

Kampe gets 1st win at OU

Greg Kampe departed on the first road trip of the season for Oakland University's men's basketball team with more than a few doubts.

The questions that puzzled the first-year coach were basic. He wondered about his team's ability to play offense and defense, and about their desire to win.

He got a couple of answers that pleased him. He also got a couple that didn't. It added up to a split for the Pioneers in their first two games.

OU suffered through nearly seven scoreless minutes in falling at Western Michigan 69-51 Sunday. But the Pioneers bounced back Monday at Northwestern Illinois with a narrow 69-68 victory.

"We really played well defensively at Western Michigan," said Kampe. "We lost because we didn't score in the last seven minutes. We just ran out of gas."

OU's defense and desire pleased Kampe in the Western game, but that scoreless streak — which started with Western leading 54-47 with 7:38 left and ended when Matt Dixon canned 2 free throws with 56 seconds remaining — didn't. Neither did the Pioneers' free-throw shooting.

"We missed six one-and-ones in the first half," Kampe said. "You're not going to beat anybody like that."

OU hit just 15 of 29 from the line for the game. That statistic didn't improve at Northwestern, where the Pioneers connected on 11 of 20.

Randy Strunk's 10 points were best for OU, with Rob Skinner contributing 9. Dixon gathered 8 rebounds and Pete Schill collected 7. Two Skinner free throws put OU within 3 (46-43) with 10:29 left, but the Pioneers managed just 5 points the rest of the way.

At Northwestern, Dixon came through by hitting 1 of 2 free throws with three seconds left to give OU the margin of victory. OU trailed by 5 with three minutes remaining, but a Skinner jumper in the final minute knotted it at 68-68. Dixon was fouled after retrieving a loose ball.

The 6-foot-8 Dixon finished with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Chris Howze bagged 15 points and 8 assists. Strunk had 12 points and Craig Mitchell added 10.

OU opens its home schedule against University of Michigan-Dearborn at 8 p.m. Friday.

OU WOMEN SPLIT

The lack of a true point guard was in evidence for OU's women's basketball team, which opened Saturday with a 73-70 win at Toledo but stumbled Mon-

day at Northwestern Illinois in a 65-40 rout.

OU committed 54 turnovers in the two contests, including 19 in the first half against Northwestern, which boiled to a 27-12 lead by halftime. The Pioneers' inability to get the ball inside resulted in just 13 shots from the front line players. Toni Gasparovic led OU with 9 points.

Against Toledo, freshman Sarah Knuth provided the drama by canning 4 straight free throws in the final two minutes to secure the win. Knuth finished with 14 points and 7 rebounds in 19 minutes of play. Kim Nash had 13 points and Gasparovic 10, while senior forward Brenda McLean sparked with 11 points, 11 rebounds and a school-record 9 blocked shots.

OU hosts University of Michigan-Dearborn in its home opener at 8 p.m. Friday.

* AT DET. HOLY REDEEMER

Class C

• Winner of the Hamilton St. Florian district tournament (Detroit DePue, St. Florian, St. Hedwig, Redford St. Mary's, Detroit Lutheran West, or Redford St. Agatha).

• Winner of the Cassin St. Germain district tournament (Detroit Country Day, St. Clement, Grosse Pointe Star of the Sea, Grosse Pointe University-Lippert, Harper Woods Lutheran East, Pontiac Catholic or Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes).

• Winner of the Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard district tournament (Gabriel Richard, Dearborn Heights Riverside, Holy Redeemer, Ecorse, Fair Rock, Wyandotte St. Cornelia).

• Winner of the Ida district tournament (Bissell, Dundee, Elm Mazon, Ida, Moreland or Petersburg Summerfield).

AT JACKSON LUMEN CHRISTI

Class B

• Winner of the Oak Park district tournament (Detroit Boreline, Oak Park, Livonia Clerenceville, Redford Thurston or Livonia Ladywood).

• Winner of the Linden district tournament (Fenton, Fowlerville, Hartland, Linden or Pinckney).

• Winner of the Carleton-Alpert district tournament (Carleton-Alpert, Main, New Boston Huron, Saline, Ypsilanti Lincoln or Willow Run).

• Winner of the Chelsea district tournament (Brooklyn Columbia Central, Chelsea, Dexter, Jackson Lumen Christi, Jackson Northwest or Tecumseh).

prep cage schedule

The following is a listing of the regional tournament sites involving Oakland teams for the 1984 state high school girls basketball tournament:

AT PLYMOUTH SALEM

• Winner of the Westland John Glenn district tournament (Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Salem, John Glenn, Livonia Churchill or Northville).

• Winner of the Dearborn district tournament (Dearborn, Garden City, Livonia Franklin, Taylor Center or Wayne Memorial).

• Winner of the Wyandotte-Roosevelt district tournament (Flat Rock, Woodhaven, Lincoln Park, Southgate Anderson, Taylor Kennedy, Taylor Truman, Trenton or Roosevelt).

• Winner of the Monroe district tournament (Arlan, Belleville, Monroe, Romulus, Temperance-Bedford or Ypsilanti).

AT LIVONIA BENTLEY

• Winner of the Livonia Bentley district tournament (Farmington, Farmington Hanston, North Farmington, Farmington Hills Mercy, Livonia Bentley or Livonia Stevenson).

• Winner of the Southfield district tournament (Detroit Henry

Farmington cage hopes rise with speedy backcourt, depth

Editor's Note: The following was inadvertently omitted from the Farmington basketball preview story that appeared in last Monday's Farmington Observer. We run it here in its entirety.

FARMINGTON

The Falcons suffered through a tough 4-16 season a year ago, 1-15 in the Western Lakes, and they lost their premier scorer Tim Carruthers to graduation. So why is coach Richard Roy looking at the 1984-85 with a tinge more optimism than usual?

Well, for starters, he has six experienced players returning to the fold, three of whom were seniors. He has more depth than usual and he has a backcourt that could be as good as any in the league.

"We should have fair speed," Roy said. "Our shooting has to get better. We will play defense."

"I figure we will place in the middle of the pack in our conference."

The Kratt brothers, Bruce and Dwayne along with senior Bruce Kelsey make up a very solid backcourt for Farmington. Bruce, a junior, was the Falcons' assist leader a year ago. Dwayne, a senior, was the team's defensive ace. Kelsey, strong and quick, saw limited action a year ago.

Senior forward Bill Robinson was the team's leading rebounder a year ago. He, along with 6-6 senior Matt Lundh and seniors Greg Feenstra and Brian Looser will make up Farmington's front court.

Lundh, Looser and Feenstra all started at some point last season.

Kyle Mutz, a 6-4 junior, will also vie for some playing time.

The Falcons will open at home Friday, Dec. 7, against Redford Union.

CC icers blast Brother Rice

Redford Catholic Central exploded for four goals in the first and third periods Saturday night to beat rival Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook. Game time is 8 p.m.

CHURCHILL 7, ANDOVER 3: Ed Shepler scored his second hat trick in three games Tuesday in leading Livonia Churchill to a convincing Suburban Prep Hockey League (SPHL) win over Bloomfield Hills Andover at Edgar Arena.

Shepler, a junior forward, has seven goals on the season.

Joining the scoring parade were Bob Brosky (2), Steve Kovich (1) and Steve Kohlmanen (1). Matt Wiljansen added 3 assists and Kovich had 2.

At Bascom collected 2 goals for Andover. Matt Turner scored unassisted on a third.

Churchill goalie Brian Tomask had to make just 13 saves, while his counterpart, Scott McClure, was called upon to make 32 stops.

"We're fore-checking immensely well and that's what keeping them out of there," said Churchill coach Rudy Varvari, whose team is 2-1 overall. "We're also getting decent play in the neutral zone."

CC will try for its second straight win Saturday

De Loris Yager to leave AD post

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

It seems almost inconceivable that just 12 years ago there wasn't statewide competition in girls high school athletics.

Today the Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsors 11 state tournaments in girls athletics.

One of the driving forces in the push for statewide competition in girls sports was De Loris Yager. Yager, after 21 years, is stepping down as the athletic director at Farmington Hills Mercy High School.

"Yes, I put my hands in there," Yager said Monday of the early battle for statewide competition.

Indeed, she wrote letters, attended meetings and even pleaded her case on several television talk shows. The result was, in 1972, the MHSAA sponsored the first state tournament for girls. The sport was girls swimming. Yager said she will most likely step down as AD in June. But, if a worthy successor can be found beforehand, she'll gladly release the reins earlier.

"WE HAD to win after all the fuss I made," Yager said.

In 1973, the MHSAA added state tournaments in girls basketball, golf and gymnastics. Girls sports has continued to grow each year.

The irony of it all is that the baby Yager helped conceive and watched grow throughout the 1970s has now gotten too big for her.

"It's really gotten to be a lot of work," she said. "I mean, I'm a department chair, I teach a full class load, I coach girls swimming at Mercy, boys swimming at (Redford) Catholic Central. I have nine children, I have three foster children in Mexico — you know, I just need a little time."

Yager, perhaps the most successful swim coach in the state, will keep both her coaching positions. Her swim teams at Mercy have not lost a dual meet or a Catholic League championship in 21 seasons.

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