Both sides to blame in Hickman-MSU issue



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But there's fault on both sizes 10-second timeline. Hickman, after being acquitted on federal cocaine conspiracy charges, had some legitimate concerns regarding the reinstatement of his scholarship, But the school refused to release his transcripts, while revoking his scholarship. The school contended that

Hickman, who ultimately transferred to Liberty (Va.) University to complete his athletic eligibility, owed 31,421 in back tuition and fees.

There was no way Hickman would have been welcomed back on the MSU bardwoods, either by the MSU coaching staff or the athletic department. I remember the 6-foot-7 forward telling mo that the only MSU player who offered support during his trial in Grand Rapids was Mark Montgomery.

Grand Rapida was Mark Mont-gomey.
Over a year ago, I recall dis-cussing the Hickman situation with two of his former high school teanmates at Borgeas, Shawn Respert and Dwayne Kelley, Respert, MSU's emerging star, and Kelley, who recently capped a stellar four-career at the Universi-ty of Detroit. Mercy, both seemed happy the hear that Hickman had gotten back on his feet.
Former Borgess coach Mike

Fusco, now the A.D. at Hudson High, offered his support in no uncertain terms, but Hickman ultimately distanced highesif from his high school coach. Hickman also wants the courts to determine if there should be compensation for breech of contract, which harming his market value. Speaking alongside his attention, Paul Rosenbaum, Hickman also stated that MSU treated past troubled white athilets, such as Scott Skiles and Blake Exor, differently. Wrong, Mr. Hickman. Those cases weren't remotely racially motivated.

Skiles and Ezor were "stars" on their respective teams, while Hickman was simply a bit player whose role had diminished significantly under MSU coach Jud Heathcote.

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Heathcote.
MSU had much more to lose in terms of dollars with Skiles and Ezor, than it did with Hickman.

The NGAA is now looking into misconduct by the MSU basket-ball program.

An investigation could have been avoided had MSU's legal counsel played it smart.

They could have settled with Hickman quietly out of court and off the front pages of the Detroit News.

And Hickman would have faded into the sunset, just another or diagrantied college basketball player whose dream of an NBA career was faint at best.

MSU's misery may be short term, but Hickman's happiness may also be short-lived.

He told me that Liberty University (Rev. Jerry Falwell's school), a devout religious institution, had a positive effect on him. I just hope it's longlasting.

Thunder Heat stick

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I know tennis racquets better than golf clubs.

Wood and sluminum racquets gave way to graphite, while the same has transformed the golf world.

Woods are still popular, but metals are gaining ground. And don't forget, there's Big Bertha by Callaway.

Now, the latest innovation comes from Spaulding, It's called "Thunder Heat," a medium-nize graphite insert driver. (It's built into the face of a stainless steel club head).

I got a chance to try out the new model at an outing last month at the Tournament Players Club of Dearborn.

Dearborn.

After my round, I'd rate the TPC and Thunder Heat (with the graphite shaft), a 10. Like all golfers, if you hit the ball square, it's going to go.

The ball seems to literally jump off the tee. It added about 15 yards to my (erratic) tee shots.

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The Farmington Soccor Cub will have tryouts for its select soccor task boys reported will take place at the poly toryonar will take place at the poly toryonar will take place at Torske Pick I, 2 Mile and Draw Foods. The gifts tryouts will be at Pioneer Rick I, 31 Mile and Farmington roads. For Information, call boys coordinator roads Batton (476-7597) or gifts coordinator Joe Pawlood (476-7697) or gifts coordinator Joeps, 7-9 p.m. June 19, under-12 boys, 9-11 am. June 19, under-14 boys promisy, 2-5 pm. June 20, under-14 boys (16-25) pm. June 21 and 22. VARDAR TRYOUTS

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For more information, call Bruct
Thomas (473-5650) or Mark Christensen (964-0140).

NORTHVILLE TRYOUTS

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The Northville Socort Association will hold select team tryouts for the fall 1993 and spring 1994 seasons. Tryouts are as follows:

Boys under-101/2 poor Aug. 1, 1983 or younge, 5:50-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 18, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 18, 200 p.m. Friday, June 18, 9-11:20 p.m. Seturday, June 19, and 4-6 p.m. Seturday, June 20, and 19, and 14-6 p.m. Seturday, June 24, and 9 a.m. to noon, Seturday, June 26, and TCS (call Pat MeMm) at 348-6443).

Hamilton

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been on the front page, like the U.S. (Olympic) hockey team was," said Hamilton. "We are not well-known. We're better known in Europe."
That's because there are pro-

That's because there are proleagues for women throughout
Europe. The financial benefits for
women soccer players in the U.S.:
"We get \$10 a day per diem," answered Hamilton. "If we're overseas, we get \$15 a day."
That's impossible to live on.
Which is what brough Hamilton,
who grew up in New Orleans and
Atlanta, to Farmington Hills,
where she currently resides.
Working an Olympic Development Program camp in Wisconsin, she met Paul Scicluna of
Livonia, original owner of the Detroit Rockers soccer team and one

of the operators of Total Soccer, which has indoor facilities in Farmington Hills, Southfield and Royal Oak.

"We talked a couple of times on the phone," Hamilton said, "and I think I probably said something like, "I need a job where I can still play. He told me he was sure we could work something out."

They did, Hamilton is a manager for Total Soccer, working at both the Farmington Hills and Southfield facilities.

And she still leays, although she has thought of Fething more three once. "Actually, I've retired the charges in the last year, but I always ome back," the said. The reason she quitt There's the injuries, certainly, but the mental strain is difficult to deal with, too.

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number. The blind bowlers can usually

Saturdays.

No event involving blind bowlers can be complete without mention of Harry Hunter, one of the pioneers and organizer of this activity. Harry was alling and unable to attend, but as this year's recipient of the GBBA's Mentiorious Service Award by the Alli of Fame committee, Harry Hunter was certainly missed by his many friends among the blind bowlers.

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A mental drain

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"Basically, I get tired of training on my own," she said. "Eight years on the national team... that's a long time to play at this level, mentally and physically."
The U.S. women's coach, Anson Dorrance, has always managed to change Hamilton's mind. Hardly surprising, really; Dorrance knows how far he can push her. He coached Hamilton in her last season at University of North Carolina, a year filled with turmoil for her.

Hamilton attended North Carolina State for three years and was the team's top defender. Each year, the Wolfpack finished second to North Carolina, once in the NCAA Tournament. Each year —

as in several previous seasons — they protested and asked the administration to dump the coach, Larry Gross.

The athletic department was in disarray due to the basketball team scandal that eventually led to coach/athletic director Jim Valvano's resignation. Gross stayed (he's still there). After her junior year, Hamilton left.

She transferred to arch-rival North Carolina. Surprisingly—but, as Hamilton said, justifiably—she was released from her scholarship at NC State, making her immediately eligible at UNC.
The transition wasn't easy.
The people at NC State weren't

happy with my transferring and because I always played so ag-

gressively, the people at UNC weren't happy with my coming there," ahe said.
The worst of both worlds.
The games against NC State her senior year were particularly painful. But, thanks in great part to Hamilton, a young UNC team won another NCAA title.

And Hamilton kept playing. She still is; on June 21, the U.S. women's team will meet its Canadian counterpart on the transplanted grass in the Silverdome. It will mark the first time an American team has played on grass indoors.

Sounds like a goal, of sorts. And it's painfully obvious how tough Hamilton can be when she has a goal to shoot for.

Blind bowlers compete in national tournament And so it has been preclaimed have sighted bowles or Blind Bowlers Wesk by Livonia May by Livoni



tell how many pins are downed, but not which Kapp, is a Livonia businessman, and totally blind. The C class bowlers are totally blind; B is comprised of partially blind and all class refers to the sighted bowlers who participate with the blind bowlers in their regular league play.

It's necessary to have sighted bowlers to spot the pins by number. The blind bowlers can usually tell how many pins are downed, but not which ones.

One of the most active local leagues can be seen regularly at Garden Lanes in Garden City on Saturdays.

by Livonia Mayor Robert D.
Bennett. The week of May 24-30 was accognized as such as the 4sh annual ABA Mctional Blind Bowlers Tournes and the such as the such as

the United States and a few from Canada.

There were many competitors from our own Greater Dotroit area and it was a nice break for them not to have to travel out-of-state. Next year's event will take place in Atlanta, Ga.

The group was based at the Hyatt Regency. Extra activities included visits to Greenfield Village and a day at the races at Ladrock DRG where the bowlers used their other skills to bring home the green stuff.

Dinner-dances were also held

home the green stuff.

Dinner-dances were also held on Friday and Sunday. The tournament was hosted by the Metro-Detroit Blind Bowlers with Dennis Godfrey as chairman.

In watching the blind bowlers in action, the first thing you would notice is the placement of the hand rails on the approaches. These are used to guide the bowlers in the direction of the pine as they keep one hand on the rail during delivery.

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I had mistakenly referred to this item as a bar, only to be advised that the bar is where drinks are served. Another unusu-al sight to behold is all the dogs

al sight to behold is all the dogs on the scone.

These animals are the wonder-ful guide dogs, and they just wait patiently for their owners to fin-ish their bowling. Buck, a 23-month-old Black Labrador looked like he wanted to try his paw at bowling.

bowling.
One of the competitors, Elmer

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■ SOCCER SIGN-UP

The Farmington Soccer Club is registering players for its fall is registering players for he in season. Forms are available at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, the YMCA and through Farm-ington Public Schools. For in-formation call 553-8691 or Vince (474-4541).

M MERCY ROUNDBALL

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The Mercy High School
Dads Club will be host for the
First Pick & Roll Roundball
Classic June 19-20 in the high
school parking lot. The event is
a two-day 3-on-3 basketball
tournament with 20 to 25 divi-

ons. Registration is open to males

Registration is open to males and females age 8 and older. The deadline to enter is Tues-day, June 8. The entry fee is \$60 per team. Entry forms are available at Hungy Howies in the Farm-ington area and Mercy High School. For information call 1-800-551-HOOP.

E COACH NEEDED

Farmington Hills Mercy needs an assistant versity swim coach. If interested call the Mercy athletic department at 476-2836.

CC, Stevenson earn points in finals

BY BRAD EMONS

The scores may not indicate it, but the Redford Catholic Central Shamrocks and Livenia Stevenson's Spartans each made their presence known at last weekend's state Class A boys tennis championships at the Midland Community Tennia Center.

CC tied for 15th with four points, while Stevenson earned two points in a 21st place tie with Port Huron Northern, Kalamazoo Christian and Monroe.

Ann Arbor Pioneer and Bloom-

For Huron Northern, Kalamazco Christian and Monroe.

Ann Arbor Floner and Bloomfield Hills Lahaer ted for the team title with 22 points spice. Okemos and Ann Arbor Huron were next with 19 and 18, respectively.

CC's No. 1 doubles team of Ben Rost and Jeff Haithcock won apid of matches, earning a spot in the quarterfinals where they were upended by the No. 2 seeded team from Okemos.

Chris Bonn (No. 2 singles) also wen his opening round-match, as did Phil Tomey and Doug Newton (No. 2 doubles), but the Shamrocks lost four other firstround battles.

"I'm content where we ended up," CC first-year coach 'Greg Grabowski said. "Ind hoped for a better performance from our No. 3 doubles team, but they did not get seeded, even though we beat the team from (Blrmingham) Brother Rice, which was seeded ahead of us. I wasn't too happy with that. We ended up with a tough draw where we drew Bloom-

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field Hills Lahser right off the bat.

"I look for better things next year. We lose only three kids. This year we had only two back with varisty arperience."

Stevenson's No. 3 doubles team of Ryan Schmidt and Scott Sibel also reached the quarterfinals before their 23-match winning streak was halted by Birmingham Brother Rice's due of Darren Hitz and Chris Millar, the No. 4 seeds, 7-6, 6-2.

Schmidt and Sibel opened first-round play with an 0-6, 6-1, 6-2 triumph over Trenton. The Stevenson due then upset the No. 5 seeds from Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, 6-0, 6-4 before being ousted by

the tandem from Rice.
Schmidt and Sibel, regional champlons, finished the year with a 23-1 record, best among the Spartans' seven flights.
Mike Miller and Ben Moricz, Stevenson's No. 2 doubles team, finished 17-2 after losing 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in their opening round match.
"It was a very good showing, I'm proud of our kids," Stevenson coach George Croil said. "We had a very good season."
Brook Blain of West Bloomfield defeated Arvid Swan of Troy for the No. 1 singles title, 6-7, 6-2, 7-5.
Swan defeated fauctims West.

for the No. I singles title, 0-7, 0-2, 7-5.
Swan defeated four-time Western Lakes Activities Association champ and two-time Class A runner-up Mark Schwagle of Northville in the semifinals, 7-5, 6-4.



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