

Hickey named Seaholm coach

By John Raby
staff writer

called me and said what a fine young man Dan was.

Seeking to establish a stable, competitive program, Birmingham athletic director Carl Lemie has named Dan Hickey as the boys' head basketball coach at Seaholm High School.

Hickey, who coached girls' basketball at Rochester Adams the past three seasons, represents the fourth coaching change in as many years at Seaholm. Bob Polin resigned for health reasons at the beginning of last season and was replaced by longtime coach Lou Perry, who agreed to lead the Maples until a permanent replacement could be found.

Seaholm hasn't won a Southeastern Michigan Association basketball title since the early 1970s, but Lemie believes Hickey is the man to steer the program back in the right direction.

"He's had a good (coaching) record," Lemie said of Hickey's qualifications. "I received a tremendous amount of recommendations from people that he had worked for — Jack Cotton, the athletic director in Farmington, and Bill Norton from Michigan State (formerly the Brother Rice head basketball coach).

Hickey has been through a smorgasbord of basketball coaching jobs in his career. His Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows eighth-grade team won the Catholic Youth Organization championship in 1975.

After a stint as the freshman coach at Birmingham Brother Rice, he was named assistant coach at Farmington Harrison before being named the girls' varsity coach at Adams.

AT HARRISON, his team's best record was in 1978, when it recorded a 14-5 mark. At Adams, his three-year record was 40-25.

But Hickey will move into a league that recently has been dominated by Southfield — a Class A semifinalist last March.

"It's a rebuilding kind of thing," Hickey said. "We have five seniors coming back. The junior varsity was 10-10 last season, and the freshman team was 14-1. The big thing I want to establish is some stability. To provide that, I think that discipline is the key thing."

Dan Hickey
new Seaholm coach

No horsing around

Equestrian Inman keeps busy slate

By Marty Budner
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Paula Inman took advantage of a rare break in her increasingly hectic schedule last week.

The Farmington Hills equestrian was competing at a horse show in King of Prussia, Pa. Just prior to that, she participated in a couple of Florida shows.

But, because of an off day, she found time to fly back to her home state for a couple of hours last Wednesday afternoon.

Inman is not fond of all the traveling, but she's learning that it's as necessary a part of her existence now as a saddle and fashionable riding clothes.

"I'd rather not live out of suitcases, but that's what you have to do to be dedicated," said Inman, who was in town as a guest of the Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association. She spoke about her role in the upcoming horse show at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club.

"I spend a lot of time in Virginia (where she trains) working with the horses, and most of the other times I'm on the road," she said. "But, I'm really not tired when the shows come around. I always put my all into it."

INMAN IS ONLY 18, but the sparky-eyed brunette is fast becoming one of the top amateur equestrians on the national circuit. One of the highlights of her blossoming career was placing second in the national Junior Jumping Division last year.

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That's quite an accomplishment, considering she had to schedule most of her practice and show time around her schooling at Farmington Our Lady of Mercy High School.

"Fortunately, I carried a high enough average that I didn't need any special (high school) tutoring," said Inman, who graduated last June. "At Mercy, we didn't have any school on Fridays from November through April to conserve energy."

"So, when I went to different horse shows, I would fly out of Detroit on Thursday evenings and come back on Sundays. I carried good enough grades that if I did need a week off, I was able to get it."

INMAN WON the Winter Equestrian Festival in Florida this past season. And, she is currently one of the leading scorers on the INSILCO (International Silver Classics) race circuit.

At the Devon Horse Show in King of

Prussia, she enhanced her reputation as one of the top INSILCO amateurs by winning the overall competition. She also won a February show at West Palm Beach, and finished third in a show across the state in Tampa.

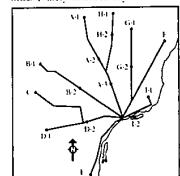
Inman competes as an amateur in the Hunter and Jumper Divisions of most horse shows. The jumping division, where horses are seen hurdling a series of obstacles along a specially designed course, is the most common to the average observer.

AN OWNER OF three horses, Inman says it takes a special relationship to handle each one of them. She is riding "Centrefold" and "One for the Road" in the INSILCO races, and she's breaking a Danish horse — Everson — for future races.

"It's a challenge riding horses, and there's always a danger involved in it," said Inman, the youngest of June and Paul Inman's five children.

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