

Hillsdale snaps long skid at OU's expense

One shock was bad enough. Oakland University's men's basketball team was forewarned. The Pioneers should have known what was coming at Hillsdale College Tuesday.

If they did, it didn't matter. HC delivered a double-whammy, jolting both OU's women's and men's teams and ending any hopes either still entertained regarding Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) title chances.

For the first time ever, OU's women were beaten by HC, 75-73. It was the Chargers first GLIAC victory in nearly two years.

The Pioneer men followed suit, failing to score in the final 1:11, losing their second straight GLIAC contest, 72-66. It was HC's second consecutive upset over a little contender after losing five straight league games.

THE LADY PIONEERS (10-7 overall, 2-5 in the GLIAC) trailed 34-30 at the half but took a 73-72 lead with 43 seconds left on Lisa Quinn's basket. The Chargers went back on top by one on Jenny Kiewicki's layup 15 seconds later. OU missed on its possession and Caryn Lamb sank one of two free throws for HC to make it 75-73.

Kris Brown's desperation 30-footer failed and the upset was secure. Quinn

finished with 21 points and 19 rebounds and Sarah Knuth scored 16 points for OU. HC (9-10 overall, 1-6 in the GLIAC), with Fred Cumberland adding 11 and Earl Walton 10.

OU's men's loss overshadowed a superb performance by forward Randy Strunk, who canned 10 of 11 floor shots and scored 26 points. Strunk also nabbed eight rebounds.

The Pioneers led 35-34 at the half, but the game was tight throughout the second half — until the final 1:11. The score was tied at 66, but OU did not get another point while HC notched the final six, four by Steve Dunning. Scott Bittlinger bagged 16 points for

OU (9-8 overall, 3-4 in the GLIAC). Jeff Diehl's 23 points were high for the Chargers (8-8 overall, 2-5 in the GLIAC), with Fred Cumberland adding 11 and Earl Walton 10.

ON SATURDAY, OU's women's team ended a four-game losing streak with outstanding shooting and superb defense in a lopsided 87-60 triumph over visiting Michigan Tech.

The Lady Pioneers, who lost their previous four GLIAC games, combined on 24 of 38 second-half floor shots (63 percent) to pull away from a 36-27 halftime lead.

After Knuth and Brown opened the second half with baskets, MT never got closer than 10. Four Lady Pioneers reached double figures in scoring: Quinn (21), Knuth (14), Margaret Boyle (13) and Brown (10). Quinn added 11 rebounds and Boyle had 10 assists.

Mary Fisher paced MT with 21 points. OU hit 40 of 72 shots for the game (55.6 percent) while MT managed just 26 of 71 (36 percent) from the floor and eight of 19 from the line (42.1 percent).

OU's MENS basketball team did not fare as well. The Pioneers never led and, after the game's first minute, never tied the score in losing to MT 85-72 Saturday.

The Pioneers connected on just 31 of 71 of its shots (43.7 percent) and were outrebounded 44-31, including an 11-5 MT edge on the offensive boards.

OU made one serious run at the Huskies, scoring eight straight points to close to within three at 65-62 with 4:42 left and Johnny Johnson at the free-throw line with one shot left. Johnson's free throw was an air ball, and it was downhill from there as MT scored the next two baskets. OU got no closer than six after that.

Bittlinger's 16 points and seven assists was best for OU. Strunk had 14 points and Johnson scored 13.

Rocks cruise; Falcons lose

Plymouth Salem rocked and rolled Tuesday to a 111-61 romp over visiting Livonia Franklin in a "Western Lakes dual swim meet."

The Rocks grabbed all but four events at the meet as they raised their record to 4-1. Salem took both the 200-yard medley and 400-yard freestyle "relay events."

In the 200 medley, it was Don Harwood, Eric Gackenbach, Tony Atwell and Kevin Zarow won in 1:47.9. Zarow, Harwood, Phil Bocketti and Mike Gibbons took the 400 free in 3:33.2.

Jeff Anderson was the Rocks double winner of the meet. Anderson grabbed firsts in the 50-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle. He won the 50 free in 24.2 and claimed first in the 500 free in 5:23.7.

Bryan Madigan was an individual double winner for the Patriots. Madigan won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:52.1 and the 100-yard freestyle in 50.4.

Other individual winners for Franklin included Bill Gowler in diving (2:38.15) and Dave Gorski in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:03.7). Individual firsts for the Rocks included Rick Cummings in the 200-yard individual medley (2:14), Jamie Dunn in the 100-yard butterfly (58.1) and Dave Miller in the 100-yard backstroke (1:01.1).

CANTON 98, FARMINGTON 76: The visiting Chiefs gave the Falcons the 11s Tuesday in their Western Lakes dual swim meet.

Farmington ran a string of five-straight firsts midway in the meet before Plymouth Canton stormed back to take the 100 breaststroke and the 400 free relay. Rob Tiplady captured the 100 breaststroke in 1:11.4.

The foursome of Frank Wisniewski, Tom Hone, Steve Schwinn and Dean Roberts won the 400 free relay in 3:40.5 for the Chiefs.

Farmington took the 200 medley relay as Doug Riccio, Brad Moore, Jim Vik and Chris Inch won in 1:49.9.

Individual double winners for the Falcons included Inch who won the 200 free (1:56.89) and the 500 free (5:09.68). Vik took both the 50 free (23.09) and the 100 free (52.68).

Moore won the 100 butterfly (1:01.73) and Riccio claimed the 100 backstroke (1:00.1) for Farmington's other firsts.

Roberts, who won the 200 IM (2:14.8), and Andy Flowers took diving (272.3) to round out Canton's other firsts.

The Chiefs are 4-3 in dual meets; the Falcons are 2-6.

On Thursday, Canton dunked Westland John Glenn, 101-70, as Flower set a pool record in diving at 281.15. Roberts won both the 200 IM (2:16.5) and 100 backstroke (1:01.6).

REDFORD CC 55, EDELS FORD 28: On Tuesday, the host Shamrocks clumped on the Thunderbirds in a big way to claim a dual-meet win.

Redford Catholic Central (7-1) claimed seven firsts as John Kovach was an individual double winner. Kovach, who also swam on the first-place 200 medley relay squad, won both the 200 free (1:47.37) and the 100 backstroke (55.8).

On the 200 medley, Kovach was joined by Jim Surawiec, Sean McDermott and Jon Teal for a first-place time of 1:43.2. Teal and McDermott, along with Matt Hepburn and Eric Forton also won the 400 free relay in 3:30.

Other individual wins for the Shamrocks included Andy Jacobs in the 200 IM (2:11.7), Alex Asfari in the 500 free (5:11), McDermott in the 100 butterfly (55.5) and Surawiec in the 100 breaststroke (1:03.5).

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• STINGRAYS SIGNUP

The Michigan Stingrays, a Farmington Hills-based competitive swim club, has scheduled tryouts for new members at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at Farmington High School.

The Stingrays have 150 members age 4-17 divided into five skill groups. Call Sharon Hurst 7-9 p.m. weekdays at 661-4456 for more information.

• COACHES SOUGHT

The Farmington Public School District is seeking candidates for the following coaching positions: boys baseball, girls softball and soccer at the high school level; boys and girls track at the middle school level.

All applications should be mailed to the Athletic Department, Farmington Public Schools, 32500 Shilwaukee, Farmington 48024, or call 471-6337.

• NFWB BASEBALL SIGNUP

Registration for the North Farmington-West Bloomfield baseball and softball leagues will take place on the following dates:

• From 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the North Farmington High School cafeteria.

• From 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the North Farmington cafeteria.

A parent or guardian should accompany the child to registration.

The fee structure is as follows: \$10 for 8- and 9-year-olds; \$30 for 10-, 11- and 12-year-olds; \$50 for those 13 and over.

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