

# Vardar-dominated state team finishes 2nd in Donnelly Cup

In their best performance ever, the Michigan Soccer Association men's team reached the finals of the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association's 1993 Donnelly Cup — but could get no further, losing 2-0 to California Sunday in Indianapolis.

The Michigan team, comprised almost entirely of Vardar III team members (only Greg Wilson of '90, a Kalamazoo Central HS grad, is not from Vardar III), reached the final four of the Donnelly Cup by winning its first-ever Region IV title May 29-30 in Rockford, Ill.

Other final four participants were Region I winner New York, Region III victor Florida, and California, the Region IV champ. In the semifinals, Michigan routed Florida 6-0 while California defeated New York 3-0.

In the win over Florida, Michigan was led by a pair of Oakland University standouts, forward Mali Walton (Flint), who scored three goals, and keeper Mike Sheehy (Farmington HS), who posted the shutout.

Tony Jones (Evansville and Kalamazoo Central) and Wilson also got goals for Michigan, which led 2-0 at the half.

The final against California was scoreless through the opening half. The first goal came in the 60th minute; the clincher, scored with Michigan pushing forward looking for a game-tying opportunity, came in the 76th minute.

## SOCCER

Other team members were Tom Baker (Virginia and Plymouth Salem); Tim Hardy (Indiana and Warren DeLaSalle); Mike Clark (Indiana and Detroit Country Day); Joel Russell (Stanford and Country Day); Greg Latis (Brown and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook); Jeff Thomas (Detroit-Mercy and Livonia Stevenson); Travis Roy (Wisconsin-Madison and Stevenson); Scott Lamphere (Wisconsin-Madison and Stevenson); Mike Giese (Wisconsin-Green Bay and Farmington); Mark Christensen (OU); Scott Weiger (Butler and Dearborn Edsel Ford); and Noel Korowin (Butler and Northville).

### Marauders stumble

John Pettersson, team manager for the Marauders, was explicit in summing up the team's performance in a National Amateur Cup regional semifinal — terrible.

"They were bad," he said in describing the Marauders' opponent, Fort Wayne (Ind.) Sport Club. Fort Wayne proved it in Sunday's regional championship match, getting thumped by Scott Gallagher of St. Louis 8-0.

But a day earlier, in a match played at Oakland University, Fort Wayne put three goals on the

board before the Marauders could answer, then held on for a 3-2 victory in the semifinals.

"We'll have to play better than that because every team we have left in the (Great Lakes Men's) league is better than the team we lost to," said Pettersson.

The Marauders were handicapped somewhat. Midfielders Mike Gentile and Paul Kaliszewski (both from Livonia Churchill) missed the match; Gentile was with the under-19 state team at a tournament in St. Louis, and Kaliszewski had to sit out due to the two yellow cards he received in the previous Cup match.

Also missing was Scott Weiger, who accompanied the Michigan men's team to the Donnelly Cup tournament in Indianapolis. And another midfielder, John Gentile (Churchill and OU), was hampered by a groin injury.

Still, Pettersson was convinced the Marauders were the better side. But Fort Wayne scored two unanswered goals in the first half and made it 3-0 10 minutes into the second.

Robbie Ludwig pulled the Marauders to within 3-2, scoring goals in the 60th and the 78th minute. But the comeback ended there.

Leaving only the Great Lakes season, in which the Marauders are currently third behind the African Stars and Venom, to be determined.

## SPORTS SHORTS

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

### FOUNDERS SOFTBALL

The Founders Festival Softball Tournament will be played July 16, 17 and 18 at Harrison High School, Pioneer Park and Drake Park. The entry fee is \$125 plus one Dudley softball per game. For information, call Cathy O'Rourke-Wendrick at the Farmington Hills Special Services Recreation Division (473-9579).

### HARRISON CAMP

Farmington Hills Harrison boys soccer players are invited to attend Camp Wolverine Aug. 25-28 in northern Michigan. Incoming freshmen are welcome. The fee is \$125. If interested call Lynn Rose (932-0149).

### FOUNDERS RUN

A four-mile fun run is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, July 17, as part of Farmington Founders Festival weekend. The entry fee, which includes a

T-shirt and refreshments, is \$10 for runners registering before July 13 and \$12 after that date.

The race, which starts at 8:45 a.m., will begin and end at City Park on Shilwassee Street.

Runners should check in at 8 a.m. The age groups for men and women are 17-and-under, 18-39 and 40-and-over. Awards will be given to the top three runners in each age group.

Runners should mail their entries and fees to the Farmington Hills Recreation Division, 21555 Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, 48336. For information call the recreation department at 473-9570.

### SOCCER TRYOUTS

Open tryouts for the Farmington under-16 boys spring 1994 premier team will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, July 15 and 16, at Drake Field (12 Mile and Drake roads).

Players must attend both tryouts. All players must bring shin guards and a ball to each session. Boys born between Aug. 1, 1978 and July 31, 1979 are eligible. For information, call Tom Faro at 471-3447.

Vardar III tryouts will take place at Whitman Field on West Chicago between Merriman and Farmington roads) from 6-8:30 p.m. for the boys under-17 team (born Aug. 1, 1976 through July 31, 1977) on Tuesday, July 6, and Thursday, July 8.

Mike Lupence will coach the team. For information, call Lynn Sawicky or Mark Christensen at 954-0140.

The Livonia Y Premier Soccer Club announces an open tryout for its under-15 Wolves (boys born between Aug. 1, 1978 and July 31, 1979) at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at Jaycee Park. For information call Gary Mexicotte at 471-0361.

### SPITFIRES CLUB

The Spitfire women's summer track team (ages 10 through masters), along with the men's and women's road racing club (ages 16 through masters, are accepting membership applications (\$25 fee for either program...).

The group runs each Thursday night at the Plymouth Canton High School track.

For information call Mike or Betty Krafchak at 451-5966.

## Basketball from page 1B

Tynes defended the top guard.

The leader in this category, however, should be Mark Candy of New Boston Huron, a 6-3 bit of everything. As Bogataj described him: "This kid's a good ballplayer — he played power forward, guard, center and ran the concession stand."

He'll play off-guard for SC. "He can shoot," assured Bogataj, "and he's a tough defensive kid."

Another shooter: Milton Stoudemire, 6-1 from Huron Valley Lutheran, whom Bogataj labeled as a "great scorer." That's something no team can have enough of.

But the position that has seemed to cause SC the most trouble in the past two seasons is point guard. Bogataj has two possible solutions to that problem.

### Help at the point

First is Ricky Mitchell, a 6-foot graduate of East Catholic who wanted to play at SC last year but couldn't enroll due to transporta-

**'These kids all started and they're athletes. And they're multi-sport athletes, too. They played more than one sport in high school and more than one position in basketball. They have versatility.'**

Dave Bogataj  
Schoolcraft basketball coach

tion troubles. He enrolled for the spring semester and will be ready for the season.

Choice No. 2 at the point is a Whitlow-type: Bob Schneider, another 6-footer who graduated from, but did not play at, Plymouth Salem. Schneider attended Catholic Central (as did Whitlow) and played for two years before transferring, after experiencing some problems (like Whitlow, who did not play his senior year at CC).

Those nine newcomers are not the end of Bogataj's recruiting. Other offers have been made, but commitments have not been obtained.

And, even though this team may be better defensively, Bogataj makes no promises regarding improvement. "I just want us to play good ball all year," he said. "The wins will come."

Maybe not a lot of them, though, judging from the conference competition. As Bogataj noted, Highland Park CC has the conference's best two returning big men, Henry Ford CC has a strong returning backcourt, Mot CC has three starters back, and Oakland CC is well-stocked everywhere.

Which makes SC's road to respectability an uphill struggle — as usual.



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