

## VELLUCCI

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talking about hockey when we're together," Vellucci said. "If I learn anything from him, I do it by just watching."

"I go to a lot of (Whalers) games. We play golf and softball in the summer and hockey in the winter."

For three years in his late teens, Vellucci played for the Compuware Junior A team and was a teammate of New York Rangers star Eric Lindros, who lived with the Vellucci family during the 1989-90 season.

In the mid-90s, Vellucci played for the Detroit AAs, minor professional level. He spent a year with the Detroit Falcons in the old Colonial League (now the United League) and one season with the Huntington (W.Va.) Blizzard of the East Coast Hockey League.

"We got paid, so it was considered professional hockey," he said. "One of the reasons I retired is that it wasn't worth the money."

Vellucci, who was married last month, works for Avis Services, a vending machine company in Livonia. But he is taking classes at Oakland Community College, plans to earn a degree in history and wants to become a teacher in Farmington. Vellucci, who has been a hockey referee since 1996, found he really enjoyed coaching, too.

Before becoming a Flyers assistant, he coached a pee wee team, the Simkins Chiefs out of Suburban Training Center, for two years and a bantam team, the Motor City Storm based in Melvindale, for one season.

Vellucci said he wanted to become a high school coach "once I started to get serious with my current wife and figured out what I wanted to do in life."

## My philosophy is to play as hard as you can.'

Mark Vellucci  
Assistant coach

## PITCHER

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long reliever and set-up man, Shields posted a 5-3 record with a 2.20 earned run average in 49 innings of work.

On Friday Sept. 27, Shields made his only start of the year against Seattle, but he had other things on his mind that night. After the game, he flew immediately to Detroit to be with Jamie on Sept. 29 — the first child on Sept. 29 — the same day as Gene Autry's birthday — at Providence Hospital.

Shields hopped on a plane to New York for the Angels' first-round American League playoff series against the Yankees.

"Physically he had to beat, he didn't sleep for three days," said Jamie, who met Scot when the two were students at Lincoln Memorial University (Tenn.).

And Scot obviously had to be distracted somewhat by the events going on at home as Jamie was about to deliver.

"Between innings my mind kind of flipped back-and-forth," he said. "I was fine. I wasn't even more nervous than I usually am."

Jamie and Kayla, along with her mother Debbie Hill and brother Stephen Hill, a senior at Churchill High School, attended all three World Series games at PNC Park. Even Kayla showed her allegiance, coming dressed in an Angels hat with a Rally Monkey at her side.

Scot came on in relief for the final 1-2 innings in a 16-4 Game No. 5 loss, giving up five hits, homers to Jeff Kent and Rich Aurilia. Barry Bonds didn't homer, but he did hit a single off Shields.

"They (San Francisco) had too good a team to think about getting nervous," Shields said. "I got a lot of two-strike counts,

but I couldn't put them away."

Sitting along the first base

side amongst family section of Angel players, Jamie wondered if bringing her daughter to such a rowdy stadium was a such good idea.

"It wasn't like a regular sen-

ior game where everybody is

loud-back and nobody pays

attention," Jamie said. "It

seems like just about everybody

was on the edge of their seats."

There were quite a few indi-

viduals, people trying to start

ights with the Angels fans. It

was really interesting because

you'd think it would be the

young people, but it was older

people who got involved."

In the fourth game at Pac

Beach, Jamie worried about loud

noise coming from another

World Series fan, the Thunder

Sticks.

"It really didn't bother Kayla,

she slept until the seventh

inning," Jamie said.

"I guess you could say she was

good for seven innings, during

the day is when she usually

sleeps," Scot said.

Jamie Shields, the former

standout volleyball player at

Redford Thurston High and

Henry Ford Community

College.

She earned a volleyball schol-

arship Lincoln Memorial, an

NCAA Division II school located

an hour outside of Knoxville.

"It's such a small school that

you know everybody," Jamie

said. "The athlete teams were

asked to support each other.

Everybody got along, there we

no cliques."

Scot, who played shortstop at

Fort Lauderdale High, went

undrafted before enrolling at

a junior college in Florida.

He decided to transfer and

walk on as a shortstop-pitcher

at Lincoln Memorial, even

though he did not throw in high

school.

"I couldn't hit enough to play short, so they kept me as a pitcher," said Scot, who spent 3 1/2 years at the school located in the Evergreen Gap.

After using up his college eli-

gibility, Shields thought his

best career was over.

"I didn't know, I had no clue I'd be drafted. I thought I was

a right-handed pitcher who was sur-

prised when he went in 38th

round for Angels. Shields

worked his way up the minor

league ladder, starting out with

the Rookie League Boise

(Idaho) Hawks. From there he

made stops at low-A Cedar

Rapids (Iowa), high-A Lake

Elsinore (Calif.), AA Erie (Pa.),

AAA Edmonton (Alberta) and

AAA Salt Lake City (Utah).

During his stint in the

minors, Shields decided to

change his pitching philosophy,

switching from power to

finesse.

"It was a good learning expe-

rience, it took a lot of moves to

learn how to get out," he said.

"I went to instructional

league and the coaches worked

on my control. I had to think

positive instead of the negative."

"Before I try and get strike-

outs, but I didn't have the con-

trol I wanted. I became a

sinkerballer, just try and get

groundballs. I let them hit on

the ground and it worked out

better."

On May 25, 2001, Shields

made his Major League debut.

In eight appearances that sea-

son, he pitched 11 innings with a

0.00 ERA.

When Shields rejoined the

Angels in 2002, he could sense

the club was on a mission.

"Once we beat New York, it

jumped our confidence level up," he said. "Even when we

were down 5-0 in the seventh

inning (of Game No. 6 vs. the

Giants), I knew we'd fight back

because we had done it all year.

It was amazing how our hitters were not nervous. They showed no signs of pressing.

Arnaheim rallied to win Game

on to capture the title in front of their home fans the next night, 4-1.

When Kenny Lofton's series-clinching fly ball sailed toward the outfield, Shields was sitting in the bullpen.

"When that last out was made I didn't see the catch," said Shields of the final ninth-inning drama. "The tying run was at the plate and I was not sure if it would get to the wall. I took off running after I saw Darin Erstad (the Angels' center fielder) jumping up and down. Everybody was jumping and hugging each other."

The rest is a blur following the post-game celebration that night. The Angels staged three separate parades two days following the Oct. 27 clincher.

Shields credits players like Erstad and manager Mike Scioscia for showing the way.

"Darin's our leader, he goes all out every game and it rubbed off all the way down the team," Scioscia said. "Mike is a great manager. He keeps a loose clubhouse. Even in that stretch,

when we lost five straight when we were trying to clinch a play-off berth, he didn't press us. He knew when to get down to business and he knows when to joke around. He's definitely a stickler for fundamentals."

Shields will report in

February for spring training as part of the Angels' 40-man roster. He believes the 2002 World

Champions will remain intact.

"Everybody's coming back, the core of the team will be there the next two or three years," he said. "I'm under contract, I'm going to have to fight for a spot and try and make the team ... and I'm confident I will."

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## CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Mitchell at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2002 in Council Chambers, 23000 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 207-1976.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Harrison, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Luhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards, Attorney Schultz.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Regular meeting minutes of October 21, 2002 were approved.

A Public Hearing was held on a reprogramming request for 2001-02 and 2002-03 Community Development Block Grant Program.

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Council presented a proclamation to Pastor John Maki in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Salem United Church of Christ.

Council presented a proclamation to Kelly Zander in honor of her selection as Miss Farmington Oakland County 2002.

Council introduced Brent Morgan as the new Director of the Downtown Development Authority.

Farmington High School student, Karla Stricker, sponsored by the City of Farmington, spoke about her experience at the American Legion's City State Program this past summer.

Minutes of other boards were received and filed.

Council reappointed Dirk Beamer to the Board of Review for a 3-year term ending December 2005.

Council appointed Steven Schueeman to the Board of Zoning Appeals for an unexpired term ending June 2003.

Council adopted a resolution to authorize reprogramming of the 2001-02 and 2002-03 Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) funds.

Council adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the 2003-2004 Community Development Block Grant Program application.

Council adopted a resolution from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission approving transfer of stock ownership of Cowley's Old Village Inn.

Council awarded a contract for construction of a service chamber for the Sanitary Sewer Project to the low bidder, Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc. of Belleville, Michigan.

Council approved Change Order No. 1 to the existing contract with Insiteform Technologies, USA, Inc.

Council authorized payment for emergency water main repair at Inmetatown Apartments to SBC Construction Inc. of Westland, Michigan.

Council authorized payment for Construction Estimate No. 2 for the Farmington Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation project to Insiteform Technologies, USA, Inc. of Lemont, Illinois.

Council appointed the City Manager, City Clerk/Treasurer and Public Services Director to the Farmington Building Authority for terms to expire November 2003.

Council awarded a bid to furnish and plant approximately 40 trees in various right-of-way locations throughout the City to Steinkopf Nurseries.

Council appointed Gretchen Perkins to the Commission on the Environment for an unexpired term ending December 2003.

Council received and filed the financial report for quarter ended September 30, 2002.

Council received and filed the Building Department report for quarter ended September 30, 2002.

Council received and filed the Public Operations third quarter report.

Council approved Budget Amendment No. 1 for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

Council approved the Monthly Payments Report for October 2002.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL,  
Mayor  
PATSY K. CANTRELL,  
City Clerk/Treasurer

## MERCY

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Ladywood outscored the Marlins 13-7 in the third quarter to take a 27-26 lead.

But the Marlins pulled ahead again by five with only 4:59 left in the fourth quarter thanks to a pair of free throws by Barbara Muecka.

A basket by Lauren Hesano, a big three-pointer by Noel

Williams and a three-point play by 6-foot-3 junior center Bethany Jory with 2:31 left put Ladywood on top for good, 36-34.

Williams also hit a field goal earlier in the quarter to tie the game at 29.

"She (Williams) has a knock for hitting some big shots," Gorski said. "She doesn't get a ton of minutes, but she takes advantage of the minutes she gets."

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In the matter of:

David Rev. Miller G-052, chairs, boxes

Arneka Short B-064, mice boxes

Angela Jones D-032, mice boxes

Margo Troux D-074, mice boxes

Catherine Tuwakabury D-077, mice boxes

Tom McNally E-035, mice boxes

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