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## Galvin: Unanimous all-state pick

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Redford Catholic Central senior Gary Galvin, a resident of Farmington, was recently named first-team all-state in Division I lacrosse.

Galvin is one of two players who receive votes from each coach on the all-state committee. The other was Birmingham Brother Rice's Chris Feldman.

Galvin tied teammate Jason Hubenschmidt for the most points on CC's team with 42. Galvin, a midfielder who played four years of lacrosse at CC after playing three years for Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington, had 23 goals and 19 assists.

Galvin's achievement was one of the bright spots of an otherwise rebuilding year for the Shamrocks, who finished 6-9 overall.

"When coach (Scott) Tynan told me I was all-state, it was unbelievable, I was so proud," Galvin said. "After the state championship, it was

a goal of mine to make all-state. It's an honor to be up there with all the good players."

Hubenschmidt and Mike Smiley, a junior defender, each made second team all-state. CC's Steve Mondry, Mark Wollschlaeger and Mike Hoard each were named honorable mention.

Galvin will attend the University of Dayton, where he plans on studying marketing. Galvin chose Dayton over John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, Canisius and Marymount (Va.), but it really wasn't that much of a decision.

Galvin's three brothers, David, Bill and Tom and sister Elizabeth graduated from Dayton. All of the brothers graduated from CC and Elizabeth from Mercy.

"When you've been going there (visiting his siblings at Dayton) since you were eight (years old), you kind of know a lot about it — for my brothers it was CC and Dayton," Galvin said. "Dayton has a great atmosphere, a strong business program, it had everything for me. I had opportunities to go out to East schools that were great, too, but too far away."



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## Changes at top have SC rolling

Could this be it? Are the pieces finally in place to elevate Schoolcraft College from its dungeon dwellings in the Eastern Conference's basketball standings to something more respectable?

Are the Ocelots ready to become... dare I even put such a fantasy into words... contenders?

Surely this is far too much to hope for, particularly at this early stage. But when you've followed the fate of a school's teams for better than a decade, such dreams are not just tolerated, they must be anticipated — even encouraged.

What's this *lunatic talkin'* about you ask.

Good question. I will recap, briefly, SC's basketball fortunes here languished in the conference's cellar for so long the mortgage must be paid in full, guaranteeing ownership.

Well, now it seems the powers-that-be at SC are at long last ready to sell and move up to a higher-class neighborhood.

God knows, the school has had equity enough to improve their athletic lot for quite some time. And finally, they may be ready to.

### New Ad, new direction

It started with the hiring of Ed Kavanaugh as athletic director, replacing Marty Nowak, who seemed both unable and unwilling to make a difference during his rather indifferent tenure.

Kavanaugh, the former Livonia Ladywood basketball coach who also serves as SC's women's coach, obviously took both posts with an agenda in mind — and the support to put it in motion.

He was hired 10 months ago, with no time to recruit a basketball team. Still, Kavanaugh took the players he had and guided SC to respectability, if not true title contention.

Which was never, ever good enough for Ed.

Count on his women's team being in the conference title hunt this year, perhaps challenging for the Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship within the next two years.

That was step No. 1. Step No. 2 is tougher: Make something out of the men's team.

### Donahue's destiny

Since the coaching days of Rocky Watkins over a dozen years ago, SC has struggled. The male Ocelots have not had a winning record.

Kavanaugh began to alter that scenario when he and Midge Carlson, assistant dean for physical sciences, decided to make a coaching change, letting Dave Bogataj go.

It was not an easy move. No one disliked Bogataj; he followed the school's rules and tried to make sure his players were students first and athletes second.

But he didn't win. And when you're a coach, whatever else might occur, that final win-loss figure carries a lot of weight.

So the new AD made a bold move — he canned the guy and brought in a living legend: Glen Donahue.

It was truly brilliant, both in concept and execution. Donahue, who built St. Mary's College into an NAIA title contender in four years, was being courted by Madonna University. But Madonna deliberated ever-so-slightly before making a decision.

Enter Kavanaugh. If nothing else, the SC AD is quick and decisive, and he showed it. He offered the SC job to Donahue without hesitation. Before Madonna could obdurate make its offer and hire him, Donahue joined SC.

And now, quite suddenly, things are changing at the Livonia campus. A walk through the gym will testify to that: new scoreboards on both walls.

But even better, there's Donahue running a basketball camp for kids. And more, there's Kavanaugh wandering down the hallways, plotting not his next move or even the one beyond that, but something else well into the future.

Long way to go.

Now, all the problems aren't licked. More scholarship money is needed, particularly if the basketball teams are planning to climb those steps from the basement to the penthouse.

But as Donahue — who coached Highland Park CC for 19 years, posting a 401-226 overall record while making it one of the finest programs in the nation — pointed out, "Look at this place, the facilities are here, and compare it to what I had at Highland Park. There is no comparison."

No, there isn't. And there's no reason why SC, considering its location and those facilities and, now, the coaching staff, isn't a perennial contender.

Like a jigsaw puzzle, the border is completed. Now the interior pieces must be sorted out and put in their proper places. With the right kind of administrative support (and that doesn't mean academic standards should be, or need to be, relaxed), it could happen in a short span of time.



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Hot shot: Bob Nagy had a strong game for the Wolverines, scoring three goals in their seven-goal second period. Nagy also had three assists in the Wolves' 14-3 rout of the Broncos, a win that kept his team unbeaten and atop the MSHL's Eagle Conference.

## Red light district

### Barrage of goals energizes early MSHL action



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It's been objective, to say the least.

How else can one describe the Metro Summer Hockey League's first week of play, and all but two teams had at least one victory after the first eight games.

Not much of a testimony to seasons.

However, there is a certain amount of balance. Through those first eight games, only two teams were unbeaten — and one of those, the Falcons, had played one game (through Wednesday).

In one of the more "defensive" games of the early stages of the competition, the Wolverines used a four-goal third period to speed the Lakers 7-1 Wednesday (all games are played at Plymouth Cultural Centre). Tom Larnas scored two of those four goals and assisted on another for the Wolverines, who topped those goals and assisted on a fourth for the "Cats. Jeremy Klesowski and Jake Wisniewski (from Plymouth) also netted goals, with Jim Pietila and Kevin

Pietila adding two assists apiece.

The Lakers (1-1), who led 4-2 with five minutes left in the second period, got a goal and two assists from Chad Thomas, and a goal and an assist from both Richard Rathman and James Whiston. Other Laker goal-scorers were Mike Kuculain and Kyle McNeilance (Livonia).

On Wednesday 14, Game 3: The Wolverines joined the Wildcats as the MSHL's first 2-0 teams by scoring a "touchdown" in the second period Wednesday against the Broncos.

The Wolves' seven-goal second period featured three goals by Bob Nagy, Kevin Mackowski and Jim Nesiek (Plymouth) also scored three times each in the game for the Wolves, with Rob Fleury getting two and Brian Hannigan, Kevin Berger

(Livonia) and Dave Bovol (Canton) netting one apiece. Nagy added three assists, with Hannigan, Mackowski and Fleury chipping in with two each.

For the winless Broncos (0-3), Scott Golemiak (Westland) assisted on all three of their goals. Dave Weaver (Plymouth) had a goal and an assist, and Dave Hale scored once.

Two of the Broncos' losses have come against the Wolverines.

On Monday 14, Game 10: On Tuesday, the Hawks (1-1) outscored the Broncos 6-2 in the final period to break an 8-8 tie after two periods.

Dustin Svec y poured in five goals to propel the winless Tony McGee and Darren Stoyko each contributed two goals and two assists, with Darren Schmidt (Livonia) adding two goals and an assist.

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## Neon light

### Ex-Observerland star on fast track with Neon



Steve McCaul making it work

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The National Hockey League has a tradition of introducing the first three stars to the crowd following games.

The Detroit team of the Continental Hockey League take post-game introductions a step further, sending six players out to a table on the Palace floor following games to sign autographs.

It was second-year pro Steve McCaul's turn to meet those still left in the crowd of 3,507 following Thursday's 6-5 loss to Montclair.

Long after most of his teammates had abandoned and left, McCaul was still signing autographs.

Good thing it wasn't a scuffle.

"Some said me to sign the arms and I say, 'Well, OK, but you'll have

to scrub forever," said McCaul, a 1989 Redford Catholic Central graduate and Livonia native. "Once I signed the back of some dude's neck. It's kind of tough having to do this after a loss, but these are the people who support us and we have to thank them."

This is the second season for the Neon in the 16-team CIBL, which has backing of several NHL and National Basketball Association team owners. The Neon are owned by Pistons' owner Bill Davidson, who also owns the Vipers of the International Hockey League.

McCaul's signature with the Neon in his toughness, which no doubt was enhanced during a career at Michigan State University filled more with injuries than glory.

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