

Cage star finds new life

By Rich Swenson
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Former Farmington Harrison cage star Alice Short hopes to get a fresh start this fall at Northern Michigan University.

The 1983 Harrison graduate played her freshman year at Bradley (Peoria, Ill.), but left this spring after a disappointing and emotionally draining first season at the Division I school. She will continue her basketball career at Northern, which offered her a full scholarship.

Short, an Eccentric All-Area and fourth team All-Slater in her final season at Harrison, was unhappy with the Bradley program, citing the excessive demands Bradley coaches made on the players. Ten of the 12 team members transferred after the season ended.

"The coaches were really good — just outstanding," she said. "But they were too demanding. They wanted us to put out 300 percent in practice, in games and the books."

"I'M SURE they'll produce a team that is great, but I didn't want any part

people in sports

of it. I just want more out of life than playing basketball."

After averaging 17 points and 11 rebounds as a senior at Harrison, Short started her season at Bradley as the team's sixth man. Halfway through the season, she got the opportunity to start at guard.

"I enjoyed being the sixth man — it was fun," she said. "But by the end of the season, I just didn't feel like I was the type of person they needed. I made my decision to leave before the season was over."

Short averaged four points, three rebounds, two steals and three assists while getting a fair amount of playing time.

She also competed on Bradley's track team this spring, hoping to get a track scholarship while dropping basketball. But it didn't work out. She just didn't have the energy to train and per-

form as well as she could have after the rough basketball season.

"I didn't do very well. I was tired emotionally and physically," she said. "My best throw was two feet less than what I threw in high school."

SHORT WAS an All-Area, All-Slate and All-American shot putter her junior year at Harrison. In her senior year, she came within a quarter-inch of breaking the state record with a heave of 45-0. But it was still only good enough for second in the state meet.

Her first inclination was to transfer to Central Michigan or Marquette, but the Broncos were all set at the guard position and Short really wanted to get out of Division I basketball anyway.

"When they say they own you when you play Division I, they really do," she said. "I feel sorry for freshmen coming into a Division I program. I play athlet-

ics to get my education. That's my goal."

Short believes she made a good choice in Northern. She'd like to help the team, have a little fun, and still have time to hit the books and enjoy a social life on campus.

She heard the Huskies needed a player from new head coach Panfili. Stern, who coached last season at Augustana (Ill.) College.

"I'M REALLY looking forward to it — I'm ready to go," she said. "I like the campus and I really like the coach."

"She enjoys basketball. She doesn't coach just to win, but also to have fun. Her philosophy is if you lose, you just have to try a little harder the next game."

Short is most serious about her education. She is leaning towards business management as a major, which she hopes someday to make a career.

In the meantime, she's spent the summer shooting hoops at the Harrison Gym to get ready for the upcoming season.

Green strokes way to Junior golf crown

Suzy Green of Franklin and Birmingham Groves fired rounds of 81-84-83 for a 245 total and a five-stroke victory in the 16-17 girls division of the Great Lakes Junior Masters Golf Tournament last week at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.

Noel Brisson of Grosse Ile improved each day in the tournament, which started Monday and finished Wednesday, carding rounds of 85, 84 and 83 for a 253, but it wasn't enough to catch Green.

In the 16-17 boys division, Trenton's Bob Papp shot 78-75-76 to claim top honors with a 229. Rick Williams of Big Rapids was second (77-79-75-231) and David Vachek of Trenton (75-83-74) and Bill O'Connor of Birmingham (80-76-78) tied for third at 232.

OTHER LOCAL golfers to finish among the trophy-winners in the 16-17 group: Mark Paddon of Franklin (73-81-80/234), Jim Judd Hershiser of Bloomfield Hills (82-74-79/235), tied for sixth.

Mike Roth of Alma was the boys 14-15 winner (79-82-73/234), with Mike Crook of Orchard Lake tied for seventh (82), while David Barsante won the 11-13 boys division with rounds of 97-88-84 for a 269 total. Birmingham's Scott Zankle was fourth (273).

Ann Kroot of Indianapolis, Ind., won the 13-15 girls division (85-87-86/258).

There were 230 entries for the tournament, which was pared down to 144 after Monday's opening round.

CITY OF FARMINGTON ELECTION NOTICE Public Accuracy Test

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test will be taken by the City of Farmington for the August 7, 1984, General Primary Election. The test will be taken on Thursday, August 2, 1984, at 2:00 p.m. at the City Clerk's Office, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY
City Clerk

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Farmington '9' eyes Legion title

The Farmington Legion baseball team kept its hopes alive in the American Legion district playoffs with back-to-back wins Tuesday and Thursday.

After a tough 4-0 loss to Royal Oak in the opener of a twinnbill Tuesday, Farmington bounced back with a 7-0 win over Waterford in the nightcap to stay in contention in the nine-team double elimination tournament.

Winning pitcher Dan Zang was superb, hurling a two-hitter while fanning 10.

"He pitched real well," Farmington coach Randy Meier said. "He mixed up his pitches and had good control."

Chris Green got Farmington started with a solo homer in the second inning. Keith Wehler followed with a double and then scored on an error to give Farmington a 2-0 lead.

WEHNER CRACKED his second straight double in the third, knocking in two runs, and Zang cruised from there.

Rich Muller tripled in Mike Colovos with the final run. Colovos contributed two hits and an RBI in the game.

Farmington scored the tying and go-ahead runs in the top of the seventh in Thursday's 4-3 triumph over Berkley.

Trailing 3-2, Neil Davis led off with a home run to tie the game. Muller then singled and was sacrificed to second on Colovos' perfect bunt. With two out, Green smashed a vicious one-hopper that skipped by the second baseman and Muller scored what proved to be the winning run.

Muller pitched seven strong innings to record the win. He scattered eight hits, while striking out seven.

GREEN, WHOSE seventh-inning shot was ruled an error, doubled with the bases loaded in the first to stake Farmington to a 2-0 lead.

"He's really come on," Meier said. "He started slowly this season, but he's been tremendous in the last five games. He's been our best hitter."

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Umpire keeps his bags packed

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line — is testimony to his burgeoning career.

"He's well respected around the league — especially as a ball-and-strike man," said Ed Katalinas, a semi-retired Tiger scout who influenced Roe to turn pro after seeing him work in the prestigious Adray Metro Detroit sandlot league.

"He's quick on judgment and that's what you really need. He definitely has the ability and talent," he said. "When I saw him umpire in the Adray League, he was head-and-shoulders above the rest as far as positioning and calls. He also has the ability to contain himself."

Roe played baseball and football at Southfield High School, then attended Eastern Michigan University where he concentrated on baseball. He graduated from EMU in '78 and got involved in the real estate business in Ohio.

IT PROVED to be a prosperous but unfulfilling venture. He moved back to the Detroit area in 1976 and found a new line of recreation by umpiring in the Adray League where he ultimately met up with Katalinas.

"I was 22 and feeling like I was 33. I was making good money in real estate but it seemed like something was lacking," said Roe. "I was working 8-to-5 and I wasn't happy. I wanted to get back into sports somehow."

"I decided to get back into baseball. Ed Katalinas came to a game one day and asked if I ever thought about umpiring professionally. I said no, but I ended up going to umpire's school in 1977. There were 336 applicants for nine jobs."

"I was fortunate to make it through. I don't know why it happened so fast," he said. "Maybe they thought I was a little more mature because of the fact I was out in business. Whatever it was, I was 24 at the time and somebody like me."

Roe began his pro career in the Florida State League in 1977 and, in the fall of that year, moved on to the Florida Instructional League "where they sent Mark Fidrych to get his arm back into shape."

He moved up the ladder to the Eastern League and "AA" ball in '78 and, in 1979, his big moment arrived. But, it turned out to be bitter-sweet.

DURING THE 1979 umpire's strike, Roe was asked to "seat" the games. He declined the offer mainly on the advice of his father — who had been a union worker himself — and some other friends.

Roe continued umpiring in "AAA" ball — the next level to the major leagues — until July of '79. Then Roe was hired by the American League to replace veteran Lou DiMuro after his accidental death.

"I won't say I wasn't scared about what to do during the umpire's strike. But, I chose not to take the job although I appreciated the offer," said Roe. "I think they made their decision to take me after Lou's death based on the fact that they wanted the best umpire to fill the gap. I decided to try the big."

The rest is history.

Roe is one of the league's youngest umpires but works on a reputable crew which has a combined total of 34 years of big-league experience. They include crew chief Larry Barrett, who is fourth on the AL seniority scale, Dale Ford and Ken Kaiser.

"Ernie Harwell once told me that it was the quickest any umpire has gotten to the big leagues," said Roe, who, at 6-foot-1 and 225 pounds, is the smallest member of that four-man crew.

CITY OF FARMINGTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1984, UNTIL 2:00 P.M. is the LAST DAY to obtain Applications for an Absent Voter Ballot for the August 7, 1984 General Primary Election.

Applications for Absent Voter Ballots may be obtained Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1984 until 2:00 p.m. at the Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

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