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THANKSGIVING DAY COUNTDOWN

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JIM SHOOK SR. 1931 - 2018



Jim Shook Sr. looks out the window of his new office overlooking Main Street in downtown Lafayette on Sept. 23, 1994. JOURNAL & COURIER FILE

Recalling the 'greatest champion' of Lafayette

Shook wasn't always in front, but his fingerprints are all over this community



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LAFAYETTE – As the story goes, in June 1984, Jim Shook Sr. drove Mark Davis to the Haggerty Lane bridge over Interstate 65, just southeast of Lafayette.

Shook, principle commercial broker with The Shook Agency, had Davis get out of the car and look out over hundreds of acres spreading to the south, toward Indiana 38, that Shook had helped assemble options to buy.

"This," Shook told the then-new president of Greater Lafayette Progress

Inc., "is your career."

That story has been told and retold, as it should be, as a true community legend – a pivotal piece in any history shared about the courtship of Japanese automakers in the 1980s and about how landing one shaped the way Lafayette got to where it is today.

The stakes didn't seem as sweeping or dramatic a year or so later when Scott Frankenberger, then a struggling potter in Battle Ground, took a call from Shook's secretary. She wanted to know what pieces Frankenberger had in stock.

"So, here comes Jim Shook Sr. and three or four others from the Chamber of Commerce," Frankenberger said. "I don't know who they learned it from,

but it was one of those things where they'd learned the Japanese loved handmade pottery."

Frankenberger, who knew of Shook but had never met him, said the downtown real estate broker was meticulous over the next hour or more. There was the matter of picking from among Frankenberger's best pieces. But there also was a hierarchy to the customs of gift giving – something slightly larger or more exquisite for the top person; the rest still unique but equal in stature for the others – that Shook seemed determined to finesse as Lafayette tried to seal the deal.

Lafayette had been on the losing end on two other Japanese auto plants – Chrysler-Mitsubishi went to Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, and Toyota picked Georgetown, Kentucky. Out looking for a U.S. home was Fuji Heavy

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NOTE TO OUR READERS

The Thanksgiving edition of the Journal & Courier will be the largest of the year, with 31 advertising inserts. Best of all, it will be available at retail outlets by late Wednesday afternoon. Home delivery subscribers will get normal delivery Thursday morning. As a print subscriber, you also get free access to our website, jconline.com. Or consider becoming a digital subscriber; right now we are offering one of our best deals of the year.

Here's some of what you'll find in this year's Thanksgiving edition of the Journal & Courier:

- How you can share your time and talents during the holidays;
 - A look at favorite desserts beyond pumpkin pie; and
 - Ways to keep the pounds off when you're surrounded by so much good food!
 - In Sports, from 0 (Willie Deane) to 55 (John Garrett), who were the best Purdue basketball players by number?
 - Also in sports, looking ahead to West Lafayette's Class 3A football state championship game on Saturday against Evansville Memorial.
- In addition, look for a puzzle section with Thanksgiving activities, a giant crossword puzzle and more.
- Be sure to pick up the Thanksgiving edition of the J&C!

Passion for soccer is legacy of Eagle killed in car crash

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LAFAYETTE – Nearly a half hour had passed since Faith Christian won the boys soccer sectional championship, and Cole Ungaro still had the game ball in his grasp.

Two things were evident that early October night at Central Catholic's La-Rocca Field: he may never stop smiling and he might just sleep with that soccer ball in his arms.

The senior goalkeeper had an unmatched passion for the game and it showed in several forms.

Not only did Ungaro play, he offici-

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ated youth soccer and coached his younger sister's indoor team.

"It was abnormal," classmate and Faith Christian center back Luke Wilson said. "Nobody should love something that much."

On Saturday evening, Ungaro was killed in a single-car accident on his way to an end-of-season banquet for his high school soccer team, en route from just having refereed a match when he lost control of his vehicle and collided with a tree.

He was going to receive the Eagles' Most Improved Player award that evening, following a successful year in goal after transitioning from a backup striker role to a position he'd never played.

Any greeting of Ungaro was sure to be quickly met with a soccer conversation, often times about his beloved Manchester United club.

Before the season, Ungaro saw no reason why Faith Christian couldn't run the table in boys soccer.

"He was an eternal optimist for the soccer team this year," Faith Christian boys soccer coach Kevin Johns said. "He believed we could beat anyone on our schedule. That was his personality. He was going to tell us who we should beat and how bad we should beat them."

Ungaro always dreamed big. Beyond an undefeated high school season, he wanted to be a college soccer player and move to England to coach.

As wild as his imagination sometimes ran, a lot of it wasn't as far fetched as many thought.

The Eagles finished 13-2-4, and with the sectional championship win over Delphi in which Ungaro played with a broken foot. He competed in the final six matches of the season with the broken foot because he refused to have it X-rayed so a doctor couldn't order him not to play.

Johns said in the meantime, Ungaro wore what the team called a "magic



Before the season, goalkeeper Cole Ungaro saw no reason why Faith Christian couldn't run the table in boys soccer. FRANK OLIVER/FOR THE JOURNAL & COURIER

boot." On the field, he was fine. As soon as he was off the soccer field, he was in a boot nursing the foot he broke in a match against Lafayette Jeff.

In one season as a goalie, which was mostly self-taught through watching YouTube and studying Premier League matches on TV, Ungaro transcended into a star.

He was a Journal & Courier honorable mention all-area selection as a keeper, coming from the smallest school in Greater Lafayette.

He accumulated nine shutouts and a 0.812 goals against average. He even scored one goal — as the goalie at North

White — on a punt that found its way into the opposite net and went viral.

He was drawing college interest, having plans to play at either IUPUI or Olivet Nazarene.

Faith Christian girls soccer coach Dave Ungaro was not ashamed to lean on his son in the stands for advice mid match, realizing his son was the best sounding board.

"His passion was to be a coach like me and I always told him you are going to be a way better coach," said Dave Ungaro, who coached the Eagle girls to the only sectional and regional titles in program history in 2015. "He sees a tactical game better than I do, so I listen to his

advice."

Luke Wilson, the starting center back, also listened as his goalkeeper barked out orders. Sometimes, though, he barked back. They were like an old married couple on the soccer field.

But they also were the closest of friends.

On Dec. 27, Wilson will leave for Costa Rica on a mission trip.

It was supposed to be Cole Ungaro, who is so passionate about soccer and his faith that he raised \$2,000 on his own by refereeing matches so he could go spread the word of Jesus through teaching soccer.

With the trip paid for, Wilson was informed he would be going in Ungaro's place.

Wilson also did his best to pay tribute in an indoor soccer match Monday night.

Rather than replace Ungaro in goal for the match, the Faith Christian Football Club played the first 19 minutes — in honor of Ungaro's No. 19 jersey — without a goalie.

For someone who set lofty goals to win championships, become a college player and someday become a coach, Ungaro had practically already accomplished it all by age 17.

He was grooming freshman James Oliver to become the next Faith goalkeeper, and even when officiating youth games, he'd stop kids to instruct them mid match. Sometimes it irked the coaches, but it also made everyone better.

Soccer defined him, and he wanted it to.

Ungaro's viewing is next Tuesday at Lafayette First Church of the Nazarene. The funeral is next Wednesday.

Naturally, people attended the viewing are asked to wear soccer shirts.

"There was never a time where it wasn't about soccer with him," Cole's father, Dave Ungaro said.

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