

# OU kickers stun No. 1 team in Division II

Backs to the wall? No, the situation was worse than that for Oakland University's soccer team. It went beyond desperate.

Consider that the Pioneers were 8-2 entering last weekend's games. Hardly the stuff NCAA Division II tournament hopes are made of. Then add in who they were playing: Davis & Elkins, the No. 1-ranked team in Division II, and Alderson-Broadus, rated in the NAIA's top 10.

Sound bleak? How about digging the hole a little deeper? Both games were on the road.

If OU weren't already eliminated from playoff contention, it certainly would be after that trip. Right?

Wrong. The Pioneers did what few would have given them a chance to do — they registered a 2-1 overtime win over D&E Saturday and a 2-2 tie against A-B Sunday.

AND JUST like that, they're back in the playoff picture.

The win and tie boosted OU to 10-5-3 with one game remaining, at Central Michigan Friday. Three teams from the Central Region (which includes OU) will qualify for the NCAA tournament.

Gannon University (14-2-1), now rated No. 1 in Division II in place of D&E, is a shoe-in. Other contenders are East Stroudsburg (12-3-2), Lock Haven (11-2-3) and Missouri-St. Louis (13-2).

Although all three have superior records, OU's schedule is far tougher. Also, ESU and LHU play for their league championship this weekend. An ESU win would probably assure OU of the final NCAA berth. MSLS is considered a longshot, unless it can win both of the very difficult games remaining on its schedule.

There are three other factors weighing in OU's favor. First, should the selection committee — which will make its decision Monday — choose OU, ESU and LHU, it will be selecting three teams from Pennsylv-

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vania. Second: OU was denied a playoff berth it deserved last year.

And third: OU coach Gary Parsons is a member of the selection committee. But he was last year, too, and the Pioneers still didn't make it.

SHOULD THEY be chosen this year, it will be a remarkable turnaround, one that can be directly attributed to last weekend's performances.

Against D&E, OU trailed early after some defensive miscues. Dave Archibald pounced on a loose ball errantly played by the Pioneer defense in front of their own net and fired. Keeper Vince Aliberti made the save, but the defense couldn't clear the rebound and Archibald punched it in for a 1-0 lead 9:37 into the second half.

OU tied it on a quick play started by Gray Haizel. Haizel was fouled 30 yards from the D&E net. He quickly set the ball and booted it ahead to Marty Hagen, who chipped it over the charging D&E keeper to Eric Eneyedy. Eneyedy finished the play and m-l-w through the second half it was 1-1.

It remained that way until overtime. Hagen got the game-winner, his 10th of the season, splitting the D&E defense to take a pass from Ender Blislog and knock it past the keeper.

THE EMOTIONAL overtime win drained OU for Sunday's game at A-B, which scored 12-26 into the game on a shot blasted from 40 yards out by Keith Oliver. The Pioneers knott-

ed it on a Haizel goal eight minutes later, scored after an Alan Stewart corner kick.

OU went ahead when Blislog fielded a throw-in from Stewart and drilled it into the net from 30 yards away 14 minutes into the second half. But A-B tied it 12 minutes later when Aliberti, trying to punch a shot out of the box, instead sent it right to Mike Maloney, who knocked it to the ground and scored.

Haizel's assist against D&E Saturday was the 39th of his career, breaking the record set by Morris Lupence (1980-83).

## OU SPIKERS FALL IN TOURNEY

The Lady Pioneers volleyball team did not fare too well in their own Pioneer Classic last weekend. They lost all three of their matches, with Grand Valley State winning Friday 15-5, 15-12, 15-8, and Elmhurst and Indiana-Purdue at

Port Wayne claiming five-game matches on Saturday.

EU defeated OU 14-16, 15-8, 15-12, 15-9, 15-9. IPFW topped the home team by scores of 7-15, 15-8, 15-2, 11-15, 15-8. GVSC, ranked seventh in the NCAA Division II, won the four-team tourney, besting EU 15-3, 15-3, 15-0, and IPFW 15-11, 15-12, 16-24. IPFW's loss snapped a 16-match win streak.

The losses dropped OU to 5-7 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) — the GVSC match counted in the GLIAC standings — and to 13-17 overall.

Last Tuesday (Oct. 28), the Lady Pioneers outlasted Saginaw Valley State 6-15, 15-8, 12-15, 15-5, 15-3. Co-captains Bridget Bohnet and Tracey Jones sparked the win. Bohnet hit 11 kills in 31 attacks with two errors (.290 kill percentage), four solo blocks and nine block assists, and Jones with 12 kills.

OU travels to the Lewis University Tournament this weekend.

## Ocelots claim Can-Am crown

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In a season filled with excellence, one more tournament triumph before the NJCAA regionals begin would be nice for Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team, but soon would be forgotten, right?

No way. Not when that victory comes in the Can-Am Tournament at the University of Windsor.

Just two of the 12 teams from junior colleges — SC and Macomb CC, Michigan Tech was the only other U.S. squad.

And it was the Huskies who met SC in the finals. After losing the opening game of the match 15-9, the Lady Ocelots rebounded to win convincingly 15-6, 15-6.

"I've been coming here 12 years and never been in the finals," said SC coach Tom Teeters. "This gives

us a lot of confidence. Not overconfidence, though. We know it will take a lot of work and a little luck to get to the NJCAA tournament."

Kim Relyea, Diana Dietz and Patti Kozicki sparked the final win over MT. Relyea collected 12 kills in 37 attacks with one error. Dietz had 13 kills in 35 attacks with four errors and Kozicki chipped in seven kills in 13 attacks without an error.

IN MAKING it to the finals, SC defeated five straight Canadian teams in pool play, including the two top teams in Ontario's collegiate league.

On Friday, the Lady Ocelots defeated Queens College 12-15, 15-10, 15-5, and Wilfrid University 15-9, 15-6, and on Saturday they collected wins over McMaster College 15-13, 15-12, Lakehead University

15-9, 9-15, 15-5, and Brock University 15-14, 15-13.

That put SC in the semis, where it bested another Ontario school, Guelph University. The scores were 15-7, 15-8.

The wins that particularly pleased Teeters came against Queens, ranked No. 2 in Ontario, and No. 1 McMaster. "That was a very long, close match," Teeters said of the duel with McMaster. "I had never beaten them as a coach, either at Wayne State or at Schoolcraft."

Everyone contributed to the SC victory. Relyea and Sue Cyrus provided the hitting power, and Tina Osantowski blocked exceptionally well, particularly against MT when Teeters moved her to the outside to concentrate on the Huskies' top hitter for the last two games. Kozicki coordinated the attack

efficiently and served well, and Amy Lotero and Diana Dietz both performed well defensively. Lotero's serving also sparked.

ON TUESDAY, SC concluded its regular season with a 15-2, 15-5, 14-16, 15-3 win over visiting Henry Ford CC. The win lifted SC's record to 41-5, and allowed the Lady Ocelots to finish a perfect 8-0 for the second-straight season in the Eastern Conference.

Donna Konjarevich led the attackers with eight kills in 19 attempts with one error. Dietz had six kills in 10 errorless attacks, and Osantowski finished with 18 attacks, seven kills, one error and three serving aces.

Laura Verduco collected three solo blocks and three blocking assists, Donna Wilhelm had two blocking assists and Lotero and Kozicki each served six aces.

## Saturday playoff to decide S'craft's fate

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For the past few weeks, Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team has seemingly been battling all odds in its quest to win the Eastern Conference championship and the accompanying bid to the Inter-regional tournament it brings.

Now, the Ocelots will have to fight one more battle. And at stake is everything they've worked for.

What forced this showdown was SC's game Saturday at Cuyahoga Metro CC. Early in the game, CMCC's Chigozie Agbo rifled a shot from a bad angle toward the Ocelot net. The ball deflected off SC defender Jim Moreau and went into the net for a goal.

CMCC IMMEDIATELY dropped back into a defensive game content to boot any challenges out of its end without any offensive pressure. It worked; the Ocelots did everything but score, hitting the posts, shooting wide on good opportunities and getting whistled on others in losing 1-0.

It was SC's second conference loss. The Ocelots' first was by forfeit after it was discovered they inadvertently used an ineligible player.

They've beaten Macomb CC twice. Now they'll have to do it again in a playoff. Both teams are 6-2 in the conference. The game is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's field, located north

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of Ryneerson Stadium.

"It seemed like everything that could have gone wrong did," said SC coach Van Dimitriou of the game against CMCC. "Once they scored, it just turned the whole game around. We were a little lax, we thought we'd win it."

THE OCELOTS must now battle MCC once again. They beat the Monarchs 6-1 in their first meeting and 1-0 in their second. The way their luck's been going, Saturday's game won't be easy.

"I think we'll make our luck change," Dimitriou vowed. "I haven't seen enthusiasm in practice like our team showed today in a long time. Again, we're in a situation where we have everything to lose."

SC's biggest problem recently has been on offense. "That's what we're working on," said Dimitriou. "We're moving whoever's at center halfback (usually Rick Hamers) up, telling him work more at forward."

When Hamers charging through the middle on offense, another forward will have to fall back and pick up his defensive responsibilities.

## OT field goal wins grid finale for CC

Bob Malleck closed out his high school football career as a hero.

The senior kicker booted a 22-yard field goal in the first overtime and then added a 27-yarder, the game-winner, in the second OT to give Redford Catholic Central a season-ending 20-17 victory over Madison Heights Bishop Foley in a game played Sunday at Clarenceville. (Malleck also kicked two extra points.)

CC finished the season with a 6-3 overall record. Foley was 5-4. The game ended when CC tackle Pete Dankert recovered a fumble on

third down in the second overtime.

The Shamrocks trailed 14-7 going into the final quarter, but a Pat McGrath interception set up a 52-yard, seven-play touchdown drive, capped by Greg Haeger's 7-yard scoring pass to McGrath with 4:30 remaining.

CC opened the scoring with 8:15 left in the first quarter when Bob Malleck recovered a fumble in the end zone.

Despite the loss, Foley outgained CC in total yardage, 209-135. But CC's defense, led by linebacker Matt Pras, who was in on 12 tac-

les, came up with the big plays to set up Malleck's heroics.

ST. AGATHA 34, HOLY CROSS 0: Redford St. Agatha closed out its season with a winning record (6-4), traveled Marquette City Holy Cross in a game played Sunday at Redford Union's Kraft Field.

The Aggies roared out to a 27-0 halftime lead and coach John Anderson emptied the bench in the second half. Agatha scored three times in first quarter.

Quarterback Paul Gardner raced 79 yards on an option play for a touchdown on the first play of the game. He then followed with a 40-yard TD pass to Kevin Foulis.

Late in the first period, Tim Sullivan scored on a 1-yard plunge.

In the second quarter, Billy Barskade added a 27-yard TD run.

Game has been hooked up with Foulis for another TD pass in the third period. Defensively, senior tackle Kevin Rice recorded five sacks to close out a fine three-year career.

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