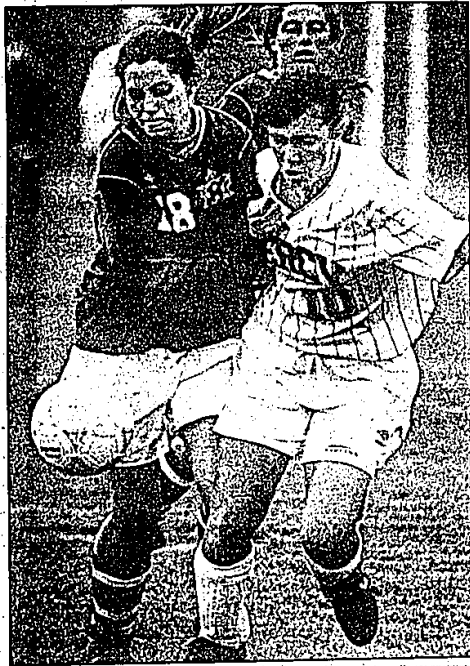


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Observerland stars are class outfit



Soccer stars: Tania Macioce of Farmington Hills Mercy earned a spot on the all-area second team after having 22 goals and eight assists.



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The story's the same, year in and year out.

Indeed, the only surprise regarding the Western Lakes Activities Association's stranglehold on girls soccer statewide is its longevity. In the early years, when the sport first offered a state tournament — that was 1983 — the WLAA's dominance was easier to understand. Not that many schools had girls soccer, which is why a WLAA team captured the first six Class A titles.

It's true that a dent has been put in the WLAA's armor; only one of the past four Class A champs has been from the conference. Yet, in every year but one the WLAA has had a state finalist (indeed, only twice in 10 years has a finalist been from a conference other than the WLAA and Oakland County's Metro Suburban Association).

The quality of play is still recognized around the state. Five Observerland players, all from WLAA teams, earned all-state honors.

Ragen Coyne, the Livonia Stevenson midfielder voted the state's best player in 1991; Sue Gibson, the Farmington forward named all-state for the third-straight year; Kris Goff, the Plymouth Salem forward and team MVP; Shannon Wilkinson, a Stevenson striker who was second-team all-state in '91; and Jori Welchans, the Plymouth Canton keeper who led her team to this year's state finals.

Those five are where this season's all-Observerland team must begin. The top coach is no surprise: Canton's Don Smith, who guided the Chiefs to the WLAA title, a No. 1 ranking in the state and into the state finals. A 1-0

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Soccer teams win titles

The Farmington Eagles and Hawks, a pair of under-12 girls teams, won division championships in the Western Suburban Soccer League.

The Eagles captured the Division 1 title and finished the season with a 7-0-1 record, scoring 34 goals and allowing only four.

The team roster consists of Ellen Adams, Kate Adams, Erin Cain, Erica Hall, Patty Moloney, Liz Neki, Tiffany Nelson, Karen Pawloski, Cathy Rocco, Susan Rohle, Lauren Shannon, Deanna Yacca, Emilie Villamonte, Kellie Williams and Crystal Wright. The Eagles are coached by Sean McGee and Joe Pawloski.

The Farmington Hawks won the Division II championship, completing the season with a 5-1-2 record. The Hawks scored 18 goals and allowed four.

The players are Neva Alver, Theresa Bahns, Ruthann Blindon, Kristin Connor, Emily Curtin, Christine Drayback, Annie Howard, Jeanine James, Claire Lockhart, Brynn Maki, Jennifer Moeah, Julie Newman, Suzanne Reske, Susan Schmidt and Tara Szygalski. The Hawks are coached by Jim Williams and Erica James.

Crusaders finish 2nd

The Crusader Volleyball Association 18-and-under squad, coached by Laura Melvin, took second in the state AAU tournament, falling to the Kalamazoo Juniors Jads in the finals Sunday at Western Michigan University, 15-11, 15-10.

The Crusaders reached the championship round after taking first in pool play. They defeated AIM of Grand Rapids in the semifinals, 11-15, 15-3, 15-3.

Members of the 18-and-under team include: Patty Diamond, Kristen Drabicki, Heather Taylor, Kelly Schuler and Julie Martin, all of Livonia Stevenson High; Laura Fisher, Wayne Memorial; Daune Koe, West Bloomfield; Sarah Langren, North Farmington; Maureen Paulin, Madonna University (and Farmington Hills Mercy); and Michelle Brundage, Ferris State.

The Crusaders' 16-and-under team, coached by former Westland John Glenn standouts Carol Hall (Auburn University) and Laura Granzulis (Tulane), reached the contender bracket before being ousted.

South Farmington teams fare well in tournaments

The South Farmington girls tournament softball teams finished first, second and third in three age groups last weekend in the Canton Youth Quallifier.

The South Farmington Fever won the 14-and-under title with a 3-1 record.

The Fever banged out 29 hits and combined them with 14 walks to overwhelm newly-formed North Farmington 34-1 in the first game.

Jenny Myslinski, Holly Foster, Tammy Dominick and Brooke Ayres combined for 13 hits, including the first home run of the tournament season by Myslinski.

The Mid-America Magic upset the Fever 8-7 in the second game, scoring the winning run in the top of the seventh. Foster, Kristen Kozlars and Chris Bako had two hits each.

The Fever fared South Farmington to win its next — and the Fever did, 18-3 and 20-6 over the Magic.

The Fever had 21 hits in each game. Bako home run, Dominick, Foster, Myslinski and Dina Aon had three each in the first game.

Kozlars and Teresa Lindemann were perfect at the plate in the clinching win. Dorene McLean had two home runs in that game while Foster and Myslinski had one each.

The tournament victory earned South Farmington a berth in the World Tournament in Muncie, Ind., later this summer.

The roster also includes Kim Davis, Diana Dickow, Anna Heikkinen, Jennifer Lis, Robin Neala, Becky Pesci and Kristen Schlott.

The Fever is managed by Jim Foster and coached by Roger Heikkinen and Tom Oleksy.

The South Farmington Fury earned runner-up honors behind the defending state champion Mid-America Mustangs in the 16-and-under division.

The Fury beat the Mid-America Mustangs in the first game 12-8 behind the pitching of Kathy Schneider and the

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The next two games and the championship went to the Mustangs, 20-8 and 28-2. The South Farmington bats were relatively silent as no player had more than one hit in either game.

The Fury roster also includes Jenny Busser, Julie Barringer, Maggie Chavez, Lori Hubble, Erin and Kelly LaConse, Keri Lowry, Suzanne Major, Wendy Nalik, Kim Rose and Kelley West.

The manager is Jim Hubble, who is assisted by Gerry Major and Jack Lowry.

The South Farmington Sparks placed third in the 10-and-under division, taking an early exit after losing to eventual champion Interlakes 25-13 and Clinton Valley 20-12.

Pitchers Rachel Sundberg and Jenelle Welling had good control, giving up only one walk in two games. Dana Falvo, Maureen Fitzpatrick and Erin Carson hit well for the Sparks, combining for 17 hits.

Other team members are Jessica Brown, Jessica Gilbert, Julie Law, Erin Nutt, Jackie Oleksy, Bonnie Parish, Cathy Ruspinski, Terry Selosky, Kelli Vessel and Yuku Watanabe.

The Sparks are managed by Paul Fitzpatrick. The coaches are Tony Selosky, Greg Gilbert and Tom Oleksy.

NFWB unbeaten in Mack games

North Farmington-West Bloomfield I-Reliable won its third straight Connie Mack baseball game without a loss Tuesday, 6-2, over visiting Northville.

Jason Farrell struck out seven and walked none while going the distance and tossing a five-hitter. NFWB had 12 hits off loser Eric Messner.

Doug Gaughan led the offense with three hits. He also stole two bases and had one RBI. Adam Wood and Mike Jehle contributed two hits and two RBI each.

John Heller also had two hits and scored two runs. Mark Temple pitched in one RBI and Darrell Ferguson had three stolen bases.

On Monday, NFWB beat South Farmington 10-1 at West Bloomfield High. Marc Sarnovsky went the distance in the five-inning game shortened because of darkness. He scattered five hits and struck out five.

Mike Pesci was the losing pitcher despite a respectable outing in which he gave up six hits and three

walks and struck out eight.

Wood had a two-run triple and Jehle a two-run single. Temple also had two RBIs, Gerard Romez two hits and one RBI. Pesci and Dan Hight had two hits for South Farmington.

NFWB began the season Thursday with a 7-4 win over Conceded Security at home.

Farrell pitched five innings to get the win, and Temple threw two innings of hitless relief. Farrell allowed only two hits and fanned seven.

NFWB scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth to erase a 4-3 deficit. Dan Pydyn had a two-run triple followed by RBI singles from Sarnovsky and Jehle.

Heller, who also had a two-run single, and Gaughan had two hits apiece overall. Temple knocked in a run with a base hit.

Ed Gundry smashed a two-run triple for Conceded, and teammate Gary Morris and Charles Winters had one RBI each.

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