

Shasky 'devastated' by Gophers' troubles

What can you say?

What can you say to someone who's just had his lifelong dream crushed? What can you say to a gentleman and a scholar who, through no act of his own, may forever be linked with a sour, sordid affair?

If life is a series of peaks and valleys, then John Shasky and his University of Minnesota basketball teammates are at rock bottom. If the Good Lord means to test us with one challenge after another throughout our lives, then John Shasky now faces one that dwarfs even his 7-foot frame.

Shasky, a Birmingham Brother Rice grad and Bloomfield Hills native, is a co-captain for the Gophers. A week ago they were peaking. A win over University of Michigan, at the time unbeaten, got them started. They followed with victories over Michigan State and last Thursday, at Wisconsin.

After three straight Big Ten losses, Minnesota had charged back to win three straight. Now came a game at

celler-dweller Northwestern, followed by consecutive home games against Ohio State, Indiana and Iowa. And the Gophers were unbeaten at home.

SO THEY had reason to be jubilant as they boarded their flight back from Wisconsin last Friday. Their euphoria crashed when the police arrived. Three of Shasky's teammates — Mitch Lee, George Williams and Kevin Smith — were arrested and charged with sexual assault.

The next day, Gopher coach Jim Dutcher resigned. Sunday's game at Northwestern was forfeited. The balance of the season was in question.

Shasky who, like many college players hoping for a good enough season to induce a pro contract, was watching his career crumble.

Not because of injury. Certainly not because of his own failings. Not even due to the sometimes cruel, fickle fate produced by the bounce of a basketball.

Because of an alleged crime, as das-



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tardly an act as man can commit.

"It was a big shock," he said of Friday morning's events. "I had no idea what was coming."

"From the perspective of our season, it really has been devastating. We were on a roll, we were looking to go on a streak with our next three games at home. We haven't lost here yet."

MINNESOTA IS 13-7 overall and 3-4 in the Big Ten, where winning's never easy. As Shasky said, "Being a senior, I know what it takes to win in the Big Ten."

Now it will be that much harder. Shasky knows that, too.

"I'm going to have to shoulder more responsibility," he said. "I'm going to have to work that much harder. Other teams were keying on me inside already. Now it's going to be that much more difficult."

At 7-foot tall, Shasky is one of the dominant pivot players in the conference. He's done his part this season for Minnesota, averaging 15.8 points and 7.8 rebounds, connecting on 53.5 percent of his floor shots and 63.4 percent of his free throws.

But impressive individual statistics won't salvage this season. As a team captain, Shasky has an even bigger re-

sponsibility, particularly now that the Gopher ship has no captain.

The resignation of Dutcher, who coached at Eastern Michigan previously, was not a complete surprise to Shasky. "By the time everything came around, I thought he would resign," he said. "But I thought he would wait until the end of the season."

Dutcher didn't wait because of the administration's decision to forfeit Sunday's game at Northwestern. According to Shasky, Dutcher did not want to punish the rest of the players for what he was accused of. He had planned to resign at season's end.

Assistant coach Jimmy Williams has assumed Dutcher's position. Two Minnesota football players have joined the team, so together with a player redshirted for the season, the Gophers have 11 players for practice.

THE SEASON will continue, starting tonight against Ohio State. How it progresses depends on how well the re-

maining Gophers can adjust to losing three players, to a new coach and to the sometimes vicious fan reaction around the league. Ask MSU's Scott Skiles (arrested three times on drunk driving and possession of narcotics charges) about the latter.

"I'll try to lead by example, try to be positive and work hard in practice," Shasky said. "Probably the best attitude we can take is to approach it as a challenge."

But Shasky is a realist, too: "It's going to be difficult. There's going to be a lot of distractions. We're going to have to overcome all of that."

It seems unfair Shasky must pay the price for another's act. Whether it proves to be unfortunate as well depends on what the Gophers do during the remainder of the season.

For them, wins and losses won't be the only yardstick to measure this season. Not now. How they conduct themselves, in the face of such adversity, will be.

Clarenceville nipped at buzzer

How close can a team come to winning? How about a single shot, or even a single inch?

Livonia Clarenceville basketball coach Paul Clough would settle for a single good bounce. Because that's all that separated the Trojans and state-ranked and unbeaten Hamtramck Tuesday.

Clarenceville trailed by a point with seven seconds left when guard Tony Gioia intercepted a Hamtramck inbound pass at midcourt. Gioia sped upcourt, fed the ball to Rick Larson and watched as Larson put up a soft eight-foot bank shot.

The ball rolled around the rim before slipping out of Clarenceville's grasp. Unbeaten record by a 49-48 margin at Hamtramck.

It was more bad fortune for Clarenceville, 3-8 overall and 1-6 in the Metro Conference. Five of the Trojan losses have been by two points or less. They lost to Hamtramck on a last-second shot Dec. 20.

Clarenceville definitely had its chances this time. After trailing by three (11-8) after one quarter, the Trojans rallied behind Chris DeBolski, who notched nine of his 14 points in the second period. That helped Clarenceville outpace Hamtramck 18-8 and assume a 26-19 halftime lead.

The Cosmos, with Al Reid scoring seven points, narrowed the deficit to 38-34 entering the final quarter. They grabbed a five-point advantage early in the fourth period and were up 49-45 in the closing seconds.

But Larson cannot a three-pointer with seven seconds left and the Trojans called time out, leading to the last desperation attempt that just missed. Larson finished with eight points, six coming on three-pointers.

Gregg Buell collected 16 points and six rebounds for Clarenceville. DeBolski finished with 14 points and 11 boards.

Rold had 15 points and Bill Moore 14 for Hamtramck (13-0 overall, 5-0 in the Metro).

GARDEN CITY 46, S. LYON 44 (2OT): Pat Malone hit two free throws with two seconds left in the second overtime to give the Cougars a double-overtime win at home over South Lyon Tuesday.

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Poor shooting plagued Garden City, but an effective man-to-man defense saved it.

"We're really a zone defense team," said coach Bob Dropp, whose team improved to 8-4. "But we were down 38-33 (after three quarters) and nothing was working for us, so we went to a man-to-man in the fourth quarter and stuck with it in the overtime. That's what won it for us."

The Cougars limited South Lyon to two points in the fourth quarter and two in each of the overtime periods. Still, they only scored seven in the fourth and it took a Rick Beczisko layup in the final minute of the first overtime to save them.

Skip Barnett and John Sheridan each got 12 points for Garden City. Beczisko added eight. Darin Dargard pegged in 12 for South Lyon (7-4).

CHURCHILL 60, STEVENSON 57: Pinpoint free-throw shooting in the final quarter spelled the difference for Livonia Churchill at home against Livonia Stevenson Tuesday.

The Chargers, playing without guard Mickey Katschor who was out with the flu, trailed by 10 with 5:26 left in the third quarter but combined strong defensive backboard with questionable Stevenson shot selection to pull to within one (47-46) going into the fourth quarter.

The Spartans opened the scoring in the final period, but two free throws by Brad Wylie and Derek Nebel's 20-foot jumper put Churchill on top 50-49. The Chargers never trailed again, thanks to 10-of-12 shooting from the line. Wylie, who scored six points, hit four of five in the last quarter.

Nebel's 12 points paced Churchill, 8-4 overall and 6-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLA). Andy Oliver had 11 and Ken Gendjar nine. Stevenson (3-8 overall, 2-7 in the WLA) got 14

from both Chip Finneran and Jim Kimble and 10 from Dan Palmisano.

CC 72, BISHOP GALLAGHER 61: A 20-7 first quarter got Redford Catholic Central started, but nine straight fourth-quarter points insured the win Tuesday at Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher.

Gallagher trailed by eight (35-27) at the half and pulled to within five early in the fourth quarter before the Shamrock spurt put the game out of reach.

Paul Tavarna keyed the CC triumph, which boosted it to 9-3 overall and 6-1 in the Catholic League's Central Division. Tavarna gathered 30 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Lance Vaccarello chipped in 18 points and Sean McCleary had 10. Steve Mazzola's 18 points was best for Gallagher.

DEARBORN 59, RU 45: Dearborn's 1-2-2 zone defense proved too tough for Redford Union to crack Tuesday at RU.

The Panthers trailed by 12 (30-18) at the half and by 17 (46-29) after three quarters. Dennis Bushart had 10 points for RU. Will Gianos (13) and Steve Moore (12) topped a contingent of four Dearborn players in double figures.

The loss dropped RU to 2-9 overall and 0-4 in the Northwest Suburban League (NSL). Dearborn is 3-6 overall, 3-3 in the NSL.

TEMP. CHRIST. 69, EMMAN. CHRIST. 50: A strong comeback effort by Toledo Emmanuel Christian only got it to within eight of visiting Redford Temple Christian Tuesday.

That happened in the fourth quarter, and the Patriots (11-1 overall) spurred away quickly after that. Temple Christian led 18-5 after one quarter and 36-18 at the half before Emmanuel Christian closed to within 46-36 entering the fourth period.

Rookie survives nerves to win Satellite tourney

Ron Matsey, a self-styled rookie from Taylor, overcame a case of nerves to become the winner of the Masters Tournament Sunday afternoon at the Satellite Bowl.

The nerves struck him in the semifinals when he lost control and threw four gutter balls. But when the lanes were switched for Sunday's final, he got his style back again, defeating Jeff Sum of Warren, 799-699. It was a great match to the very end with last year's Miller High Life Tournament champ showing the way.

By winning, Matney earned a purse of \$1,500 which cured his case of the jitters.

The defending champion, Mike Clemence, was eliminated in the opening four-game qualifying round.

WONDERLAND LANES: Mary Mohael, who will be hailed as the Woman Bowler of the Year by the Bowling Proprietors at the Hall of Fame dinner, paced the Ladies Classic with a 739 count. She rolled a high game of 600. Greg DeBolski topped the men with a 741 series.

MERRI-BOWL: Tony Pollans paced the men with a 689. Greg Nagle was right behind him with a 658.

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In the K of C League, Dave Alderman showed the way with a 696 series to complete the high scoring night.

WOODLAND LANES: Max Szabzeny posted a 651 series to set the pace. Meanwhile, Perry Burman paced the women's single game race with a 246. Diane Masser was second with a 238.

BEL-AIRE: Frank Pietras was king of the hill for the week when he posted a 300 game.

GARDEN LANES: Dan Bazer was high with a 288 game, while Steve Groty had a high series with a 638. Mary Charlier had a 616.

WESTLAND BOWL: Mike Kane came through with a 733, pacing the Hungry Harry's Classic. He was followed by Stan Grieb with a 694 and Jim Hurley with a 645.

In the Ladies Classic, Sandy Glien rolled a 645, followed by Shirley LeBlanc and Nancy Shirley with 623 and 617, respectively.

North gymnasts coast

The North Farmington gymnastics team got some new faces into the lineup Monday against Clarenceville, but the results remained the same.

North won handily, 123-50-104-50.

Kara Karhu and Eileen Murtaugh, familiar faces, led the victory. Karhu won on vault (8.1), placed second on uneven parallel bars (7.7), third on balance beam (7.65) and second on floor exercise (8.55). Murtaugh won on bars (8.15), beam (8.60) and floor (8.85) and placed second on vault (8.05).

New faces Marilyn Dunn, Cindy Tjian and Kim Strailor also got into the act. Dunn placed third on bars (7.1); Tjian placed second on beam (8.0) and fourth on bars (6.65); Strailor placed third on floor (7.7).

For Clarenceville (4-2), Denise Ahert placed third on vault (7.25) and Roberta Stevens fourth (7.1). Julie Jacob placed fourth on beam (7.50).

North is 6-1 on the season.

JOHN GLENN rolled over Ypsilanti Monday 111.65-95.25. It was the team's fourth state regional qualifying score.

Debbie Tomasko and Angie Temelko paced the win. Tomasko won the vault (8.4), the bars (7.5) and the floor (8.35) and placed second on beam (7.5).

Temelko placed second on vault (7.65), third on bars (7.4), third on beam (7.45) and second on floor (8.0).

Julie Fitch placed third on vault with a 7.6.

Glenn is 6-2 on the season.

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