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Men's 36-hole medal play: Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13-14. Entry fee is \$32. Handicap maximum is 36.

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# Pioneers get baseball coach

By C.J. Risak  
staff writer

Rod Righter has had a busy summer. And he's going to be busier. Righter, who coached the Oakland County Class A Quality Pontiac and Birmingham Varsity Shop Connie Mack baseball teams, was recently selected to coach Oakland University's resurrected baseball team by Pioneer athletic director Paul Hartman.

Reinstating baseball as a collegiate sport at OU was something Righter long sought. "I was a little bit unhappy when they dropped it before," he said of the sport's cancellation in 1979 due to budget reductions. "It's a good sport, it's a spring sport (which Oakland has few of), and we were good at it."

When Hartman, who also wanted to bring baseball back, was forced to cancel the wrestling program after last season due to a lack of participants, baseball advocates wasted little time in pushing for reinstatement.

HARTMAN QUICKLY obliged — although he made certain to point out that wrestling was not cancelled in favor of baseball. The Pioneers will return to the diamond next spring.

"They were going to have to do something with wrestling anyhow," Righter said. "The number of kids

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participating was way down."

When Hartman's office officially recommended to the OU Board of Trustees that baseball be brought back, Righter wasted little time notifying the university athletic director that he was interested in the coaching post.

"I told Dr. Hartman a year ago I'd certainly be interested in the (coaching) position if baseball were reinstated," said Righter. "I was certainly supporting baseball all the way. I've been involved with it quite a long time."

AND HE'S been successful coaching it. To Righter compiled a 133-31 Connie Mack League record from 1981 to 1985 with Varsity Shop, and he guided the team to first place this summer. His Quality Pontiac team was also in first place in its Oakland County Class A division.

And yet, notably lacking in Righter's credentials is any past college coaching experience. He views this as a real weakness.

"I've been successful," he said. "I don't want to blow my own horn, but I think I'm well-qualified. I know the game. I've played it and I teach it."

"I happen to believe that if you're going to run a program, do it with people who are there to get a degree."

Righter does bring with him certain advantages. First, he was Hartman's top choice for the position, so he should receive ample support. Second, he'll be able to monitor his player activities more closely than other part-time coaches — Righter has been a professor in Oakland's School of Human and Educational Services since 1965.

STILL, IT'S going to be an uphill struggle for Righter, and he knows it. "I'm going to be pessimistic about it and say we'll probably get clubbed our first year," he admitted. "But we'll do the best we can."

Which means Righter plans to start immediately. Whistler players he can recruit will be practicing in September and October before moving indoors for weight training over the winter. Oakland has maintained its baseball facility, so there's one thing Righter won't have to worry about.

But the team has no equipment or uniforms, and Righter still needs to

hire two assistant coaches. Plus, there's another recruiting snag looming: Oakland's winter semester ends in mid-April; baseball season lasts through May.

The baseball budget isn't large enough to pay for players' lodging for an extra semester.

"Come the end of April, they'll have to move into an apartment or make other housing arrangements," Righter said. "We're largely going to be a commuter team. We just don't have that big of a budget."

SPRING TRIPS south are also a luxury that must be sacrificed at this point. Righter is hoping public support and sponsorship will complement the program enough to finance such expenses in the future.

These problems will have to be overcome — and quickly, since Righter's official hiring was delayed by what was termed as "bureaucratic red tape" by a university source — if the program is to get under way on schedule next March.

But such obstacles are inherent to any program just getting started. Righter is well aware of the tasks that await him.

"It's a real challenge, but it's somewhat of a thrill, too," he said. "There's been a lot of support from everyone. I couldn't be happier about that."

# Golfer shoots at U.S. Amateur tourney

By Marty Budner  
staff writer

As a child growing up around Pine Lake Country Club, Lindy Kosak used to think golf was a "ridiculous" game.

"It was so hard to play. I didn't have any coordination and my swing was atrocious," she said. "Watching the ball dribble off the tee wasn't any fun."

But time has a way of changing your outlook on things. Kosak, 23, now has refined her game to such a degree she'll be a participant in the annual United States Women's Amateur Championship this week at the Pasatiempo Golf Club in Santa Cruz, Calif.

She advanced to the nationals by placing third with a round of 73 in the recent qualifying tournament at Northmoor Country Club in Chicago. "I was surprised I did so well because there were a lot of golfers down there (in Chicago)," she said. "It was a real nice course to score on. The greens were huge but if you got to the pin you had a chance."

"I'm really excited about (the na-

tional amateur tourney)," said Kosak. "My goal for the summer was to qualify for the tournament. And so far it's worked out fine."

KOSAK, WHO teaches seventh-grade English at a school in Deerfield Beach, Fla., will be one of 144 golfers vying for top honors in the U.S. amateur. After two days of qualifying rounds, the field will be reduced to the top 64 for match-play competition.

"I'm just happy to make the top 64 and whatever happens after that will be OK," said Kosak. "I'm just thrilled to have qualified. . . I just missed qualifying last year by two strokes."

"I've seen there are a lot of names from different colleges who will be playing," she said. "I just want to keep my head together and have fun."

It wasn't always fun for Kosak.

Kosak, a 1980 graduate of Birmingham Marian High School, began playing golf when she was 10 years old. She became increasingly involved with junior sports — including swimming and tennis besides

golf — through her family's affiliation with Pine Lake.

"I thought it was a ridiculous sport," said Kosak. "None of my friends played. I guess when you're that young there aren't too many people playing golf."

"It really helped that I was involved with the junior program at Pine Lake. It was rough for a while but I gradually got better. When I was at Marian we only had four or five kids on the team."

"I was on the Marian swim team, but golf was just something I was a little better at," she said. "I never really took golf seriously until I was a sophomore at Marian."

KOSAK CONTINUED to improve her game and eventually wound up playing at Central Michigan University. Her career with the Chippewas was short-lived as the university dropped its women's golf program after Kosak's sophomore season.

Kosak wanted to continue playing collegiate golf so she transferred to the University of Southern Florida in Tampa. But she didn't make the team. "I tried to make the team as a

walk-on, but they have too many people down there who play the game year-around," she said.

Kosak then decided to return to Mount Pleasant and finish her schooling. She graduated from Central in 1985 with a degree in education and shortly thereafter found her teaching job in Florida.

Kosak's students kept her busy over the winter, but she managed to maintain her interest in golf with a few rounds every now and then. When school ended she worked on her game even harder.

And the hard work has paid off with the trip to California. "I've gained a lot of confidence in my putting the last couple weeks," said Kosak. "I hit the most consistently with my six-iron. I have a lot of confidence in that club and that swing."

Kosak will continue teaching, but there's always that dream of some day turning professional.

"I've considered turning pro but I've got a long way to go," she said. "I have to get down my consistency. But turning pro is just another avenue for me to go."

"I figure if I don't give it a try I'll never know," she said.

She may take a big swing in that direction this week in California.

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# Johnstown trip next for Adray club

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play from Bushart. In the seventh, the Redford Union High School product short-hopped a ball deep in the hole at short and then gunned a throw to first, beating the Mill-Rose runner.

In the loser's bracket game on Thursday, Cleveland bounced back to eliminate the Junior Pioneers of Zanesville, Ohio, 8-0.

Pete Kalinowski, a sophomore right-hander from Northern Kentucky University, threw a three-hitter. He retired the first 17 batters he

## Adray qualifies

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played all year," said Heller.

DESPITE THE LOSS, Adray had to be pleased with the performance of lefty Doug Doyle, a pickup from the Walter's Appliance team.

Bothered by arm problems most of the season, Doyle pitched well for 5 1/2 innings, giving up only three runs to go along with seven strikeouts against the hard-hitting Philly lineup.

Heller indicated that Doyle may move into the No. 3 starting slot in the Adray pitching rotation this week behind lefty Don Veal, the Eastern Michigan University stand-out, and right-hander Rick Rozman, the Michigan State Spartan. Right-hander John Poszywak, meanwhile, will be the first man out of the bullpen.

"With the short fences in Johnstown, guys that throw the breaking balls, like Doyle and Zvolinski, should be effective," Heller said.

Adray will get to play at least one game this week in the 11,000-seat Point Stadium in Johnstown, likened by many to Boston's Fenway Park.

"It's only 270 feet down the left field line, but they have a 50-foot fence that goes a ways out," Heller explained. "Then it's about 500 feet to dead center and only 304 (feet) down the right field line."

"It's a big park, but the other parks in the mountains are very small."

faced before James Hanson broke up his perfect game with a single in the sixth.

Offensively, center fielder Ted Wood of the University of New Orleans smashed a three-run homer, a double and a single. He knocked in five of Cleveland's eight runs.

Not to be outdone was White, the Livonia center fielder, who put on a show of his own in Adray's 7-3 win over Philly.

THE FAULKNER STATE (Ala.) Community College product went 3-for-5 and made a spectacular run-

ning catch in center. He tripped home Bushart in the third and added a solo homer in Livonia's three-run fifth.

Adray's Rick Rozman, meanwhile, the "right-hander" from Michigan State, went the distance for the second straight time. He threw 132 pitches, allowing just five hits and one walk. The Livonia Stevenson High School product fanned five.

## OAKLAND COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

### WE WANT YOUR HELP

Your Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners Wants You to Help Decide on the 1987 BUDGET FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/87 AND 1987 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners invites all interested citizens and elected officials to present comments prior to adoption of the 1987 Budget and 1987 Road Improvement Program.

For this purpose we have scheduled a Board Meeting, at which time a Public Hearing will be held.

Date: Monday, August 18, 1986  
Time: 2:30 P.M.

Place: Oakland County Road Commission Board Room - 2nd Level  
31001 Lahser Road  
Birmingham, Michigan 48010

### WHAT THE BUDGET IS

The proposed budget sets forth the revenues anticipated to be available to the Oakland County Road Commission and the source of those revenues. The budget also shows the proposed uses to which these funds will be put including the Operating Expenditures of the Road Commission and the proposed Road Improvement Program.

### ADVANCE COPIES ARE AVAILABLE

Copies of the proposed 1987 Budget and related information will be available one (1) week prior to the Public Hearing. They may be obtained by contacting the Finance Department of the Oakland County Road Commission, 31001 Lahser Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48010 (Telephone 645-2000, ext. 2237). Copies of the proposed 1987 Road Improvement Program will be available one (1) week prior to the Public Hearing. They may be obtained by contacting the Engineering Department of the Oakland County Road Commission, 31001 Lahser Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48010 (Telephone 645-2000, ext. 2265).

### WE HOPE YOU WILL PRESENT COMMENTS

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing are held in accordance with the Provisions of Act 1, P.A. 1968, as amended by Act 621, P.A. 1976; Act 43, P.A. 1963 (2nd ext. sess.) and Act 287, P.A. 1976, as amended.

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