

DCD fetes gridders

Detroit Country Day will honor its 1928 and 1970 football teams during its homecoming game against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook this weekend.

Homecoming festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday with a traditional bonfire and pep rally.

Saturday's events start with an alumni-variety girls' field hockey match at 9:30 a.m., followed by an

alumni-parent's brunch. At 11 a.m., The DCD varsity and JV soccer teams swing into action against their Cranbrook counterparts.

The football teams take the field at 2 p.m. Immediately before the game, the honor teams of 1928 and 1970 will be presented. The members of both teams will be given special jerseys to commemorate the occasion.

Mercy passes Lahser in poll

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy is the Observer & Eccentric's new No. 1 girls' basketball team.

The Martins, by virtue of two impressive victories last week, replaced Bloomfield Hills Lahser in the weekly poll. Mercy rose to the top with crucial wins over talented Harper Woods Regina and Birmingham Marian.

Mercy is 8-0 overall, 4-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Lahser, 9-0 overall, had been the O&E's top-rated team for the past four weeks.

Marian split its games and remained in third place behind the two undefeated leaders. Groves won a pair and

basketball rankings

stayed fourth, followed by Farmington, Southfield and Troy Athens.

Southfield and Athens are newcomers to the O&E's top seven, replacing Walled Lake Central and West Bloomfield.

Early last week the Martins, coached by veteran Larry Baker, defeated Regina 65-57. Baker said Mercy hadn't won a game at Regina since 1977, and that the game "shaped up as the

toughest contest on our (Mercy's) schedule."

Mercy, which played the game without leading scorer Denise Basford, was led offensively by Kathy Landry with 24 points. Mary Ellen Cox had 16, and Suzanne Dietz added 12.

The Martins had four players reach double figures against Marian. In the 60-53 victory, Dietz scored 16 points, Cox 15, Kelly Fortescue 13 and Landry 10.

The O&E girls' basketball poll is chosen by sports editors Tom Baer, Marty Budner and Dennis O'Connor. Teams from the Birmingham, Farmington, Rochester, Southfield, Troy and West Bloomfield areas are eligible. The accompanying team records do not include this week's games.

CAGE RANKINGS

1. Mercy	8-0
2. Lahser	9-0
3. Marian	6-3
4. Groves	8-2
5. Farmington	4-4
6. Southfield	4-3
7. Athens	6-4

OU strikers roll on, 2-0

By GREG SMITH

Soccer is alive and well at Oakland University. Under the direction of first-year head coach Klaus de Boer, the OU booters are ranked ninth nationally in the NCAA Division II soccer poll with a 9-3-2 overall record.

Last Saturday the Pioneers defeated nationally ranked Spring Arbor College, 2-0, ending its six-game winning streak. Spring Arbor, previously undefeated and ranked sixth in Division I of the NAIA, was outshot, 21-2.

The Pioneers controlled the entire game, and won on second-half goals by senior Mark Christensen and freshman Morris Lupence. The victory, before a large crowd assembled at OU's field, was Oakland's sixth in seven home games.

After a scoreless first half, Spring Arbor sophomore Paul Kato received a red card for unsportsmanlike conduct against Christensen at the 19:00 mark of the second half. Christensen then scored the eventual game-winning goal at the 23:50 mark on an assist from Lupence.

Lupence then added an insurance goal at the 38:35 mark on an assist from Birmingham's Tony Hermis.

Lupence has been on a hot streak, having scored goals in six of his last seven games. He has produced 15 goals in 14 games, and has added six assists.

Christensen is Oakland's second-leading scorer with four goals and three assists.

The Pioneers, who are seeking an NCAA Division II playoff berth, will participate in the first round of the Lewis Invitational at noon Saturday.

CROSS COUNTRY

Steve Hebold's cross country team placed fourth out of eight teams in the Grand Valley Invitational.

Saginaw Valley College won with 28 points, while the University of Detroit finished second with 54. Grand Valley College placed third (83), followed by Oakland (85), Spring Arbor (127), Aquinas (130), Northern Michigan University (168) and Lake Superior College.

Senior captain Steve Swarts placed fourth overall with a five-mile effort of 26:20, while junior Kevin Hanson placed 10th with a 26:43 effort.

Sophomore Dave Schepke finished at 27:27, while Mark Carter and Harry Couyouyan had respective times of 27:29 and 27:32. Tom Brown was also under the 28-minute mark (27:42).

VOLLEYBALL

There will be plenty of volleyball action this weekend at Oakland University as the Pioneers host Michigan Tech, Hillsdale College and Grand Valley College tomorrow and Saturday at the Holie L. Lepley Sports Center.

The OU squad is struggling with a 3-12 record, 1-7 in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Competition (GLIAC). The only wins this year have been over Spring Arbor College, Siena Heights and Saginaw Valley College.

TENNIS

Oakland's women's tennis team will participate in a pair of crucial matches this week, playing at Grand Valley College today and Wayne State University 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Oakland has won its last six matches over Hillsdale, Ferris State and Michigan Tech by 5-3 scores, and Lake Superior College, Michigan Tech and Saginaw Valley, 8-1.

Oakland, which began the year with three straight triumphs, is 9-2 overall. The Pioneers' only losses were to Ferris State and Grand Valley colleges.

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TENNIS CLINIC

John Kennedy, the current Oakland County singles champion and a graduate of Vic Braden's United States Tennis Academy in California, is establishing a junior program at Royal Oak Racquet Club.

The head pro plans to use his eight years of teaching experience and knowledge of bio-mechanics to evaluate players and identify both strengths and weaknesses.

For more information, contact the Royal Oak Racquet Club.

HAUNTED HOUSE

Tours through the "Magical Haunted House" will begin Oct. 23 and run through Nov. 1. The Oakland Community College Women's Softball Team will conduct the tours each evening from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The Magical Mansion, located at Voorheis and Telegraph Rds. in Pontiac, features a ghoulish room, a talking head, a disappearing bat, the maze of life, electric chair and the amazing feat of sawing a lady in half.

Proceeds will go to the Women's Softball Program at OCC. For further information contact Steve Ogg at 563-7191, ext. 339.

ALIBER A BROWN GRIDDER

Bill Aliber of Birmingham is a member of the football team at Rhode Island's Brown University. Brown thrust itself back into the thick of the Ivy League race with a 28-11 victory over Princeton last week. Brown won the Ivy Title in 1976 and has finished second the last three years.

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