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Good outlook: Bill Potter had to start from scratch two years ago to build Madonna University women's basketball team. Now, he has a regional contender.

Madonna hoops has new look

By C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

What Madonna University's women's basketball team should have on the front of its programs is a disclaimer. Something like: Any resemblance between the past Madonna women's teams and the present one is the result of a falling meteor. See a doctor.

Bill Potter enters his third season as coach at Madonna with something far different than he's had before — a contender.

It's not built the way most contenders are constructed — with experienced players, well-versed in the team's system. Only four of Potter's 14 players were on the squad last season.

The Lady Crusaders were 13-18 last season, losing in the first round of the NAIA District 23 playoffs. The district set-up has been scrapped, so now Madonna will vie for 13 other teams for one of eight playoff berths in the independent Great Lakes Region. The berths will be determined not by round-robin scheduling, but by computer points.

How this will work is anyone's guess, but Potter is confident of

his team's chances. "The attitude is great," he said. "They're antsy to get going."

As for the playoffs: "Well, you know that old adage — win all your games and you know you'll be in the playoffs."

That doesn't sound like a coach of a team that's struggled to reach .500. With good reason: Potter has brought in some top-notch talent, good enough to convert the Crusaders into also-runs to regional contenders.

The newcomers begin with Shawn Bannon, a 5-foot-6 junior guard from Dearborn Divine Child who started for two seasons at Central Michigan and averaged around 10 points and six assists a game last season. She transferred to Madonna to study nursing.

"Shawn loves to have the ball in her hands at all times," said Potter. "She's going to bring maturity to our team. When things are out of sync, she wants to be in there. At the end of the game, she wants the ball in her hands."

Bannon adds instant credibility to Madonna, but she isn't alone. Among the other additions expected to help immediately are

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freshmen Meegan Marlatt, a 5-8 first-team Class D all-state guard from Atlanta (Mich.) who averaged 17 points per game as a high school senior; and Rachel Emery, another 5-8 guard from the same area as Marlatt (Fairview) who's quick and rebounds well. Vikki Koenig, a 6-0 junior transfer from Oakland CC and Sterling Heights, can play defense, run, rebound and shoot the three-point shot.

There are others, too: Kathleen Gerick, 5-4 from Farmington Hills Mercy; Maria Liwak, 5-4 from Divine Child; Tracy Prybylski, 5-4 from Livonia Ladywood; Courtney Whitaker, 5-10 from Clarkston; Rebecca Elcho, 5-8 from Farmington; and Denise Williams, 5-10 from Grayling. Gerick is a sophomore and Williams is a junior; the others are freshmen.

If you get the idea that the returnees are somewhat concerned about their status, well . . . "You'll see a totally revamped

team," Potter said. "We'll be so much faster. We'll run and press."

"I told everybody we're going to run the ball. If you're going to stay up or not, it's up to you."

The four coming back — 5-11 junior forward Stephanie Creiley, an honorable mention all-district pick last year who averaged 13 points and eight rebounds a game; 5-7 senior guard Jill Burt; 6-0 sophomore center April Blanton; and 5-9 sophomore forward Mary Blentewicz — have Potter's confidence.

Creiley "comes in with an outstanding attitude," he said, while Blanton "has lost 20 pounds" to keep a spot in the player rotation. Burt suffered through a slump last season, but Potter feels the up-tempo offense is "definitely more suited to her style of play."

So how good can the Crusaders be? "Barring injury, just having a .500 season would be sub-par," said Potter. "Twenty (wins) are within our reach."

It's a big step for Madonna women's basketball, but the talent is there to take it.

Lady Falcons make slow but steady progress

By CHRIS MCCOSKY
STAFF WRITER

The Farmington girls basketball team was one good half of basketball away from attaining the modest post-season goal it set for itself after struggling through a six-win regular season.

"What we really set out to do was make it to the district championship game," said Falcons

coach John Verdura. "That would have been a nice accomplishment."

As it was, they beat West Bloomfield in the opener of the tournament at Harrison, 33-30, then lost to Bloomfield Hills Lahser Wednesday, 49-30, after battling the Knights to a 21-21 draw for a half.

"Seven wins was a nice achievement," Verdura said. "We were doing some things better at the end of the season. We're still very young, and we have an optimistic outlook for the future but only if these girls continue to work hard during the off-season."

The Falcons started a junior, three sophomores and a freshman against Lahser.

Junior Andrea Salzer was the team's leading scorer in the tournament, hitting for 22 against West Bloomfield and 11 against Lahser.

Freshman guard Amanda Por-

ter flashed All-Area potential. She possesses quick hands and feet, and a court savvy the belies her youth.

"She's definitely going to be a key for us," Verdura said.

She made 10 steals and blocked three shots in the two district games and clipped in with 12 points.

Other key returnees will be 5-10 sophomore Kim Washnock (nine points and 10 rebounds against Lahser), sophomore Stephanie Tinoco, sophomore Melissa McDonald and junior Britney Bockelman.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monday, Nov. 22
Albion JV at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 23
Shawnee State at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Glen Oaks, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 27
Owens Tech at Schoolcraft, 5 p.m.
Madonna at Ohio Dominican, TBA.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Nov. 23
Madonna at Indiana Wesleyan, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 26
Madonna at Aquinas, TBA.
Saturday, Nov. 27
Madonna at Aquinas, TBA.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON
23600 Liberty, Farmington, Michigan 48335
Oakland County

NOTICE OF HEARING ON
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT
PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Principal Shopping District Special Assessment Roll No. 23-80 in the amount of \$1560,000 comprising the Downtown Development Authority District to fund, over the five-year period 1994 through 1998, a portion of the downtown development plan which was adopted by Council in April 1993 has been filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council will meet in the City Hall, 23600 Liberty, Farmington, Michigan on the 6th day of December, 1993, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Standard Time, to review said special assessment roll and to hear any objections thereto.

Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary) Monday November 15, 1993

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE CITY OF FARMINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council with The City of Farmington Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals was held on Monday, November 15, 1993 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of this meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1978. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor William Hartsock.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane.
CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Lauhoff, Admin. Asst. Schultz.
PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Gronbach, Mitchell, Fogue, Raiffel, Rothen.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEMBERS PRESENT: Bergstrom, Paschke (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Peters, Raiffel, Walker.

Council met with the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals to discuss areas of mutual interest and concern including issues of communication, need for specialized training, and levels of input expected from the Board/Commission. Current planning and zoning issues were discussed. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Hartsock at 8:00 p.m. on November 15, 1993, in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1978.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane.
ABSENT: Tupper.
OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Attorney McKinney, Deputy Clerk Schmidt, Admin. Assistant Schultz.
City Clerk Cantrell gave the Oath of Office to Councilpersons Bush, and Campbell.
Council elected Arnold T. Campbell as Mayor and Jo Anne McShane as Mayor Pro Tem.
Presentation: Winners of the Farmington Families in Action Rap Contest performed for Council.
Public Hearing: Principal Shopping District Hearing on Necessity for Special Assessment District.
Presentation: Brett Blair, Managing Director, of the Road Commission for Oakland County, presented an overview of the Road Commission for Oakland County including funding sources and programs.
Minutes of the previous meeting were received and filed.
Minutes of other boards and commissions were received and filed.
Council authorized the Downtown Development Authority to erect two tents in the downtown parking lot and to place banners for the holiday promotion.
Council extended the time period for the sign variance to Kinco Realty Corporation, for property along Grand River and Farmington Road.
Council adopted the Principal Shopping District Resolution No. 3 on Necessity and No. 4, Setting a Public Hearing on the Assessment Roll for 8:00 p.m. on December 6, 1993.
Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Municipal Credit Transfer Agreement.
Council introduced Ordinance Nos. C-406-93, and C-407-93 amending the Sign Ordinance.
Council heard public comments.
Council comments and announcements were heard.
Council appointed Florence Burke and William Liba to the Farmington Board of Canvassers for a 4-year term expiring in 1997.
Council appointed Councilpersons McShane and Tupper to serve a 3-year term on the Special Assessment Deferred Payment Review Committee.
Council received and filed the Public Safety Department Quarterly Operations Report ending September, 1993.
Monthly bills were approved for payment.
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ARNOLD T. CAMPBELL, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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