

Squad can't shake losing ways

Oakland University women's softball coach Rose Swidzinski is looking for some answers after seven games and a 1-6 record.

The Pioneers, who play Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) rival Hillsdale College at 1 p.m. Saturday in a doubleheader at home, have been held scoreless for 23 consecutive innings.

In fact, the squad has been outscored 56-5, defeating only Delta College, 4-3, this season.

The team's overall batting average is only .147 as co-captain Peggy Gordon leads the Pioneers with a .267 average. Freshman Terry Gonda follows Gordon with a .214 mark.

Defense has also been a problem for the Lady Pioneers, who have commit-

ted 34 errors compared to only two mistakes for the opposition.

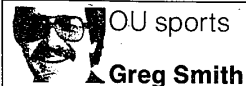
After the Hillsdale game, the Pioneers will travel to Wayne State University Monday.

MEN'S TENNIS

The OU tennis team lost to Central Michigan University, 8-1, Monday afternoon to drop its season record to 3-7.

Coach Russ Smith received a good performance from his number one doubles team of senior Ken Bloom and Junior Tom Simpson, who registered a 6-1, 7-5 triumph.

For the season, Bloom, playing at number one singles, and Simpson, at number four singles, are both 7-5. They are also 7-5 as a doubles team.



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Greg Smith

Senior Marc Berke is 8-4 in number two singles. Berke, who combined with freshman Ted Williams to form OU's number two doubles team, has a team-high 56.3 winning percentage (121 wins, 94 losses), and Williams are 8-6 at number two doubles.

Freshman Jim Pichoff, at number five singles, and Williams, OU's number three singles performer, are both 2-10 for the year, while freshman Tom Ignasiak is 7-7 in number six singles.

Pichoff and Ignasiak are 2-3 at number three doubles.

The Pioneers will play April 26 against Lake Superior State College in Midland.

wood Institute, 5-4 and 3-1 on Sunday.

Trailing OU in the conference race are Northwood Institute and Saginaw Valley with 2-2 records, while Wayne State University and Grand Valley at both 3-3. Ferris State College and Hillsdale have 1-3 and 1-5 marks, respectively.

Senior Dennis McQuade of Utica picked up a pair of victories in relief against Grand Valley in the opener and Ferris. Freshman left-hander Bob Watson also picked up two wins, and OU's junior ace Jeff Trax registered his third win of the season in as many decisions when he blanked Grand Valley on just two hits while striking out five.

Trax was named the GLIAC player of the week for his effort.

Freshman Doug Howell completed the weekend sweep notching his first collegiate victory, allowing only one hit in six innings.

The OU bats were booming as Tom Foell, a Birmingham Seaholm High School graduate, Don McArthur, Dennis Krych, Mark Wood, Mark Bieliski and Rance Aguirre all had at least one three-hit game during the weekend activity.

Hawk netters win 3rd-straight

Farmington Harrison raised its season record to 3-0 with a 7-0 victory over Walled Lake Western in the Western Six League last Monday.

Dave Brady, a Harrison sophomore, won the No. 1 singles match with a 6-3, 6-0 showing over Doug Poland. Harrison's Nancy Green won the No. 3 singles match over Mick Sacco 6-0, 6-3.

Earlier last week, Harrison defeated city-rival North Farmington, 5-2, in a non-league meet. It was the Hawks' first victory over the Raiders in five years. Green won at No. 3, beating John Pierog, 6-0, 7-6. North's Mike Schupp beat Brady, 7-6, 6-4, in the top singles match.

Harrison won the No. 1 doubles match. The team of Andre Berk and Narendra Bhagat beat Mike Gaskill and Don VanCott, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

In a recent Inter Lakes League meet,

Farmington High surprised Walled Lake Central, 5-2. Central had been touted as a favorite to win the ILL tennis title.

"I was super pleased and so were our kids," said Farmington coach Richard Burgess. "It's nice to start off the season by beating a good team."

Farmington's Bill Knauer needed three sets to win the No. 1 singles match, 6-7, 6-7, 6-4, over Rob Kamenoff. In the No. 4 singles match, Farmington's Jim Boston beat Wes Canon, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5. Farmington's No. 1 doubles team of Jim Dineoff and Greg Rylander beat Kurt Burstein and Tom Phelps, 6-1, 6-4.

On Friday Pontiac Northern plays at Farmington, Westland John Glenn plays at North Farmington, and Southfield High plays at Harrison. All meets begin at 4 p.m.

MEN'S BASEBALL

The Oakland University baseball team completed a successful weekend, sweeping three doubleheaders and gaining sole possession of first place in the conference.

The Pioneers, now 10-2-1 overall and 6-0 in the GLIAC, downed Grand Valley College 9-8 and 3-0 Friday afternoon. On Saturday, Oakland beat Ferris State College, 9-8 and 11-10, and beat North-

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