

LOCAL SPORTS

MOORE

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with teaching.

"Working with kids and watching them grow as individuals and athletes was the best part of it," Moore said. "I followed their careers after they left the Rockets and was always thrilled to see how well they did."

"Along with the kids, there were a lot of great people involved - the other coaches, board members, parents. It's just a good community organization."

Moore's teams made the league playoffs a couple times but never won a championship and he isn't what his coaching record is. But none of that matters in the end, he said.

"If you view it strictly on the wins and losses, then you're missing a big part of it," Moore said. "We're trying to prepare the kids for future play."

"This is a very special part of their careers, so we want to make sure they enjoy the game and move on and play at the next level."

"Winning is a lot of fun, but that's not the most important thing."

Moore, who coached with the freshman team from 1990-94 and the JV from 1995-02, will always remember his last practice.

"It was nearly dark and you could hardly see," he said. "I told the kids, 'OK, we score one more TD and we'll be all done.'"

"I heard the kids in the middle say, 'Don't score, go down before you score.' They didn't want to leave."

"When you hear something like that, you know you're doing something right. That means more than the wins and losses, because those are generally fleeting moments."

Moore, 51, coached most of the 13 years without any kids of his own playing for the Rockets. His daughter, Chelsea, was a cheerleader but he kept coaching until he had the opportunity to coach his youngest son, Spencer, the last two years.

Moore's oldest son, Jarret, played for the Rockets in 1989 and was an assistant JV coach the last two seasons.

"When we moved into the area, I met Jack Smylie, who was Jarret's coach at the freshman level, and he brought me on the next year," Moore said.

"I told my wife, 'I have to keep on coaching because Spencer will get there one day and I want to coach him when he does.'"

"I was a teacher, so a lot of that was driven by the fact I loved to teach. There were times when it was tough on my wife (Carolyn) with two babies, but she stood beside me and knew how much I loved it."

Moore, who was a wide receiver and defensive back at Wyoming Lee and Rogers high schools, coached at various levels and places since 1975, and he decided it was a good time to retire once he was done coaching his son.



Farmington Rockets football coach Chris Moore sends in the next play with one of his players during a game.

Chris Cislo, who coached with Moore for 13 years also retired. He and Moore were recognized for their years of service at the Rockets' post-season banquet last month.

"They did a real nice job at the end of the banquet," Moore said. "We got a nice plaque and a football that was signed by a lot of the kids and coaches. It was special. Each of the coaches said some nice things. It was touching."

Chris moved to Howell three years ago. He coached part time, but I really depended upon him a lot. I thought it was pretty special he came back one more year to stick it out with me."

Moore also wanted to mention Greg Anderson, who coached with him for eight

years, and Bryan Norris, who was a full-time assistant this year.

"Though he's done with football, Moore isn't completely done with coaching. Chelsea plays soccer and travel softball, and he helps coach those teams."

And, if Spencer isn't playing football next fall, he'll probably run cross country, and his dad

plans to be a spectator at those events.

"So there will be plenty of things to do," Moore said. "It's been pretty much coaching all this time. There are always things that can be done around the house, so I'm sure that list will grow. I guess my best hobby is following my children around."

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Madonna softball clinics set

Madonna University will be conducting three Girls Fastpitch Softball Clinics in January and February at Madonna. Each clinic lasts four weeks.

Session One is on consecutive Sundays, from 2-4:30 p.m. on Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26. Session Two is on consecutive

Saturdays, from 9-11:30 a.m. on Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15; and Session Three is on Sundays, from 3:30-6 p.m. on Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23.

For more information, contact Coach White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 495-3719, or assistant coach Curt White at (810) 844-0109.

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"He is such an athletic kid," Dyer said of his leading scorer. "He's got a tennis scholarship to Western (Michigan University) and is just a natural out there. We had a big stretch of causing turnovers, and it was a big point in the game."

Stevenson took its biggest lead after a Chitwood 3-point-er made the score 42-20. But once again, Clarenceville (3-2 overall) scrapped its way back into striking distance after a trio of three-point plays, two by center Glenn Garratt.

Garratt, who entered the game averaging close to 26 points per contest, finished with just 15, including just one in the first and fourth quarters combined. Dyer said his team played excellent half-court defense in limiting Garratt's clean looks at the basket in Clarenceville's set offense.

"We defended him well from the weak side," Dyer said. "We were able to cut off the passing



Clarenceville's Glenn Garratt (33) drives past Stevenson's Steven Armstrong in the city championship game Monday.

lanes and kept him away from the spots where he's most dangerous."

Clarenceville put another furious run on the Spartans halfway through the fourth quarter, after Stevenson had its backup players in the game. An 11-0 run by the Trojans was sparked by a pair of 3-point shots by Pete Shaw, closing the score to 58-47. But the run was too short and came with too little time left on the clock, as Stevenson slowed the game down enough to take home the inaugural city championship trophy.

"I think at the beginning of the season, we didn't have a very high confidence level," Dyer said. "Now, it's starting to grow."

After taking a couple days to enjoy Christmas, the Spartans got right back into action with a game against Dearborn

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