

# Humitz gets Stevenson hockey job

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Livonia Stevenson took a step toward regaining stability in its hockey program last week when athletic director Lori Hyman announced the hiring of Mike Humitz as varsity coach.

The 38-year-old Humitz, who resides in Livonia, has an extensive hockey background dating back to his playing days at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

He has been an instructor and program director for the Farmington Hills-based Suburban Hockey Schools, served as a scout for the NHL Washington Capitals and coached at the Bantam and AAA Midget level (for Compuware).

Humitz, a certified public accountant who works for Lear Automotive, was one of three finalists interviewed for the position. All three candidates were non-Livonia Public Schools employees.

"Mike came across as sincere, ethical and good match for our program," Hyman said. "He was the kind of candidate we were looking for to lead our program. He has strong interpersonal skills and will be a valuable asset, not only to our hockey program, but also to our athletic department."

Stevenson finished the year with an interim coach (Jeff Hatley) following the following the mid-season dismissal of Ed Shepler.

Stevenson ended the 2001-02 year 15-8-4 overall, 10-4-2 under Hatley including a 6-5 double-overtime loss to eventual state champion Redford Catholic Central in the Division I regional semifinal.

Humitz, at Dearborn Fordson High School graduate who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from UM-Dearborn and a Masters from Wayne State, is looking forward to coaching in the

high school ranks. "I love to coach and I like that age group," Humitz said. "There's no recruiting involved. You take the kids you have and do the best you can."

"I want the kids who want to be there. I think it will be a good fit and we're going to have fun. I'm fired up and excited about working with the kids."

Humitz saw the Spartans play on a couple of different occasions this year and said, "they looked like a solid team."

The new coach has some definite ideas concerning the hockey environment he plans to implement at Stevenson.

"I'll try and find a balance," said Humitz, who is also a certified athletic trainer. "I want a strong system, but I also want the players to be able to show their creativity as well."

"They're not like robots. As long as they're all on the same page, I'll allow them to show what they can do. I want them to develop themselves, yet fit in a structure. If that happens and they continue to improve, then everybody wins. You have to look at it as a stepping stone to whatever that next level may be."

Humitz becomes the Spartans' fourth head coach in four years.

Shepler, who replaced Mike Harris, led Stevenson to a 21-2-4 record and a Western Lakes Activities Association title in his first year (2000-01).

But he was suspended in January and ultimately dismissed by principal Steve Archibald after failing to adhere to school and district athletic guidelines.

Hatley, who coached eight years at Livonia Churchill before resigning after the 1999-2000 season, was asked by Archibald to step in temporarily at Stevenson. He coached the final 16 games, but had no aspirations of applying for the job permanently.

# Bowler ties all-time high series mark

A new all-time high score in the Wayne-Westland Metro Bowling Association has just been recorded by 22-year-old Westland resident Terry Haines.

His 879 series also ties Mike Makowicz of Livonia of the Greater Detroit area all-time high series.

In the first game, Haines had the front nine strikes, then left a 10-pin with a 279, he then went on to a pair of 300 games.

That same stubborn 10-pin is now tucked away in Terry's home. Ken Kossick of Canton still stands alone in second place with his 878 a couple of years ago.

The previous WWMBA high was 857. Haines rolled his high set last week in the Tuesday Junior

Classic league at Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland. They were his second and third 300 games of this season, the previous being in his Monday night league at Vision Lanes. He also had one other perfect game prior to those.

Terry, a right-hander is averaging 220 this season, up from 207 last year. He attributes all this success to his new AMF Hook Monster ball and practice, practice, practice.

Leo Infeld of Southfield loved to bowl.

He had bowled with his Masonic Sunday morning league at Country Lanes for many years and as he grew older, had to make adjustments for deteriorating health, but kept on going.

Infeld could hardly see the pins last year, but he hit them anyway.

His teammates all stuck together over the years — Sam Haviv, Lou Frederick and Harold Schwedel.

It was just this past week that we said a final farewell to Leo, who passed away at age 78.

This season was the first one that he missed because of the medical situation. If he had two words of advice for everyone, it would be "Don't smoke."

He was one nice man, bowled mostly for fun and the camaraderie among his many old friends. He embodied the spirit of what bowling is all about.

Infeld served his country in the Navy during World War II and leaves his wife of 56 years, Jenny.

An avid sports fan, Leo played baseball and golfed in addition to his bowling.

The Sunday Goodtimers League will remember him as a good sport and a good friend.

In the Mid-States Masters 215 division tournament held April 14 at Nortel Lanes in Monroe, Robert Straszewski took the top prize with a 205-176 win over Ron Toswell.

In the qualifying rounds, Bill Haynes of Rochester came in second with a four-game total of 900, while Derrick Jasper of Livonia took third place with 884.

Other top finishers included: Raymond Jaszc, Garden City, 10th place; Ken O'Brien, Troy, 23rd; Al Anderson, Westland, 32nd; and Dave Jones of Plymouth, 37th.

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(Westland)

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(Farmington)

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**DRAKESHIRE LANES**  
(Farmington Hills)

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(Al Harrison covers bowling for the Observer.)

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