

Kruszewski to field young, talented team

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A new coach and one returning starter didn't fool anyone at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Association (GLIAC) basketball meetings.

Opposing GLIAC coaches still picked Oakland University's women's team to finish second.

One reason is that the returning starter is Brenda McClean, an All-Conference selection as a sophomore who averaged 13 points and eight rebounds

every league game. McClean hit 52 percent of her floor shots and 78.5 percent of her free throws while blocking 49 shots.

A SECOND REASON is OU's 23-4 overall record last season, including a

15-1 league mark and a GLIAC championship, the team's second straight. In 1981-82, the Pioneers went 27-5 and 16-2 in league play.

And a third reason is the new coach, no stranger to women's basketball in Michigan, Sue Kruszewski, who returns

to the state after a three-year stint at University of Washington. Kruszewski was 50-34 at Washington, a position she took after rolling up a 69-15 mark at University of Detroit.

Ironically, Kruszewski replaces Dwayne Jones, who left OU this year to take over at U-D.

STILL, THE SELECTION OF OU to challenge Saginaw Valley, which returns five starters, surprised Kruszewski.

"We're very young," the veteran coach said. "We have no seniors on the team. I thought it was interesting that they chose us, considering we have one returning starter."

"The key thing is that we have the talent. How fast we pull together will make the difference."

One big change Kruszewski has implemented is switching McClean, last year's starter at center, to power forward. The move should free the 6-foot-1 McClean from some of the demanding duties under the boards and make room for 6-3 junior Kim Nash to take over in the pivot.

"She's ready to come into her own," Kruszewski said of the Trenton native who backed up McClean last season. "I think she can be very dominant inside."

KIM MCCARTHA, a sophomore from Detroit, is slated to start at point guard. Kruszewski described the 5-0 McCarthy as "extremely quick — one of the quickest in the GLIAC." If there's a problem with McCarthy it's that she has a tendency to play out of control, something Kruszewski has been spending a lot of time on trying to correct.

Sophomore Anya Williams will start at shooting forward. The 5-9 Clawson native has "a good jumper and speed," according to Kruszewski.

At the shooting guard, freshman Ma-

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ria Reynolds has the inside track. The 5-7 All-Stater from Fenton has shown "a lot of poise and maturity for a freshman," Kruszewski said.

Toni Gasparovic, a transfer from Saginaw Valley, will be one of the first players off the bench. The 5-9 junior from Clawson will swing between guard and forward. A pair of sophomores, 5-10 Joanne Niccoli from Berkley and 6-0 Sue Mausolf from Harbor Beach, will also see plenty of playing time.

"WE'LL RUN," Kruszewski promised. McClean and Nash provide lots of rebounding strength and McCarthy, Williams and Reynolds have the speed. Defensively, Kruszewski said OU would run a "combination of defenses."

"The key to success there is what we can throw out at certain times. We really have concentrated on it. This team is good at anticipating."

Kruszewski is somewhat unfamiliar with the GLIAC after a two-year leave from state play. However, Saginaw Valley is everyone's favorite and Wayne State and Northwood Institute look solid.

But don't count OU out. "This team is used to winning," Kruszewski said. "They have a lot of pride. An important factor is not to pressure them and expect too much too soon."

Kruszewski plans to allow her team time to mature in the early part of the schedule. "Jelling together takes time and patience," she said.

How much time? Ask again midway through the GLIAC schedule. By then, the question should be answered.



DAVID FRANK/staff photographer

New Oakland University women's basketball coach Sue Kruszewski makes a point during a recent practice. The Pioneers are poised to begin the 1983-84 season.

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The following high school swimming statistics are compiled weekly by Plymouth Salem swim coach Chuck Olson. Coaches should call Olson weekdays between 8:30-11:30 a.m. or between 2:15-4 p.m. at 451-8928, to update their stats.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Stevenson	1:54.7
Farm. Mercy	1:57.1
H. Farmington	1:57.3
Plymouth Canton	1:57.7
Plymouth Salem	2:00.2
Church	2:00.2
John Glenn	2:03.0
Bentley	2:05.1
Harrison	2:06.5
Garden City	2:08.8

200-FREESTYLE

Sherrie Sudek (Stevenson)	1:57.4
Sue Herzog (Mercy)	1:57.9
Mary Schoene (Stevenson)	1:58.3
Kim Dorsey (Garden City)	1:58.6
Jennifer Rowe (H. Farmington)	1:59.2
Sheila Taormina (Stevenson)	1:59.8
Gina Bookes (Mercy)	2:02.1
Kathy Sullivan (Stevenson)	2:02.8
Kristal Taylor (Salem)	2:02.8
Maureen Kelly (Harrison)	2:03.7

200-INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Mary Schoene (Stevenson)	2:11.6
Sherrie Sudek (Stevenson)	2:11.8
Gayle Gorgas (Church)	2:16.3
Colleen Carey (H. Farmington)	2:16.9
Sheila Taormina (Stevenson)	2:18.2
Jill Andies (Mercy)	2:18.7
Jennifer Rowe (H. Farmington)	2:19.9
Kathy Sullivan (Stevenson)	2:20.0
Marge Cramer (H. Farmington)	2:20.5
Gina Johnson (Canton)	2:17.3

50-FREESTYLE

Mary Schoene (Stevenson)	24.7
Sheila Taormina (Stevenson)	25.2
Marge Cramer (H. Farmington)	25.3
Maureen Kelly (Mercy)	25.7

Marilee Konczal (Mercy)	25.7
Kim Dorsey (Garden City)	25.8
Mary Manderfield (H. Farmington)	25.8
Lynn Massey (Canton)	25.9
Sherrie Sudek (Stevenson)	25.9
Kim Elliott (Canton)	26.1

DIVING

Katie MacIntosh (Farmington)	236.4
Angela Cleaver (Mercy)	206.65
Barb Milroy (Bentley)	195.0
Gina Bookes (Church)	193.0
Shawn Neale (Canton)	194.8
Karen Korylka (Thurston)	177.8
Shelia Mullen (Mercy)	177.3
Cathy Stafford (Stevenson)	172.25
Shelia Hennessey (Harrison)	170.5
Cory Silver (Salem)	170.5

100-BUTTERFLY

Sheila Taormina (Stevenson)	1:00.4
Gina Johnson (Canton)	1:00.8
Mary Schoene (Stevenson)	1:02.1
Robin Lauz (Bentley)	1:02.2
Pat McCarthy (Mercy)	1:02.7
Nancy Hite (Mercy)	1:03.6
Kim Dorsey (Garden City)	1:03.4
Laura Shaffer (Salem)	1:03.8
Kendra James (Church)	1:04.1
Sherrie Sudek (Stevenson)	1:04.9

100-FREESTYLE

Mary Schoene (Stevenson)	53.9
Gayle Gorgas (Church)	55.0
Sherrie Sudek (Stevenson)	55.7
Sheila Taormina (Stevenson)	55.6
Sue Herzog (Mercy)	55.0
Marge Cramer (H. Farmington)	55.9
Kristal Taylor (Salem)	55.9
Maureen Kelly (Mercy)	56.0
Kim Dorsey (Garden City)	56.1
Ann Schaefer (Bentley)	56.3
Robin Lauz (Bentley)	57.1

500-FREESTYLE

Jennifer Rowe (H. Farmington)	5:09.6
Sherrie Sudek (Stevenson)	5:12.3

Sue Herzog (Mercy)	5:14.3
Krista Brooks (Mercy)	5:16.5
Kim Dorsey (Garden City)	5:20.0
Sheila Taormina (Stevenson)	5:24.4
Kathy Sullivan (Stevenson)	5:29.0
Maureen Kelly (Harrison)	5:31.5
Colleen Sullivan (Stevenson)	5:37.2
Jill Andies (Bentley)	5:37.3

100-BACKSTROKE

Sherrie Sudek (Stevenson)	1:00.1
Kathy Sullivan (Stevenson)	1:03.3
Kendra James (Church)	1:04.8
Sheila Taormina (Stevenson)	1:05.2
Suzi Knipper (Mercy)	1:06.1
Alycia Wojcik (Mercy)	1:06.4
Maureen Konczal (Mercy)	1:06.4
Amy Dunn (Salem)	1:07.8
Kelly Kirk (Canton)	1:07.8
Kathy Pirog (H. Farmington)	1:07.8

100-BREASTSTROKE

Mary Schoene (Stevenson)	1:07.4
Gayle Gorgas (Church)	1:09.2
Jill Andies (Mercy)	1:10.2
Sherrie Sudek (Stevenson)	1:12.0
Colleen Carey (H. Farmington)	1:12.0
Marge Cramer (H. Farmington)	1:12.1
Kim Elliott (Canton)	1:13.0
Beth Brown (Mercy)	1:13.4
Gina Johnson (Canton)	1:13.9
Chris Westhaus (Bentley)	1:13.9

400-FREESTYLE RELAY

Stevenson	3:44.2
H. Farmington	3:45.3
Mercy	3:46.6
Salem	3:51.0
Bentley	3:51.3
Harrison	3:55.8
Garden City	3:58.2
Canton	4:01.3
John Glenn	4:07.8
Church	4:14.9

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