

Deja vu?

Thomann rejects OCC post; Lynn Reed to begin 2nd term

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OCC sports

In the past 21 years, Lynn Reed has faced just about every situation possible as a basketball coach. Now Reed is about to do it a second time.

Oakland Community College athletic director Pin Ryan introduced Reed as OCC's new basketball coach Monday. Reed takes over for Tom McPhillips, who held the position until he was sidelined by illness at mid-season and assistant coach Fred Thomann assumed command.

Thomann guided OCC to the state championship and a third-place finish in the first-ever NCAA Division II national tournament. The team was 26-4 overall. But his commitment as Plymouth Salem's girls track and basketball coach made it impossible for him to take the OCC position full time.

"Fred did a great job for us," said Ryan. "But he decided he could not handle college coaching in his present situation."

RYAN HAD someone ready to step in — Reed. "We're just delighted," admitted the AD. "Coaching at the junior college level is a unique situation. It takes an ability to coach, recruit, watch the players' grades and placement with other schools. Lynn has those talents."

Reed brings a wealth of experience to the job. He is also a physical education instructor at OCC's Highland Lakes campus.

Reed coached at OCC previously. Until 1974, the school had sports teams at each of its three campuses. Reed coached the first Highland Lakes team in 1965.

But when a money crunch and Title IX struck in 1974, OCC was forced to consolidate, much to the dismay of the coaches.

"I was a bit disgruntled," admitted Reed, "because I felt we lost everything we fought for. I started the program here (at Highland Lakes) in

1965, without uniforms and without any facilities."

Smarting from the decision to consolidate, Reed accepted a coaching position at Milford-Lakeland high school in 1974 — that school's first year. In his inaugural season, Lakeland went 0-21.

BUT REED turned that around. In one five-year stretch, the Eagles were 81-29. In the last eight seasons, Lakeland was 108-66.

"Needless to say, my moments at Lakeland were among the most pleasurable for me," said Reed. "Lakeland gave me the same opportunity to build a program from the beginning that I had here."

"Quitting to come here was a very emotional experience for me and very difficult to do, but I felt I have accomplished as much as I can in that setting. This will be a new challenge for me."

Two immediate needs Ryan hopes Reed will fill for OCC are stability and the recruitment of local talent.

"We want to put an emphasis on getting more Oakland County kids," said Ryan. "I think that's very important. We ought to be able to put a very competitive team on the court with kids from the communities we service."

REED AGREED with Ryan. "I want to service the local kids," he said. "I think that's important. When I coached here before, we won with players predominantly from Pontiac, Northern, Pontiac Central and Waterford."

But just as important to Reed was to "stabilize the (coaching) situation." Reed's hiring marks the fifth coaching change since the 1974 consolidation, including two stints by

McPhillips.

Ryan said he approached Reed every time a change was necessary trying to lure him back. But Reed was committed to Lakeland, where he coached his son, Darren.

Another factor in Reed's earlier refusal was the OCC cross country team, which he coached for the last 20 years and has now decided to give up in favor of basketball. Bernie Little, the OCC women's cross country coach, takes over.

Reed will not be stepping into an ideal situation. The stars of last season's squad, notably Pat Gardner and Willie Jones, will be gone. But rebuilding is a constant chore at the junior college level, and recruiting is nothing new to Reed, who gained experience in it in both basketball and cross country.

IN FACT, REED thinks his recruiting efforts will be far easier than they were when he was the Highland Lakes coach and OCC's recruiting area was divided between the three campuses.

As far as coaching style is concerned, Reed said: "I'm a disciple of John Wooden. At Milford-Lakeland, we ran and we pressed. Ninety percent of the time we were a man-to-man defensive team."

"I like to make it a 94-foot game, but you've got to do what you've got to do to win."

Reed does not think his relatively late hiring — the national signing date for high school seniors was April 9 — will hurt his recruiting efforts.

"In junior college, the majority of the recruiting isn't done until just about now," Reed estimated. "I've got a list of about 30 people I'm interested in."

Still, Reed will be getting in late on several prospects, which could be a problem for a new coach faced with a major rebuilding job.

"You can't be involved in basketball without having problems," said Reed. "That's one of the challenges and thrills of the job."

State OKs handguns for lower region deer hunters

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For area hunters who've bragged about shooting a deer with one arm tied behind their back, now they'll have a chance to back up that claim in lower Michigan.

Recently, the state Legislature and Gov. James Blanchard passed into law a bill allowing sportsmen to use handguns in zone three, the lower third of the state, during deer hunting season (Nov. 15-30). The law takes effect with the start of this year's deer season.

But it's not without some stipulations.

• A person can only use a repeating handgun of .35 caliber or larger with straight-walled ammunition, nine shot maximum in magazine and barrel.

• Muzzleloaders have to be of .44 caliber or larger round ball.

• Repeating blackpowder must be of .44 caliber or larger.

• Any hunter, born after Jan. 1, 1960, using a handgun during the deer season in zone three, must have a valid hunters safety certificate from Michigan or another state.

ANY PERSON between the ages of 12 and 16 must have the certificate to obtain their hunting license. But even with the restrictions, sportsmen like the new law.

"What happens, if anything, is it gets more hunters from Michigan

outdoors

and Ohio into the woods," said Ed Simon, a hunter and an employee at Northwest Gun Shop in Redford. "As far as what this means . . . people will look for longer barrels for the handguns already out there."

"It's a good thing if it gets people out into the woods."

A spokesman for the Department of Natural Resources in Pontiac said the law was finally passed after continued pressure from hunters. The results of the law remains to be seen.

Safety, obviously, is a concern. "That's one of the reasons we didn't allow it in the past because of the heavier population in the area," said Barbara Rockwell, wildlife secretary for the DNR. "I think that's why they tacked on the safety certificate requirement. We'll have to see how it goes."

SAFETY CERTIFICATES are obtained after taking a hunter's safety course from someone certified by the DNR. Most classes are not offered until the new season.

Pontiac Moultrie Shooting Range, in Rockwood, offers free courses on the second and fourth weekends of each month. There is a \$2 fee to cover the range time needed to complete the course.

"The use of a handgun, though, doesn't make it any easier to hunt. If anything, it's a hindrance. But the challenge of nabbing a deer with a handgun is the main feature of the law, according to Simon.

"It's 20 times as hard to hit something with a handgun than it is with a rifle," said Simon. "With a rifle, you use two hands and it's anchored to the shoulder. What it (handgun) is, is a handicap."

The use of handguns for hunting in the state is certainly not new. They're allowed all over the state for small game and have been used for deer hunting in the northern part of the Lower Peninsula and all of the Upper Peninsula.

ONLY THEIR use in the southern part of Michigan during the Nov. 15-30 deer hunting season had not been allowed.

In other outdoors news:

• The ninth-annual Wildflower Walk on the nature trails of Livonia's Bicentennial Park takes place 1-3 p.m. on Sundays, May 4 and May 18.

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