

Finish 8th in nation

Schoolcraft spikers shine in tourney

Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team finished a satisfying season by placing eighth in their National Junior College Athletic Association championships over the Thanksgiving holidays in Miami, Fla.

Coach Kathy Higgins, in her first year, guided the Ocelots to an earlier second-place finish in the regionals. That gave them a berth in the nationals.

In spite of competing

with only seven players, the Ocelots bettered 12 of the top junior colleges in the country in Miami. College CC of Battle Creek won the competition in the three-day event. Kellogg had also won the regional in which Schoolcraft finished second.

The 20 teams invited to Miami were grouped in four pools. On the first day, each team faced the other four squads in its

pool. Eight teams were eliminated. Then the surviving teams were regrouped into different pools. After facing those teams in its pool, play was started for final standing, depending on the teams' records in second pool play.

Schoolcraft started out the first day by disposing of Cloud County CC of Kansas, 15-12 and 15-9. "We were a bit nervous in the first game," said Hig-

gins. "Then we got rolling."

The Ocelots then got by Herkimer CC of New York, 15-6 and 15-1. The next victim was Cecil CC of Maryland, 15-5 and 15-0. But Mesa CC of Arizona beat the Ocelots, 6-15 and 15-15 to win the pool. Schoolcraft moved on to the second day's action as 12 teams remained.

The Ocelots started out on the right side in their new pool, beating Vermil-

lion CC of Minnesota, 15-8 and 15-8. Then Schoolcraft ran into some trouble. Host Miami-Dade CC beat them, 10-15 and 15-15.

"That second game was the best game that we had played all year, too," said Higgins. "We should have won the next game, but the girls were tired. We had 'em." Higgins was referring to a 10-15 and 7-15 loss to Jefferson CC of Missouri which con-

cluded the second day's action.

With an overall 8-6 record in games, the Ocelots squared off with Catonsville CC of Maryland. A three-set, 9-15, 15-10 and 12-15, loss forced Schoolcraft to settle for eighth place — still a great effort.

"We played all year with just one substitute on the team," said Higgins. "The tallest girl on

our team was just 5-10, and we were playing schools with girls as tall as 6-2. We were a real small team, but we could play with anyone. I'm really proud of them."

Higgins credited all of her players. Heading the list were Linda Mix, a freshman from Livonia Churchhill, and Ann Kolnits, a sophomore from Wayne Memorial. Both girls were named All-Conference in the Michi-

gan Junior College Eastern Conference at the position of spiker.

Sue Rich, a sophomore spiker from Livonia Churchhill, was named honorable mention all-conference.

Other Schoolcraft players included Linda Spicer, a freshman spiker from Redford Thurston; Mary Vercandi, a freshman setter from Garden City East; Cathy Pangrazi, a freshman spiker

from Westland John Glenn; and Sandy Braun, a freshman setter from Wayne Memorial.

Higgins, who has played volleyball at Schoolcraft, Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan, doubles as varsity volleyball coach at Dearborn Heights Crestwood. "The only bad thing about the tournament was that we had to leave Miami and come home," she said.



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