

OU booters seek national crown

Oakland University's soccer team is headed for an NCAA Division II Midwestern Regional Championship showdown against Indiana State University-Evansville (ISUE) at 1 p.m. Saturday in Evansville, Ind.

The Pioneers, ranked fourth nationally by the Intercollegiate Soccer Association,

are headed to the soccer playoff match after defeating Chesapeake State, 2-0, Sunday at Oakland University. The victory improved the Pioneers' record to 13-3-4.

Head coach Gary Parsons' squad earned the right by scoring two second-half goals in the last 25 minutes of ac-

tion. Midfielder Dave Morgan, who had just entered the game, scored the first goal from nearly 30 yards away, and senior Danny Oakey punched in another goal on a one-on-one situation with Chesapeake State goalie Charles Marshall.

The regional game will create a matchup between two former team-

mates. Parsons and ISUE coach Andy Byrne played together at Plymouth State during the 1971-72 season.

THE SCREAMING Eagles, 13-3-2, fought OU to a 0-0 overtime tie this season at the Pioneer Classic. In that game, the Pioneers outshot ISUE, 12-4,

and had more corner kicks, 9-3, but failed to convert the scoring chances.

The picture needs to change offensively for the Pioneers to maintain their drive for the national title. The tie between the two teams has historically been a defensive battle. In three games during the last three years, the teams have scored just one goal between themselves. ISUE captured a 1-0 victory in 1981 and holds a 1-0-2 series advantage.

Parsons hopes the number change this weekend and is counting on a freshman to change the scoring — or lack of scoring — pattern. Mark Christian, who didn't play in the first game with the Screaming Eagles this year, has scored 11 goals since donning a Pioneer uniform after hurdling visa problems that forced him to miss OU's first five games.

"Christian has been a welcome addition to our team," Parsons said. "Mark gives us speed and someone that receives constant attention from opposing defenses. He has really opened up our offense."

Defensively, Oakland must contend with a scoring attack spearheaded by ISUE freshman forward Troy Berkeley (10 goals, four assists) and sophomore midfielder Moulton Cato (two goals, 13 assists).

OU THIS season has scored 49 goals and allowed 13 while ISUE has scored 49 and yielded 14.

"We're looking forward to this one with a lot of passion," Parsons said. "One thing is for sure, I don't have to worry about getting these guys fired up for ISUE. This has developed into a big rivalry, and we'll be ready for it."

The winner plays the South Region champion in the semifinals of the Division II tournament Nov. 28.

By beating Divine Child

Ladywood wins Catholic title

By Brad Emons
staff writer

The so-called sophomore jinx is a fairy tale as far as the Livonia Ladywood and Redford St. Agatha girls basketball teams are concerned.

Point guard Emily Wagner and power forward Char Govan, both 10th graders, played beyond their years as Ladywood captured the Catholic League's A-B Division crown with a 52-44 victory Sunday over Dearborn Divine Child in the Catholic League playoffs.

Agatha, meanwhile, got 15 points from sophomore Paola Picano to bury Grosse Pointe Our Lady Star of the Sea 50-21 in the C-D championship game. The double-header games were played at the University of Detroit Cathian Hall before an estimated 2,200 fans.

The two schools enter state tournament play this week with unbeaten records.

Ladywood, rated No. 2 in Class B, jumped out to a big lead early and held on to beat the scrappy Falcons for the third time this season.

Wagner and Govan were instrumental in helping Ladywood build a 31-14 halftime advantage.

Divine Child, however, made things interesting in the second half, drawing within seven points midway through the final quarter.

But Wagner, a heady playmaker, stopped the rally when she drilled a pass to teammate Janine Cerroli with 4:34 remaining to give the Blazers a 10-point lead.

Divine Child, using a full-court press, rallied again in the final two minutes, but Govan hit two free throws with 48

seconds left to seal the victory.

SENIOR CENTER Lavetta Willis, on the receiving end of many of Wagner's passes, paced all scorers with 19 points while the two super sophomores combined for 28 more.

Ann Gapa led three Divine Child players in double figures with 12.

"The key was the good lead at half," said Ladywood coach Ed Kavanaugh. "Then we got a little tentative, but we got a couple of big baskets by Willis when they were coming back. Our girls are very mature. I was confident they could handle the pressure."

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Agatha grabbed a 16-2 lead early in the second quarter on a basket by center Mona Clor, but Star of the Sea bat-

tled back to trail 18-12 at the half as Agatha went scoreless for almost eight minutes.

Picano then ignited Agatha's fast-break in the final two quarters, scoring 12 points, and Clor, a 6-foot senior, added 12 as the Aggies outscored their opponents 32-9.

"I thought we played real good defense," said Agatha coach Jim Murphy. "It was the difference in the game. It was the key and our full-court press hurt them, too."

Senior Mary Kollow was also in double figures for the Aggies, scoring 10 points. Maria Ventimiglia tallied eight for Grosse Pointe in a losing cause.

For the Aggies, it was their second consecutive C-D title.

"I'm really thrilled," said the Agatha coach. "It's tough to come back here (at U-D) two years in a row."

Schoolcraft runner lands 76th in meet

Sophomore Jeff Bristow of Schoolcraft College finished 76th out of 250 runners in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) cross country meet last Saturday in Utica, N.Y.

The Livonia Franklin grad covered the five-mile course in 27:29. He was 13th out of 58 runners in the individual

race.

"It was an extremely tough course," said Schoolcraft coach Steve Montgomery. "Jeff was about 1 1/4 minutes off his best time. It was hilly, windy and cold."

Montgomery said Siena Heights and Saginaw Valley State are currently recruiting Bristow.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft's alumni handed the men's varsity basketball team a 95-87 loss Sunday night.

Five alumni scored in double figures — Jacques Peete (18), Frank Saunders (15), Tony Moore (15), Dave Hopkins (12) and Mike Davis (11).

Carlos Briggs had 29 and Tom Niergarth added 10 in a losing cause.

In a preliminary game, S&C Glass defeated Burger King, 113-96.

Former University of Detroit standout Keith Jackson tallied 32 and Clint Barnett added 27 for the winners.

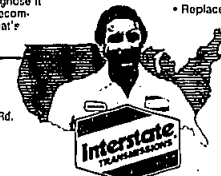
Ex-Wayne State star Bob Solomon had 20 for the losers.

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