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Regional repeat?

Schoolcraft spikers gird for regional crown

The dates and times are set — well, sort of.

Schoolcraft College's volleyball team knows where it will be today at 5:30 p.m. — at Kalamazoo Valley CC for the 16-team regional volleyball tournament.

Question is, who will the Lady Occlots be playing, and when?

Their scheduled opponent is Kellogg CC. But SC coach Tom Teeters said Tuesday that KCC may decide not to play because it did not achieve a .500 season.

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That would keep the Lady Ocelots idle until 10:30 a.m. Friday, when they would meet the Macomb-Cuyahoga Eask winner. And it also means that SC could claim the regional title by winning four straight matches.

By comparison, should one of the other teams lose its tourney opener, it would have to play nine matches to win the double-elimination event.

TEETERS KNOWS what it will take for his team to advance to the NJCAA tournament Nov. 24-26 at Miami-Dade CC.

"Our team serve reception has to be stronger," he said. "Our serves will still have to be good. Our de-fense has improved, and our bench has helped."

A year ago, the Lady Ocelots won the regional title. This season's squad is stronger. SG swept through the Eastern Conference without a defeat for the second straight year and beat several four-year schools. The Lady Ocelots are odds-on favor-ites to repeat as region champs.

Teeters figures Lake Michigan CC to provide the greatest obstacle between SC and a trip south. "They're the team with the experience. They haven't had the greatest season, but they had some injuries that are heal-ing now. They'll be ready. I think

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they'll be in the finals."

The two teams will meet before then, however. If SC and LMCC win their first matches Friday, they'll play each other at 6 p.m. It won't be their first meeting this season, either; SC beat LMCC in a three-game match in the finals of the LMCC tournament in September and swept a match in three-straight games in St. Louis last month.

INJURIES HAVE been a source of trouble for the Lady Occlots. Middle blocker Jill Ehlert is recovering from tendonitis in her Achilles tendon and should be able to play. Jean Bass and Amy Lotero are both experiencing keep robblems — Lotero was fitted for a knee brace Tuesday — but both are expected to play. Donna Wilhelm has hurt her back, too

"That's why I think it's fortunate we have 12 good players," said Teeters. "We've had to use them all during the season."

An experienced bench could be most helpful. Teeters is not counting on an easy road to Miami.

"It'll be a tough battle. They're looking forward to it, they're real excited and all keyed up," he said. "They know it won't be easy, but they are confident.

"The reward of going to nationals in Miami is incentive for them. If we lose two matches, we're done for the year. If we win four straight, we're (region) champions."

It's a simple formula. And should SC perform as it has all season long, that formula will be enough to get the Lady Ocelots an NJCAA tourna-

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Jean Bass (foreground) and Patti Kozicki have helped School-craft advance to the NJCAA regional tournament in Kalama-

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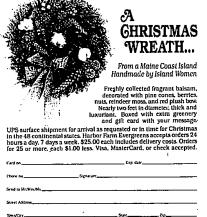
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