

Trade appeals to Donnelly

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Staff writer

Mike Donnelly learned the true meaning of running out the old and bringing in the new.

In 1987 he was a New York Ranger, but on the first day of 1988 he was suddenly a Buffalo Sabre.

And the former Livonia Franklin High product and all-America at Michigan State couldn't be happier.

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Donnelly learned New Year's Eve that he was going to Buffalo in exchange for left winger Paul Cyr. It was the 29th trade for the Rangers under general manager Phil Esposito.

ALTHOUGH THE TRADE took Donnelly by surprise, the deal may have been in the works for over a week.

The Livonian, who played in 17 games for New York, scoring two goals and two assists, had been temporarily shelved by Rangers' coach Michel Bergeron.

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said Donnelly, who scored a record 55 goals in leading MSU to the NCAA hockey title in 1986. "I really thought I was going to be sent down to the minors (Colorado) and that would have been devastating to me."

Former Ranger coach Ted Sator, now the head man at Buffalo, may have played a big part in the trade. He had been instrumental in bringing Donnelly to New York right out of college where he was signed to a hefty bonus.

"It's a great way to start the new

year," said Donnelly. "Sometimes a change is best for both the organization and the player. Buffalo is giving me a chance and that's all I can ask. I'm going to go out and give 100 percent."

IT APPEARS DONNELLY is already in Sator's plans.

Wasting little time, Donnelly rang up three assists in three games with the Sabres, while taking a regular shift, including stints on the power-play unit with two rookies, Pierre Turgeon and Ray

hockey

Sheppard.

This is a young, but a very good hockey team," Donnelly said. "We have eight rookies in the lineup."

"They put us on a line together, and I think we'll be a good line if we keep working together. I think we'll only get better."

On Wednesday night Buffalo erased a three-goal deficit, scoring the game-winning goal in the final minute to upset Montreal, 6-5, pulling the Sabres to within one game and the 500 mark. (Donnelly helped set up a power-play goal by Sheppard.)

The fresh start has brightened Donnelly's outlook for 1988.

"I HAVE NO regrets against New York," he said. "It was great playing for an original six (NHL team), but things were not going well and I did not understand why I wasn't playing. But I guess they had a lot of offensive players already established in the NHL and it was a numbers game. That's the way I look at it."

Donnelly can now sing that old familiar number: "Let old acquaintances be forgot."

Chargers embarrass Southfield

Coming off the heels of their Milford Lakeland Holiday Tournament conquest, the Livonia Churchill Chargers returned to Suburban Prep Hockey League play Wednesday by blasting Southfield 19-1 in a game played at Edgar Arena.

The victory ups the Chargers' overall record to 6-3. They are 4-0 in league play.

Joe Ahmet and Bob Sommerville each scored three times for the winners. Mike Aloe, Jeff Pendell, Jason Fournier, Tim Siedlaczek and Glenn Felker had two each. Others scoring goals included Russ MacDonald, Brett Campbell and Scott Patterson.

MacDonald also had three assists, while Aloe, Ahmet, Fournier, Pendell, Kevin Coffey, Denny Elumch and Dave Deros had two apiece.

In the championship 3-1 win over host Lakeland, Felker, Pendell and Ahmet each scored for Churchill. Campbell assisted on the first goal, Siedlaczek on the second and Chris Frayer and Pendell on the third.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 6, A.A. HURON 6: Red-

ford Catholic Central raised its hockey record to 3-1-1 Wednesday, blanking Ann Arbor Huron, 6-0, at Veterans Arena in Ann Arbor.

Jim Hubenschmidt, Keith Borky and Larry Baharski scored two goals each for CC. Junior goaltender Jim Derwich recorded the shutout for the Shamrocks, stopping all 12 shots he faced.

CC took a 2-0 lead after one period, scoring on a goal from Hubenschmidt, and a power-play goal from Borky. The Shamrocks did not score again until the third period, when Borky beat the Huron goalie while CC was playing short-handed.

CC tallied three more goals to complete the scoring.

STEVENSON 4, ANDOVER 1: Livonia Stevenson made a 4-0 lead after two periods stood up in an SPHL win Thursday over as improved Bloomfield Hills Andover team in a game played at the Detroit Skating Club.

In the first period, George Hansen scored from Jason Ellworth.

The Spartans score three more times in the second period.

Gordie Wilson made it 2-0 on assists from Ross Beck and Lee Genovese. John Brodus upped the lead to 3-0 from Wilson and Beck scored from Wilson and Genovese to cap the scoring.

Andover got a power-play goal from Jeremy Olen in the third period.

On Wednesday, Stevenson downed Lakeland in a non-league game at Edgar, 5-1, as Chris Schultz, moved to forward from defense, had one goal and three assists.

Kevin Kishinsky, Brodus, Hansen and Wilson also scored for the Spartans.

Stevenson is 3-1 overall and 4-0 in the SPHL.

FRANKLIN 7, WYANDOTTE 1: Rob Ingersoll's hat trick triggered Livonia Franklin to victory over Wyandotte Roosevelt Friday at Edgar Arena.

Chris Berger added two goals and an assist and Paul Craner scored once and assisted on three others as the Patriots (3-4) led 4-0 after one period and 7-0 after two.

Dave Heintzken also got a goal for Franklin.

Wyandotte's Scott Hannon ruined Dan Murray's shutout, scoring four minutes into the third period.

On Thursday, the Patriots trounced Bloomfield Hills Lakers in the first game of a double-header at the Detroit Skating Club, 7-4.

Craner led the way with two goals and two assists.

Brian Storer also scored twice with Ingersoll, Charlie Olaszinski and Bryan Harris getting one apiece.

Matt Sharkey recorded four assists and Olaszinski added three.

North swims past Patriots

North Farmington's Steve Tumeo won two events and anchored the winning medley relay team Thursday as the Raiders clipped Livonia Franklin 97-77 in boys swimming.

Tumeo won the individual medley in 2:16.8 and the butterfly in 2:26. Bruce Goins, Jordy Greenstein, Doug Schwedland and Tumeo combined for a 1:49.2 time in the relay.

Teammate Keith Mable also had a pair of victories for North, 2-5 in dual meets. He won the 200 and 500 freestyles with times of 1:56.3 and 5:18.3, respectively.

Goins and Greenstein also got into the act, Goins winning the backstroke in 1:53.7 and Greenstein the breaststroke in 1:06.15. In addition North's Charles Chuba captured the 100 freestyle with a 53.89 effort.

SALEM 112, HARRISON 60: Eric Bunch won two individual events Thursday in Plymouth Salem's victory over Farmington Hills Harrison in boys swimming.

In addition, teammates Ron Orris, John Irvine and Mike Hill each won an individual event and were on one

swimming

of Salem's two winning relay teams. Bunch captured the 200-yard individual medley in 2:14.5 and the backstroke in 1:03.6.

Orris was first in the 200 freestyle at 1:46.6, Irvine won the 100 free in 52.3 and Hill topped the field in the 50 free with a 23.5 time.

Irvine, Rick Szeszeta, Jeff Musson and Orris posted a winning time of 2:26.6 in the free relay, and David Miller, Geoff Taylor, Fred Seidelman and Hill were clocked at 1:47.9 in the medley relay.

In other events, Salem's Kevin Kozack won the diving with 224.15 points, Brian Barbee the 500 freestyle in 5:28.5 and John Robogood the breaststroke in 1:11.1.

Scott Farabee had Harrison's lone victory, winning the butterfly with a 57.1 showing.

the week ahead

BOYS BASKETBALL	Thursday, Jan. 14
Livonia Westland at Wm. Huron Valley, 6 p.m.	Liv. Church at Liv. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Windsor at Wm. Huron Valley, 6 p.m.	Windsor at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 7:30 p.m.	Ply. Canton at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Norville at Liv. Church, 7:30 p.m.	W.L. Central at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Farm. Harrison, 7:30 p.m.	Farm. Harrison at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.	Redford Union at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Wm. Huron Valley, 7:30 p.m.	Red. Thurston at D.H. Ann Arbor, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Ply. Canton, 7:30 p.m.	Bellevue at Wayne Memorial, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Salem at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.	Redford Union at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Inverness Temple, 7:30 p.m.	Cassville at D.H. Ann Arbor, 7:30 p.m.
Red. Thurston at Taylor Center, 7:30 p.m.	Bah. Borgess at H.W. Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Dear. Ford, 7:30 p.m.	St. Agatha at Holy Holy Rosary, 7:30 p.m.
Bah. Gallagher at Catholic Cent., 7:30 p.m.	GC United at Heritage Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Det. St. Hedwig at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.	
Salem Christian at GC United, 7:30 p.m.	

Coaches: call in times

Attention all coaches. The Observers' high school boys swim listings will begin again on Thursday, Jan. 31.

Plymouth Salem coach Chuck Olson will take updates (starting today) from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 451-6880, Ext. 298 (on weekdays). He can also be reached from 4 to 5:30 p.m. (weekdays) and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Saturdays) at 451-4447.

Schools eligible to participate in the weekly listings include Plymouth Schools, Plymouth Canton, Farmington, North Farmington, Farmington Harrison, Redford Catholic Central, Redford Union, Redford Thurston, Livonia Church, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Garden City, Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SERVICE DELIVERY AREA REDESIGNATION

Under provisions of the Job Training Partnership Act (PL 97-350, Oct. 13, 1982, Sec's 101 and 105) the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council will receive comments on the request by several southern Oakland County communities that they be redesignated as a new Service Delivery Area.

A public hearing to receive comment on the proposal will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 1988 in Room 181 of Time Hall on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills. Comments may be submitted until 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 1988 to the attention of Winthrop Ross, special assistant to the director, Governor's Office for Job Training, 222 Holster Bldg., Box 30039, Lansing, MI 48906, telephone (517) 373-4227.

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Kavanaugh takes AD post at S'craft

By C.J. Riskak
Staff writer

Like tumbling dominoes, the end of one successful sports dynasty has felled another.

Last June, Marv Gans stepped aside as athletic director at Schoolcraft College. Gans had been the school's only AD, filling the post since 1964.

The position remained vacant, with Dr. Fred Reibling, dean of instruction, assuming Gans' duties — until today.

SC has finally found a successor to Gans: Ed Kavanaugh, longtime Livonia Ladywood girls basketball coach and AD, and a former SC women's coach.

Kavanaugh's hiring for the part-time AD's position creates another vacancy, this one at Ladywood. In 12 years as the Blazers' coach, Kavanaugh compiled a 245-42 win-loss record, including two Class B state titles (1983 and '85) and a pair of second-place finishes in the Class B state tournament ('80 and '84).

NO SUCCESSOR for Kavanaugh has been announced.

"I'm leaving all positions at Ladywood," Kavanaugh confirmed Thursday. Way? "Basically, it allows me to be at one place," he answered. "Schoolcraft has a lot of potential, and I was interested in getting involved in it."

Kavanaugh currently teaches mathematics at SC and will continue to do so.

Pursuing the SC job was not an easy decision to make, Kavanaugh said. "It was an extremely hard decision to make. They have a lot of good, young talent (at Ladywood). It took me a long time to decide, because I knew it would mean leaving Ladywood."

"It really has to do with time. I was typing up whole summers and nights during the season with coaching. I guess I was just ready to stop coaching, that's all."

AS SC's new AD, Kavanaugh has plenty of goals, both long term and short. "Consistency in the program" is one of his immediate aims. "We've had all sorts of people involved temporarily the past few months. And I'd like to start computerizing our records."

Schoolcraft sports

"We'll be sitting down this week and next to establish some goals. I think organization is our main goal right now."

There are others, however. Rumors of cutbacks in the intercollegiate athletic program have been circulating for years, including possibly transforming the auxiliary gym into a computer center.

Kavanaugh, however, said administration officials seemed supportive of his plans to expand the intercollegiate sports program. "We've talked about possibly adding a couple of new sports," he said, "maybe baseball and softball."

"I'm very positive, and I hope that carries over to the coaches and players. There's no sense in going into a new job with a negative attitude."

THERE ARE other problems in current programs. The mens basketball team is in the midst of what might be termed a lost season. Entering Saturday's game against Alpena CC, the Ocelots were winless in Eastern Conference play.

The team's coach prior to the season, Bob Weixel, resigned in September. Dave Bogatz was hired to replace him, but he had little time to work with the team. Two probable starters have since left, and starting point guard Deon Frederick was declared academically ineligible last week. There are currently just eight players on the team.

"Being a teacher (at SC), academics are very important to me," said Kavanaugh. "We'll continue to stress the student-athlete support system. And the coach is going to have to establish some standards and stick to them."

Under Gans' guidance, SC became the first state community college to host the state athletic support system. And the coach is going to have to establish some standards and stick to them.

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