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This edition features

MONSIGNOR DONOVAN FORWARD

KENNY YASENCHOCK



Tell us about yourself? What grade are you in? What are your hobbies or interests?

My name is Kenny Yasenchock and I'm a senior at Monsignor Donovan High School. I pretty much just like to play hockey and hangout with my friends. I won't lie, my hobbies are playing Xbox and collecting hockey cards.

Do you have any siblings? Do they play ice hockey?

Yes I have a little brother that plays for the Toms River Blackhawk's.

How long have you been playing ice hockey? Tell us what youth teams and levels you played?

I have been playing ice hockey for the past 6 years and I have played for many different clubs. I started with the Toms River Blackhawk's then went to Atlantic City to play with the Sharks. The past 2 years I have played for Brick Hockey Club.

How did you get started playing?

My Dad got me started playing ice hockey. He played hockey all of his life as a kid through college.

What position do you play?

Left wing

Who was your greatest hockey influence as you grew up?

Wayne Gretzky and my Dad.

Do you have a hero?

My Dad.

Who are your favorite coach's?

I have never had a favorite coach but I have had a lot of good ones. Since last year, my Dad has been my coach. At Brick Hockey Club last year, I had Mr. Colwell and he took us to Nationals. This year, I had Mr. Depalma and he made me a better hockey player and a better person in general.

What was the most exciting game you have ever played in?

Either our quarterfinals game at Nationals last year or the Handchen Cup final last year against St. Augustine.

What team was the toughest that you faced this year?

We played a lot of tough teams this year but St Augustine and CBA just had too much talent.





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You represented NJ in the DHI Cup at the beginning of the season. Tell us about that experience.

The DHI cup game was an amazing experience for me. Playing with some of my friends against some of the best in different locations. The championship game at Wachovia center just couldn't be any more exciting. It was a great feeling skating on the rink during warm-ups and up until the final buzzard went off. It was incredible.

Who are your favorite role models?

Wayne Gretzky because of the way he moved the puck and knew the game.

Do you view yourself as a role model for younger players?

Not now. Hopefully soon, but I know my little brother tries to be like me.

Congratulations on being named to the Southern A Second Division team selected last week. Was this your best achievement this year?

It was a great achievement, but getting my 100 career point was a lot better.

Who was the toughest defenseman you faced this year?

Trevor Vanreimsdyke from CBA.

High School hockey is extremely competitive. Coaches receive pressure from many sources to develop a win at all cost philosophy. Do you believe high school hockey is only about winning?

This question can go both ways but I wouldn't say high school hockey is just about winning. High school hockey is a privilege. It's great to play for your school and have your friends and family come watch.

What is the craziest thing you have seen happen at a game you played in?

I picked up the puck and threw it in. If that counts?

If there was one thing you could change to improve your program at your school, what would it be?

The program is great the way it is but one thing I would change is to put blue stripes on our helmets.

What is it like playing for Coach Segretto?

Playing for coach Segretto has been a great experience. He has taught me a lot about the game and helped me be a better person off the ice. I will miss playing for him.

Which school is your biggest rival and why? How did you do against them this year?

Red bank Catholic to me is our biggest rival because, well, we just don't like each other. But their a great team. We tied and lost to them this season.

How do you think Southern A division teams will do in the state playoffs?

I think if we play like we played against each other all year, we could beat any team in the state besides the top seeded Delbarton.

What is your favorite hockey story and do you have a favorite quote or saying?

Miracle...the 1980 USA hockey team and Herb Brooks speech before the soviet game.

Do you think you will ever coach hockey in the future and which coach would you like to emulate?

Yes. I would try to combine all of their talents.

Have you ever thought about not playing anymore?

Once. Never will I think it again.

What was your favorite part about this season?

Playing with my friends in our senior year.

