

OU signs 3 basketball players

Three Michigan high school seniors have signed national basketball letters of intent to attend Oakland University.

The three players include Lamar Ragland from Detroit, East Catholic, the state's newly crowned class 1D champion; Mike Mohn from Delton-Kellogg High School in Delton; and Larry Lubitz from Lakewood High School in Lake Odessa.

Ragland, a 6-2, 190-pound guard, averaged more than 14 points per game for East Catholic, who has been a member of two state championship teams. A four-year starter, Ragland was captain of this year's squad and teamed with Anthony Grier, a first-team all-state selection, in East Catholic's explosive backcourt.

"Lamar is one of the most underrated players in the state of Michigan," said Oakland's Lee Frederick, who will be starting his second full season as

head basketball coach in November.

"He played on two state championship teams at East Catholic High School, and is a very unselfish player. I expect him to make an immediate, positive impact on our team. He has shown excellent leadership qualities and can play at both ends of the court."

"He's not used to losing, coming from one of the most successful programs in the state. We want him to bring that attitude to Oakland University."

Mohn, a 6-7, 205-pound forward, averaged 21.5 points and 14.8 rebounds to finish his three-year career at Delton-Kellogg with 1,658 total points. He shot 55 percent from the field and 79 percent from the free-throw line.

Mohn was named to the Battle Creek all-area team, and he had an individual high of 35 points, while his best re-

bounding effort was 25. He was second on his team with 58 assists, and carries a 3.35 grade-point average in the classroom.

"Mike comes from a winning program, where he was an outstanding player," said Frederick. "He can pass, dribble and shoot as evidenced by his high school statistics. He was one of the players we really wanted, and feel he can make a definite contribution next winter."

A 6-7, 200-pound forward for Lakewood High School, Lubitz averaged 17.4 points and 12.5 rebounds for coach Rolly Krauss. He was a unanimous all-conference selection.

Lubitz was chosen to the Lansing State Journal class B all-area first team, the Grand Rapids Press all-area special mention squad, the Mid-Mich-

igan all-star team, the Detroit Free Press third team, the Detroit News honorable mention unit, and the United Press International (UPI) all-state honorable mention squad.

Softball tourney planned in Brighton

Softball, anyone? That's the question that Brighton's Bob Morton has been asking. He's organizing a tournament called the Sail-Inn Men's Open for Class B or C recreation teams. The tournament will be held May 16-18 in Brighton. Entry fee is \$95 per team.

Deadline is May 8 or as soon as the first 16 teams are signed up. For additional information, call Morton at 299-8709 or 227-1400.

It consisted of Sid Fox, chairman of the Michigan Amateur Basketball Association; Ron Hall, state AAU basketball chairman; Rocky Watkins, assistant basketball coach at Schoolcraft; Randy Henry, assistant coach at Highland Park Community College; Leonard Cole, assistant coach at Oakland Community College; and Gans.

Watkins will coach Team Michigan against the Soviets. Henry will guide Wayne County, Cole Oakland County in the preliminary.

game is from the Observer & Eccentric circulation area.

However, five players on the Oakland County team — Brian Brennan and Rob Mantilla, Birmingham Brother Rice, Glenn Cross and Milt Carthens, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, and Tim Meter, Bloomfield Hills Andover — played for schools in the Observer & Eccentric circulation area.

Players for all three squads — Team Michigan, Wayne County and Oakland County — were selected by a six-man committee.

played according to international rules. Significant changes include a 30-second shot clock and the fact that officials don't have to handle the ball at every whistle.

International rules generally make for a faster game.

SOME PEOPLE may be wondering why the U.S. government even allows a touring Soviet team into the country if we plan to boycott the Olympics.

"Our objection is the site (Moscow), not the Olympic spirit," said Robert Clarke, who works for the U.S.S.R. Desk at the State Department in Washington, D.C.

Clarke added that the Soviets were allowed into the United States for the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid and that athletic/cultural exchanges are welcome as long as the Soviets visit here and not vice-versa.

Gans echoed those sentiments. "We don't want to help their economy as such (by participating in the Olympics). We're not boycotting them to come here. We're encouraging them to come to our country."

None of the players selected for the Wayne County team in the preliminary

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p.m., will feature an all-star game between high-school seniors from Wayne and Oakland Counties.

TICKETS, \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door game night, are now available at the Schoolcraft Bookstore and at all Hudson stores. The game will be played in the gymnasium, which seats 2,100.

The Soviet team will have been together much longer than Team Michigan, said Dr. Marvin Gans, Schoolcraft athletic director and general chairman of the games committee.

Team Michigan will practice together only three times, possibly four. However, the cast representing the state certainly will be star-studded.

In addition to Monk and Spencer, both first-team all-Observer selections this season, the team consists of Tim McCormick, from Clarkston, Fred Coffield, Ypsilanti, Dean Hopson, Ann Arbor Huron, and Mike Thomas, Detroit Central.

Coffield is the smallest of that group at 5-3.

The Soviet team may have a further advantage in that the game will be

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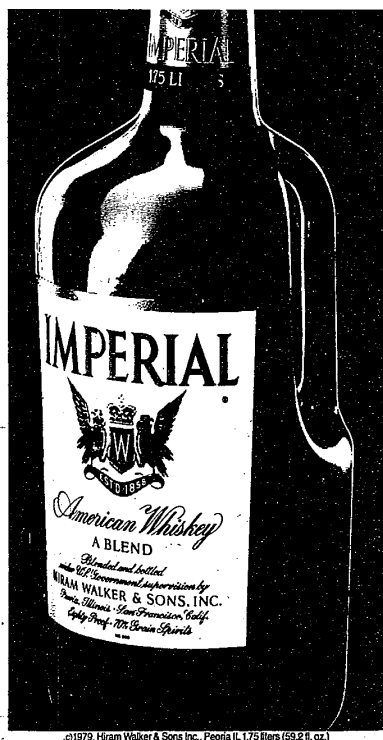
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