

# Shasky eyes NBA career

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Shasky is just four classes short of gaining his bachelor's degree in marketing from Minnesota. That type of academic preparation made it easy for him to outline his career choices. He figured he could:

- Give it his best shot with Utah, knowing they could carry only 12 players and that they had traded Adrian Danley to Detroit for Kelly Tripucka and back-up center Kent Benson (Shasky's position);
- Play in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA), a junior league for NBA have-nots, where pay is minimal but there's a chance to catch on with an NBA team;
- Go to France and play for Cholet, where he would get paid \$45,000 for eight months work and be given an apartment and car to use.

"I didn't think my chances were that great (at Utah)," said Shasky. "And in the CBA you're not going to make any money. I had a sure thing in Europe, and the team was stable."

IT SEEMED Shasky's decision was a good one. After his team moved up from Division II to Division I (France's best), it struggled

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ex-Brother Rice star

through a poor first half of the season.

That performance dropped Cholet into the lower half of Division I where, in the season's second half, the team rebounded to finish tied for second and gained a playoff berth.

Cholet faced Monaco, France's second-best team, in its two-game, total-points playoff. Monaco won the first game at Cholet, but Cholet joined the favorites by beating them at Monaco in the second. Monaco, though, outscored Cholet and advanced to the playoffs.

Playing an American game in a foreign land was "really different," Shasky said. "I'd say (French basketball) is a step above college basketball a step below the NBA."

"It's just as physical there, but it's more mechanical than here. Players aren't as creative. They don't have the influence of playground basketball that they have here."

Cholet provided Shasky with what he sought. "It helped me career-wise. I got some money put away, so I'll have to I can afford to play in the CBA."

The CBA, of course, isn't where Shasky plans to be come fall. "I still want to play in the NBA," he said from his grandparents' home near Minneapolis, where he is taking classes at Minnesota. "I'd like to stay in the U.S. this year. I'm going to camp with Utah, and I'm going to play in the summer pro league in Los Angeles again."

**BUT DON'T MISUNDERSTAND.** Shasky's future is no more certain now than it was a year ago.

"I know Utah's big men (Benson and Marc Iavaroni) didn't have that big of years," Shasky said. "But you never know who they're going to draft."

"It's hard to say what's going to happen. Everybody's been asking me

what I'm going to do. I don't know. I hope I'm playing in the NBA."

Shasky's situation is complicated further by the failure of the NBA and the players' association to reach an agreement on a labor contract. Both sides agreed previously to suspend all player contract negotiations until Oct. 1 or the signing of a new labor pact.

That means Shasky can't sign with Utah yet. And it also means he faces another decision: Should he try the NBA, knowing he might have to settle for the CBA, or head back to Europe?

"My preference is to stay here in the U.S. and play," he said. "We'll just have to wait and see."

**BEING ON BETTER** financial ground, Shasky said, should make it easier to risk a shot in the NBA, even if he has to settle for the CBA. Plus, there's the planned NBA expansion to consider.

Four new franchises are to be added in the next two years. That means 48 more jobs. And good big men are hard to find.

Shasky wants to be one of the "good big men" that find their way onto an NBA roster. "One thing that is important for me to work on is my range as a shooter," he said. "And I've been lifting weights — that's always important in the NBA. I have to work on my defense, too."



GARY CASKEY/staff photographer

John Shasky attempts a hook against Roy Tarpley while playing for the University of Minnesota. The former Brother Rice star passed on the chance of making the Utah Jazz team and played basketball in France instead last year.

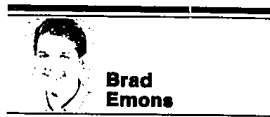
## Title game was one to remember

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semifinals on Friday, was readily available and only minutes away from Kobs Field.

Next year the state finals will be in Lansing again. The sites rotate every two years. The talk around the diamonds over the weekend is that the University of Michigan's Fisher Field may host for the first time in 1989 even though Central Michigan University, which hosted the finals in 1981 and 1982, may already be the choice.

THE BASEBALL COMMITTEE needs to reach a solution soon on how to handle the problem of scheduling four games in one day without keeping the players and fans guessing about starting times. The next site should at least have a back-up diamond with lights at its disposal.



Brad Emons

al to avoid any potentially messy situations.

I remember the unfortunate finish in the 1982 state final at Mount Pleasant (CMTU) between Midland and Plymouth Canton. All of Saturday's games were washed out by rain and the teams had to drive back to play on Monday.

The Class A final ended practically in the dark. The situation was made worse when a vicious

storm rolled in, making things almost impossible to see.

All I remember is Canton's Fred Rumberger striking out with the tying run on third to end the game. The poor kid never had a chance. He couldn't have seen a darn thing.

It was nearly the same scenario last year in Kalamazoo in the Class A final between Ypsilanti and Birmingham Brother Rice. It was pitch-black and rainy when the game finally ended.

**TOO BAD THEY** can't play baseball in the Pontiac Silverdome, the site of all four state football finals.

But old Ernie Banks wouldn't like that because baseball was meant to be played on grass and under blue skies.

I can't argue with Ernie, but I can argue with the MHSAA's baseball committee.

## sports shorts

### CONDITIONING CAMPS

Weight and conditioning camps for high school students will be conducted at each of Farmington's three high schools June 23 through July 24. The cost is \$35 per student.

Registration will take place June 22 in the weight rooms of the respective schools and according to the following schedule: Farmington High, 9 a.m.; Harrison High, 8 a.m.; and North Farmington High, 1 p.m. Contact the Farmington Schools Community Education Office at 471-6329 for further information.

### HOLE-IN-ONE

Sylvia Ames of Farmington Hills recorded her first hole-in-one Monday, June 15, at Mission Hills Golf Course. She aced the par-3, 155-yard No. 9 hole with a five-wood. Ames shot a round of 60 in the Merri-Mixer League. She has been a golfer for only three years.

### VARDAR SOCCER

Vardar III will conduct tryouts for boys born in 1974 June 21-24 at Whitman Center. The tryouts are for the club's Little Caesar's fall team. Tryouts begin at 6 p.m. Rain dates are June 25-28. For information, contact Zlatko Ranker (453-0198) or John Wiggins (625-9328).

### PREMIER SOCCER

Boys born in 1976 and interested in trying out for an under-12 Little Caesar's Premier soccer team should call 453-1136. The team begins competition in the fall.

Girls born in 1974 and '75 who want to play for a premier soccer team are asked to call Frank Carey (453-0894), Joe Barberis (455-7443) or Marilyn Golf (459-1804).

### HOOP INSTRUCTION

Youths in grades 5-12 can receive instruction in the sport of basketball June 23 to July 9 by participating in a camp at Farmington High School. Registration is planned for 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, June 22, at Farmington High. The cost of the 12-day camp is \$35.

There will be camp sessions June 23-26, June 29 to July 2 and July 6-9. Instruction will be given 8-10 a.m. for boys in grades 11-12, 10 a.m. to noon for boys in grades 9-10, noon to 1:30 p.m. for boys and girls in grades 5-8 and 1:30-3:30 p.m. for girls in grades 9-12.

Instruction will cover conditioning, fundamentals, team strategies, individual offense and defense and intramural competition. The program director is Bob Kaupp. He will be assisted by Ron Sarcevic, Bruce Brown and Bill Robinson.

For information, call the Farmington Public Schools Community Education Office at 471-6329.

### BASKETBALL CAMP

A summer basketball camp for youths in grades 5-12 is scheduled for June 23 through July 9 at North Farmington High School. The camp will be conducted by Tom Negoshian, boys head basketball coach at North, and Greg Capling, North's girls coach.

Registration will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, June 22, at North. The cost of the 12-day camp is \$35. For information, call the Farmington Public Schools Community Education Office at 471-6329.

### RUNNING CAMP

Applications are still being accepted for the meeting Meriv Junioring Camp, scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 2, through Saturday, Aug. 8, at Brighton Recreation Area.

The \$90 cost includes food, room and a T-shirt. A \$30, non-refundable deposit is required with the balance due Friday, June 26. Checks should be made payable to Gary Servais

and mailed to him at 3660 Thomas, Borkley, Mich. 48072.

Camp highlights will include two workouts Monday through Friday, an individual race Saturday, guest speakers and several athletic contests. Participants should have a physical exam prior to participating in the camp.

### HOBBLEY HOOP CAMP

The Billy Ray Hobbley Basketball Camp for 9- to 15-year-old youths will take place July 7-11 at Oakland Community College. The registration deadline is June 19.

The fee is \$75 for off-campus participants, \$165 for on-campus. The latter includes three meals daily and hotel accommodations. Each session begins at 8 a.m. and continues until 3 p.m.

Guest speakers will be Perry Watson, coach at Detroit Southwestern, and Fred Goldberg, athletic director at Southfield High. For information, call the college at 471-7599 or Marvin Miles at 843-8558 during business hours.

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