

The strategy was simple for Oakland Community College's men's basketball team: If Highland Park CC wants to run the ball, the Raiders would oblige. And they did. OCC ran right away from the Eastern Conference champions to a 109-93 triumph in Friday's state semifinal contest at Kalamazoo Valley CC.

"This thing has always been, 'We're going to set the tempo. We're in better shape, we have better depth, so if you want to run with us, we'll beat you at the end,'" said OCC coach Fred Thomann of HPPC coach Glen Donahue's game plan.

"The first two times we played them, we had

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leads then lost. We bent and broke. This time, we weathered the storm. They came with pressure and we withstood it."

THE RAIDERS sped to a 55-41 lead at the half, thanks mainly to the scoring trio of Gary Holt, Willie Jones and Pat Gardner. The three combined for 88 of OCC's 109 points.

Holt was particularly impressive. HPPC charged back to pull to within three in the second half when Holt took control, hitting seven straight shots to ice the victory. Holt's space pushed the Raiders lead back into double figures, and HPPC never threatened.

Holt finished with 33 points, Gardner had 29 and 10 rebounds and Jones put in 26 with 16 rebounds.

HPPC got 27 points from Anton Williamson, 22 from Larry Goss and 19 from Gregory Hall.

OCC played the Grand Rapids CC-Southwestern CC winner for the state title Saturday. Details of that game will appear in Thursday's sports pages.

Kampe to remain as Pioneer coach

Oakland University basketball coach Greg Kampe has withdrawn his name as a possible replacement for John Weibert at Bowling Green State.

Weibert is retiring after this season. Kampe, who graduated from BG in 1978, was one of several candidates mentioned as a possible successor. Another interested in the position is Wayne State coach Charlie Parker, formerly an assistant under Weibert.

"The reason I applied was because it was my alma mater," said Kampe, who has posted back-to-back 13-15 seasons in his two years at OU. "But all the publicity it was getting, I thought it to be the

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point that it was hurting Oakland University.

"Everywhere I went, people were asking me about it. This is a pivotal recruiting year for Oakland, and I thought this was hurting us. We're just starting to turn the corner here. I just felt I had a job to finish."

Kampe admitted the status of BG's team affected his decision. A loss Saturday to Mid-American

Conference champion Miami of Ohio would leave the Falcons with a 7-20 final record.

"It's a situation very similar to what Oakland's was when I got here," he said. "They're going to have to turn it around during there. I just finished going through something like that here. I'm not sure I'd like to get into it again."

Graduation has opened five spots on OU's roster. Two already have been filled by November signees: Wallace Davis, a 6-foot-3 guard from Saginaw, and Melvin Kelly, a 6-4 forward from Lansing Riverich with a 43-inch vertical jump.

— C.J. Sivak

Muskegon dashes Ocelot cage hopes

Dreams of a state title and berth in the NJCAA tournament evaporated Friday for Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team, which was upended in overtime 81-78 by Muskegon Community College in the state semifinals at Glen Oaks CC.

"They took it to us and we didn't respond," said SC assistant coach Jack Greanan. "It was a case of missed open shots. Muskegon did not beat us, we beat ourselves."

The Lady Ocelots, who finished 21-6, were up 45-32 at halftime thanks to Kim Chandler's 24 points. Chandler added seven more in the second half, but fouled out with 4:30 left in regulation.

THAT'S WHEN things soured for SC. The Lady Ocelots had a six-point lead when Chandler went to the bench, but that disappeared after a series of turn-

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overs and missed shots. MCC, which hit close to 70 percent of its second-half floor attempts, forged a 64-60 lead but Michelle Richards, subbing for Chandler, hit a pair of 18-footers to knot it.

The lead seasawed until Lori Abbas tied it for SC at 68 with two free throws with 23 seconds left, forcing the extra session.

SC got the early lead in overtime, 74-70, but it didn't last. With MCC ahead 80-78 with 10 seconds left, SC had two chances within 10 feet of the basket to tie it and missed.

"The little extra we needed to finish them off, we didn't have," said Greanan. Tracey Ladouceur added 12 points

most of the way and eventually won by 14 and 10 points, SC was behind from the early moments until just 5:21 remained. Kim Chandler canned two free throws to make it 53-52 and give her team its first lead of the second half.

It was at that point that SC went from its various pressing zone defenses to a half-court player-to-player. The lead changed hands four times over the next two minutes, when the Lady Ocelot defense, spearheaded by Sheri Wolfe and Lori Abbas, came up with three steals and a basket that put them ahead for good.

MCC; OLSM post wins

Michigan Christian College's No. 1 ranking assured it of a berth to the National Little College Athletic Association tournament, regardless of its performance in the regional tourney at Flint Jordan College. And in its regional opener against Nazareth College Friday, MCC played as if the outcome didn't really matter.

Fortunately, that attitude lasted only 20 minutes. MCC turned it on in the second half to rout outnanned Nazareth 93-71 and advance to Saturday's final opposite Orchard Lake St. Mary's, who routed Grand Rapids Jordan College 107-67 in Friday's second game at Flint Jordan.

For the first half the Warriors were lethargic, which is why they led by only 43-38 at the break. By comparison, in MCC's 93-57 regular-season win over Nazareth, it led 44-17 at the half. Friday's second half was different, after some halftime "adjustments" by coach Gary Pleasant.

"Our adjustment was I screamed at them," said Pleasant. "I don't normally do that. But Nazareth shot 58 percent in the first half. We were just letting them go right to the basket."

MCC'S PRESSURE man-to-man defense kept Nazareth scoreless for the first 6:10 of the second half, and that assured the victory. Steve Boyd totaled 23 points and 11 rebounds for the Warriors. Steve McClurg scored 18 points, Dave Lyster collected 16 points and 13 rebounds, and Errol Anglin had 13 points and 10 boards.

Nazareth's offensive leader was Larry Edmonds with 22 points.

OLSM erupted in the second half to outscore GRJC by 29 points and win convincingly. An alley-oop dunk play from Bob Bringham to Erich Hartnett got the Eagles started on an 11-1 streak after the intermission.

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at PLYMOUTH CANTON

Monday, March 3: Plymouth Canton (A) vs Northville (B), 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 5: Plymouth Salem vs Westland (A), 8 p.m.; Novi vs A-E winner, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, March 7: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (winner advances to the Eastern Michigan University Bowen Fieldhouse regional vs Wayne Memorial district champion).

at WAYNE MEMORIAL

Tuesday, March 4: Wayne Memorial (A) vs Taylor Kennedy (B), 7 p.m.
 Thursday, March 6: Taylor Center vs Taylor Truman, 8:30 p.m.; Romulus vs. A-B winner, 8:30 p.m.
 Saturday, March 8: Championship final, 7 p.m. (winner advances the Eastern Michigan University Bowen Fieldhouse regional vs. Plymouth Canton district champion).

at LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Monday, March 3: Livonia Churchill (A) vs. Garden City (B), 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 5: Livonia Franklin vs. Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.; Redford Catholic Central vs. A-B winner, 8:30 p.m.
 Friday, March 7: Championship final, 7 p.m. (winner advances to the West Bloomfield regional vs. Dearborn Fordson district champion).

at SOUTHFIELD

Monday, March 3: Southfield (A) vs. Detroit Redford (B), 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 4: Redford Union vs. Detroit Henry Ford, 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 5: Farmington vs. A-B winner, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, March 7: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (winner advances to the West Bloomfield regional vs. Walled Lake Central district champion).

at DEARBORN FORDSON

Monday, March 3: Dearborn Fordson (A) vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford (B), 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 5: Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Detroit Mack-Chalmers, 7 p.m.; Dearborn Heights Crestwood vs. A-B winner, 8:30 p.m.
 Friday, March 7: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (winner advances to the West Bloomfield regional vs. Livonia Church district champion).

at WALLED LAKE CENTRAL

Tuesday, March 4: Walled Lake Central (A) vs. Milford (B), 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, March 6: Walled Lake Western

vs. Milford Lakeland, 8:15 p.m.; North Farmington vs. A-B winner, 8 p.m.
 Saturday, March 8: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (winner advances to the West Bloomfield regional vs. Southfield district champion).

Class B District

at FARMINGTON HARRISON

Monday, March 3: Redford Thurston (A) vs. University of Detroit High (B), 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 4: Clawson (C) vs. Detroit DeWolfe (D), 8 p.m.; Farmington Harrison (E) vs. Detroit Paroissance (F), 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, March 6: Livonia Clarenceville vs. A-B winner, C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, March 8: Championship final, 7 p.m. (winner advances to the Eastern Michigan University Bowen Fieldhouse regional vs. Warren Fitzgerald district champion).

Class C District

at DETROIT ST. MARY OF REDFORD

Monday, March 3: Detroit Lutheran West (A) vs. Redford St. Mary's (B), 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 5: Detroit St. Martin de Porres vs. Hamtramck St. Florian, 8 p.m.; Redford St. Agatha vs. A-B winner, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, March 7: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (winner advances to the Eastern Michigan University Bowen Fieldhouse regional vs. Orchard Lake St. Mary's district champion).

Class D District

at WATERFORD OUR LADY

Monday, March 3: Redford Temple Christian (A) vs. Bloomfield Hills Rosier (B), 7 p.m.; Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (C) vs. Farmington Hills Lutheran Northwest, 8:45 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 5: Oakland Dundee regional vs. Orchard Lake St. Mary's district champion).

Class E District

at TAYLOR BAPTIST PARK

Monday, March 3: Ann Arbor Green Hills (A) vs. Whitmore Lake (B), 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 4: Plymouth Christian (C) vs. Taylor Baptist Park (D), 8:30 p.m.; Alton Park Inter-City Baptist (E) vs. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (F), 8 p.m.
 Thursday, March 6: Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian vs. A-B winner, 8:30 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 8 p.m.
 Friday, March 7: Championship final, 7 p.m. (winner advances to Southfield-Lathrup regional vs. East Catholic district champion).

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