

Rucker impressive as all-star

Was Guy Rucker in over his head?

When the 6-foot-10, 240-pound center from Westland John Glenn High was selected to play in Sunday's Magic's Roundball Classic at the Palace, featuring many of the nation's top high school basketball players, I had to admit I was skeptical myself.

I told that to Jim Ecker of the Cedar Rapids Gazette only days before the game. Ecker covers basketball at the University of Iowa, the school Rucker signed a national letter-of-intent with last November.

I tried to be honest with the Iowa writer because I felt Rucker had a somewhat disappointing senior year.

Flat senior year

Even more disappointing was that John Glenn, a 16-3 team during the regular season, was knocked out in the first round of the state tournament by an over-achieving Garden City team.

But after Sunday's rag-tag, playground-style All-Star game, I'll reserve judgment on Rucker.

Putting it mildly, Rucker was far from an embarrassment.

He proved he belonged after scoring 10 points, (five of nine

shooting including a monster dunk), grabbing seven rebounds and blocking three shots in 20 minutes.

True, he was caught guarding West team MVP and Michigan simee Robert Traylor, a 6-foot-8, 300-pound 18-wheeler who finished with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Superstars Kevin

But the great Kevin Garnett, the McDonald's All-Star MVP who everybody says should forego college and go straight to the NBA, finished with only eight points, three turnovers and one block. (I also had one question or two for Sonny Vaccaro: Why wasn't Garnett ever matched up against Traylor?)

Even New York City legend point-guard Stephen Marbury, the next Kenny Anderson some say, shot one for nine with eight turnovers. Alabama-bound guard Brian Williams also had eight turnovers.

Vince Carter, the next Michael Jordan-to-be at North Carolina, was pretty quiet himself with nine points.

Some people say Rucker played with little intensity during his senior year at Glenn. He often became frustrated with physical contact and loafed up and down the floor.

Skills are there

But that doesn't take away from the fact that Rucker has tremendous timing, great shooting range for a big man and shot-blocking capabilities.

One recruiting guru, who watched two practices, told me Rucker more than held his own.

Rucker, however, would be the first to admit that he didn't play up to his own standards his final year at Glenn, showing the ability that made him an attractive Big Ten recruit as a junior.

"I was disappointed," he said. "From junior high to high school, and from high school to here, I feel like I wasn't at the level I should be at."

"There were a lot of factors (this season). I felt there was a lot of selfishness on the team. I thought I could change things, but I told myself I was not going to get upset."

Series of setbacks

A broken wrist, a hernia operation and summer school between his junior and senior seasons slowed his progress. He wasn't able to go head-to-head against some of the nation's best over the summer.

But following four days of practice against some of the country's best may provide the incentive needed for Rucker as he heads this fall to Iowa City.

"Basically, the experience of playing hard helped me. It's a lot more intense, but they're having fun, too," Rucker said. "I just tried to go out and have fun and relax."

"Traylor is probably the best I've played against because of his post-move abilities in the game. I played against Albert White (of

Lord's 5 goals give North soccer victory

All Lord made sure the North Farmington girls' soccer team didn't start the season 0-3.

After losing its first two games to Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Canton — both state-ranked powers — the Raiders got on the winning track Saturday by routing visiting Walled Lake Central 5-0.

Lord, a senior forward, scored all five North goals and has all six of the team's goals this season. Each goal Saturday was unassisted.

"It's not a surprise to me; I expect that from Ali," North coach Tim Ernst said. "She takes advantage of the opportunities given to her. On Saturday, she had some good one-on-one chances."

The Raiders, who led 2-0 at halftime, used three goalkeepers. Mike Ziegler was in goal the first half, while Sara Green and Stephanie Stiegler split time in the second half.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

THIS IS PUBLIC NOTICE that the Farmington Hills City Council will be meeting on the following dates in April and May, 1995:

Date	Time	Meeting
April 17, 1995	6:30 p.m.	No Meeting
April 20, 1995	6:30 p.m.	Special Meeting (Farmington Hills Activities Center-11 Mile and Middlebelt Roads)
April 24, 1995	6:30 p.m.	Study Session (Lower Level Conf. Room)
April 25, 1995	7:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting
April 28, 1995	8:30 a.m.	Budget Study Session (Lower Level Conf. Room)
May 1, 1995	8:30 a.m.	Budget Study Session (Saturday)
May 2, 1995	7:00 p.m.	Joint Budget Meeting with City of Farmington

*The regularly scheduled City Council meeting of April 17, 1995, has been cancelled.

The above mentioned meetings will all be held at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335, (810) 473-9552.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk
THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

Public April 13, 1995

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 10, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smith at 7:30 p.m. Members Present: Bates, Grant, Lichtenman, Oliverio, Sever, Smith and Vagstad. Members Absent: None. Officers Present: City Manager Cowich, City Clerk Dornan, Assistant City Managers Brock and Call, Director Blaisell, Attorney Donohue and Planning Consultant Coates.

COUNCIL PROCLAIMED:

- April 23, 1995, as Sons of Norway/Team Farmington Day.
- Week of April 10-16, 1995, as Community Development Week.
- Month of April 1995 as Fair Housing Month.

COUNCIL:

- Received presentation by Oakland County Commissioners on SMART Bus System Ballot Proposal and scheduled this issue for further consideration by Council on April 24th.
- Received report on withdrawal of request to vacate the easterly 150' of Barlow Avenue adjacent to Bartlett Street.
- Considered request to policy for future Board and Commission appointments.
- Authorized the City Manager to proceed with steps to establish a Cellular Tower/Antenna Study Committee and scheduled this issue for further consideration on April 24th.
- Received report on proposed amendments to the city's Planned Unit Development Ordinance and referred the issue to the planning commission.
- Received Attorney's report for April.

APPROVED:

- Cluster Site and Landscape Plan for detached single-family cluster development, west side of Middlebelt, south of Twelve Mile Road.
- Appointment of Ken Pool to Arts Commission.
- Transfer of ownership of Class C licensed business to Ruby Tuesday, Inc., 31044 Twelve Mile Road, from Morrison Restaurants, Inc.
- Meeting schedule for City Council for April and May.
- Grant application through ADOT for tree planting and sidewalks on Grand River, Eight Mile to Orchard Lake Road.
- Public hearing date of May 18, 1995, for consideration of partial vacation of watermain easement for Compagnone site partial vacation of sanitary sewer easement for the PTP Boys site.
- Special event licenses for Sons of Norway Walk-A-Thon on April 23, 1995; Finnish Center Annual Ethnic Festival, June 2-4, 1995; St. Paul's Lutheran Church Carnival, May 18-21, 1995.
- Meeting minutes of March 8, 20, and 27, 1995.

AWARDED BIDS FOR:

- Fertilizer/weed control services to C & H Spraying in the amount of \$4,672.
- Lightweight mower for San Marino Golf Course to Theisler Equipment in the amount of \$15,250.

JOANNE SMITH, Mayor
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Sealed proposals, bearing the title of the work and the name of the bidder, will be received by the clerk at the City of Farmington Hills located at 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan until ten o'clock (10:00) a.m. local time, on Thursday, April 27, 1995, and will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately thereafter, for furnishing the materials and performing the labor for the execution and construction of:

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A bid bond, in an acceptable form, equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid must accompany each proposal.

The City of Farmington Hills and Redolph/Libbe reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive informalities or irregularities in bids received, and to accept the lowest and/or best bid which is in the project's own best interest.

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