

OU swimmers qualify for NCAA finals

By DAVE STOCKMAN

The Oakland University men's swimming team, fresh from its third consecutive victory in the Motor City Championships, travels to the east coast this weekend for the NCAA Division II national competition.

In the Motor City meet at Wayne State University the Pioneer tankers ran up 76 points to far outdistance second place Wayne State which had 30 points.

The first annual Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championships were held simultaneously with the Motor City and Ceres Van Fleet's crew also was top in this third event.

In GLIAC competition Oakland won

with 311 points while WSU, Northern Michigan and Ferris State were far behind with 180, 152 and 140 points, respectively.

EX-ROCHESTER HIGH star Paul Karas swam in three of OU's six first place finishes. Karas clocked a 1:46.1 in the 200-yard freestyle and set a Motor City record in the 1000 freestyle with a time of 14:41. Karas, Jordan Hatch, Mark Holcomb and Rod Mitchell were 1:14 in the 400 freestyle relay in one of the Pioneer's relay wins.

Tom Boyd took top honors in a pair of individual events. He swam 4:27 in the 800 freestyle and set a Motor City record in the 400 individual medley by going 4:24.2.

Oakland's overall victory was in the 400 medley relay when Gary Launger, Steve

Jones, Jim Hansen and Mitchell combined in a 3:47 showing.

"We were up early in the meet and never let go. We had no major setbacks," assistant coach Richard Penn after the Pioneer triumph.

On the same weekend, the women's team swam their best in a 3-team field in the 1000 freestyle. The Pioneer tankers, led by Shannon O'Connell captured two events while Debbie Sepala won a single event.

O'Connell went 4:2.9 in the 200-yard freestyle and 2:15.3 in the 200 individual medley. Sepala swam 2:17 in the 200-butterfly.

VAN FLEET and the tankers swam very well.

Collegiate competition comes to a climax on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as

both the men and women take off teams from other parts of the country.

The women will be in sunny Florida for the NIAAF nationals. Five members have qualified.

O'Connell qualified in four freestyle events and the 200 individual medley. Debbie Sepala could compete in three half-marathon events plus the 100 and 200 individual medleys. Sharon Burgeson may swim in the 50, 100 and 200 medleys.

Jane Sepala has qualified in four freestyle events and four relays. Scott Treven and Jim Hansen have each qualified for five events. Gary Launger will compete in four events.

Jordan Hatch and Mark Holcomb both from North Farmington High may participate in the 400 or 800 freestyle relay.

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Skier hopes for Alpine title

By JOHN RIZZO

Tim Tim, a West Bloomfield resident, is skiing in the North American Junior Alpine Championships at Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, as a member of the Central Division team representing the United States Ski Association.

For Tim the event, which runs from March 15 through 18 marks a halcyon in a fine skiing career begun on Michigan slopes under the supervision of his mother and father who also ski.

He will vie for honors against 80 American and 30 Canadian skiers.

Recently Tim has been successful as a member of the West Bloomfield High School team. The Detroit News picked him for the first team all-state squad when he was a freshman and the West Bloomfield boys won the team title. As a sophomore he overcame an injury to earn a variety

letter and he was a member of the all-state second team during his junior year.

Under a special arrangement worked out with the cooperation of the administrators of West Bloomfield High School, Tim is finishing his high school education at the Stratton Mountain Academy in Vermont. The unique school combines the regular academic curriculum with instruction and training in competitive skiing.

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straight years and earning first team all-state honors as a sophomore, honorable mention as a junior and a place on the second team during her senior year.

After graduating from high school she enrolled in the University of Utah, where she is a senior and skied for two years on the women's ski team.

Their father, Tom, was one of the found

ers of the Region III Alpine Racing Pattern Inc. a ski educational foundation which assists in the funding of amateur racing. He also was a member of his college ski team.

After the national junior competition and high school are completed, Tim may attend college and compete on the school's ski team.

Sync swimmers advance to finals

Eleven girls will represent Southfield High School in the Michigan In-School Rhythmic Competition for synchronized swimming at Dearborn High School on March 27. Lathrup qualified for the meet by finishing second to host Chardon High in regional competition last weekend.

Debbie Somers was a standout for Lathrup. She won the solo division by scoring 34.90 points and teamed with Ann Stockton to win the duet division with 31.90 points. Miss Somers also won the junior draw division with 27.25 points at the Figures, individual swimming stunts, state championships held Feb. 26 in Dearborn Heights Annapolis High.

(Chardon Regional Lathrup Finishers)

Team Division—Amy Adams, Laura

Croshaw, Lenora Ledown, Vicki Quarles, Carol Saxon, Diane Somers, Ann Stockton, Ben Wood, 2nd place 34.50 points; Team Division—Croshaw, Lenora Ledown, 2nd place 31.90 points; 3rd Adams, Linda Carter, Kathy Pardy, 3rd place 31.30 points; Duet Division—Somers, Stockton, 1st place 31.90 points; Amy Adams, Saxon, 2nd place 30.30 points; Solo Division—Somers, 1st place 34.90 points.

Figures (Championship Lathrup Finishers)

Junior Draw—Somers, 1st place 27.25 points; Junior Division—Le Rose, 2nd place 29.70 points; Carter, 3rd place 19.50 points; Novice Division—Elsie Fischer, 1st place 17.70 points.

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200-yard Medley Relay—Ann Arbor Pioneer 1:40.38; Enoch Legault, Dearborn 1:40.38; Rochester Adams 1:40.37; Dearborn 1:42.32; Birmingham Groves 1:41.58; East Central 1:41.28; Grove Pointe North 1:42.90; Bloomfield Hills Anderson 1:42.50; Ann Arbor Huron 1:42.45; Lansing Eastern 1:41.07; Dearborn Edsel Ford 1:41.43; East Lansing 1:41.05; Battle Creek Lakeshore 1:41.10.

800-yard Freestyle—Mark Suba, Dearborn 1:41.42; Ian Dittus, Ann Arbor Pioneer 1:41.47; Joe Waldrop, Ann Arbor Pioneer 1:41.47; Ann Arbor Huron 1:42.45; John Spad, Ann Arbor Huron 1:42.20; Todd Martin, Ann Arbor Huron 1:42.20; Dave Nichols, Ann Arbor Pioneer 1:46.80; Dave John, Dearborn Central 1:47.00; Brian Smith, Ann Arbor Pioneer 1:47.41; Don Page, Adams 1:47.12; Jim Kurek, Groves 1:48.01; Ed Bowman, Edsel Ford 1:48.20.

200-yard Individual Medley—Tim Griffin, Ann Arbor Huron 1:56.20; State record old record 1:56.22 by Tim Suba of Dearborn in 1972 state local; Bob Lavin, Dearborn 1:57.45; Kevin Morgan, Ann Arbor Pioneer 1:57.94; Don Durnworth, Dearborn 1:58.78; Mark Strohl, Ann Arbor Pioneer 1:59.41; Ian Batchelor, Groves 2:01.00; Don Knecher, Kalamazoo Central 2:01.19; Chris Harkner, Farmington Hills 2:01.31; Steve Connell, Ann Arbor Pioneer 2:04.10; Rick Royal, Battle Creek Lakeshore 2:04.14; Bill Derks, 1st and 2nd 2:05.28; John Worthington, St. Joseph 2:05.91.

800-yard Freestyle—Tom Pedersen, Ann Arbor Central 2:12.54; Tim Quill, Groves 2:19.94; Brad Brown, Royal Oak Kumbal 2:19.61; Harold Thompson, Flint Carmichael 2:21.53; Mike Schmitz, Adams 2:22.30; Michael Agar, Lansing Eastern 2:23.11; Brian Keating, Farmington Hills 2:23.41; Steve Penney, Ann Arbor Pioneer 2:25.40; Mark Lancaster, Battle Creek Central 2:26.61; John Tremblay, Grand Blanc 2:27.87; Larry

Leake, Grand Blanc 2:28.04; Rod DeVos, Grand Haven 2:29.00.

1000-yard Freestyle—David Burgering, Lansing Eastern 4:47.73; Kevin MacMurray, Detroit Henry Ford 4:42.20; Ken Vagstad, Groves 4:49.85; Joe Devine, Northville 4:49.35; Len Kottlander, Farmington Hills 4:50.30; Pat McFadden, Grand Blanc 4:50.40; Mike Brown, Groves Pointe North 4:50.40; Tom Baker, Trenton 4:52.35; Vicki Kimball, Ann Arbor Pioneer 4:51.10; Scott Knapp, Northville 4:51.75; Brian Tempin, Lansing Western 4:52.75; John Rivers, Grand Blanc 4:52.75.

100-yard Butterfly—Paul Griffin, Ann Arbor Pioneer 1:15.59; Marty Suba, Dearborn 1:15.52; John Worthington, St. Joseph 1:15.20; Mark Johnson, Lansing Eastern 1:15.50; Rick Royal, Battle Creek Lakeshore 1:15.43; Bill Derks, Holland 1:15.43; Dave Nichols, Ann Arbor Pioneer 1:15.43; Dave Smith, Southfield-Lathrup 1:15.17; Fred Spaulding, Chica Eatenhower 1:15.11; Mike Toole, Grand Blanc 1:15.28; John Tremblay, Grand Blanc 1:15.43; Jim Mercado, Adams 1:15.75.

100-yard Freestyle—Tim Quill, Groves 1:58.78; Brad Brown, Kumbal 1:59.20; Todd Martin, Ann Arbor Huron 1:59.40; Don Knecher, Kalamazoo Central 1:59.71; Harold Thompson, Flint Carmichael 1:59.71; Mark Lancaster, Battle Creek Central 1:59.71; Tom Pedersen, Battle Creek Central 1:59.71; Fred Evans, Dearborn 1:59.71; Larry Leake, Grand Blanc 1:59.71; Mike Schmitz, Adams 1:59.71; Steve Kumbal, Southfield High 1:59.71; Rick Royal, North Farmington 1:59.71.

500-yard Freestyle—Ian Dittus, Ann Arbor Pioneer 1:40.37; John Spad, Ann Arbor Huron 1:40.37; Mike Schmitz, Adams 1:40.37; Don Macdonald, Groves 1:40.37; Steve Clark, Groves 1:40.37; Don Wright, Groves 1:40.37; Don Page, Adams 1:40.37; Gail Strayer, Ann Arbor Huron 1:40.37; Dave Dert, Portage Central 1:40.37; Brad Goff, Bloomfield Hills 1:40.37.

100-yard Backstroke—Don Durnworth, Dearborn 1:40.37; Ron Fawcett, Plymouth Salem 1:40.37; Mark Strohl, Ann Arbor Pioneer 1:40.37; Ian Batchelor, Groves 1:40.37; Ray Bernard, Detroit Fisher 1:40.37; Arthur Roberts, Warren Cossano 1:40.37; Mark Vagstad, Dearborn 1:40.37; George Polita, Ann Arbor Huron 1:40.37; Mark LeFranc, Edsel Ford 1:40.37; Robert Hildum, Adams 1:40.37; Dave Harkner, Farmington Hills 1:40.37; Ron Curtis, Belleville 1:40.37.

100-yard Breaststroke—Bob Lazar, Dearborn 1:40.37; Terry Meyer, Ann Arbor Pioneer 1:40.37.

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