David Howard jams at a recent Orchard Lake St. Mary basketball practice. Coach Tim Domke says that if the Eagles are going to win, they better learn to play as a team.

## Teamwork is Eagles' key

team.
"We've got to have teamwork," he said as his Eagles prepared for the season. "We'll play a lot of defenses. We'll play a 2-1-2 zone five or six different

ways.
"If the kids aren't intelligent, they're lost. We have to make the opposition stop and think."

Domke doesn't have the great play-

stop and think."
Domke doesn't have the great players other college coaches have to build around. What he has is a team of role players, guys who are adept at certain aspects of the game but lack ability in others.

As Domke put it: "We've got a lot of role players, and we got to keep chang-ing the roles."

THAT DOESN'T MEAN OLSM will be vold of talent. On the contrary — Domke called this year's team deeper and possessing more ability than any hole had

It starts with David James, a 5-foot-10 senior point guard from Ann Arbor Pioneer who missed most of last year with a hyper-extended knee. The year before, however, he averaged 8.5 steals per game and is blessed with raw speed St. Mary's readies for '83-'84 cage year

that "makes things happen," according to Domke.

At the other guard is 6-1 sophomore David Howard, who Domke recruited at an All-Star game in Florida. "He's a good shooter and has a 42-inch vertical jump," Domke said. Howard averaged just under 10 points a game last season.

Controlling the inside are a sopho-more, 6-8 Steve Ropicki, and a fresh-man, 6-9 Mike Cozad. Dombo referred to the pair as "bright stars of the fu-ture. They're tall, they shoot well— they're the best two young kids we've had.

"They're going to contribute a ton. They'll only leave the game on a

They ii only leave the game on a stretcher."

Coxad was a "sleeper that the big schools missed," Domke said. Kopicki, younger brother of Joe Kopicki, the University of Detroit grad now with the Milwautee Bucks, played last year at San Diego State but transferred. He'll be eigible to play in January.

SENIOR JOE WARRINGTON will join Howard at shooting guard and 6-6 Greg Baker and 6-3 Larry Brundirks will share time at small forward.

Last year's team Domke figured to be his best ever, but it finished 6-17, "A couple of injuries really depleted us," the OLSM coach said, "One thing

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"The OLSM coach sald. "One thing this year — we are completely injury-proof. That's why I play an up-tempo game. I like to see other teams go to their bench because ours is more expense."

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"I tell our players to sacrifice themselves because we got a clone waiting in the wings."

To improve on that record, Domke said OLSM must do two things: "We have to control the game's tempo, and we must learn to play better defense than we are now."

Depth won't be an Eagle problem. Experience won't be, either. Overall talent could be, if Domke can't match the player to the role.



Steve Kepicki, brother of Washington Bullet player Joe Kopicki, transfered to OLSM after season at San Diego State

## college sports

WRESTLING WIZARDS
 A pair of wrestlers who learned their skills at local high schools, Marty Heaton of Plymouth Canton and Tim Templetan of Livônia Stevenson, have made their mark as freshmen at Lake

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made their mark as freshmen at Lake Superior State.

Heaton is one of three candidates battling for the 158-pound top spot, while at 167, Templeton is also vying for top billing. With the Lakers deep in talent in the middle weights, both may see action in other classes as well. Lake Superior was 5-9 in dual matches

MIAA ALL-STARS
 The Michigan Independent Athletic Association (MIAA) announced its All-League teams, and lots of local talent made the listings.

Mark Leidholdi, from Livenia Churchill, and Paul Monney, a Plymouth Conton grad, were both honored for their efforts on the Afrian football team. Leidholdi, a senior, caught 35 passes to lead the MIAA, while Monney anchored a superb offensive line at his center position.

John Galindo, a Livenia native in his junior year at Kalamazon College, was chosen to the All-MIAA soccer first team. Gallodo is a midfielder, Joining Calindo on the first team was Bill Young another Livenia native who played full-seck for Aima. Young, to, is a junior.

Chosen to the All-MIAA second team was another Livenia native, Dan Shoemaker, a junior midfielder who plays for Aima.

See Wagner of Farmington Hills was named to the All-MIAA field hockey second team. Wagner, a sophomore at Calvin College, was a back.

● BASEBALL BRIGHT
A trio of baseball stars from the
Plymouth/Canton area are looming as
bright prospects in the future of School
of the Ozarks' baseball.
Fred Rumberger, a sophomore, won
the first-base job last year and was
picked to the All-Ozark Collegiate Conference team. Rumberger is a Plymouth Canton grad.

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Todd Riedel, a freshman from Plymouth Salem, is battling for the second base position. Mithe Bartagils, a freshman from Plymouth Canton, is called a "tough, competitive lefthander who knows how to win" by coach Bob Smith. School of the Orarks, located at Pt. Lookout, Mo., was 30-11 last year.

PASSING FANCY
 Mike Gatt has shown a flair for the
 pass in his sophomore season at Hillsdate College.

The Redford Catholic Central grad from Livonia was named Charger Of-lensive Player of the Week for his per-formance in the team's 38-0 shellack-ing of Michigan Tech Nov. 5. Gatt com-pleted 17 of 20 passes for 231 yards and two touchdowns while directing the Hillsdale offense to 543 yards in of-fense.

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Gatt completed 121 of 191 passes for 1,343 yards and 10 touchdowns through the Tech contest.

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RUNNING AWAY
Alma ran away with the Great Lakes
Regional Champlonablp in girls' cross
country Nov. 12 at Albion, as MIAA
teams captured the top four spots in
the eight-leam field. Cathy McDonough, a sophomore from Farmington
Hills and a Farmington Mercy grad,
placed 33rd in the regional in 20:25.
The regional win qualified Alma for
the NCAA Division III national champlonathips last Saturday in Newport
News, Va. Alma was 4-0 in MIAA dual
meets and won its third-straight league
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