

Good game, poor crowd

"Tis the season to be jolly, Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha."

NOT EVERYBODY is, of course. That's the cruel irony of Christmas: A season of glad tidings and joy instead brings disappointment and dashed hopes. When expectations run high, so do the risks for a major letdown.

Ask the Cherry Bowl promoters. I was there Saturday, I wish they'd handed out buttons saying just that — "I attended the '85 Cherry Bowl" — something to proudly prove I was one of the few who supported efforts to put a major bowl in our city.

IN CASE YOU missed it, the announced attendance was 51,858. Hah. Crowds like Saturday's are what convinced Al Taubman to move the Michigan Panthers to Oakland.

It was a tough lesson for Cherry Bowl officials. Still, I admired their guts. They might have landed a lesser, but better-known, team. Like Minnesota, perhaps.

But they opted to sign the "two best teams available," said Cherry Bowl director Muddy Waters after Saturday's game, in which Maryland whipped Syracuse 35-18.

"I thought it was a good match-up," said Waters. "And with 18 bowls, you have trouble finding them."

"It could have been worse. With two outside teams and such a big stadium, I can't say it was a disappointment. A lot of bowls are in 50,000-seat stadiums and they have trouble filling those."

THE SILVERDOME was filled with about 50,000 empty seats Saturday. Which is too bad, considering the game was far better than last year's yawner between Michigan State and Army. By the middle of the second quarter, these two eastern powers had already busted the Cherry Bowl scoring record (Army won in '84, 10-6).

You've heard the reasons for its failure to attract a bigger gate: lack of a local team, a cold climate and a mid-December date (during some schools' exams), both of which hamper attempts to attract teams, etc., etc.

So sign a Big Ten team or another with local lustre — say Notre Dame — whatever their records. The gate might be larger (a 6-5 MSU attracted 70,000



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fans in '84), but it wouldn't be moving in the direction Cherry Bowl officials want to go: toward major bowl status.

So now what? Maryland coach Bobby Hoss figured he had the solution: "What has to happen is the people in Detroit have to get behind it. The potential is unlimited. You've got a super, super facility, one of the best in the country."

SO HOW DO YOU get people out to witness a game between teams that don't even have a single Michigan-born player on their collective rosters?

Local teams might not provide an answer. Why should a good MSU team go only as far as Pontiac for a bowl game? How much of a thrill can it be for Dave Yarema to play in the Silverdome when he appeared there three times as a high school senior at Birmingham Brother Rice?

Recruiting efforts dictate that MSU and University of Michigan take their teams out-of-state, preferably to warmer climates.

Face it: What good northern-climate team would choose Detroit in mid-winter over Florida or California? Maybe the Cherry Bowl could get Florida or Miami or Southern Cal to come. They haven't seen snow before. And those teams would draw fans — Detroiters love pro football.

OF COURSE, other improvements must be made. A tour of the Fiero auto factory isn't likely to excite many college stars. A trip to Zug Island would be greeted with as much enthusiasm.

Keep in mind, too, that the Cherry Bowl is only two years old, a point Waters repeated often. "People who watched this game on TV saw a good game," he said. "Next year, they'll be out here."

If fans need any other encourage-



FILE PHOTO

Mike Donnelly of Livonia is the leading scorer for Michigan State, scoring 24 goals in 18 games.

Donnelly's surge lures pro scouts

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

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Livonia native Mike Donnelly is no stranger to the Great Lakes Invitational College Hockey Tournament.

For the past four years he and his Michigan State University hockey team have gone into the Joe Louis Arena and competed in the prestigious, four-team event. The Spartans have won the last three.

But for Donnelly, this year's tournament will have a much different look.

"It's more of a challenge this year," the personable Livonia Franklin graduate said. "Last year we had just an awesome team. We're not as talented this year, so it's really going to be a challenge for us to do well."

It's also going to be a different kind of challenge for Donnelly.

In past seasons, Donnelly has been primarily a support player with the Spartans, a relatively anonymous left winger overshadowed by the likes of Craig Simpson and Kelly Miller.

THIS YEAR, the spotlight is on Donnelly.

Coming into Friday night's opener against Michigan Tech (7:30 p.m.), Donnelly has scored 24 goals in 18 games — a scoring pace that if maintained would surpass the MSU single-season goal scoring record of 51 held by Tom Rice.

Last week, Donnelly was named the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's Player of the Week. To earn the honor, all Donnelly did was score eight goals and an assist in a two-game series with Ohio State — an MSU series goal-scoring record.

In his last three games, Donnelly has found the net 11 times.

"Basically, I'm getting the chance to play a lot more," Donnelly said of his senior-season production. "I've worked really hard and I've tried to learn what the coaches have been teaching me. We have the greatest coaching staff in col-

lege hockey and they have helped me tremendously."

Said Donnelly: "As coach Mason tells us, I try not to think too much on the ice. I just go out, skate and work hard. Things open up. I'm not really trying to be clever. You just kind of let your instincts take over."

Donnelly also credits linemates Mitch Messier and Kevin Miller for his recent success.

"These guys, all three of us work real hard. I've been in the right place at the right time," he said.

While Donnelly was setting an MSU record for goals in a series against Ohio State, Messier set a team record for most assists in a series — eight.

Donnelly, who will be considered a free agent at the end of his collegiate career, has caught the eye of most NHL scouts. But Donnelly isn't even thinking about a pro career yet.

"RIGHT NOW, I just wish I had another four more years at Michigan State," he said. "We've been treated great by everyone. It's just been the best time of my life. I'm just thinking about Michigan State Hockey right now. If my talent takes me that far (to the NHL), great. If not, I'm getting my degree and I'll have plenty to fall back on."

Should MSU get by Michigan Tech Friday night, it would play the winner of Saturday night's University of Michigan-RPI (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), RPI is the defending national champions.

The Great Lakes Invitational finals are at 7 p.m. Sunday.

wrestling

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State-ranked Redford Catholic Central kept its wrestling state clean last week, whipping Ypsilanti (38-5) and Clio (35-21) for Walling, 155; Bob Yeager and Lee Krueger, 167.

Mike Gentile (98 pounds), Scott Christian (103), Matt Helm (125), Chris Jud Snyder (138) and Lemanski (132), Mitch Toby Heaton (heavyweight) were all 2-0 on the day.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Hartssock at 8:00 p.m. on December 16, 1985, in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.
PRESENT: Mayor Campbell, Hartssock, Tupper, Yoder.
OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Deadman, Director Billing, Director Lashoff, City Attorney Kelly, City Clerk Busbey.
Minutes of previous meeting were approved.
Council held a Public Hearing on the 1985 Community Development Block Grant Program and the 1985 and 1986 Commercial Assistance Programs. Resolutions were approved authorizing the City Manager to apply to the Oakland County Community Development Division for participation in the 1985-87 program, to participate in the Commercial Assistance Program, and to sign the "Commercial Assistance Program Letter of Agreement."
Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed.
Council received, with regret, Del Cornwall's letter declining reappointment to the Board of Review.
Council received notice of the Michigan Municipal League Region IV meeting to be held on January 23, 1986.
Council appropriated \$3,688 to upgrade the 47th District Court's computer system.
Council received and filed notice of the Maple Village Pharmacy request for On Premise SDD Resort License.
Council authorized purchase of a police vehicle through the Oakland County Bid process at \$10,631.
Council approved payment of \$47,561.90 to Armstrong Lawn and Tree, Inc., for work completed through November 27, 1985, on the Shawwassee Park Improvement Project.
Council appointed the City Manager as the City's representative on the Park Foundation Study Committee for the Spicer Property Development.
Public comments were heard.
Council appointed Michael Breshgold to the Board of Canvassers.
Council received and filed the Plante & Moran Library audit for fiscal year 1984-85.
Council adopted Master Depository Resolutions adding the name of William S. Hartssock and removing the name of Ralph D. Yoder as Mayor at the National Bank of Detroit and the Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington.

The following ordinance was adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. C-528-85

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON BY ADDING A NEW SECTION, WHICH NEW SECTION SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SECTION 9.141 SUBSECTION (3) OF CHAPTER 90 OF TITLE IX, POLICE REGULATIONS, OF SAID CODE.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON ORDINANCES

Chapter 90 Disorderly Conduct

§141 (3) (Add the following provision):

It shall be unlawful for any person while legally detained or charged with an offense, to furnish to a peace officer false, forged, fictitious or misleading information concerning his or her identification, including his or her name, address, date of birth, social security number, drivers license number or any combination thereof. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days and/or a fine not exceeding \$500.00 or by both fine and imprisonment.

This ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Farmington City Council on December 2, 1985, was adopted and enacted at the next regular meeting on December 16, 1985, and will become effective ten (10) days after publication.

AYES: Yoder, Bennet, Campbell, Hartssock, Tupper.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

Monthly bills were approved for payment.
Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
JOSEPHINE M. BUSBEY, City Clerk

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