## Lady Pioneers stay perfect

Oakland University women's basketball coach Sue Kruszewski promised this year's team would be more the run-and-gus type that suited be ratyle better. But did anyone expect this fast of a start?

The Pioneers are 6-0 thus far, the last in the string a 74-49 lashing of visiting Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athelic Conference (GIJAC) for Hillidale College Wednesday. Ten Pioneers logged double-minutes in playing time in the contest and three reached double-figures in scoring.

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reached double-lightes in scornel and eight re-bounds. Kim McDowell came off the bench to add 11 points and three blocked shots to the cause, with freshman Celeste Sartor pitching in 10 points. Lisa Quinn scored six points and nabbed 10 rebounds.

OU led 29-24 at the half and extended it to 50-39 with 8:50 left. The Ploneers ended it there with a 17-4 surge.

THE CHARGERS, the GLIAC cellar-dwellers

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since they entered the league in 1981-82, shot a mis-crable 31 percent from the floor and committed 30 turnovers. Jenny Klevicki: 13 points was a team best. OU bit 42 percent of its field goal attempts and outrebounded Hillsdale 50-43.

The victory insures the Ploneers a share of first place until next year, at least. The GLIAC season won't resume until January.

Behind the sparkling performances of Knuth and Cherry Wilks, OU captured the Grand Rapids Press Tournament last weekend (Nov. 29-50). The Pioneers bested defending champion Aquinas Col-lego 78-88 in the opening round, then pounded Uni-versity of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 81-55 in the finals. Both Knuth and Wilks were named to the all-

cournament team. Against Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Knuth collected 29 points and Margaret Boyle con-ributed 17 points and five assists. Wiks came off the bench to score 16 points in the win over Aquinas, Pam Hawkins added 14, also in a villet role.

ON NOV. 27, OU used a final surge to topple Northern Michigan University 85-56 at OU. NMU scored the game's first 14 points, but the Ploneers then went on a rampage, outpointing the viaitors 37-10 over the remainder of the half to take a 77-41 lead at the intermission. The game remained close until the final 1:27. The Ploneers led 85-56 and did not allow NMU another point, while Knuth and Sonja Pearson got baskets and Boyle lit three free throws.

Knuth finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Pearson had 12 points and seven rebounds and Boyle collected 11 points and seven rebounds and Boyle collected 11 points and four assists.

Lort Schwemin paced NMU with 18 points. OU hosts Indiana Tech at 6 p.m. Saturday.

## men top Hillsdale in GLIAC

Losing and coaching are born adversaries. No coach accepts defeat without at least some inner turmoil. If he does, his days of employment as a coach will soon expire.

Greg Kampe was not happy that his Oakland University men's basketball team lest three of five Or start the year. Losing records are not what eaches are paid to supply. But Kampe was pleased that his Ploneers escaped a tough five-game opening with a pair of victories.

ing win a pair of victories.

The last game in that string was particularly pleasing. OU constructed a huge (21 points) first-ball lead, then held off Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) rival Hillsdale College for a 90-81 win Wednesday at OU.

RANDY STRUNK pumped in 19 points, 12 in the bpening half, to pace the Ploncers. Chris Howze and Walt Dixon had 14 apiece, Scott Bittinger netted 12 and Johnny Johnson contributed 10. Dixon led the rebounders with eight, while Howze had six rebounds and two blocked shots and Johnson dished

out seven assists.

OU led 45-21 with four minutes left in the half before Hillidale (0-2 overall) cut the deficit to 52-40 at the half. The Chargers eventually crept to within live, 84-79, with 2.26 left but six straight Pioneer than and all 1.

ints ended it. Fred Cumberland's 22 points was high for Hills-

ale.

The game was the GLIAC opener for both teams, and means that OU will be in a tie for first place until the conference resumes play in January.

LAST TUESDAY, OU traveled to Ball State and came up an 82-69 loser. Still, the Pioneers gave the Cardinals and Dan Palombiato, the NCAA Division Heading scorer last year, a fight.

Poor free throw shooting ruined OU. The Pioneers were shooting a collective 76.8 percent from the stripe coming into the game, but hit just nine of 21 against BSU.

The Cardinals were clinging to a 42-40 halftime lead, and OU tied it at 48-all early in the second

half. But BSU rattled off 12 straight points, and OU never got closer than seven the rest of the way. Howe's 21 points was best for the Pioneers, Bitt-inger had 14. Palombito finished with 24 points and 15 rebounds for Ball State.

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NMU was ranked as high as fourth in the NCAA Division II and came into the game with a 3-0 record. But the Ploneers used a 21-4 surge in a sent-en-minute stretch during the second half to extend a 50-48 lead to a 71-53 advantage.

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Bill Harris' 24 points topped NMU.

OU has a pair of home contests this weekend, with Northeastern Illinois visiting at 8 p.m. Friday and Orchard Lake St. Mary's invading at 8 p.m. Saturday.

# Slow start can't sullen OLSM

about a basketball team that starts its season 1-7.

A difficult assignment, to be sure, and yet not all is doom and gloom at Orchard Lake St. Mary's despite one victory in elght games.

For openers, Eagle coach Tim Domke knew the first month of the season would be a chore. "We'll be lucky to be .500 at Christman," he predicted pricy to the opening game.

They won't be, that's certain. But QLSM has performed admirably in defeat. And while that won't change the Eagles record, it does lend itself to optimism.

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Their losses have come against Alli-ance College, Tri-State, Northwood In-stitute, Saginaw Valley State, Indiana State, St. Bonaventure and, last Wednesday, Wayne State. In the last five, the greatest deficit was 15 points (vs. NI).

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six-point triumphs. St. Bonaventure, the college that produced former Detroit Piston great Bob Lanier, shot 48 free throws to eight for OLSM (needless to say, the game was at St. Bonaventure).

to notch nine points and five assists for WSU.

The Eagles got help from their bench, too, Freshman Amos Brown had 18 points and nine rebounds in a relief role, Senior Steve Kopicki mustered 16 points and eight rebounds and sopho-more Erich Hartnett had nine points and nine assists.

Daryl King topped WSU with 17 points.

IN THE LOSS at St. Bonaventure Dec. 2, a Hartnett jumper tied the

23 of 46 foul shois to five of eight for OLSM. The Engles outshot (56 to 39 percent) and outrebounded (41-28) their hosts.

Again, Pearson sparkled with 12 points, 14 rebounds and seven blocks. Hartnett had 12 points and eight assists and Kopicki netted 12 points and nine rebounds. Rod Scharboneau finished with 11 points and Lance Davis had seven assists and five steals.

Earry Mungar was high scorer for St. Bonaventure with 16 points.

The Eagles take a short break from their busy schedule until Saurday, when they play an 8 p.m. game at Oakland University, OLSM is in the midst of nine-straight road games.

less to say, the game was at St. Bonaventure).
So, as hard as defeat is to swallow, considering the schedule OLSM backers can't be too disappointed. And there have been some pleasant surprises from the young Eagles.
Theodis Pearson, the 6-foot-4 freshman jumping Jack from Detroit Murray Wright, tops the list. In OLSM's 82-77 loss to WSU Wednesday, Pearson contributed it points, 18 rebounds, six blocked shots and three dunks.
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The Tartars were up by one point until the final two minutes, when Hank Woodmore, an Auburn Heights Avondale graduate, hit five of seven free throws. Woodmore came off the bench

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Boys and girls ages 8-17 are eligible to register for the event, which will award trophies to first, second-and third-place finishers in four different age groups (boys and girls). Individual handicaps will determine final scores.

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Girk; James Zelek, Class C Boys (1112); Laura Grenke, Class G Girk; Robby Morgan, Class D Boys (6-10), and
Maureen Drablekt, Class D girls.

### Falcon cagers rout RU

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