

## sports shorts

## ● "CHICK" SCHOLARSHIPS

Joel Kovlak, Joseph Smith and Stephen Pigula of Farmington Hills, Brian Collins of Ferndale and Nicholas Stachurski of Auburn Hills are among 28 caddies from the state of Michigan who have won Chick Evans college scholarships.

Pigula, 17, and Kovlak, 17, are seniors at North Farmington High School. Kovlak caddied at Plum Hollow Golf Club; Pigula was a caddy at the Franklin Hills Country Club. Pigula and Kovlak will attend the University of Michigan.

Smith, a senior at Farmington Hills Harrison High School, worked at the Franklin Hills Country Club. Smith will attend Michigan State University.

Stachurski, 17, who will attend Michigan State University, is a senior at Auburn Hills Avondale High School. He caddied at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club.

Collins, 17, is a senior at Royal Oak Shrine High School who worked at the Birmingham Country Club. He will attend U-M.

The awards, part of the national Evans Scholars program administered by the Western Golf Association, were announced recently by Jerry B. Gillette of Ferndale — the newly elected president of the Golf Association of Michigan (GAM).

There are some 860 Evans Scholars attending college under the national program. This caddie-scholarship concept was initiated by famed amateur golfer Chick Evans in 1930, and more than 4,300 former caddies have graduated as Evans Scholars since that time.

## ● TOUCHE, LADIES

Ann Exzel, Jackie Dollin and Ann Marsh — all members of the Fencing Academy of Michigan in Southfield — took first, second and third in the Women's Foil Division of the Class D Fencing Tournament over the weekend at Ferndale High School.

The tournament was sanctioned by the United States Fencing Association, Michigan Division.

The Fencing Academy of Michigan is offering beginning fencing classes under the tutelage of Istvan Danosi. Interested persons may register Friday, Jan. 31, at McIntyre Elementary School (19600 Evergreen) in Southfield 7-10 p.m.

## ● TITAN SOFTBALL CLINIC

University of Detroit women's softball coach Nick Stann will conduct a clinic entitled, "Softball: The Winning Edge," Saturday, Feb. 22, at the University of Detroit.

"I have attended many clinics before on the high school and college level," Stann said. "Based on these, we have

tried to put together a program that will help you teach the game more effectively, practice more efficiently and become more competitive in your league.

"I feel good about the quality speakers that will share their skills with you," he said.

Greg Kolb, assistant U-D coach and head of the Great Lakes Scouting Service; Ray Graff, assistant U-D coach; Gloria Joseph, an umpire; and Anne Schrieber, coach at Grosse Ile High School, will be among the featured speakers.

There is a \$10 registration fee for coaches and a \$7 fee for players. Any coach bringing seven or more players will be admitted free.

## ● SOFTBALL ON TAP

Softball City is accepting applications for its spring season, which begins April 8.

There is a \$50 deposit (with a \$199 balance) for the 14-game season. Registration includes balls, trophies and USSSA membership.

For more information, call 368-1650.

## ● WINTER FUN RUNS

The Total Runner stores of metro Detroit will sponsor a series of fun runs for persons anxious to stay active during the winter months.

The runs will be held Saturdays, Feb. 1 and 15, starting 9 a.m. at the Total Runner store in Southfield, 29207 Northwestern Highway (at 12 Mile in the Franklin Plaza).

There is no charge. Running experts from Total Runner will be available to discuss training, stretching, injuries and other topics.

For more information, call 354-1177.

## ● TIGERS FANTASY

The Detroit Tigers Baseball Fantasy Camp for adults will be Feb. 3-8 at the Phoenix Stadium — official spring training site of the Oakland Athletics.

The camp cost is \$1,999 and includes a Tigers uniform, weeklong instruction with former Tigers players, airfare and accommodations. The camp concludes Feb. 7 with a game against the Tigers Legends at the Phoenix Stadium.

Rocky Colavito, Ralph Houk, Tom Tresh and Larry Doby are among former players scheduled to participate.

For more information, call Sports Fantasies at 353-5643.

## ● U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN

The 1989 U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship will be played July 13-16 at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion.

The only previous U.S. Women's Open in Michigan was in 1958 at the Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

## Howze leaves bench to rescue Pioneers

When things aren't going right — like when a team has lost five of six conference games — a coach can be expected to juggle his personnel. Which is what Oakland University men's basketball coach Greg Kampe did for Saturday's game at Saginaw Valley State.

Kampe benched senior starters Walt Dixon and Chris Howze. For Howze, an all-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) performer last season, it was only the second time he did not start in his OU career. But in the three previous games, Howze had made just eight of 39 floor shots.

He did much better Saturday coming off the bench. Howze pumped in 14 first-half points, hitting four-of-six from the field and six straight free throws, to help the Pioneers break out of their slump with an 85-68 triumph.

The win improved OU's record to 10-9 overall and 4-5 in the GLIAC. SVSC slumped to 11-6 overall and 3-5 in the conference.

HOWZE WAS replaced in the starting lineup by freshman John Henderson, while Dixon was benched in favor of sophomore Pete Schill. The shuffled lineup may have been responsible for a reawakening of the other Pioneers; they shot 61 percent (14 of 23) from the floor in the first half and 60 percent (26 of 43) for the game.

And if that kind of accuracy wasn't enough to destroy SVSC, OU's dead-end free throw shooting was. The Pioneers set a school record for free throws made, hitting 33 of 38. The former record of 28 was set in 1970 against Western Ontario.

OU was 18 of 19 from the stripe in the first half, while the Cardinals managed just four of 12. That was one reason for OU's 46-38 lead. Two others were Randy Strunk (three-for-three from the floor, three-for-three from the line, nine points) and Johnny Johnson (four-for-four from the field, eight points).

But SVSC did not surrender. The Cardinals closed to within 55-54 with 1:58 left, but Henderson followed with a three-point play. SVSC never got closer than five feet of the way. OU closed out the game with an 11-3 run over the final 3:22.

Howze finished with 18 points to lead a parade of five Pioneers in double figures. Johnson and Scott Bittlinger netted 13 each and Strunk and Schill bagged 11 apiece. Schill led OU's rebounders with eight; Strunk had six.

Larry King's 30 points was best for SVSC. Devaroe Bridges added 16.

OU'S WOMEN'S team lacked the

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quickness to challenge their SVSC rivals Saturday, which is why the Lady Pioneers were belted 98-87.

The game was tied at 9 with 14:47 left in the first half before the Cardinals started rolling. They scored the next 13 points to go up 21-8 at the 11:42 mark. OU got back to within nine at 21-12 with 10:20 remaining, but no closer.

SVSC led 51-29 at the half and took its biggest lead — 64-47 — with 7:20 to play.

Turnovers plagued the Lady Pioneers. They committed 25 of them, including 24 in the first half. Point guard Margaret Eise made 14 and was limited to six points and one assist. The Cardinals' quickness helped them make 27 steals.

Sarah Knuth paced OU with 16 points. Kim McDowell had 12 and Pam Hawkins 10.

SVSC got 24 points from Sonja Paquin. Sandy Theriault had 15 points and eight rebounds. Lisa Masters had 14 points, nine rebounds and five steals, and Nancy Neaton collected 12 points and five steals.

OU's poor shooting didn't help. The Lady Pioneers hit just 37 percent from the floor (28 of 75) to 56 percent for SVSC (44 of 78).

The loss dropped OU to 10-9 overall and 2-7 in the GLIAC. SVSC, the defending conference champion, is 14-3 overall and 7-1 in the GLIAC.

OU NOTES: The Pioneer men's swim team capped a successful weekend trip east with a thrilling 57-56 win at Clarion State (Pa.) College Saturday.

OU needed victories in the final two events to pull off the dual meet triumph, its fifth in a row, and got them. Mark Vanderhey won the 200-yard breaststroke (2:11.72), with teammate Jeff Kuhn finishing an important third.

Then Mike Kolber, Dave Rogowski, Steve Larson and Bruce Verbner captured the 400 freestyle relay (3:19.43) to clinch the win, which boosted OU to 6-2. On Friday, the Pioneers defeated Edinboro State 63-52.

OU's women's team split a pair of dual meets over the weekend, losing to Clarion State 75-50 Saturday and

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