

Former U-M star finds joy beyond ice

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Athletes often go through a particularly traumatic period following the end of their professional careers. They have to find a job and learn how to get along without the big bucks, riveted attention and pampering that go with being an athlete in this culture. They go from life in the fast lane to having to jostle for a spot near the curb, where they are just a face in the crowd.

Dean Turner is a definite exception. Shed no tears, waste no sympathy — the son of TV star Marilyn Turner has proven that, for him at least, there is life after sports.

Turner, whose hockey career included an NCAA final, a Stanley Cup final and National Hockey League stops in New York, Colorado and Los Angeles, is doing just fine, thank you. A bad boy on ice, who was paid more to goon it up and intimidate the opposition than for any other facet of the game, is a vice president for Brownstree Group Inc., a Birmingham firm specializing in oil and gas syndications and estate planning.

"Hey, I'd rather make a living with my brain than my back," says the ebullient Turner.

AND A NICE living it is. He may have played the part of goon on the ice, but off it he is articulate and intelligent. He looks the part of hockey tough guy — his nose has more bends and twists than an undulating green on a golf course — but he talks like someone who double-majored in accounting and economics at the University of Michigan (which he did, continuing his schooling even after quitting the hockey team and his scholarship after his sophomore season in order to turn pro in 1978).

Turner's hockey career was fairly typical — more promise than substance, more time in the minors than the majors, more frustration than jubilation and, ultimately, failure. But instead of returning to some kick town in Canada and pumping gas or selling hardware or whatever it is that most failed hockey players do, Turner joined John Mullins in his investment firm.

"My job was playing defense and rocking bodies and I've got the broken bones to show for it," said Turner over a recent lunch around the corner from his Birmingham office on Brown Street. "They wanted me to fight all the time. There are other things in life besides being a clown or playing the role of one. Hockey was losing its excitement. It wasn't fun anymore."

So, he quit following the 1982-83 season. Last year was his first out of hockey since grade school.

Wm. Tyndale cagers ousted in home opener

The four-game win streak that William Tyndale College started its basketball season with ended about the time the team stepped onto its court for its home opener against Grand Rapids Grace Bible. It ended because the Farmington-based school let Grace Bible jump out to a 30-point lead in the first half. Despite its comeback efforts, Tyndale fell 80-60 Tuesday.

"This was one that we should have won," said Tyndale coach Dan Brandel, whose team slipped to 4-1. "In the first 12 minutes they just blew us away."

The closest Tyndale could come was 12 points. Doug Routledge and Ray Schramm paced Tyndale with 18 points apiece. Mike Sacco added 14. Schramm collected 14 rebounds and Sacco and Royal Russell nabbed 10 apiece.

Ocelot kickers reach finals

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team reached the finals of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) tournament at Trenton, N.J., with a pair of victories last week.

Results of Saturday's final with Nassau (N.Y.) Community College will appear in Thursday's Observer.

In a first-round game on Wednesday, Farmington Harrison graduate Sue Ferguson, the team's top scorer, gained the hat trick in a 5-2 win over Union Community College of New Jersey.

The Lady Ocelots also got goals by Amy McCauley and Livonia Churchill grad Dorene Duket.

In the semifinals on Thanksgiving Day, Schoolcraft blanked Morrisville (N.Y.), 2-0, as goalie Jenny Gans posted the shutout.

The winners dominated play from start to finish, but missed several good scoring chances, hitting the crossbar twice and the goal post twice.

Ferguson had both Schoolcraft goals.

A victory Saturday by the Lady Ocelots could give the school its first national team championship.

people in sports

For the most part, Turner has had no regrets over retiring at 25.

"It (pro hockey) was a lot of fun at first," said Turner, "but one thing it didn't fulfill was mental stimulation. You're well taken care of. You're handed your plane tickets. Here's your meal money. But it didn't do much for the head. That's the thing I love about the investment business: It stimulates the head."

TURNER IS NEARLY finished putting together a \$3 million oil syndication deal involving 100 shares of \$30,000 each. He stressed that while there are tax-shelter advantages to such deals, their primary goal is to make money. "Tax shelters are fine if you're looking short-term," said Turner. "But somebody's got to pay the piper. There's nothing free . . . we deal in cash returns. You go to the mailbox and there's a check from us. We do that long enough and they just might come back."

"You lose people's money and they don't come back. It's just like an athlete. You're only as good as your last performance."

Though he is upbeat, infectious and ebullient, Turner hasn't been without his personal setbacks. The end of his career was a small trauma; the end of his marriage at the same time and a subsequent, nasty divorce were big traumas.

"When everything falls apart, you pick up the pieces and come out of it," said Turner. "Those things build character. You learn from them. They make you better. I really believe that."

"Hey, I've got great health, a great mother, I get along great with John (Kelly, his stepfather), I've got great friends. When you've got all that, the rest is just icing on the cake."

Turner continues an avid interest in sports. He works out at Hamilton Place in Southfield (where he met Mullins), golfs and has become a runner, despite weighing 210 pounds. This past summer he ran a half-marathon (13.1 miles) in 95 minutes, a very good time, and entered the Free Press International Marathon before suffering a training injury and withdrawing.

"I get up every morning and I think, 'I'm not sore. I don't have cuts over my eyes or a broken nose and I don't hurt.' And I think of all those shots from the point that hit me on the ankle."

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LAST SATURDAY Tyndale won its fourth straight, this time by a 90-77 margin at Pontiac Midwestern Baptist.

"It was a real team effort," said Brandel. Indeed it was. Routledge led the scoring parade with 27 points, but four others reached double figures in both points and rebounds.

Sacco had 21 points and 10 rebounds, Schramm had 12 points and 14 rebounds, Jim Swanson had 15 points and 20 rebounds and Russell had 10 points and 10 rebounds. Guard Steve Legant dished out 9 assists.

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