

Shoemaker resigns as Eaglet coach to seek 'new challenges'

By Jim Hughes
staff writer

Bob Shoemaker, the coach who directed Orchard Lake St. Mary's to two high school state basketball championships, announced his resignation which will enable him to "look for another challenge."

In addition to his head basketball position, Shoemaker also held other duties at St. Mary's, among them athletic director and Dean of Men. His resignation from the all-boys boarding school will become effective at the end of his contractual year, June 30.

"I'm looking for another challenge," Shoemaker said. "I feel I've done all I can do here."

During his six years, Shoemaker compiled a 144-115 won-lost record. His 1978 team captured the Class D State Championship, while the 1981 squad won the Class C crown. In 1981, St. Mary's advanced to the semifinals before losing to Three Oaks River Valley.

ST. MARY'S defeated Reed City, 78-48, in the 1982 championship, and topped Detroit St. Martin de Porres, 67-52, in the 1978 final.

Prior to his job at St. Mary's, Shoemaker was a successful coach at Detroit St. Andrew, where he racked up a 93-17 record during his five-year career. He has a career won-lost record of 217-42 for an 84-percent winning ratio.

His teams had won 10 straight division titles in the Catholic League before his year's team fell to 10-11 and was third in the A-East Division. He won two Catholic League titles at St. Mary's and three at St. Andrew's.

Shoemaker, commonly called "Shoe," said he has no immediate plans for coaching, but is not overlooking the likelihood that he'll be back at court-side somewhere soon.

"I have no plans," Shoemaker said. "But I did the same thing at St. Andrew's. When I left there, I didn't have

anywhere to go. That's the way I do it; I leave and then look for somewhere else to go.

"I leave first, then I see what's available. I don't know if that's the smart way to do it, but that's how I do it. I don't think it's fair to look somewhere while you're still coaching. If I find something, fine, but if I don't, I'll just watch."

SUCCESS HAS followed Shoemaker at both schools where he's coached, and he attributes that to his disciplinary coaching style.

"I believe in discipline," he said. "I've always believed that if you have a disciplined team, you have a team that works hard. That's an important quality in being successful."

As expected, the highlights in Shoemaker's coaching career to date have been the two state basketball titles.

"So many good things have happened, but winning the state championships certainly stand out," he said. "Winning the state is the ultimate goal and a highlight was winning the first one. Then coming back and winning again in a different class, that's certainly a highlight."

Although Shoemaker insists his resignation is something he acted upon voluntarily, he said leaving St. Mary's will be difficult.

"I've had six great years at this school, but this is something I feel I have to do," Shoemaker said. "I've had some great assistant coaches, and a lot

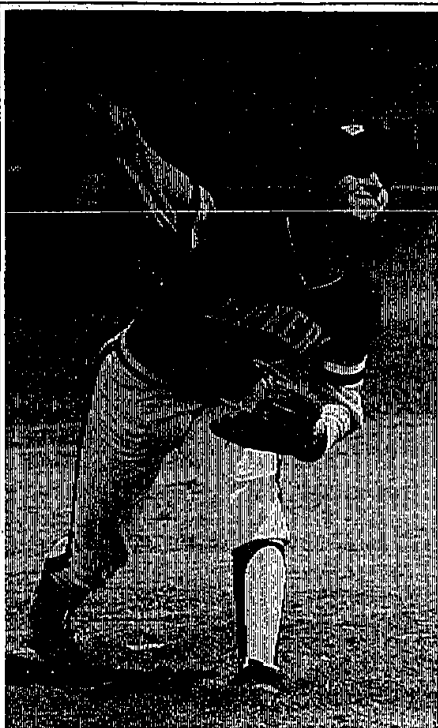
here who've dedicated themselves to being successful. The parents at St. Mary's have been incredible; the best I've ever been associated with, and that's why it's going to be so difficult to leave."

The 1982-83 season was by far the worst record a Shoemaker-coached team has put together. In his four previous seasons at St. Mary's, his teams have posted records of 27-0, 22-3, 18-4, 21-3 and 24-3. His teams at St. Andrew were 15-4, 21-1, 19-6, 15-5 and 23-1.



File photo

Bob Shoemaker, far right, gives instructions to one of his players in one game along the road to the class C state championship in 1982.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Play ball!

West Bloomfield pitcher Todd Krumm fires toward home plate during a high school game Saturday afternoon against Rochester Adams. The Lakers and Highlanders were among the very few local prep schools who played ball over the weekend because of the temperamental weather. For the result of that game and more, please turn to page 5C.



Marty Budner

Michigan Cosmos: searching for a national soccer crown

First, there was Team U.S.A.

Team U.S.A. is a soccer franchise established over the winter months to play in the North American Soccer League. Its primary goal is to build a solid playing relationship and eventually represent the country at the prestigious national tournaments.

Now, there's Team Michigan. Or, at least, Team Southeastern Michigan.

Plymouth's Gordon Rama and Rochester's Bill Buerger believe they have built a soccer powerhouse. The two successful youth soccer coaches put their heads together this winter and the end product, they maintain, is an Under-18 team capable of winning the championship of North America.

Rama and Buerger are the head and assistant coaches, respectively, of the Michigan Cosmos Soccer Club, a.k.a. Team Michigan. Their ultimate goal is to show other parts of the country — and North America, for that matter — that soccer is as much a part of Michigan as the Great Lakes and 1-75.

Even the official team logo contains the letters U.S.A. across the bottom, symbolizing the Cosmos' desire to gain national and international soccer status. Rama says winning an international championship is not an unrealistic goal.

FIVE-YEAR coaching soccer for eight years and this is without a doubt the best team I've ever had," said Rama, whose 1981 Cosmos squad won the Michigan State soccer championship.

"We picked up a lot of strength offensively and defensively this year. I think we have a darn good chance of winning the national title if we stay healthy," he said. "We got a team together to beat the best competition we can find."

The Cosmos Soccer Club team (the players' names are not restricted to a defined area) affiliated with the Rochester Express Soccer League (Rochester Express Soccer League) will play the Rochester Express Soccer League team in the Troy area.



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which was coached by Buerger. In fact, when the Cosmos won the state cup in '81, it was Buerger's Fire squad by a 3-1 score. Last year, the Cosmos defeated the Fire all three times the teams played.

"So, this winter, Buerger joined the Cosmos team as an assistant coach. It's a classic case that if you can't beat 'em, join 'em," jokes Buerger. He also brought along a few players to help solidify the Cosmos.

In effect, they've joined forces to form one "Michigan" team with aspirations of conquering college soccer cups to qualify the players' third all summer. "I saw the Cosmos team steadily improving and I could see they were building a powerhouse," said Buerger, who coaches the Rochester Express Soccer League soccer team. "I saw the Cosmos team steadily improving and I could see they were building a powerhouse," said Buerger, who coaches the Rochester Express Soccer League soccer team.

"LAST SUMMER (Rama) called me when he was short of players for a Canadian tournament. At that time, the thought crossed my mind, 'what if we got together and put all these players on one team?'"

We had try-outs at Schoolcraft College in January (Rama) said (after the try-outs) that he thought some of the (Troy Fire) players could help him. This is a solid 16-man team."

The main reasons for unification were:

- To create a championship club, and
- To show national and international teams that Michigan does produce talented soccer teams.

"We think that we have a team that Michigan can be proud of when we go to play in a difficult cup tournament," said Buerger. "The players are all stars on their high school teams and when you put them together they can play like a well-oiled machine."

That's why we think the obvious goals of this team are taking the state cup, shooting for the regionals (Midwest cup) and then going after the national championship. We don't think they are unreasonable goals."

This team has always enjoyed the competition, and the tougher the competition, the better they seem to play," he said. "This team represents the best players of that age group that you can find in Southeastern Michigan."

FOR THE record, the team includes: Plymouth residents Mark Flower and Steve Moran; Livonia's Pat Stocker, Chris Weigel, Chris Gemble, Brett Murphy and Dennis Patchett; Birmingham's Adam Cernak and Craig Ciccione; Bloomfield Hills' Matti Banks; Rochester's Bill Buerger; Troy's Jeff Howell and Northville's Doug May, Bob Goldberg and Matt Lotarski. Moren (Salmon High School), Rama (Catholic Central), Patchett (Beverly), Weigel and Gemble (Beverly), Cernak (Beverly) and Banks (Beverly) are all sophomores.

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People with substantial assets or income—or both—stand to lose the most to taxes and inflation. Fortunately, the Government permits tax sheltering for those who invest in the development of certain key resources—usually oil and gas or residential and commercial real estate.

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