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Wishes do come true



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As part of her Make-A-Wish Foundation dream, Novi High School student Monica Phillips will be heading off to Puerto Rico next week to bring some funds and Beanie Babies to an orphanage in its capitol.

By Kelly Murad NEWS STAFF WRITER

Only a truly extraordinary person, when given the chance to wish for anything in the world, would wish to help those in need.

Seventeen-year-old Monica Phillips is that extraordinary person.

After receiving a wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Phillips chose to make wishes come true for other, less fortunate children.

As her wish, Phillips requested to visit an orphanage and bring the children gifts.

"I wanted to do something I would always remember," she said. "I really like kids, so I thought it would be a cool idea."

Monica's wish

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. In order to receive a wish,

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Yoriki Watanabe splashes around in the waters of Walled Lake on a Friday afternoon. Watanabe was part of a Camp Lakeshore contingency enjoying a day at North Lakeshore Park in Novi.

Summer in the city

By Chris Jekett NEWS STAFF WRITER

With the sun shining and school out, summer is the perfect time to get into a healthier routine. However, summer does come with a few added risks of its own when combining hot temperatures and a good time.

Safety

Whether going for a run or taking a dip in the lake, protection is a major factor.

The summer sun may feel great after a long winter, but it can also damage skin. There are plenty of simple precautions to avoid a bad burn. Wearing a shirt, hat and sunglasses are best. The more skin that is covered, the less potential for burns.

The sun is strongest between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., so planning activities when the sun is lower will help protect skin from damage.

"If there's a high heat index,

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New group kindles Novi's interest in the arts

By Kelly Murad NEWS STAFF WRITER

ArtsNovi had its first official board meeting last Wednesday.

The organization, which was created to bring arts and culture to the Novi community, has been a work-in-progress for more than six months.

"The whole idea is to promote arts and culture in Novi," said Whitney McClellan. "There's already a good base, we just want to build on it."

McClellan and ArtsNovi president Brian Sleeth are responsible for forming the arts organization in Novi.

"It takes a couple of people opening their big fat mouths," Sleeth said in regards to what it took for her

and McClellan to get the organization up and running.

Sleeth and McClellan said ArtsNovi has nothing to do with their affiliations with The Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce or GracePointe Presbyterian Church.

"We're (ArtsNovi) not under the city. It is its own entity," Sleeth said.

As a way for the community to get involved with ArtsNovi, the organization is running a contest for interested participants to help create a logo.

"We want the community involved," McClellan



said. "The logo will be used throughout all our marketing and advertising."

The winner of the contest will not only win prestige, but they will also win dinner and a show at Andiamo's, an overnight

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ArtsNovi Logo Contest

ArtsNovi wants help creating a logo for the newly formed organization.

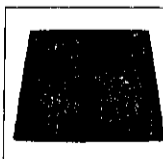
Interested participants may submit logo designs to: ArtsNovi PO Box 1258 Novi, MI 48376 or artsnovi@yahoo.com

Contest deadline is September 15.

The winning logo will be used for the marketing and advertising of ArtsNovi and the winner will receive dinner and a show at Andiamo's, an overnight stay at the Residence Inn and a \$500 prize donated by Fred Moschetta of Fox Run.

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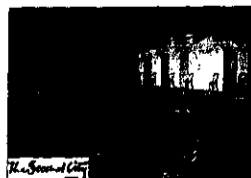


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play in the tournament and the opening rounds begin Thursday at 1 p.m. with final registration from 9-10 a.m. Friday. Call Carol Joy Cole of the Flint Area Backgammon Club at (810) 232-9731 for more information.

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For a good laugh, visit The Second City, 42705 Grand River Ave., every Sunday through July 22 to view an alternative production entitled "The Best of The Second City - Detroit." The show features a highlight reel of the best comedy sketches performed in past years from the first 29 revues. The show costs \$7 and tickets can be ordered at (248) 348-4448 and http://www.secondcity.com.



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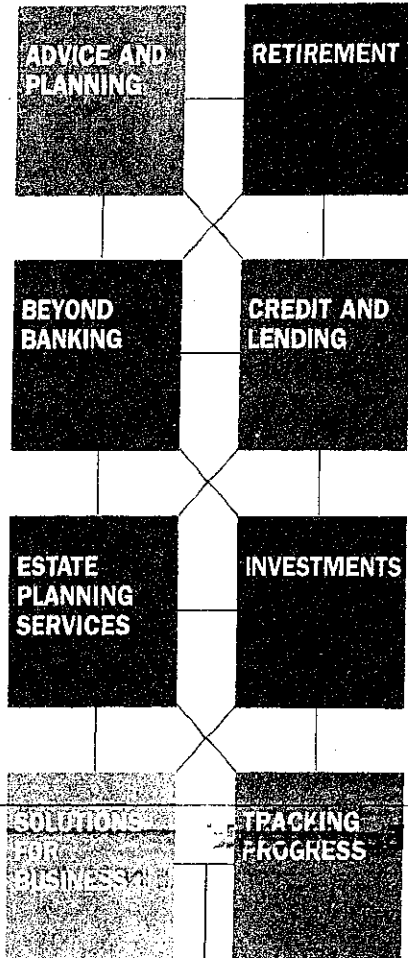
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Taking steps to prevent West Nile Virus



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Benny McCusker, Director of Public Works for the City of Novi, kneels near a water retention basin at the senior center complex, Meadowbrook Commons. The department has paid special attention to the Commons' ponds, larviciding them to protect residents against mosquitoes and West Nile Virus.

By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

It's summer. That means time at the beach, fireworks, camping and mosquitoes.

Easily the least favorite feature of a warm summer evening are the mosquitoes that crash the party, most often at dusk and dawn. In recent years, the phrase West Nile Virus has gone hand-in-hand with the pesky critters.

"West Nile Virus causes an

infection that results in swelling of the brain," according to Oakland County health reports.

Most cases occur between late July and September, when the mosquito population is highest.

However, mosquitoes are around longer than the 80 degree days of summer. Residents should take proper caution to ensure their safety.

"The way the weather's been lately, we might see an early rise of mosquito. It has been great for

breeding conditions," said George Miller, manager of the Oakland County Health Division.

Although this may seem bleak, West Nile Virus is rare, especially throughout Oakland County. This year, no cases have been reported.

Last year, only three occurred: none in Novi.

"Just because they live in a jurisdiction doesn't mean they got it in that jurisdiction. The first case in Michigan was a gentleman who got it canoeing in Georgia,"

Miller said.

The virus is easily preventable. City officials are working hard to cut back on potential risks.

"We treat 6,000 catch basins in March on the 28th and go out for a second round August 15. We've been treating storm drains and storm systems. Any pond can breed mosquito larva," said Benny McCusker, director of the

Protecting Yourself From Mosquito Bites

- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's directions for use including age guidelines.
- Spray clothing with repellents containing permethrin or another EPA-registered repellent. Do not apply repellents containing permethrin directly to exposed skin.
- When weather permits, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are outdoors.
- Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when you are outdoors with infants.
- Consider staying indoors at dusk, and in the early evening, which are peak mosquito biting times.
- Install or repair window and door screens so that mosquitoes cannot get indoors.
- At least once or twice a week, empty water from flower pots, pet food and water dishes, birdbaths, swimming pool covers, buckets, barrels and other containers.
- Check for clogged rain gutters and clean them out.
- Remove discarded tires, and other items that could collect water.
- Be sure to check for containers in places that may be hard to see, such as under bushes or under your home.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Novi Department of Public Works. "We make (the chemical larvicide) we use to treat catch basins) available to the Homeowner's Associations to purchase from contractors at wholesale price."

Popular mosquito breeding grounds include bird feeders, water troughs, dog water bowls, gutters, unused pools, tarp-covered boats, ponds created by sprinklers and any container left outside to gather a little water.

"I don't think lakes are a real threat," Miller said. "Forests and swampy areas where you know there's going to be standing water are more of a threat, especially at dusk and dawn."

If there's already an obvious mosquito population where you are, wear protective clothing with long sleeves and pant legs. Use repellents containing up to 35 percent DEET if you are an adult.

Children ages 2-6 should only use up to 10 percent DEET. Children

younger than 2 should never use repellent containing DEET.

"We're staying pretty diligent. I still spray my 8-year-old son with repellent that doesn't have a lot of DEET in it, before he goes golfing," McCusker said. "Seniors and young, young children are more susceptible."

Adults aren't in the clear however, depending on personal health conditions.

"(You're) especially (susceptible) if you're already fighting an illness and your immune system is weakened," Miller said. "The stress is preventable. It's up to the individual to be aware of their surroundings and then you can enjoy the outdoors."

A potential warning sign of the virus nearby could be dead birds, specifically American crows.

"Birds are usually affected first by it. Birds are the warning sign because they can carry the parasite," McCusker said. However, not every dead bird is a WNV case.

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Under a blazing June sun, a bather gets out of Walled Lake at Novi's North Lakeshore Park beach last Friday. Adults and kids alike need to protect their skin against the sun's rays when outside in the summer months.

■ New group kindles Novi's interest in the arts

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stay at the Residence Inn and a \$500 prize donated by Fred Moschetti of Fox Run.

The deadline for the contest is September 15 and ArtsNovi hopes to reveal the winning logo at their first event, Chocolate, Wine, Jazz and all that Art, which is tentatively scheduled for the end of the year.

"This is where the exciting part happens. We can move forward and start planning for the first event," Sleeth said. "It's going to be quite an event for Novi."

ArtsNovi Board of Directors

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In its beginning stages right now, ArtsNovi doesn't have members yet, but both Sleeth and McClellan feel encouraged by the board that has been elected.

"The cohesiveness of this group has amazed me," McClellan said.

"Everyone has a passion for the arts."

In order to increase community interest and membership, ArtsNovi hopes to promote local artists on their Website.

ArtsNovi is not trying to take away from any of the existing art programs and events throughout the City of Novi.

"Our goal is to help them even more," McClellan said. "It's a huge economic development opportunity for Novi."

ArtsNovi is open to all different forms of art such as, writing, painting, playing a musical instrument, dancing, theater, photography and so many more.

"We would love to be able to promote all of the arts as much as possible," Sleeth said.

■ Summer in the city

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maybe in the mid 90s, it may be a good idea not to exercise that day if you don't have to," said Dr. Rami Khory, an emergency room physician at Providence Hospital. "Staying hydrated with water or drinks with electrolytes, like Gatorade and Powerade, is also important.

Wearing sunscreen with a palm-sized amount of SPF 30 or higher will also help protect against the sun, Khory said. Applying the sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside and reapplying every two hours, or after you swim, sweat or towel off, will make it the most effective, according to the Oakland County Health Division.

A lesser known danger of the summer is swimmer's itch - a skin rash resulting from an allergic reaction. Swimmer's itch is caused by parasites found in any body of water. It is more common in marshy areas where snails are found.

"Anyone who swims or wades in natural water may be at risk," said Kathy Forzley, environmental health administrator for Oakland County's Health Division. "Swimmer's itch is not contagious and is more likely to be present in shallow water by the shoreline."

Showering or drying off immediately after leaving the water and not attracting birds to areas where people are swimming are both ways to reduce the likelihood of developing swimmer's itch, according to the county's Health Division.

Symptoms of swimmer's itch include a tingling, burning or itching of the skin, and possibly small, reddish pimples or blisters. The itch is not a major health hazard and will gradually disappear in about a week.

Exercise

Of all the times to be a couch potato, summer is not the time. The great outdoors provides the turf for a variety of options ranging from competitive soccer and baseball leagues to a simple stroll around the neighborhood. There's countless options out there and just as many reasons to utilize them.

Novi's Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department offers programs for people of all ages and provides multiple parks to walk nature trails, swim and play baseball, soccer, basketball and tennis.

"Lakeshore Park is kind of self-oriented for biking, walking and bird watching. There's also a lake and swimming activities," said Tracie Ringle, community and resource developing supervisor for the Novi Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. "There's sand volleyball at Lakeshore, bas-

ketball courts at the Community Sports Park and Rotary Park offers trails."

Not looking to go to the park? Any sort of exercise for 30 minutes, at least three times a week, promotes good summer-time help. Walking the dog down the street, in-line skating, jogging, dancing, swimming in the pool or taking the stairs instead of the elevator are all steps in the right direction.

Ringle also suggests horse back riding at Wildwind Equestrian Center in South Lyon, which offers camps for kids and lessons for adults in both English and Japanese throughout the year.

Although exercise has its benefits, it is important to get into the flow of things smoothly and with consistency. Exercising should always begin with a 3-5 minute warm-up period and end with a cool down period of the same length.

Once you're warmed up, make sure not to overdo it. Going long periods without exercise and then starting back up full strength can lead to injuries.

"Everybody's different, but everybody needs to have a warm up and cool down period no matter if they're a weekend warrior or a seasoned athlete," Khory said.

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What you need to know about Swimmer's Ear

- You can often prevent Swimmer's Ear by keeping water out of your child's ears.
- Pools that are poorly maintained are more likely to spread Swimmer's Ear.
- Ear pain is the most common symptom of Swimmer's Ear. The ear pain from Swimmer's Ear is made worse by tugging on your child's outer ear.
- Ear wax may be protective against Swimmer's Ear, so don't aggressively remove wax from your child's ear.
- In addition to swimming, kids can be at risk for getting swimmer's ear if they get water in their ears when bathing or showering.

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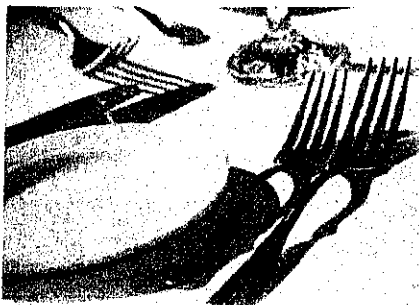
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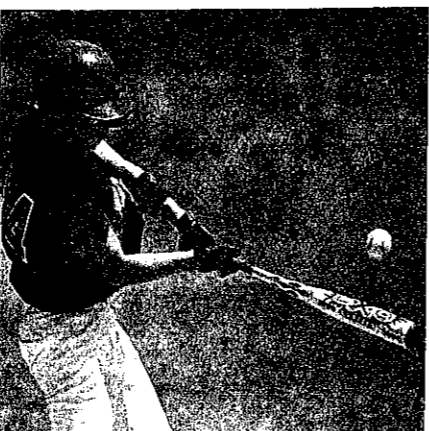
The ladies' game



Chicago Gems baserunner Sofia Sianez, left, is safe at home on this play during their game against the Royal York Cardinals. The teams were meeting for part of the Detroit Women's Baseball Can-Am Invitational tournament which drew teams from all over the U.S. and Canada.



Helen Filarski, left, and Mary Moore, stars of the 1940 and 50's All American Girls' Professional Baseball League were on hand to sign baseballs and cards at last week's invitational tournament in Novi. Filarski played with the '45 champions the Rockford (Illinois) Peaches, and Moore played with the Springfield Sallies.



A batter with a team from Pawtucket, Rhode Island places a ball into the outfield during an afternoon matchup at Catholic Central's Novi field.

King and His Court wow, entertain crowd



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

King and His Court barnstorming softball player Charlie Dobbins, center, gives some pointers to an assembly of girls during the Can-Am invitational at Catholic Central on Monday.

By Jeff Theisen
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Legendary fastpitch softball player Eddie Feigner passed away in February, but his team, King and His Court live on.

The four-man barnstorming team entertained the crowd Monday before the finals of the Women's Can-Am baseball tournament.

The team uses a pitcher, catcher, first baseman and a shortstop — that's all against a full, nine-man squad.

The show is much like the Harlem Globetrotters, more fun than serious. But the foursome still shows they have talent to spare.

Pitcher Rich Hopper, who said he was more than 60, showed off his mastery on the mound with a variety of pitches that included behind the back and through the legs. He even pitched to a couple of batters blindfolded.

Jack Knight, in his 26th year with the team, said it can be rough traveling as much as the team does, but meeting people and putting on the show is what it's all about.

Despite having to jump on a plane for a trip back across the country to California, the famous foursome took time after the game to run a clinic for a group of girls.

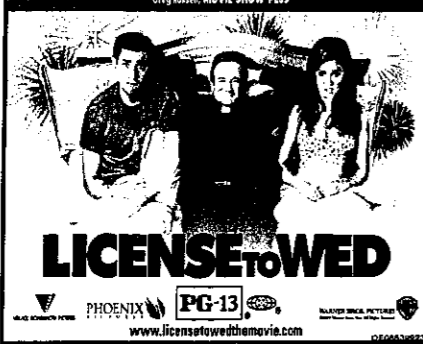
"This is the 26th season that I've been able to meet the greatest people in America, be in the greatest towns in America and enjoy the greatest things that America has to offer," Knight said. "It's a job that so many people would die just to have."

"There's nothing else like it, and I'm so happy that I'm blessed to be part of it."

The King and His Court have been performing since 1946. Feigner, a hard-throwing pitcher, told a team he could beat them with him and a catcher, but he wouldn't want the other team just to walk them to get out of an inning. The opposing manager said to bring a first baseman and a

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BOWLING: Stars show up for Braylon Edwards Foundation



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Actress and Producer Vivica Fox bowls at Lucky Strike Thursday night during the Braylon Edwards Foundation bowling fundraiser.

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Ferriman makes honor roll

Justin Ferriman, the son/daughter of Edward Ferriman and Cynthia Ferriman of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School, is one of 101 scholar-athletes from Albion College who have been named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Academic Honor Roll for the 2006-2007 academic year. Ferriman was a member of the soccer team.

An individual making the league's Academic Honor Roll must have earned a varsity letter in a sport and maintained a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire school year.

3-on-3 Micro-Soccer Shootout

The University of Michigan Athletic Department will hold its 16th annual 3-on-3 Micro-Soccer Shootout at U-M's Mitchell Fields on July 21. A \$90 fee per team guarantees at least four games. Age groups from 7 to adult for boys and girls will also include recreational and competitive divisions.

Registration forms can be found at www.umsooccer.com. For further information, call (734) 647-1201 or e-mail luurkee@umich.edu. Forms must be postmarked by July 12. All proceeds benefit Michigan Men's soccer.

The Summer Basketball Academy

Area players will receive the best individual instruction available in a camp setting. Four weeks to choose from: July 9-12, July 16-19, July 23-26 and July 30-Aug 2. The Academy will involve players in three hours of highly intensive skill development training per day. Limited enrollment guarantees players, ages 10-18, will rapidly and dramatically improve in all phases of the game. Basketball coaching professional, Coach Paul Tripp, will personally evaluate and instruct each player in shooting, footwork, offensive moves and defensive instruction. He has trained some of the top players in the area from middle school to college level. The camp fee is \$135.

Contact Coach Paul at coachpaul@basketballworkshop.com or call (248) 563-0858 for registration information.

4-Star Basketball Camp

Former Novi basketball coach Pat Schluter is teaming up with South Lyon head coach Daren Clayton to run the All-Area 4-Star Basketball Camp at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The first camp is for boys entering grades 3-6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon with boys entering grades 7-8 from 1-4:30 p.m. July 9-13.

The second camp is for grades 5-8 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and grades 9-12 from 1-4:30 p.m. July 16-20.

Each camp cost \$165 and is aimed at improving the serious basketball player. Space is limited to 100 campers per session.

Visit www.allareabasketballcamp.com for more information.

Wildcat basketball camps

Former Novi boys basketball coach Pat Schluter is hosting three summer basketball camps.

The Boys basketball camp for grades 2-5 will run 8:30 a.m. to noon and grades 6-9 will be 1-4:30 p.m. July 18-22 at Novi Middle School. Cost of the camp is \$140 and will include all aspects of basketball and player development. Participants will also receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball.

The boys and girls shooting camp for grades 2-5 will run 12:30-2 p.m. and for grades 6-9 2:15-3:45 p.m. July 23-27 at the Novi Middle School. The camp costs \$68 and will concentrate on all shooting aspects with awards being given to contest winners.

The boys and girls K-2 camp will run 8:30-10 a.m. for one class and 10:15-11:45 a.m. for another class July 23-27 at Novi Middle School. The cost is \$68 for each class and will teach the basic skills of basketball.

Gym clothes and gym shoes are required for all camps. Register by calling Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.



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Midwest Region II Champs

Michigan Wolves U15 Boys dominate, earning their second consecutive trip to the National Championship. The Michigan Wolves U15 Boys soccer team, coached by Lars Richters (Livonia Stevenson boys soccer head coach) and part of the Michigan Wolves-Hawks Soccer Club, entered the 2007 Midwest Regional Championships with a target on their backs as the returning Midwest Regional Champions. The Wolves earned their birth this year by winning the Michigan State Cup. State Cup Champions from the surrounding Midwestern States gathered in Iowa for their chance to earn a trip to the National Championships.

The top seeded Wolves breezed through their pool play by beating Javanon (KY) 2-0, Red River United (ND) 7-0 and Ankeny Fusion (IA) 12-0. In the semifinal match, the Wolves faced their toughest test in Scott Gallagher (MO). Trailing 0-1 at the half, the Wolves Joshua Gatt tied the game 1-1 at the 48:30 mark on a great pass from Soony Saad. Ten minutes later, Cody Henderson made a perfect pass to Saad, who scored the eventual game winner. The defense of Kevin Cope, Ryan Keener, Nick Taccoonelli, Vinh Nguyen and Ryan Barrent closed the door, limiting Gallagher's chances. The Wolves' keeper, Sasa Miskovic made two huge saves late in the game to preserve the victory.

In the finals, the Wolves faced another Michigan team, VardarStars, who qualified as a wildcard. The Wolves dominated from the start. Once again, Gatt opened the scoring. Jordan Tyler and Henderson scored a goal apiece, while Saad added two, giving the Wolves a 5-0 halftime lead. Saad scored two more goals in the second half, giving the Wolves a 7-0 final victory. Midfielders Joey D'Agostino, Etienne Lussetz and Josh Baren controlled the middle of the field, allowing the forwards to dominate down low.

In the five games played, the Wolves scored 30 goals and gave up only one. Gatt and Saad led the Wolves in scoring with eight goals each. Jordan Tyler added 5. The remaining goals were scored by Jad El-Zein (3), Doug Beason (2), Nick Scabassi (2), Henderson and Lussetz.

Front Row, from left: Etienne Lussetz (Livonia), Joshua Gatt (Plymouth), Joshua Baren (Diamonddale), Rick McCarthy (Novi), Nick Taccoonelli (Northville), Vinh Nguyen (Canton)

Second Row: Jordan Tyler (Rochester), Ryan Barrent (Grand Rapids), Adam Grinwis (Ada), Sasa Miskovic (Canton), Soony Saad (Dearborn), Joey D'Agostino (Livonia), Ryan Keener (Grand Blanc)

Back Row: Coach Joe Zawacki, Nick Scabassi (Northville), Cody Henderson (West Bloomfield), Kevin Cope (Canton), Club Director and Coach Brian Doyle, Head Coach Lars Richters.

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