

Hockey haven

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The Livonia Hockey Association, the largest in the area with 725 members, introduced the game to Tancill, Modano and Donnelly. Lafrete couldn't get into the overcrowded LHA and wound up cutting his hockey teeth at the Winter Wonderland facility in Detroit. Burt got his start with the Redford Hockey Association. Hartman played first in the Oak Park house leagues before joining a Southfield travel team. Kryger, Donnelly, Hartman and Kromm honed their skills during the summer in A.J. Baker's Midwest Summer Hockey League in Plymouth.

Garden City, Westland, Plymouth, Birmingham, Southfield and Wayne also house strong amateur hockey programs.

"Because of the strong local programs, we are able to target the good players at an early age and get them into the more elite programs," Coury said. "The better the program, the better the instruction and competition, the better the player."

There is certainly no shortage of elite programs in the metro Detroit area. Coury's Little Caesars program features 260 teams, including seven elite (AAA) teams between the ages of 11 and 17. Computware sponsors the Tier II

'When you look at the quality of the players produced in this area, it's really unbelievable. This area produces more quality players than any other area in the U.S.'

Craig Button
director of amateur scouting, Minnesota North Stars

Junior A Ambassadors in the North American Junior Hockey League and the Detroit Junior Red Wings in the Ontario Hockey League. The United States Hockey League (Junior A) also recruits heavily in the metro Detroit area.

"The big advantage of playing in the Detroit area is its proximity to Canada," said Button. "These kids in the elite programs are always coming in the big tournaments in Canada. You just can't beat that quality of competition."

"I just got back from a tournament where the Little Caesars team played against teams from Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal and they just in the finals. I mean these kids are competing against the very best 15- and 16-year-old players in North America."

Talent boom or bust?

Yet, there are those who believe the area's talent pool is drying up.

"The players you are talking about — the Modanos and Lafretes and Hartmans — were a product of the late 1960s and early 1970s, a great growth period in U.S. hockey," said Jack Vivian, an Ann Arbor-based scout for the New York Islanders. "Right now, this area is very thin as far as talent. Things are healthy in this area through the mid-level level. But after that, it's real dead. The level of play in the NAJHL is really on the decline. I don't see any Mike Modanos coming through. I don't think we will see anybody in the next four or five years that would be comparable to these guys."

Coury agrees.

"In actual fact, there is less talent today even though there are more opportunities for players," he said. "It will be interesting to see what happens in the next few years."

Apparently, interest in hockey lagged in the late 1970s. Equip-

THE O&E HOCKEY TALENT POOL		
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE		
Player	Hometown	Team
Adam Burt	Westland	Hartford
Mike Donnelly	Livonia	Los Angeles
Mike Hartman	W. Bloomfield	Tampa Bay
Mark Howe	Lathrup	Detroit
Al Iafrete	Livonia	Washington
Rich Kromm	Livonia	N.Y. Islanders
Todd Kryger	Northville	Washington
Mike Modano	Livonia	Minnesota
Chris Tancill	Livonia	Detroit
AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE		
Player	Hometown	Team
Serge Robarge	Bloom, Hills	Halifax (Quebec)
Billy Fye	Canton	Rochester (Buffalo)
INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE		
Player	Hometown	Team
Mark Soudahl	Livonia	Kansas City (San Jose)
Don McSweeney	Plymouth	San Diego
EAST COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE		
Player	Hometown	Team
Bryan Kryger	Northville	Nashville
Vladimir Nedomansky	Birmingham	Knoxville
Darryl Noren	Livonia	Greensboro
Alex Roberts	Bloom, Hills	Toledo
Mike Gilmore	Farmington	Erie (N.Y. Rangers)
Dave Burke	Redford	Greensboro (Toronto)
COLONIAL HOCKEY LEAGUE		
Player	Hometown	Team
Brian Beldice	Canton	Muskegon
Mike Jorgensen	Livonia	Flint
PROFESSIONALS OVERSEAS		
Player	Hometown	Team
Dennis Smith	Livonia	Austria
Pete Podarsky	Canton	Sweden

Mustangs sink North in dual

North Farmington's chances of pulling an upset over undefeated Northville sunk Thursday as the Mustangs defeated the visiting Raiders 5-3.

Northville improved to 6-0 while the Raiders evened its dual meet record at 2-2.

North's first-place winners were Carl Kozicki in the 200-yard individual medley (2:01.61), Jason Speer in the backstroke (1:02.49) and Adam Kummer in the breaststroke (1:04.36).

North's Brian Rjidi took second in the backstroke (1:03.20), while Drew Sopha was third in the breaststroke (1:05.49).

"This was the first meet they had real competition, so they might have been a bit nervous at the beginning," said North coach Jon Teal of his swimmers. "But as the meet wore on, the kids relaxed and started swimming well. This was a good indication of where we are at now."

Kudelko leads Mercy victory

Farmington Hills Mercy volleyball coach Peggy Spengler didn't know what got into senior outside hitter Kristina Kudelko Thursday as the Marlinas routed host Harper Woods Regins, 15-6 and 15-7.

"She was all over the place; she must have had her Whenties," Spengler said.

The Breakfast of Champions might not have been the answer, but Kudelko sparked with four service aces, 26 hits, eight kills, and 24 attack digs.

Mercy improved to 14-8 overall and 3-2 in the Catholic League Central Division.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL	
Tuesday, Jan. 26	Casscorville at Westland, 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 25	Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 29	Redford at Livonia, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 28	Northville at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 27	Farm. Hartman at Psy. Dales, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 26	Psy. Canton at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 25	Brother Rice at Bishop Borgosa, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 24	St. Agatha at Psy. Dales, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 23	St. Agatha at Wynn, Mt. Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 22	Psy. Chatham vs. Del. Trinity at Lowell Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 21	Huron Valley vs. Warren Bethesda at Marshall J. High, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 20	G.C. United at Psy. Agape, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 19	Luth. Westland at Lutheran West, 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 18	Quinceville at Livonia, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 17	Allen Park at Red. Thornton, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 16	Dearborn at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 15	Redford Union at Woodcherry, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 14	Liv. Churchill at Psy. Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 13	W.L. Western at Liv. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 12	Westland Green at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 11	Psy. Salem at H. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 10	Wayne Memorial at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 9	Redford CC at Bishop Borgosa, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 8	Cardinal Rooney at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 7	Madonna at R.R. Baptist, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 6	Madonna at Acadia College, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 5	Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
Monday, Jan. 25	Schoolcraft at Dora CC, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 24	Westland, Jan. 27
Saturday, Jan. 23	Schoolcraft at Highland Park, CC, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 22	Madonna at R.R. Baptist, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 21	Madonna at Acadia College, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 20	Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 3 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY	
Tuesday, Jan. 26	Redford CC at St. Agatha, 8 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 25	Wayne Memorial, Jan. 27
Sunday, Jan. 24	Liv. Franklin vs. B.H. Andover, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 23	Liv. Stevenson vs. Trenton at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 22	Liv. Churchill vs. B.H. Andover at Detroit Fraying Club, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 21	Liv. Churchill vs. Liv. Franklin at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 20	Liv. Stevenson vs. Birmingham at Detroit Fraying Club, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 19	Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 3 p.m.

Mercy's Gable top skier in giant slalom contest

Sophomore Niki Gable won her second straight giant slalom race to lead Farmington Hills Mercy to a second-place finish last week at Mount Brighton.

Gable, who was a third-team all-star last year, had a combined time of 33:52.

Mercy junior Allison Vigi was seventh (36:66), senior Jen Busser 11th (37:71) and senior Maggie James 13th (38:16).

The Marlinas closed the point differential between Mercy and Brighton since the first giant slalom. Mercy was only seven points behind in the second meet, 25-32. Hartland was third (58).

"In the first race, we were 21 points behind Brighton, so I am thrilled with the team's improvement," Mercy coach Tom Gable said. "It has done nothing but build our team confidence."

Gable also hopes Mercy can be one of two teams at the regional meet next month to qualify for the state finals.

"With Niki shining as well as she is and with a couple others supporting her, we have a chance to make it to state in Marquette (March 1)," he said.

Niki Gable also competed last weekend in the Mid-America Series in Duluth, Minn.

FARMINGTON SCHOOLS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, A CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OAKLAND SCHOOLS, AN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special election will be held in the Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of February, 1993, for the purpose of submitting the following proposition:

BALLOT

(Explanation of Proposition)

The following millage proposition authorizes the renewal and the continued levy of previously approved millages, a part of which has recently expired and a part of which is still authorized, to become effective as the existing millages expire.

MILLAGE PROPOSITION

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, for operating purposes, be increased and continued for levy in the amounts and for the years as follows:

- a. by 4.3155 mills (\$4.3155 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation, for the years 1993 through 2001, inclusive (this is a renewal of the millage which expired with the 1992 tax levy);
 - b. by 4.3155 mills (\$4.3155 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation for the years 1994 through 2001, inclusive (this is a renewal of the millage which will expire with the 1993 tax levy); and
 - c. by 4.8244 mills (\$4.8244 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation, for the years 1995 through 2001, inclusive (this is a renewal of the millage which will expire with the 1994 tax levy)?
- YES
NO

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the polls for said election will be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, and that the voting places will be as follows:

- Precinct No. 1: Langacre Elementary School 34850 Arundel Street
- Precinct No. 2: Wm. Grace Elementary School 29049 Shawnee
- Precinct No. 3: East Middle School 25000 Middlebelt Road
- Precinct No. 4: Warner Middle School 30303 W. Fourteen Mile Road
- Precinct No. 5: Wooddale Elementary School 28800 Peppermill Road
- Precinct No. 6: Forest Elementary School 34545 Old Timber Road
- Precinct No. 7: Hillside Elementary School 36501 W. Eleven Mile Road
- Precinct No. 8: Gill Elementary School 21195 Gill Road

The following statement has been received from the County Treasurer as to previously voted increases in the total tax vote limitation affecting taxable property in the school district, to wit:

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, C. Hugh Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of August 31, 1992, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 15 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Farmington Public School District, in said County, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE
Farmington Public School District	5.00	1993 to 1992 Inclusive
	5.00	1994 to 1993 Inclusive
	4.00	1995 to 1994 Inclusive
	4.00	1996 to 1995 Inclusive
	4.00	1997 to 1996 Inclusive
	5.75	1998 to 1997 Inclusive
Township of West Bloomfield	1.00	Unlimited
	2.00	1998 to 1992 Inclusive
	.50	1998 to 1997 Inclusive
	.55	1990 to 1993 Inclusive
	.50	1991 to 2000 Inclusive
County School District of Oakland County	2.25	Unlimited
County of Oakland	.15	1992 to 2001 Inclusive
Oakland Community College	1.00	Unlimited

C. HUGH DOHANY, Treasurer OAKLAND COUNTY Dated: November 12, 1992

Absentee ballot applications will be available at the Lewis Schulman Administrative Center, 31500 Shawnee during the weekdays beginning Wednesday, January 13, 1993 through Monday, February 1, 1993. The Administrative Center will be open for absentee voting on Saturday, January 30, 1993 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said school district.

JOSEPH SVOKE, Secretary, Board of Education

Dated: November 17, 1992 Public January 18, 21, 23 and 26, 1993

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, at 8:00 p.m. on January 19, 1993, in Council Chambers, 24600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 297-1976.

PRESENT: Campbell, Hartsock (arrived 8:05), McNamee, Richardson, Tupper. **ABSENT:** None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Director Billing, City Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Acting Director Goss, City Manager Lauff, Adm. Assistant Schultz.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of January 4, 1993 were approved as written.

Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed.

Council granted a sign variance to Oak Farms Market, 31550 Grand River. Council accepted the resignation of Peter Baldwin from the Construction Board of Appeals.

Council will issue a proclamation to Leo S. Peel, author of "Farmington: A Pictorial History," for his work in promoting the history of our community, at the February 1, 1993 regular Council meeting.

Council authorized the issuance of eleven taxicab licenses to Northwest Transport Company and three taxicab licenses to ABC Cab Company.

Council appointed Frank J. Lauff as street administrator for major and local streets.

Council authorized payments of \$23,645.87 for payment No. 28 and approved Change Order No. 12 to Posen Construction, Inc.; \$15,638.00 to Black and Veatch, for work completed on the Lower Improvement Project.

Council authorized payment of \$1,332.84 to South Hill Construction for the completion of the Astor Street paving project.

Public comments were heard.

Council comments and announcements were heard.

Council scheduled a Special Council Meeting on February 1, 1993 from 8:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for a study session.

Council cancelled the Regular Council meeting scheduled for February 18, 1993. Monthly bills were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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INSTALLATION SPECIAL
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Regular \$476.00
Special \$276.00
Expires 2-1-93

SUPER COUPON
INSTALLATION SPECIAL
MECHANICAL SETBACK THERMOSTAT
Save \$35.00
Regular \$149.95
Special \$114.95
Expires 2-1-93

SUPER COUPON
INSTALLATION SPECIAL
40 GALLON WATER HEATER
Save \$70.55
Regular \$319.55
Special \$249.00
Expires 2-1-93

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