

SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (or Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (or the Monday edition).

SOFTBALL TOURNEY

The Crackerbox Coed Softball Tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28. For information call the Crackerbox at 476-9888 between 6:30 and 11 p.m. during the week.

AAU BASKETBALL

The state AAU Champion Michigan West Oakland Chargers, a 12-and-under girls basketball team, will compete in the national championships July 10-18 in New Orleans.

Members of the team include Jenna Bak and Katie Nelson, both of Livonia; Mary Jane Yelick, Farmington Hills; Shawnette Parr, West Bloomfield; Adrienne Gabriel, Troy; Kelly O'Reilly, Lyndsay Hunt and Gina Chlason, all of Northville; Anne Yoches and Aubri Marchetti, both of Dearborn Heights; Amy Edwards and Allecia Jones, both of Novi.

The head coach is Ed Hayden (Northville). He is assisted by Mark Chlason (Northville) and Chuck Edwards (Novi). To help defray expenses for the Nationals, the Chargers are soliciting donations from local businesses and community groups. Checks payable to AAU Michigan West Oakland Chargers can be mailed to: Mark Nelson, Fundraising Chairman, 32160 Comburne Lane, Livonia, 48154.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Our Lady of Sorrows volleyball camp will be July 27-30 at the school gym, 10 Mile and Powers. The cost is \$25 before June 30 and \$30 after that. Girls entering grades four through eight in the fall are eligible. For information, call Shelly MacDermid (363-2613).

TIGERS ANTBOTY

Bryan Anstendig of Farmington Hills won a special sweepstakes to be the celebrity host for the Detroit Tigers game on June 14 against the Baltimore Orioles. Anstendig had his picture taken with catcher Mickey Tetleton and received autographs from the players. He also received a jersey, bat, ball and certificate commemorating the event from the Tigers.

Owczarzak key player for SC women

BY C.J. RIBAK STAFF WRITER

In summing up the recruiting for Schoulercraft College's women's soccer team, the quality is there but not the quantity.

So what else is new? Every year, it seems, the Lady Owlets — NJCAA champions in 1987 — come up a player or two short in their hunt for another national title.

Lady Owlet coach Nick O'Shea usually gets a fine nucleus to build around, but numbers are lacking in each of the last two seasons. There weren't enough able bodies for him to field a full team at the NJCAA Tournament.

Still, it should be noted that even if they were short-handed, the Owlets managed to finish third in the country in 1990 and fourth in 1991.

Of last year's players, four completed their eligibility; five others decided not to return, including stopper Lori Place, who will attend Michigan State in the fall.

"That's going to leave a big hole in our team," said O'Shea. "And it's going to be hard to fill."

Others not returning include Carrie Pizillo, who injured her knee last fall and had reconstructive surgery. She is still rehabilitating it. Three others — Beth Hebestreit, Colleen O'Connor and Becky Dinverno — were only expected to play one year.

Not much left

The losses to graduation are heavy. Gone are Nikki Johnson,

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Sarah Hayes, Shannon Meath and Jennifer Whitfield. Together with Place and returning Kim Owczarzak and Amy Krajewski, they formed the heart of last season's squad.

At least Owczarzak, the Owlets' keeper, and Krajewski, the sweeper, give O'Shea something to construct his defense around. "With Amy in the back and Kim a proven goalie, it should help get the team going," said O'Shea.

And he has some solid players coming in. But there are only eight for certain, which means there are positions to fill.

Offense, it appears, will be the team's strength. Five of the newcomers were top-notch forwards in high school.

"They were goal-scoring in their leagues," noted O'Shea. "The question is, can they come in and do it at this level?"

Among the "newcomers" is a player who isn't so new — Jennifer Flowers, a Livonia Churchill graduate who played for O'Shea's '87 NJCAA title team. Flowers hasn't played collegiately since, and has decided to return for her final season of eligibility.

She is a proven scorer. "She's scored a lot of goals at this level," the SC coach said. Of course, the obvious question is, can she duplicate her freshman performance now, five years later?

What about midfielders?

Other forwards signed by O'Shea are Kelly Greaves, from Millford Lakeside; Dee Lorenz, from Millford; Nikki Cross, from Northville; and Shelly Archibald, a 1991 Class B-C-D all-star from St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

The rest of the recruits include defenders Becca Raymor, a stand-out from Plymouth Canton, and Cindy Wolnesad, from Northville. O'Shea is particularly impressed with Raymor. "She was a solid defender at Canton and she'll be a solid defender at this level."

He also signed another keeper, Julie Brake from Dearborn Fordson.

Now the obvious question — there are keepers, defenders and forwards, but who's going to play midfield?

O'Shea hasn't an answer yet, except that he's still busy recruiting. "I'm sending out letters to first team, second team and honorable mention all-state players to see if they're interested in playing," he said. "Hopefully, we can pick up a couple of midfielders."

A strong midfield is essential to a team's success. But O'Shea remains encouraged by the players he's signed so far. "The thing I like about this team is, these girls want to play," he said. "Last year, I was calling people and begging them to come and play."

All of the recruits are solid players. Not superstars, but good players.

SWIMMING

RELAY WINNERS

64-year boys medley: Nick Sosnowski, Jon Booms, Steve Scano and Matt Egert, 2:23. 64-year boys freestyle: Jon Reed, Dan Boye, Brian Schwartz and Jason Honey, 1:49.69.

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WOODBROOKE DOUBLE WINNERS: Jason Speer, 13:14 IM, 11:25.1; 13:14 back, 34:47; Brian Dardig, 15:17 breast, 36:77; 15:17 free, 1:04:28; Chris Bede, 9:10 fly, 43:07; 9:10 breast, 45:12; Mandy Speer, 15:18 back, 34:49; 15:18 IM, 1:16:40; Kim Mansueti, 9:10 breast, 45:60. 64-year girls medley: Amy Finner, 11:12 IM, 1:33.5; 11:12 fly, 42:30; Amy Finner, 13:14 breast, 38:74; 13:14 free, 32:05; Mike Marone, 7:58 fly, 18:66; 7:58 breast, 23:21.

WOODBROOKE SINGLE WINNERS

Alison Leo, 11:12 back, 41:19; Darce Lehmann, 13:14 IM, 1:25:34; Carrie Worthen, 15:17 breast, 39:75; MacKenzie Brown, 25:12 free, 1:14:19; 39:47; Brian Reed, 13:14 fly, 34:48; Anna Meloy, 7:58 fly, 35:32; Jon Reed, 9:10 back, 51:59; Amy McGardner, 11:12 breast, 50:75; Frank Zaid, 13:14 free, 31:52; Lynn Teske, 15:17 fly, 35:57; Chris Beck, 15:17 fly, 35:19.

WOODBROOKE RELAY WINNERS

62-year girls medley: Alison Leo, Darce Lehmann, Lynise Grand and Amy Finner, 2:39:52. 62-year boys medley: Brian Reed, Zack Jason Speer and Eric Beckers, 2:28:95. 64-year girls freestyle: Lynn Teske, Carrie Worthen, Erica Vincent and Mandy Speer, 2:07:29. 64-year boys freestyle: Brian Boy, Brad Cohen, Patrick Gordon and David Wood, 5:18:32.

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