

Canton's Crissey resigns as coach

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Observant will be minus one of its most successful coaches when spring sports begin next year.

Fred Crissey resigned last month after 19 seasons as Plymouth Canton baseball coach, citing a change in schedules at home as the main reason for his decision.

He leaves the position having achieved an impressive record. His teams were 369-123, winning five district and three regional championships. The Chiefs were Class A runners-up in 1982.

"I had great experiences and terrific kids," Crissey said. "It's been a good run. I enjoyed it but things changed."

The primary reason for Crissey's decision was the need to spend more time at home.

His wife (Jan) began working full time three years ago as a nurse in the intensive-care unit at the University of Michigan Hospital, creating greater time demands at home. Two of the family's eight children are still at home.

"Last year was terrible because we never saw each other," Crissey said, adding he and his wife were able to spend only a couple days together each week. "When I was working, she wasn't and vice versa."

"If we were going to do baseball, we weren't going to be together two or three days, and we certainly weren't going to do what we needed for our kids."

Crissey, who will continue to teach English at Central Middle School as he has for the last 15 years, said that role added to the demands since a lot of time was required to check papers.

Crissey said he didn't want to deprive his family or his baseball team of his full attention any longer.

"I didn't feel I could do a good

job at either end," he said. "I can live with a lot of things but not that."

"I thought it was a good time to put it down and give family life the proper attention. One thing you have to do in life is prioritize."

"Although I've been through 19 senior classes, (the players) only go through once. They deserve the very best you can give them."

Crissey added he thought it was the best time to leave since an established program and staff are in place and a quality group of players are coming up.

Crissey said the team's performance last season had nothing to do with his decision. But Jan doesn't have their only losing record (9-12) under Crissey.

"I really thought seriously about it the previous two years," he said, "but we were able to arrange our schedules so we had time together as a family. But Jan doesn't have that ability now."

Crissey, who coached nine all-stars and averaged 10 wins per season, ranked last season as one of his career highlights along with the many 20-win seasons his teams had.

He said he will remember "the kids in adversity last year and how hard they tried. They gave us their best shot."

Reflecting on what Canton teams accomplished over the last two decades, Crissey said:

"The highlight is the consistency of excellence. That's the mark of athletics, not if you do it once in awhile. The fact you were always competitive, including the crew last year because they lost six one-run ballgames."

Crissey said he has enjoyed having ex-players return for a visit and see them become successful.

"You're a pedestrian on the highway of life when you coach," he said. "It's nice to think you had a little bit to do with polishing the apple."

SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for the Monday edition).

ELKS HOOP SHOOT

Three boys and three girls won the first round of competition in the Elks Hoops Shoot free throw contest at Farmington High School.

First-place plaques were awarded to one girl and one boy in each age group: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14.

The Farmington winners were: Gayle Terres and Joe Olstein in 8-9, Jessica Topper and Aaron Scheidels in 10-11, Monique Anderson and Jonathan Shielbels in 12-13, Heidi Walker and Matt Ostach in 14.

The runners-up were Andrea Baker and Anthony Paletti, 8-9; Heather Martin and Mike Paletti, 10-11; Melissa Dimailo and David Viane, 12-13.

The six champions advance to the district finals at Livonia Churchill High School on Saturday, Jan. 9.

COACH'S CORNER

The Pistons/Wellness Plan Coach's Corner will be 6 p.m. today at Buddy's Pizza on Northwestern Highway, Orlando Woodridge of the Pistons is the scheduled guest.

There will be a brief interview, conducted by Pistons play-by-play announcer George Blaha, with assistant coach Brenda Malone and Woodridge, followed by a question-and-answer period with the fans. There is no charge for admission.

COACHES NEEDED

Walled Lake Schools needs coaches in the following sports: assistant boys swimming, freshman girls volleyball, JV baseball and assistant boys track. Applicants should call Athletic Director Bob Atkins at 900-8373.

SWIMMING NEWS

The Livonia-Novi Spartan Aquatic Club will conduct a holiday swim clinic and offer a week of swimming at its Livonia practice site. For information, call 464-2217 or 591-6818.

Olympic bowling is the goal



HARRISON

Like to see how as a regular medal event in future Olympic games?

If so, you will soon have the opportunity to sign a petition for this purpose in any local bowling center.

It is expected that over 1 million signatures will be submitted to the International Olympic Committee in time for consideration for the 1996 games in Atlanta.

The idea was inspired by none other than Joe Morris — the same man who bowled in Berlin in 1936 as a tie-in to those Olympics. (He won the event for the U.S.)

Petitions were distributed during the 62nd Annual Old Timers tournament Nov. 28 at the Thunderbolts Lanes.

Norris was in town for the event and hosted as a tie-in to those Olympics. (He won the event for the U.S.)

West Bloomfield's Phillip Horowitz defended his title in his age group (50-59) with a three-game block of 247-234-194 and a 685 series.

William Spray of Livonia won his age bracket (60-64) with a 203-207-234 block and a 644 series. Edmond Grant of Rochester Hills took second in the 65-70 age group with a 193-247-208 block for a 648 total.

The 75-79 category was won by Hall-of-Famer Joe Paulus of West Bloomfield, who rolled a 181-159-267 block for a 607 total.

There were 600 bowlers in the event with the oldest being Carl Koch of St. Clair Shores. Southfield's Clare Wing won the dubious trophy for the lowest series (343).

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association (GDBA) will hold its 30th Annual Masters Tournament with qualifying rounds Jan.

16-17, followed by head-to-head matches on Jan. 22-24.

This is the GDBA's most prestigious event, attracting only top level competitors in the area.

Liberty Bowl in Roseville will host the tournament. For more details, call the GDBA office at 773-6350.

Marilyn Lueck of the Cloverlanes' All-Star Bowlerettes had a terrific night last Monday as her set of 258-268-264 (790) was her career best, beating her previous high mark of 777. Lueck is a Canton Township resident and a Livonia Bentley High graduate.

Although Lueck did not get involved in bowling until the age of 20, she has come a long way to the top. She has been selected to the greater Detroit all-city team four times, once as captain, and was the state qualifier for team USA. Lueck has also bowled two 300 games along the way.

With four children and a job managing Cloverlanes in the daytime, she stays pretty busy. Regarding her big night on the lanes, Lueck says, "It was just my night."

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Super Bowl (Canton): Ford General Parts — Dave Joseph, 274/671.

Super Bowlers — Lee Schulz, 287/790; Al Koomer, 287/781.

Wednesday Morning Ladies — Linda Simpson, 270/670; Brenda Spence, 218/600.

Ela League — John Ligne, 300/689.

Plymouth Golf Co. — Bill Young, 278/659.

Carriage Hill — Randy Van Bynen, 289/772.

Bel Air Lanes (Farmington) Senior House League — Ted Gickler, 650; Ted Gickler, 638; Most Frequent, 600.

Our Lady of Sorrows (Men) — Ron McKenzie, 270/698.

Early Birds — Aggie Isbell, 202; Pat Henderson, 203; Ruth Platt, 218.

Country Lanes (Farmington Hills) Inter-Lodge — Seth Topper, 214 (149 ave.); Hal Luoni, 246; Harold Shwedel, 203; Bob Solomon, 213; Lee Glick, 210.

Greenfield Mixed — Debbie Van Meter, 192-247-207/635; Lou Brughman, 268/691; Lee Snow, 247/687; Barn Custersten, 202; Ray Marchewitz, 220/602; Tina Barber, 202; Bobbie Gossing, 228; Barb Turner, 202; Jack Markel, 218.

Country Kegles — Dennis Hans, 268/682; Dan Dwyer, 235/614; Bob Shinko, 235/676; Gary Hammond, 234/624; Walt Ulsch, 264-717; Jim Reynolds, 256/672; Bill Cochrane, 245/682.

Wednesday Junior House — Rob Gaynor, 269-269/765; Rip Gaspon, 234/676; Jim Debellis, 233/589; Nick Poske, 230/674; Jim Sockwe, 224/659; Jim Harmin, 236/653; Mark Foust, 234/655.

Tuesday Mixed Ten — Kevin Linton, 239/602; Ernie Olson, 225/627; Dave Fehrenbach, 255/625; Dave Nelson, 235/627; Ron Malmgren, 234/682; Tom Ambrose, 247/702; Brian Larson, 265/643; Jim Blake, 268/773; Tim Parok, 266/673; Rob Gaynor, 246/669; Jim Debellis, 278/739.

Jewish War Veterans — Lawrence Corfiske, 229; Arnold Weiss, 218; Shel Rakoff, 215; Steven Holmman, 210; Rita Burton, 208. B'nai B'rith Brotherhood/Ede Jacobson — Scott Grimsman, 248-231/632; Dave Radner, 225/618; Larry Busby, 617; Nita Fisher, 609; Dennis Eder, 233; Dan Stein, 208.

Drakeville Lanes (Farmington Hills) Monday Amateurs Classic — Jerry Penna, 200/709; Tom Watt, 278/718; Dave Hesse, 250/753; Dave Whitty, 200/709; Rennie Marino, 207; Tom Jewell, 704; Terry Manued, 706; Doug Spicer, 719; Tom Saunders, 707; Larry Vertle, 701.

Cloverland Lanes (Livonia) All-Star Bowlerettes — Marilyn Lueck, 258-268-254/780; Laura Burgess, 247/640; Sam Green, 253/690; Cheryl Sipack, 244/627; Janice Curcio, 244; Cheryl Gorbasi, 244/685; Wendy Bray, 256/621; Kay Mohr, 244-248/695; Nancy Hagen, 256/657; Mary Marshall, 247/666; Kim Connor, 243/659; Connie Robinson, 244/648; Michele Mariner, 209/642; Deborah Black, 248/600; Neel Cuzart, 243/649; Sue Kuhn, 246/613; Trace Hurock, 278/712.

Mardi Bowl Lanes (Livonia) Senior House League — Garrett Hagle, 300; Greg Hagle, 268/691; Angelo Camilleri, 277/722; Ted West, 268/722; Craig Sennewald, 277/750.

Golden Eagles — Tony Hornung, 247-227/620; Ron Basse, 245/666; Paul Hyatt, 248/639; Gene Tonne, 236-247/683; Steve Asabay, 245/671; Joe Blacha, 220-225/658 (227 over ave.).

Ladies Invitational Doubles — Kathy Siemieni, 733.

Ladies Weekenders — Clarence Bishop, Jr., 247-223/653.

LeNovers — Paul Brewer, 232.

Bumbers — Adam Bowman, 91; Mary Beth Szczepanski, 107; Day Umbenhook, 95; Billy Salisbury, 101; Ryan Reed, 98; Adam Smith, 94.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia) Father-Son League — Ian Bradford, 113; Sam Nagher, 144; Don Wikstrom, 226/650.

Westside Senior Mens — Chuck Parotte, 256/650; Paul Brewer, 227/583; Henry Borde, 575; Tony Santoro, 576; Hays Brack, 552; Al Kereez, 553; Keith Zanderfeld, 227.

Motor City Eagles — Brian Patton, 247/716; Jim Cascada, 651; Jim Mohr, 646; Dave Welch, 247; Keith Hupbell, 247.

Night Owls — Matt Sheld, 235/695; Mike Reed, 221; Dan Schmitz, 220; Craig Sobel, 222/628; Al Crispa, 221; Rob Smith, 242/697.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia) Ford Parts — Frank Hoffman, 279.

Trio League — John Wozniak, Jr., 218/685; Mark Payne, 713; Ron Hawk, 673.

Wednesday Night Masters — John King, 268. Church of the Holy Spirit — Robin Lachack, 241.

Wonder Women — Jean Jones, 234.

Lyndon Meadows — Danny Daniels, 241.

Ford Parts and Recreation Youth — Tim Toppenberg, 268 (121 ave.).

Men's Seniors — P. Brewer, 268.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth) Plaza Men (Nov. 23): James Cecil, 257; Martin McInerney, 246/621; Dan Nyquist, 242; Scott McGinnis, 235; Dave Heston, 216 (101 over ave.).

Plaza Men (Nov. 30) — Rich Sturtz, 277/643; Martin McInerney, 247; Ken Ross, 242; Ron Bach, 232; Carl Ruchel, 232; Bill Sturtz, 227.

Oak Lanes (Westland) Thanksgiving Day No-Tap Tournament — 1st place, Jeff Taylor & Mike Taylor, 1,609; 2nd place, Del Storer & Todd Salvador, 1,431; 3rd place, Jeff Matusky & Jim Matusky, 1,424; 4th place, Dana Marum & Sarah Marum, 1,419; 5th place, Deb Hester & Bobby Hester, 1,412.

Westland Bowl: Sunday Rollers-Mixed — Jim Scott, 300 (114 over ave.).

Monday 6:15 p.m. Men's League — Gary Fecker, 300/702.

Wednesday Ladies Classic League — Lona Poise, 290; Colleen Aul, 279; Kates Paulk, 279; Chris Arner, 287/711.

MEMORABILIA SHOW

Sun., DECEMBER 13
12 noon - 6 pm
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Which Red Wings player has the hardest shot? Best puck control? Is the fastest? Join Mickey Redmond and Dave Strader for the play-by-play for these competitions and more!

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See the Red Wings split into "Red" and "White" teams for a winner takes all scrimmage!

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Test your own hockey skills right on Red Wings Ice!

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Over 25 vendors will be on hand showcasing all kinds of memorabilia items and merchandise - all for sale! Pick-up something special for your favorite Red Wings Fan!

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Kids 16 and under...you have the chance to get autographs from all your favorite Red Wings players*!

SILENT AUCTION

Bid on several autographed Red Wings items - including replica jerseys!

ADMISSION: Adults \$6, Children (16 & under) \$4

Tickets available NOW at the Joe Louis Arena Box Office and all TicketMaster locations. Get half-off tickets with a Thorn Apple Valley proof-of-purchase. Limit 2 tickets per proof of purchase.



*Please Note: Admission does not guarantee autograph.

BASKETBALL

Pioneer, CC tie

Ann Arbor Pioneer's Richard Rothman scored with 4:46 left in the game to force a 5-5 tie with Redford Catholic Central in hockey Wednesday at Yost Arena.

Brian Romayne scored a goal and added three assists for Redford Catholic Central (1-0-1). Jon Heady, Jason Bellinger, Sam Sanfilippo and Jeff Helner also scored for the Shamrocks.

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Wayne-Westland Community School District will be having a one day surplus classroom furniture sale:

Date of Sale: December 11, 1992 - Friday
Time of Sale: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Cherry Hill Center (Pool Area) Between Middlebelt Road and Inkster Road (east and west) and Michigan Avenue and Cherry Hill (south and south)
Terms of Sale: Cash & Carry - As Is Condition

Items for Sale:

Student chairs	\$1.00
Student desks	\$2.00
Tables	\$3.00
Teacher desks	\$15.00
1 piano	\$25.00

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