

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 Compwure 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 at the Class AA, minor professional level. He spent a year with the Detroit Falcons (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 the ice hockey team at the 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."

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Mark Vellucci
Assistant coach

"Once I started coaching kids, I am seeing the impact I had on them," he said. "I like helping kids; I like helping people."

"I want to give back to the community. Farmington is a great city and a great area to grow up. I'm looking forward to the opportunity and, hopefully, can make the most of it."

Vellucci is optimistic about the upcoming season, which starts later this month, since the Flyers recruit 14 players, a number that includes 12 seniors.

Farmington was 17-9-1 last season, losing to four-time defending Division I state champion Redford-Detroit Catholic Central in a regional championship game, 4-2.

"My philosophy is to play as hard as you can," said Vellucci, who will be assisted by Jay Johnson.

"The players working the hardest in practice will be playing in the games."

"It doesn't matter how talented you are. I'll take a guy who is less talented but has his buns off from a guy who is talented and lazy."

"We'll be having tryouts pretty much every week. Last year we ran into trouble with grades and injuries."

"We ended the season with 17 guys. That doesn't cut it when CC is skating four lines and has six defenders and we have three lines and five defenders."

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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 as she delivered their first child on Sept. 29 — the same day as Gene Autry's birthday — at Providence Hospital.

Shields then 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 really 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.

"In between innings my mind kind of flipped back-and-forth," he said. "I was fine. I wasn't ever 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 Pac Bell 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 Angels players, Jamie wondered if bringing her daughter to such a rowdy stadium was a such good idea.

"It wasn't like a regular season game where everybody is lax and everybody pays attention," Jamie said. "It seemed that just about every little thing, everybody was on the edge of their seats."

"There were quite a few incidents, people trying to start fights 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 Bell, 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 Jamie McGovern, was a former standout volleyball player at Redford Thurston High and Henry Ford Community College.

She earned a volleyball scholarship 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 athletic teams were asked to support each other. Everybody got along, there were no cliques."

Scot, who played shortstop at Fort Lauderdale High, went undrafted before enrolling for a semester at a Florida Junior College.

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 Cumberland Gap.

After using up his college eligibility, Shields thought his baseball career was over.

"I didn't know, I had no clue I'd be drafted, I thought I was done," said Shields, a right-handed pitcher who was surprised 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 experience. It took a lot of moves to learn how to get people 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'd try and get strikeouts, but I didn't have the control 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 season, 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."

Anaheim rallied to win Game No. 6 by a 6-5 score and went 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 Scioscin for showing the way.

"Darin's our leader, he goes all out every game and it's rubbed off all the way down the team," Scot said. "Mike is a good manager. He keeps a loose clubhouse. Even in that stretch when we lost five straight when we were trying to clinch a playoff berth, he didn't press us. He knows 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, 23600 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 Gusham, City Manager Luthoff, 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.

A Public Hearing was held on the 2003-2004 Community Development Block Grant Program.

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 Girls 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 Schneeman 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 (CDBG) 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 Insituform Technologies, USA, Inc.

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

Council authorized payment for Construction Estimate No. 2 for the Farmington Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation project to Insituform 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 2005.

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

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 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

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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 Muczka.

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

Williams and a three-point play by 6-foot-3 junior center Bethany Jury 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 knack 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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OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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