

# Cross country talent spread among O&E schools

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**KEN NASH** (senior): A four-year veteran of the Troy High School team, Nash was second behind Wittenberg at the Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA) league meet. Troy's team captain finished seventh at the regional meet and 31st overall with a time of 16:25 in the state-championship team race. "He was like a diamond in the rough... I don't know if he's really reached his potential yet."

**BOB THOMPSON** (sophomore): Thompson is the only underclassman on the first team. He was beaten only by Adams' Wood in eight dual meets. Thompson was fifth at the county meet, fifth at the Oxford Invitational, third at the Greater Oakland Activities League (GOAL) meet, sixth at the regional

meet and 17th at the state meet in the team run. "He's the best runner Rochester has ever had at the state meet," said Rochester coach Paul York.

**ERIC WITTENBERG** (senior): Wittenberg has run in Davey's shadow throughout his stellar three-year career at Seaholm. An all-state runner, Wittenberg owns the Seaholm course record of 15:18.5. He was second to Davey at the county meet and undefeated (9-0) in dual meets this season. Wittenberg was fourth at the regional (running with a stress fracture of the foot), first at the SMA meet and first at the annual SMA-Metro Suburban Activities Association (MSAA) combined meet. His time of 15:44.7 at the MSAA meet was his personal best. He was fifth in the state at the team race. "He was one of the three best runners Seaholm has ever had," said Seaholm

coach Ron Wheeler. "He's improved tremendously over the last three years. When he was a sophomore he was just on the varsity team as the sixth or seventh man with times just under 18 minutes. You couldn't ask for a more coachable runner."

**RICK WOOD** (senior): Wood was Adams' top runner this season and he was the MSAA champion with a respectable record-setting time of 16:17 on the hilly Oakland University course. He won the regional and took ninth at the state meet in the individual race. "He was injured in 1981, and it was nice to have him for a full season this year," said coach Bud Ciccarelli. "He's a person who's trained beyond what I've asked. He easily runs an extra 100 miles more than the rest of the team."

**JIM WOOD** (coach of the year): Wood completed his most successful

year ever at Southfield Christian — a Class D school that finished runners-up to Concord at the state championship meet. Southfield Christian, which was 11-8 in dual-meet competition, won the regional meet. Each of those accomplishments improved over last year's 8-2 record, fourth-place regional finish and ninth-place state finish. "Our goal was to take second at the regional and be among the top five at the state meet," said Wood. "But, it worked out better than we thought. Our first meet against Lutheran North was the closest meet of the season, but the rest of our wins were by pretty big margins. Once we got going we really didn't have any close meets." Wood, a 1971 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School, has been at Southfield Christian for the past five years. "We think our depth will be significantly stronger at the state meet next year," said Wood.

## boy's cross country

### FIRST TEAM

PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
Chris Clark	West Bloomfield	Sr.
Joe Davey	Brother Rice	Sr.
Brian Hobart	North Farmington	Sr.
Cliff Krug	Brother Rice	Sr.
Ken Nash	Troy	Sr.
Bob Thompson	Rochester	Soph.
Eric Wittenberg	Seaholm	Sr.
Rick Wood	Rochester Adams	Sr.

Jim Wood S'field Christian Coach

**SECOND TEAM:** Mark Attard, Southfield Christian; Jeff Dienes, Southfield; Matt Fogo, Troy; Tom LeBay, Southfield-Lathrup; Jeff Nagy, West Bloomfield; John Thibodeau, Brother Rice; Chris Walker, North Farmington; John Walsh, Southfield Christian.

**HONORABLE MENTIONS:** Paul Devine, Birmingham Groves; Chris Chakula, and Jim Ruper, Rochester; John Fritzell, Orchard Lake St. Mary's; Tom Doyle, Brother Rice; Bill Robbins, Troy; Chuck Spile, Rochester Adams; Mark DeFord, Southfield-Lathrup; Mike Reed, West Bloomfield.



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## Schoolcraft cage coach on double duty

By Brad Emons  
staff writer

Ed Kavanaugh isn't in the army, but he's managing to put in triple-duty these days.

A typical day starts by teaching math courses at Schoolcraft College. Then it's off to basketball practice at both Schoolcraft and Ladywood High School in Livonia.

His Ladywood team is doing just fine with a 19-0 record and a berth in Tuesday's regional at Chelsea.

His other season, however, is just beginning. Schoolcraft meets Mercy College at 2 p.m. Friday at home.

Kavanaugh is in his first season at Schoolcraft. He replaces Karen Beers.

Although the Lady Ocelots are small, Kavanaugh has been able to recruit some good local talent.

"We're not real tall," he admitted, "but we plan on pressing."

**LAST YEAR'S** team won only three games. The lone holdover is guard Kathy Peck from Plymouth Canton, who led the Ocelots in scoring.

She will be joined in the backcourt by Janice King, a freshman from Ann Arbor Huron.

Cheryl Sobkow, a 5-foot-0 sophomore who led Plymouth Salem two years to the state Class-A semifinals, will be the team's center. She is a transfer from the University of Michigan.

Cathi Henry, an All-Observer pick last season from Redford Union, will handle the small forward spot. She can score points along with 5-foot-forward Deborah Johnson, a freshman from Detroit Lutheran West.

"Deborah is a good leaper," said Kavanaugh. "She's a very good player."

**KAVANAUGH** also has a bench he can rely on. It includes Colleen Crissey, a starter for Plymouth Canton last year, and Gina Johnson, Redford St. Agatha's sixth man. Sue Remer (Plymouth Salem), Bridget Gapa (Dearborn Divine Child) and Sue Suehey (Garden City West) are also expected to contribute.

"I think we have nice support people and good balance," said the Schoolcraft coach. "We hope to play a lot of people and run."

The Lady Ocelots begin league play Saturday, Dec. 11 at Flint Mott. Madonna and Schoolcraft collide Monday, Dec. 6.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

NOV. — 24, Mercy College (2 p.m.)

DEC. — 6, Madonna College; 11, at Flint Mott (3 p.m.); 13, at Marygrove; 15, Oakland CC; 18, at Michigan Community College; 21, at Clair CC (2 p.m.); 24, at Madonna; 26, Flint Mott; 29, at Oakland CC.

JAN. — 3, Henry Ford CC; 5, at Macomb CC; 9, Southwestern Mich.; 12, Delta (2 p.m.); 14, at Southwestern Mich.; 18, at Highland Park CC (2 p.m.); 22, at Michigan Community College; Athletic Association tournament in Lansing (times to be announced).

All games start at 6 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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