

Former coaching greats travel long ways for game

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BOYS SOCCER

There was a twinkle in the eye of former Observerland coaching stalwarts Pete Scerri (Livonia Stevenson) and Ken Johnson (Plymouth Salem), who renewed acquaintances once again during Saturday's inaugural Michigan High School All-Star Boys Soccer Game held at Plymouth Canton's Centennial Educational Park.

Between them, the two retirees have won six state championships and had five runner-up finishes.

Johnson, who led the Rocks to the 1995 boys title, made the trek all the way from Ormond Beach, Fla. (just north of Daytona) and his Red Team didn't disappoint, scoring a 4-2 win in an entertaining match featuring many of the state's top seniors.

And he couldn't be much better for the former Salem coach, who led the Rocks to the 1995 Class A boys crown and then headed for the sunshine state (last March) after putting in 30 years as an electrical maintenance leader at Detroit Diesel.

"I'm gardening, riding a bike and swim in the ocean every day," Johnson said. "I'm up at 6 and riding my trail bike. I can feel the ocean breeze. I've gone from 174 pounds to 153. I bought a satellite dish. I watch all the sports. My wife and I just love it. It's something we've always wanted to do."

Johnson, a native of Middleborough, England, began working as a 14-year-old at Imperial

Chemical, Inc. before moving to Calgary, Alberta, to live with his sister and take a job with the Canadian Pacific Airway. He eventually moved here to work at Diesel and began coaching an under-11 club team back in 1976.

"The club was looking for a coach and I saw it in the Observer," Johnson said. "That's how I got started in all of this."

The only boys and girls coach Salem ever had, Johnson led the boys to one state title and a pair of runner-up finishes. His girls took one title and finished second in another.

"I may coach down there (Florida) if my time allows for it," Johnson said. "I've checked it out and it would be a younger group."

Scerri, who retired from Ford Motor Co. after 33 years as a claims inspector, moved two years ago to San Marcos, Calif. (near San Diego) to be closer to his son.

He also enjoys the warm weather and ventures occasionally to nearby Chula Vista to check out the U.S. National Team's training camp.

But the 67-year-old Scerri, who is just completing the months of chemotherapy after a bout with cancer, was happy to back on the sidelines, but only for one game.

"There's no pressure in a game like this," said Scerri, who guided

the Blue Team. "You miss it because it gets in your blood. But when you're old you don't miss it that much."

Scerri had the opportunity to coach Steve Willford, the skillful All-State midfielder who is headed to Michigan State. Scerri coached his older brother Derek, who went on to star at Oakland University.

"That Willy's a player," Scerri said. "These kids are a lot better since I left. Just by the passing and from the way they possess the ball. I've seen lots of soccer in California and the only thing we don't have here are the leaders who can push."

Some of Johnson's Red members certainly made their mark, including Canton goalkeeper George Tomasso, who made several acrobatic saves to keep his team in front, 3-2, after one half. "I was just having fun," said Tomasso, who is headed for Eastern Michigan. "We're just saying, 'This was only a few kids I haven't played against.'"

Tomasso was the member of the under-18 Michigan Wolves, which recently captured the State Cup and is headed to the Regional this weekend in Lexington, Ky. He will be joined by fellow All-Stars Drew Drummond and Matt Simmons of Salem, Willford and a pair of defenders headed for the University of Kentucky, Scott Sersen of Stevenson and Todd Stonestreet of Canton.

Drummond's goal, coming off a counter attack at 32:05 of the

second half, sealed the victory for the Red Team.

Jason DeJorge (Western Michigan Christian), Damian Nicey (Kalamazoo Hackett) and Jeff Urbata (Stevenson) scored first-half goals for the winners.

University of Detroit-bound Matt Quinter, who suffered a bloody-nose in a collision with Blue keeper Brian Baczynski (Salem) in the first half, contributed two assists and praise from Johnson.

"If I had an MVP, he would have been it," the retired Salem coach said. "What a tough player."

The Red team received first-half goals from Hackett's William Purdy (9-46) and Salem's Ronnie Mashni (35:00). Midway through the second half

the Red rang a shot off the crossbar, but the Blue came back on Drummond's counter, which proved to be the game-winner.

Overall, it was a good start to what the soccer coaches feel will

be an annual affair. "Hopefully we can keep this going," said Stevenson coach Walt Barrett, who replaced Scerri as the Spartans' coach in 1988. "It was a nice night to play, too."

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adjustments to make, however, since there was no practice prior to the game.

"You don't know how fast they are, what they're going to do," Hoff said. "You just guess."

The game was fun for most, painful for Dearborn Edsel Ford's Heather Nelson, who had to apply an ice pack to her nose after being hit by an errant ball. "I'm trying for the hockey player look," Nelson joked with her teammates on the bench.

Hoff also left the game sore, nursing her left ankle.

"I had my right ankle taped all year," she said. "I injured my left ankle during the game."

Warneke will attend Wayne State University on a basketball scholarship but says she hasn't played her last soccer game.

"I love it too much not to play it anymore," Warneke said.

Other Observer and Eccentric players in the game included Lake Orion's Penny Richards, Birmingham Seaholm's Jennifer Timlin and Livonia Stevenson's

Mamie Vanderburgh, who wore on the Navy Team; and Detroit Country Day's Pamela Bierzynski, Lake Orion's Kristi Elliott, Livonia Stevenson's Angela Pandoff, Troy Athens' Shannon Stevens, Plymouth Canton's Becky Vachow and Livonia Churchill's Kerri Verdari on the White Team.

Livonia Franklin's Lisa Deshano was named to the Navy Team but unable to play because of an injury.

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