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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Indoor soccer season

Total Soccer is preparing for the 1996-97 indoor soccer season at its four locations in Farmington Hills, Southfield, Royal Oak and Fraser.

Team registrations are being taken for the first sessions, which begins the week of Oct. 21. Leagues are available for ages 8-and-under through over-30 for males and females; for under-19, over-19 and over-30 coed teams.

Each facility is open 6-9 p.m. Monday through Friday. Deposits are being taken for the second session, which starts Jan. 5.

Total Soccer in Farmington Hills is located at 23996 Freeway Park near Ten Mile Road and Grand River. The number is (810) 471-0111 in Farmington Hills, (810) 352-6690 in Southfield.

Individuals interested in officiating games must attend an indoor referee clinic either Sunday, Oct. 6, in Fraser or Sunday, Oct. 13, in Farmington Hills. The time is 6-8:30 p.m. both days.

Lis on team

Jennifer Lis, formerly of Farmington Hills Mercy, is one of four freshmen on the inaugural Ohio Northern University women's golf team.

The Lady Polar Bears scheduled four matches during this first season. There are two juniors in addition to the four freshmen on the squad.

Stingrays welcome coach

The Michigan Stingray Swim Club is inviting the community to welcome its new head coach, Dave Neck, at a party at Farmington Hills Harrison's pool on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Registration information and the opportunity to watch a workout will also be available. For questions, call Cindi Steff at (810) 476-4484.

Baseball tryouts

The NFWB Michigan Cobras will hold tryouts for their Mickey Mantle level (16 and under) Federation Travel baseball team from 1-3 p.m. on Oct. 13 at West Bloomfield High School.

Those interested should contact Bob Sopo at (810) 661-6276 prior to the tryout. Assisting at the tryout will be Pedro Berrios of the Oakland Athletics' minor league staff.

The Michigan Bulls are looking for 3-4 high calibre players to complement their 1997 Little Caesars Federation team. The Bulls are a Sandy Koufax team of 13- and 14-year-olds.

The team will be based in Farmington Hills and play in the Open Division. For more information call Dick Miller at (810) 476-1089.

Fire hot again

The Farmington Hills Fire Squirt (ages 9-11) AA hockey team opened its season with three victories in the Woodhaven Earlybird preseason tournament at the Ice Box in Trenton.

The Fire took first place in Division I and will meet the Division II winner at 4:45 p.m. Sunday for the overall championship.

Eric Lubanski (Farmington Hills) and Joe McGrail (Livonia) each scored in the Fire's 2-0 win over the Livonia Knights in the first game. Vince Falahae (New Hudson) earned the shutout in goal.

Host Woodhaven fell, 6-3, to the Fire in the second game as Lubanski and Scott Jewett (Plymouth) each scored twice. Jeff Kraemer (Livonia) and McGrail also netted goals. Greg Hocking (Farmington Hills) played goal in this game.

Farmington Hills rallied from a 2-0 deficit to defeat the Michigan Devils, 7-4, in the third game. Andy Sienkiewicz (Livonia) and Mark Rauth (Farmington Hills) each scored twice. Glenn Horton (Westland), Vince McKee (Farmington Hills) and Jewett got a goal apiece. Falahae played goal again in this game.

Ault setting CMU

Amanda Ault (Farmington Hills Harrison) has served up the majority of Central Michigan's sets thus far this season.

Ault had 636 of the Chippewas' total of 681 set assists through the first 13 women's volleyball matches of the season. She also is one of five players to have appeared in every game of every match this season.

The sophomores leads the Mid-American Conference with 12.98 set assists per game. Ault's total of 116 digs was third on the team.

Great day for golf

Farmington Hills Harrison took advantage of a beautiful early fall day Monday to get a little golf in -- and defeat Walke Lake Central, 206-218.

Adam Tandon meddled with a two-over 37 at Edgewood Country Club as the Hawks evened their record at 4-4.

Dave Bozak shot a 38 while Jeff Bazman and Brian Grohman each recorded 43s. Chris Scott rounded out the scorers with a 45.

Chris Fyzik was Central's lowest shooter with a 41.

Porter scores 24; Falcons win

Hustle and defense make a potent combination in high school basketball.

Oh, and having a bombardier such as Amanda Porter doesn't hurt, either.

Farmington put all those ingredients together Tuesday night to defeat Livonia Franklin, 42-36. It improved the Falcons to 5-5 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Franklin dropped to 3-7 overall, 1-3 in the WLA.

"I attribute any one thing to our victory, it's great team defense and great hustle," Farmington coach John Verdura said, naming two things.

Mercy, N. Farmington take opponents to OT before losing

He added the third, too. Porter. She scored 24 points and was the only Falcon to reach double figures. Angie Newman got 12 rebounds and scored six points while Jennie Neale added 10 rebounds.

Julie Warner scored 15 points for the visiting Patriots while freshman Tara Merrill scored 14, all but one of those in the second half.

Farmington pulled out to an 11-9 lead after the first period and held a decisive 11-4 margin in the second.

"Well," Verdura said, "we made our shots and kept them from making theirs, that's pretty much what happened."

"We increased the intensity of our defense a little bit, and I think that helped. Plus we took care of the ball a bit better in the second quarter than we did in the first."

Franklin outscored Farmington, 13-10, in the third quarter but couldn't shave off any more in the fourth.

The Falcons made half their 20 free throw attempts in the contest with Porter canning 6-of-8. The Patriots made 9-of-16 with Warner getting all four of hers.

DIVINE CHILD 53, MERCY 52: Any time you fall one point short there are a zillion places you can point to that would have made the difference.

"It was one of the most intense 32-minute games we've been involved in," Farmington Hills Mercy coach Larry Baker said after his Marlins lost Tuesday night at tough Dearborn Divine Child in a game that went down to the wire.

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Field hockey growing at Mercy

Field hockey has grown in each of its four seasons at Farmington Hills Mercy. Livonia Ladywood joins the league to give it 11 members next season.

Like the youngsters playing it, field hockey is growing up at Farmington Hills Mercy.

"We feel like it's really coming along," Coach Kim Alger Norton said after her Mercy field hockey team saw its record squared at 2-2 with a 6-0 loss to Maumee Valley (O) Country Day School.

"This is our fourth year fielding a team and third year with a varsity," Norton said. "In our first year, we were eighth among 10 teams. Last year we were seventh."

"This year we're doing very well. We're 2-2 in our league. And we're playing much stronger than we have in the past."

"We lost badly to Maumee Valley two years ago. This year we lost 5-0 but it was 1-0 in the second half. We're playing much better. I'm very pleased with the way we're working better and connecting."

Norton played both her goalies against Maumee Valley. Junior Denise Hartcock stopped seven of 11 shots in the first half while senior Mary DiGiovanni made 12 of 13 in the second.

Both Young scored three goals for Maumee Valley, which tallied three times in a span of seven minutes of the first half.

"We got the ball down into the offensive end in the second half more than we did in the first half," Norton said. "We had a couple of shots on goal, and a couple of corners."

Standing out for the Marlins were seniors Lindsey Elton and Jenny McDevitt plus Amy Roselle.

The sport has grown at Mercy. It started with just a club level team, grew to include a varsity, then a varsity plus a junior varsity, and now there are two JV teams of 16 players each in addition to the 16-girl varsity.

DiGiovanni, Courtney Leh, McDevitt and Elton have been with the program since its inception. The varsity now includes three sophomores: Pam Simpson, Emily Beaman and Erin Seallan.

Mercy plays in a mixed league of parochial and public schools because



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To the rescue: Annie Salter (No. 6) of Farmington Hills Mercy is about to hit the ball while Maureen Seymour (No. 9) backs up the play. The Marlins lost, 5-0, to Maumee Valley (O.) but are showing sharp improvement in the program's third season of varsity play.

there aren't enough schools fielding field hockey teams. The Michigan High School Athletic Association does not recognize the sport, and thus there is no state tournament, for the same reason.

Other league members include

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart, Birmingham Detroit Country Day, Dearborn, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Grosse Pointe University-Liggett, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Ann Arbor Huron and Pioneer.

But it's growing. Livonia Ladywood becomes the league's 11th full-fledged member next season. It plays a limited schedule this season.

Mercy plays at home today against Cranbrook.

Marlins, Falcons cop good wins

Farmington Hills Mercy's cross country team remains unbeaten heading into the home stretch of its season.

The Marlins went to Young Patriots Park in Riverview on Tuesday to defeat Riverview Gabriel Richard, 16-47.

The victory left Mercy 4-0 overall and in the Detroit Catholic League.

"It was a chance to run in Young Patriots Park and we took advantage of it since the Catholic League meet has been moved to this place," Mercy coach Gary Servais said. "It was a chance to get some experience at the new site."

The Catholic League meet is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19. Last Saturday, the Marlins went to the Center Line Invitational and

won their half of a split race with 99 points, eight better than the runner-up, Livonia Stevenson took its half of the race.

Against River Gabriel Richard, Botay Gignac led a sweep of the first four places with a time of 20:59. Junior Jackie Segue was next in 21:01 while junior Hilary Harris (21:03) and sophomore Christina Andriola (21:52) were third and fourth.

Sixth place went to junior Danielle Wroblewski in 22:09. Seventh and eighth went to a pair of freshmen, Alyssa Burniaki (22:56) and Katie Mason (23:08).

In the Center Line Invitational, the top 50 males and all seven of Mercy's runners earned one.

Gignac was the highest finisher

with a 20:48, good for tenth place. Twelfth went to Segue with a time of 20:51. 18th to Andriola in 21:57. 29th to Mason with a time of 22:43.

Burniaki was 30th in 22:45; Anjum Ahmad 32nd with a 22:53 clocking; and Wroblewski finished 40th in 23:21.

"We did pretty well considering Harris was a little nicked up and didn't run," coach Gary Servais said. "We had three freshmen run varsity and two of them were in our top five."

"We're coming around, it looks like."

Mercy has the Oakland County meet Saturday and then runs in the Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Invitational on Oct. 12.

Falcons win

Six medalists added up to a girls cross country victory for Farmington during the weekend's Haslett Invitational.

"It's the first invitational we've won this year," Falcons' coach Liz Zynda said. "The girls are right on target. They're all bringing their times down."

"We're really pleased by the fact we have 10 girls running under 23 minutes."

Farmington totaled 33 points Saturday in winning the event at Haslett, taking first, third, fifth and ninth.

Kate Adams was first with a time of 19:27. Teresa Durwinski third in 20:06. Aimee Cameron fifth at 20:41 and Ellen Adams ninth in 20:59.

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