

OU baseballers take a pair

The weather finally cooperated with the Oakland University baseball team, and the Pioneers opened their home season Monday by defeating Michigan Christian College 15-0.

Junior Jeff Trax picked up the win for the Pioneers, who have already had eight games cancelled because of bad weather. Registering his second win in as many decisions, Trax struck out nine batters in only four innings.

Dennis McQuade, Scott Simmons and

Scott Gebble also pitched for the Pioneers, now 4-2 for the season.

Senior outfielder Mark Bielak was the hitting star for OU, going three-for-three, including a single, double and grand slam home run which highlighted a five-run fourth inning. Sophomore John Rotundo and senior captain Tom Foeel each had three runs batted in for the Pioneers.

Oakland will travel to Tiffin, Ohio for a pair of games with Tiffin College

today. The doubleheader will start at 1 p.m.

The Pioneers will host the Republic of China University (Taiwan) baseball team 1 p.m. tomorrow on the field behind the Hollie L. Lepley Sports Center.

Senior secondbaseman Dennis Krych leads the Pioneer offense with a fine .474 batting average. Krych also leads the team with five runs scored, nine hits and 14 total bases.

Trax is the Pioneers' leading pitcher.

In four games started, Trax had completed two, saved one and struck out 24 in 19.3 innings pitched.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Kathy Hewitt, a Romeo High School graduate, and Peggy Gordon, who graduated from Birmingham Senior High, have been named co-captains of the 1989 Oakland University softball team.

Hewitt, a senior infielder, was an



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Greg Smith

all-conference selection last year. Gordon is a sophomore infielder.

The OU softball team opened its 1989 season losing a doubleheader to defending state champion Western Michigan University Monday afternoon, 17-1, and 7-0. Freshman Lori Oresky scored the lone run for the Pioneers.

The Pioneers travel to Central Michigan University today for a 3 p.m. doubleheader.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Oakland University men's tennis team will attempt to improve its record at Wayne State University tomorrow in a 3 p.m. Greater Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) match.

Oakland will travel to Northwood Institute for a 9 a.m. GLIAC match on Saturday.

Senior Marc Berke (Detroit/Oak Park) has a 5-2 record at the number three singles spot, and Tom Simpson (Danville/Danville) has the same record at the number four spot. Senior Ken Bloom (Plymouth/Salem) is 4-3 at the number one singles position.

In doubles action, Simpson and Bloom are 4-3 at the number-one spot.

MEN'S GOLF

The Oakland University men's golf team will compete in the Wooster Tournament beginning 8 a.m. tomorrow and Saturday.

The Pioneer golfers, under the direction of coach Joel Mason, placed fifth in the season-opening Austin Play Invitational two weeks ago. Rich Kuhn led OU with a 36-hole total of 154.

Coach was difference in OU swim title

Oakland University's men's swimming coach Ernie Maglischo has never been one to blow his own horn, but if he did, he might have a better following than the Pied Piper.

Maglischo's success in coaching swimming has attracted some of the top high school swimming talent to OU much like the Pied Piper attracted his clan.

Maglischo gained national attention by winning four consecutive NCAA Division II National Swimming and Diving Championships at California State University at Chico (Chico State) from 1973-76.

After leaving the coaching ranks for three years but remaining at Chico to teach, Maglischo came to Pioneerland this year to return to coaching.

He led Oakland University to its first

national championship, defeating defending champion California State University at Northridge by a large margin. It was his fifth consecutive national championship.

In his four years at Chico State, Maglischo worked with numerous swimmers who gained All-American recognition, including the Pioneers' new assistant men's and women's head swimming coach Pete Hovland.

Hovland, a 23-time All-American swimmer from 1973-76, won five individual national titles and was a member of eight national title winning relay teams. Some of his best times included a 20.9 second effort in the 50-yard freestyle, and 46.0 in the 100-freestyle, and a 1:40.3 in the 200-yard freestyle.

"Ernie is one of the best swimming coaches in the world," Hovland said. "I

idolize him as a coach, and respect him as a person because he has had a tremendous effect in my life. I can't say enough about him."

Maglischo's record also speaks for itself.

IN DUAL competition from 1973-76, Chico State lost only one conference meet -- a close decision to California State University. This year, the Pioneers compiled a 7-3 dual-meet mark, losing all three meets to Division I schools (Michigan State University, Indiana University and the University

of Cincinnati).

The soft-spoken, 42-year-old coach credits luck for his success.

"It's just a matter of being in the right place at the right time, and knowing the right person," Maglischo said. "I've been very lucky in my life to be associated with some very knowledgeable people."

"I trained under Bob Bartels, a now retired swimming coach at Ohio State University, who was an expert in stroke mechanics and exercise physiology. I taught exercise physiology for 12

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Jr. Olympics set

A Junior Olympic age group developmental track and field meet will be held Sunday at Green Hills school in Ann Arbor. The meet is open to boys and girls in age groups 10 and under, 11-12, 13-14 and 15-18.

No previous experience is necessary. There are no entry fees. Ribbons will be awarded.

Registration for the meet is 12:15 p.m. Sunday. Events start at 1 p.m.

The meet is sanctioned by the Michigan Association of The Athletic Congress. The Athletic Congress replaces the AAU as the governing body of track and field, long distance running, cross country and race walking.

Sunday's meet is sponsored by the Ann Arbor Track Club. For more information on the meet, call Jack Arnold at

1-955-7276 before 10 p.m. weekdays.

The Motor City Track Club will sponsor a Junior Olympics developmental meet April 30 at Martin Luther King High School, Lafayette and Mt. Elliott in Detroit. Registration is at 9:30 a.m., field events start at 10:30 a.m., and running events start at 11 a.m.

In addition to age group competition, there will be an open class for those 19 and over. The meet will also include a race walk clinic, and race walk events in all age groups except 10 and under.

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