

Former star player returns to coach Ocelots

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A variety of methods have been tried to rejuvenate the men's basketball program at Schoolcraft College. Nothing's worked.

The closest administration came to turning around a perennial loser was two years ago, when longtime coaching veteran Glen Donahue was brought in.

It seemed Donahue had a handle on the situation, although the team struggled through its first season under his direction. But then, just before the start of his second year on the job, he resigned to become an assistant

BASKETBALL

coach at Central Michigan.

And it was back to square one.

Perhaps that's why SC athletic director Ed Kavanaugh opted to explore his avenues more completely this time. He didn't want short-term filler for the job.

It took a while to meet that requirement — so long that the 1997-98 season could almost be considered a wash. It wasn't until last week that the decision was made:

Bring back Carlos Briggs.

All sorts of hopes ride with that name. And with good reason — the last time SC was any good

at all at men's hoop, Briggs was the reason why. He led the NJCAA in scoring and was an NJCAA All-American.

After earning his associate's degree at SC in 1984, Briggs got a scholarship to Baylor. He led the Southwest Conference in scoring as a junior, and was eventually drafted in the fourth round by the San Antonio Spurs.

For the past two years, Briggs has been teaching and coaching in a Dallas high school. As an assistant coach two years ago at Waxahachie HS, the team reached the No. 1 ranking in Class 4A, the state's second-highest division, and compiled a 34-6 record.

Briggs switched to Cedar Hill HS last year, another Class 4A team, helping it to a 26-6 mark and a No. 4 ranking.

So what brings him back to a seemingly hopeless situation

outside Detroit?

"You don't always get a chance to coach at your alma mater," Briggs said. "It's a challenge whenever you go into a situation like this."

"I don't expect to go in and turn things around overnight. But one thing I want to do is be competitive."

The obstacles facing Briggs are imposing, to say the least. Reaching double-figures in wins for a season was a goal for the past dozen years, and it was not often reached (if at all).

Even when a promising team was put together, academic casualties decimated it at the semester break in early January. The best players who can play and still stay academically eligible will be Briggs' task. And he has to start immediately.

"I'm going down to St. Cecilia's as soon as I get into

town," the new SC coach said, referring to the gym where many of the city's best players congregate.

A mixture of city and suburban talent is what Briggs wants to piece together. To do it, he's going to have to get his message through — I know people. I can hook you up with a Division I team or a good Division II.

Of course, it's the same message Briggs pretty much ignored when he graduated from Detroit Benedictine and headed to California to junior college, before returning to the Detroit-area to play at SC.

One thing Briggs hopes will help him turn the program around is his commitment to the school. When he interviewed with Kavanaugh and assistant dean Midge Carleton, he told them he plans to be on campus. He does not have a teaching

job anywhere yet, but Briggs will teach a basketball class and a physical education class at SC, and hopefully he'll be able to pick up something else on campus.

"I understand the situation," he said. "I'm going to be there as much as possible for the players."

"One thing I stressed was that I don't want to be one of those coaches who works somewhere else and just coaches there part-time. I want to be on campus all the time."

Although Kavanaugh and Carleton both hope Briggs will be at SC for a long time, they must know success has a price. And if Briggs does turn it around at SC quickly, he'll be moving up to another program.

"It's just like anything else," he admitted. "You're always looking to improve yourself."

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JULY 21, 1997

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vagnozzi at 7:30 p.m.

Council Present: Barrett, Bates, Ellis, Grant, Oliverio, Sever, and Vagnozzi.

Council Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Hobbs, City Clerk Cornan, Assistant City Managers Bruck and Call, Directors Biessell and Countegnan, and Attorney Donahue.

CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- Enacted ordinance to provide for creation of a Commission on Children, Youth and Families in cooperation with the City of Farmington.
- Appointed delegate and alternate voting delegate to Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention to be held in September.
- Set date of February 26, 1998 for joint meeting with City of Farmington City Council and Farmington School Board.

INTRODUCED ORDINANCES TO AMEND:

- Landscape requirements for developments within the city.
- "Tree Protection, Removal and Replacement" within the city.

RECEIVED VERBAL PRESENTATIONS FROM:

- Senator Willis Bullard and Representative Raczkowski re: recently approved Legislative Road Package.
- Pauline Menegher of SEMCOG and Councilmember Bates on SEMCOG issues.
- Chair Jeff Stewart of Beautification Commission tree maintenance, mowing and budget issues.

APPROVED:

- Tentative preliminary Plat 4, 1997, for single-family residential development on north side of Ten Mile, east of Orchard Lake Road.
- Contract with Detroit Edison to relocate overhead power lines at Founders Sports Park.
- City Staff request to seek non-matching grant funding from the Target Corporation to support Family Day in the Park.
- City Council meeting minutes of July 12, 1997.
- Entering into executive session to discuss pending litigation.

AWARDED BIDS/PURCHASE ORDERS FROM:

- City Hall Parking Lot rehabilitation to Wayne Asphalt Paving Company in the amount of \$83,742.00.
- Software application training for employees to Training Express in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- Repair of Pebble Creek Drain to Countyline Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$11,920.00.

ALDO VAGNOZZI, Mayor
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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"Football was the one thing he loved more than anything. So much of him being a football player was a part of him as a person."

Mayberry had also competed in wrestling, and coach Darrell Tharnish said he was looking forward to having him on the team again next season.

"He never gave up on anything," Tharnish said. "He was a well-put-together kid, physically. That's probably why he tried to swim across the lake, because he had such confidence he could anything."

Though he was an intense football player and exhibited a

rough exterior, teammates and coaches knew another side of Mayberry's personality, too.

"He was one of the toughest guys I ever met, but behind the toughness he was one of the most caring guys you'd want to meet," Lewis said.

"As a teammate, he had to be one of the most competitive people," Hopkins said. "As a person, he was the same way. He'd do anything you asked of him."

"Like coach said, if he saw someone picking on someone smaller, he'd be there to defend him."

Mayberry was a free spirit, but no one ever henson to question his dedication.

"I told the kids he caused me more than one or two of my gray

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would want us."

Lewis added: "It's not going to be 'Let's win one for Shawn.' The thing we have to do is remember him by our play. If everyone brought the same intensity Shawn did to the field, we'd be a great team, and that's what all of us are going to try to do."

Memorial contributions: To assist the family can be payable to Harrison High School, 25995 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-3901. The Harrison Football Boosters have also started a Shawn Mayberry Memorial Fund. Contributions can be sent to P.O. Box 2733, Farmington Hills, MI 48333.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance C-11-97, an Ordinance to amend the City Code of the City of Farmington Hills to revise the Chapter to provide for the creation of a Commission on Children, Youth, and Families in cooperation with the City of Farmington.

A full copy of this Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office for public review and inspection.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS:

Section 1.
The City Code, Chapter 8 A Children, Youth & Families, of the City of Farmington Hills is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8A
ARTICLE I
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

- 8-600. Established.
- 8-601. Authority/Duties.
- 8-602. Members/Appointment.
- 8-603. Terms of Office.
- 8-604. Organization/Meetings.
- 8-605. Consultant.
- 8-606. Budget.

Section 2. Reporter.
Section 3. Secrecability.
Section 4. Savings.
Section 5. Effective Date.
Section 6. Repeal.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills

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Lakers win 3rd straight Metro game

A closing flurry enabled the Lakers to extend their win streak to three games at the expense of the conference-leading Huskies in a Metro Summer Hockey League game Thursday.

A six-goal, two-assist performance by Bill Tucker paced the Lakers' 13-11 come-from-behind victory. The win elevated them to second place, at 6-4, in the Bakes Conference — just two points behind the Huskies, who are 7-4.

Two of the Laker wins in their current streak have come against the Huskies.

This one certainly went down to the wire. The Huskies scored the game's first four goals and led 4-1 after one period.

The Lakers battled back to forge a 6-6 tie after two periods, but scores by Kevin Swider (from Livonia), Kent LaFond and Ian Crookford (Bloomfield Hills) gave the Huskies a three-goal lead with 12:15 left to play.

Their lead was still 10-8 with less than six minutes remaining, but that's when the Lakers rebounded once again. With Tucker scoring three times in the final 5:20, and Jason Couture and Tom Taylor also netting goals, the Lakers had a three-goal lead entering the game's last minute.

Taylor also totaled three goals and two assists for the Lakers, with Couture scoring twice. Troy Taylor getting a goal and four assists, Mike Klingner adding a goal and an assist, and Jason Larys, Eric Evans and Chris Chaka each posting three assists. Jay Vancik (West Bloomfield) netted two assists.

Three goals and three assists by Chad Theuer (Clarkston) topped the Huskies.

LAKERS 11, WILDCATS 3: A six-goal performance by Troy Taylor carried the Lakers to the win over the Wildcats Wednesday at Plymouth.

Taylor, who also had one assist, scored twice in the first period, once in the second, then pumped in three straight in less than three minutes of the third.

Tom Taylor added two goals for the Lakers, who improved to 5-4. Eric Evans contributed a goal and four assists, and Bill Tucker had a goal and three assists. Mike Chaka chipped in with a goal. Jason Larys got four assists, and both Jay Vancik (West Bloomfield) and Chris Chaka collected two assists.

The Wildcats (3-7) got goals from David Guld, Patrick Isue and Nick Smyth, and two assists from Vancik Arman (West Bloomfield).