie Ougan, sophomore, Farmington. Midfielder: Sara Hayes, senior, Salem; Amy Kall, junior, Salem; Jody Penn, senior, Farmington; Autumn Waterman, senior, Walled Lake Central. Defender: Sue Gibson, sophomore, Farmington; Kim Pody, sophomore, Farmington; Tracy Monest, sophomore, Stevenson. Goalkeeper: Leanne Aude, senior, North Farmington.

HONORABLE MENTION

Farmington: Michelle Lorenz, freshman; Kristen Scott, junior; Amanda Connor, sophomore; Salem: Tracy Shough, senior; Gwen

Gubish, sophomore; Jennifer Emmett, sophomore; N. Farmington: Kelly Marshaw, senior; Stevenson: Andrea Witteck, junior; Lisa Thomas, sophomore; Shannon Wolkstein, sophomore; Walled Lake Central: Sue Williams, senior; Jamie Robinson, senior; Brooke Smith, junior; Harrison: Kati O'Brien, freshman; Jenny Wilder, senior; Mady Horton, sophomore; Rachel Hietala, sophomore; Walled Lake Western: Holly Mader, junior; Jami Alex, sophomore; Julie Goble, junior; Northville: Amy Goode, junior; Jenny Strykowski, senior; Nysa Colton, senior; Canton: Ayanay Huth, junior; Laurie Melton, junior; Joel Weichers, freshman; Franklin: Jenny Wyntfield, senior; Erica Sundbeck, senior; Jerry Wang, senior; Churchil: Tracy Lingeman, senior; Christmas: Gary, junior; Marcy Woloch, junior.

FINAL STANDINGS (with division, conference records)

Lakes Division: 1. Farmington, 4-0, 8-1-1; 2. Plymouth Canton, 3-1, 6-1-2; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 2-2, 5-4-1; 4. North Farmington, 1-3, 3-7-5; Walled Lake Central, 0-4, 1-8-1. Western Division: 1. (tie) Livonia Churchill, 4-0-1; 2. Northville, 3-2, 5-2-3; 3. Livonia Franklin, 2-3, 4-5-5; Walled Lake Western, 1-4, 1-5-6; Farmington Hills Harrison, 0-5, 0-9-1.

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