

# Pioneer cagers nip Grand Valley

By C.J. Risk staff writer

The difference between the Oakland University's mens basketball team of a year ago and this season's edition — in addition to the turnover in talent — is that last year's team could play as well as they were able and still lose a game like Thursday's against visiting Grand Valley State.

This year's team did not play well against GVSC. But they were, rallying behind Scott Bittinger's clutch shooting and a relentless defense to nip the Lakers 72-66.

The victory kept the Pioneers in the chase for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) title with a 7-3 record. They are 16-6 overall. GVSC dipped to 3-7 in the conference and 9-13 overall.

The Pioneers won despite poor shooting — they were 28-of-68 from the floor (41.2 percent) — from everyone but Wallace Davis (four-for-four), who missed his only two free throws.

"The ball just wouldn't go in the basket for us," said OU coach Greg Kampe. "But we played great defense tonight."

IT WAS the Pioneer defense that kept them in the game and, ultimately, made the difference. GVSC hit 14-of-29 first-half shots (48.3 percent), but was limited to 10-of-32 in the second half (31.3 percent) for a combined 24-of-61, or just 39.3 percent. Those declining figures were significant, according to Kampe.

"We took bad at times on offense," the OU coach said, "but it's because we overplay. They can make plays against us early, but later on it wears them out."

"We overplay the passing lanes, put pressure on the ball and try to funnel them into one direction."

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Leading OU's defensive effort, according to Kampe, was center Dave Hintz. Hintz matched up with the Lakers' Kevin Dungey and limited him to six points and seven rebounds. In addition, Hintz's two free throws with 1:06 to play gave the Pioneers a four-point lead.

"If I had a game ball to give out, I'd give it to Dave Hintz," said Kampe. "He hit the two biggest free throws of the game and did a job on Dungey. By the end of the game, Dungey was worn out."

KAMPE WASN'T overlooking the performance turned in by Bittinger, either. It's just he's come to expect it from his junior guard. OU trailed 34-50 with 8:18 left before turning things around. The Pioneers got a three-point play from Stacy Davis and Johnny Johnson canned a three-pointer to give them an 88-54 lead.

The Lakers weren't through, however. They scored six-straight points to go back on top, but Bittinger followed by hitting a pair of jumpers. Mike Davis (Bloomfield Hills Lakes) tied it for the Lakers, but John Henderson answered for OU, making it 64-63 with 2:31 to play.

Hintz's free throws gave OU the lead for good, and Bittinger insured the victory by sinking six consecutive free throws in the final 29 seconds.

Bittinger finished with a game-high 25 points (and six assists). Johnson totaled 14 points (and eight assists). GVSC got points from Kent Wilzema, 16 from Kurt Heltz and 11 from Davis (and nine assists).

OU plays at Northwood Institute Saturday.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer  
Schoolcraft's chances for a victory against Delta CC were crippled when high-scoring guard Zolite Stevens sprained an ankle early in the first half.

# Offense snoozes Ocelot 5 loses

By C.J. Risk staff writer

This was not the way Schoolcraft College mens basketball coach Bob Wetzel wanted to start a very important stretch of games.

The Ocelots, a team without any kind of consistent inside scoring, lost their outside touch as well Wednesday against Delta CC, and with it went any hope of victory as the visiting Pioneers prevailed 90-75.

"This was our — I don't know how to describe it — weakest offensive output of the season," said Wetzel. "We weren't executing well. We took some good shots, they just didn't go down."

The defeat ended SC's Eastern Conference record at 6-6 and dropped its overall mark to 9-13. DCC is 9-3 in the conference.

The setback came at a bad time for the Ocelots. They played at Mason CC Saturday and travel to league-leading Highland Park CC Wednesday. Saturday, they host Oakland CC, which is a game out of first, before finishing their regular-season conference schedule by visiting Mott CC Feb. 18.

That means one home game in the last four in a conference in which road victories are difficult to come by. If SC is to qualify for the state tournament, it will have to win at least one away from home.

TWO INCIDENTS affected Wednesday's outcome: a traffic jam, which supposedly delayed starting forward Derrick Kearney and subsequently led to his starting the game on the bench, and an ankle sprain suffered by Zolite Stevens.

Because Kearney — SC's best rebounder — was late, Wetzel let him sit out the game's first eight minutes. Still, when he entered the game with 11:52 left in the first half, the Ocelots trailed by just 20-18. A three-pointer by Pat Wagner put SC ahead 21-20, and after a

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Dellano Harris basket regained the lead for DCC, Wagner struck again to make it 23-22.

Unfortunately, that was the last time SC led. DCC outscored the Ocelots 15-2 over the next seven minutes to claim a 38-25 lead, a cushion that SC never overcame.

"We really had a long dry spell," admitted Wetzel. "When Zolite got hurt, it really hurt us. He's our best perimeter shooter. It just shows how very fragile we are."

Stevens sprained his left ankle with 14:32 left in the opening half. He returned in the second half, but it was apparent the injury robbed him of his shooting touch. He finished with just six points. His status for Saturday was uncertain.

THE OCELOTS did not score a basket during their dry spell, their only points coming on two Kearney free throws. They missed two other free throws and committed three turnovers in the seven-minute span.

They did make a run at the Pioneers before halftime, scoring eight straight points, six by Les English, to narrow the gap to 38-33. But Steve Bard sank a three-pointer at the buzzer to up DCC's lead to 41-33.

SC got to within eight (59-50) with 11:21 left to play on a Kearney free throw, and Phil Weiss rebounded Kearney's missed foul shot and had two chances to score the put-back to pull SC to within six. He missed both, and DCC went on a 10-1 run that tied the victory.

English finished with 17 points to lead SC. Jeff Vakratsas had 12, Wagner scored 11 and Kearney and Desmond Steele added nine apiece. Bard's 20 points was tied for the Pioneers; Mike Ody added 10, including five three-pointers.

# Lowly U-M Dearborn embarrasses Eagles

Going into Wednesday's game at University of Michigan-Dearborn, St. Mary's College still clung to a fading dream: making the NAIA District 23 basketball playoffs.

After Wednesday's game, the dream vanished completely. UM-D bounced the Eagles 101-83.

It was a catastrophic loss for St. Mary's, now 10-15 in a season that started promisingly (six wins in its first seven games) but has since turned nightmarish (4-14 in the last 15).

On form, St. Mary's loss to UM-D should never have happened. The Wolves were 27 entering the game and, since the school plans to drop mens basketball after this year, St. Mary's could end up the answer to a trivia teaser: Who was the last team UM-D beat?

The Wolves were a major difference. The Wolves hit 34-of-43 while the Eagles made just 14-of-17. But that wasn't the difference; guards Abe Baydoun and Tim Van Rhein took that honor.

# OLSM grid star picks Notre Dame

By Marty Budner staff writer

Bob Kowalkowski played football at the University of Virginia and went on to star as an offensive lineman from 1986 to '78 with the Detroit Lions. As a prep athlete, he had no problem deciding to play collegiate ball for the Cavaliers.

"I was kind of unlucky in that regard. When I graduated from high school I was offered a partial scholarship from Columbia and a full scholarship from Virginia," said Kowalkowski. "It was pretty much of an academic decision to attend Virginia."

It was different for Kowalkowski's son, Scott, who starred as an offensive lineman and defensive linebacker for Orchard Lake St. Mary's the past couple seasons.

Scott Kowalkowski's abilities were so touted he was acclaimed one of the country's top schoolboy recruits, according to Tom Lemming's nationally known Prep Football Report service out of Illinois. The Detroit News pegged the 6-foot-3, 130-pound chipper as the state's No. 2 talent behind Detroit Martin Luther King quarterback Warren Dickerson.

Kowalkowski was named by most Division I colleges, with his final choices whittled down to Colorado, Virginia, Michigan State University, UCLA and Notre Dame.

ON THURSDAY, at a press conference in the "Castle" Building of the St. Mary's campus, Kowalkowski announced his decision to attend the University of Notre Dame. It ended months of indecision, which, Kowal-

kowski admitted, was taxing for both him and his family.

"There is a lot of pressure — it's a tough decision because I felt every school was good," said Kowalkowski, a Farmington Hills resident. "I didn't feel a lot of pressure from the recruiters. I think they understand if they do it hard it might turn you off."

"It's the decision that's tough to make. You meet a lot of people and you learned a lot about what's out there

and the opportunities there are," he said. "It was a very good experience, but I feel relieved right now."

Bob Kowalkowski, who accompanied his son on each of his official campus visits, understood the pressure Scott was going through.

"Scott's process was a lot more difficult than mine," he said. "It's tough trying to narrow down your choices to five from 85 or 90."

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Chatham Hills Sub. No. 3 - Lots 183-192;  
Chatham Hills Sub. No. 3 - Lots 193-371.  
The Council has caused the City Manager to have prepared plans and specifications and an estimate of cost of said improvement, and the same, together with the City Manager's recommendations and findings concerning said improvement, are on file with the City Clerk and are available for public examination.  
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet at the Farmington High School auditorium, 23000 Glenshire, Farmington, Michigan on Monday, February 23, 1987, at eight o'clock p.m., for the purpose of hearing all persons affected by said road improvements.  
Public Hearing 8, 1987  
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