

Hartsell connects with new partner

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After 15 years of skating with the same sibling, stepping onto the ice with a new partner can be a challenge, but it's one Westland pairs skater Steve Hartsell is more than willing to accept. The Hartsells accomplished much in their careers, winning the 1999 U.S. Nationals after taking home gold medals at both the U.S. Juniors and Junior World championships in 1997. But even after his sister, Danielle, 21, left the world of competitive skating in March, Steve, 24, was not quite ready to hang up his skates. "Skating is his life - he loves the competition," said mother Georgia Hartsell. "Danielle offered to stay another year for him, but he told her she needed to get on with her life." As the remaining half of the famous brother-sister pairs team, Steve returned to the ice and - still recovering from the torn groin that caused him and

Danielle to pull out of the 2002 U.S. Nationals in January - began the search for a new partner. At an April skating camp in Colorado Springs, Steve found just what he was looking for. Twenty-year-old Marcy Hinzmann had been skating pairs for two years in Delaware before she attended the Colorado camp where she, like Steve, was searching for a new partner. According to Mrs. Hartsell, "something just clicked between them" when Steve and Marcy first skated together. "They just sort of fit it off," she said. "Everyone was saying how good they looked together." Hinzmann, originally from Columbus, Ohio, is currently in the process of relocating to Michigan, and is staying with Patricia until she can secure a permanent home in the area. She and Steve began training together three weeks ago at the Detroit Skate Club, the Hartsell's home ice arena. The new team of Hinzmann

and Hartsell will debut their short program during "Skate Detroit" July 26 at the DSC. After such a short time working together, Mrs. Hartsell said she was impressed with the progress the new pair has made. "There is still a lot of things they have to work on," she said, "but they are really clicking together." According to Mrs. Hartsell, Steve and Marcy's swift progress is due in part to the efforts of their new choreographer, Marina Zoueva. "Within one day she had the program laid out just the way she wanted it," Mrs. Hartsell said. The Hinzmann-Hartsell team will retain Steve's previous coaches - Johnny Johns, Mitch Moyer and Jason Dungen. After July, Steve and Marcy are headed to Indianapolis for the Indy Challenge, Aug. 16-18, where they will perform both their short and long programs. The next step will be regionals - to be held in Lansing this year - followed by nationals and eventually, a run at the 2006 Olympics. Mrs. Hartsell said that Steve

plans to stick with skating for at least another four years because he wants to try and make the Olympic team, a dream he was so close to when he and Danielle were positioned in fourth place following the short program at January's nationals. The top two pairs teams from that competition advanced to the Olympics in Salt Lake City. "Steve was disappointed with this year and him getting injured," Mrs. Hartsell said. "But he's excited about the new partnership. They're (Marcy and Steve) both really motivated - they complement each other well." Steve is currently in Virginia visiting Danielle, who recently moved to Richmond and is now teaching ice skating lessons at the Richmond Ice Zone. Danielle will be attending the University of Richmond in the fall to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. "Other than being a little homesick, she's (Danielle) doing well," said mom, adding that Danielle and Steve "miss each other." "We've always been so close."

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name a few, but the Fighting Irish had an inside advantage. His father, Dr. Max Walsh, is a Notre Dame graduate. Walsh, who grew up playing youth hockey in Livonia in the pre-Farmington Hills Hockey Association days, has spent the last six seasons in the Compuware system at different levels. The 6-foot-2, 200-pound forward was fourth in scoring for the Ambassadors last season with 25 goals and 24 assists. The Rangers will retain their rights to Walsh for the next four years, although he could decide to sign with them during that time. By playing at the Tier II

Junior A level, Walsh maintained his amateur status and can still play collegiately unlike players on a Junior A Tier I team, such as the Plymouth Whalers. Walsh plans to attend the Rangers' month-long August rookie camp in Calgary, Alberta, which he can do as long as he pays his own way. School starts at Notre Dame at the end of August. "I understand it's only the first step," Walsh said about being drafted. "It's kinda like getting my foot in the door. "It's something I'm going to put every ounce of energy into and, hopefully, one day make that my job."

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