manager of the Detroit Tennis and Squash Club in Farmington Hills. The local qualifier gives competi-tors a chance to test the women's professional championship circuit. Virginia Wade, former Wim-bledon champion (1977), was in De-

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Nedon champion (1977), was in Detroit recently as part of a promotional tour for the Avon Champions

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Area netters to vie for lone Avon tourney spot

Seven area tennis hopefuls along with 25 other players will compete this weekend in the 35-draw local qualifier for the Avon Championships of Detroit, scheduled for Feb. 19-25 at Cobo Area.

The local qualifier will be held at the Franklin Raquet Club. The winner of the local competition will face an Avon Futures player in a qualifying match, opening day of the Avon Championships of Detroit at 9 a.m. Feb. 19 in Cobo Arena.

At last year's Virginia Slims of Detroit, Bloomfield Hills' Nicole Lorenzetti qualified and faced Dr. Rene Richards in the first round of

the main draw. The 17-year-old Lahser High

School senior has opted to pass up the local qualifier this weekend be-cause of commitments on the Avon Futures circuit, where she has par-ticipated since late December. Lorenzetti has a world computer ranking and earns points on the Avon Futures circuit toward that raphir stutures circuit toward that

Avon Putures circuit toward that ranking.

"If Nicole won the Avon qualifier, she would play a preliminary match where no points are involved," said her mother, Ame Lorenzetti.

"It's better for her to compete on the Avon Futures and accumulate points," said Anne Lorenzetti.

Lorenzetti will travel to Denver this week "in a tennis related function," according to her mother and then will compete in the Avon Futures tournament, Feb. 6-18, in Columbus, Ohio.

"THERE'S NOTHING in it for Nicole," said her mother. "She has nothing to prove by playing in the locat qualifier. It's really a draining process anyway because you could play as many as seven matches." "Nicole enjoyed her experience in the Virginia Slims. The Virginia Slims people were marvelous," said Anne Lorenzetti. It's conjecture to say who will succeed Lorenzett as the local qualifier.

ifier.
Among the area players wanting a trip to Cobo are Amy Hopping, Rochester, Mari McGowan, Birmingham; Chris Nagel, West Bloomield; Jane Neville, Franklin; Hildy Randolph, Farmington Hills; Amy Walsh, Birmingham; and Amette Zaharoff, Southfield.

qualifier is Grosse Pointe University-Liggett's Susan Mascarin.
Walsh is a 13-year-old who played number one singles for Bloomfield Hills Kingswood last fall, and rates of favorite to be competitive

rmis Angswood last fall, and rates as a favorite to be competitive among the top players. Besides Mascarin, 12-year-old Lisa Bonder of Saline and Evelyn Lucido of Grosse Pointe Woods rate as favorites to compete in the De-troit event.

troit event. Local qualifying play will begin at 3 p.m. Friday, with a starting time of 5 p.m. Saturday, The quarterfinal matches will start at 8 p.m. Saturday, The semifinals and finals will be played at 3 and 6 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited to attend, and there is no admission.

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TOURNAMENT is Chuck Karabell, manager of the Detroit Tennis and

"There may be some resentment among the players in the Avon Fu-tures but the upper players don't mind," she said.

"The young players such as Tracy Austin and Pam Shriver make it a challenge," said Wade.

Oakland cagers dump Delta, 98-70

Oakland Community College, frus-trated in its attempt to take over first place in the Eastern Conference last week, let loose Saturday, as the Raid-ers romped over hapless Delta Community College, 98-70, atelta. The victory gave OCC a 15-4 record overall and a 10-3 mark in the confer-nce. The Raiders missed a chance to

overall and a 10-3 mark in a sconder-overall and a 10-3 mark in a conder-one. The Raiders missed a citate the conference leads when 30-4 creat topped OCC last Wednesday of the second time in as many meetings his season. Schoolcraft tremained a game ahead of OCC by beating Wash-tenaw, 87-81, Sturfay.

For the Raiders, it was a pleasure to be almost at full strength again. Against Schoolcraft, three key players did not play, but two returned for the Delta game.

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The most important of these was Walker D. Russell, the team's leading scorer and top assist man and fourth highest scorer in the conference. Rus-

sell was suspended by Coach Tom McPhillip for "disciplinary reasons", and missed the Schoolcraft contest. His return sparked the team as they quick-lydisposed of Delta. The game was, over early, as OCC over trailed. The Raiders jumped out in front, 18-8, with six points coming on "stam dunks". Russell collected one of the dunks and center Kurt James had the other two.

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From then on, it was just a matter of how much OCC would win by The Raiders led, \$4-24, at the half and stretched the lead to as many as 34 opints in the final 20 minutes.
Russell returned to his familiar position of leading scorer, as he jumped in 21 points. James contributed 19, while Johnny Keel his for 13, anthony Barnard had 12, and Darrell Clausell graduate from Southfield High School added 10.
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The loss left Delta with a 6-6 record in the Eastern Conference. Schoolcraft (11-2) and OCC are followed in the standings by Alpena with an 8-4 mark, Highland Park (7-6), Delta, C.S. Mott. (4-7), Monroe (4-7), St. Clair (2-9), and Washtenaw (2-10).

OCC hosts St. Clair Wednesday and travels to Macomb for a game Satur-Jack (11-2) and Conference (11-2)



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