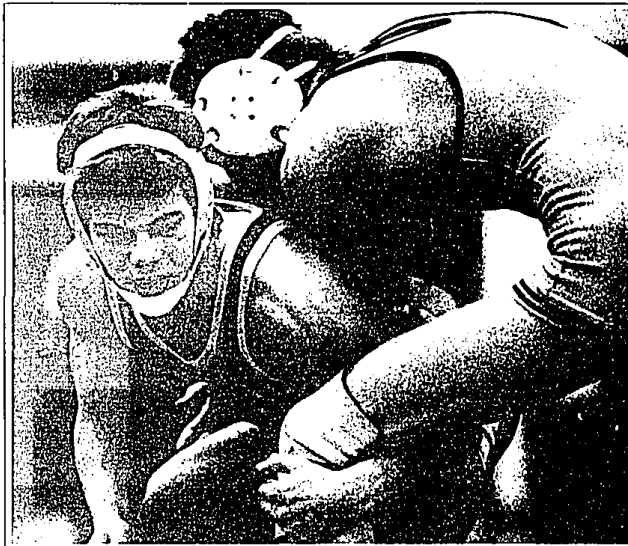


## Sports

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Lucian Van Cleave of North Farmington grap- Catholic Central had eight individual championships with an Ypsilanti High School opponent in one and ran away with the team title. Saturday's annual Plymouth Salem Invitational.

## Shamrocks dominate Salem's mat tourney

Top-rated Redford Catholic Central gave its most awesome display of wrestling dominance to date when the Shamrocks overwhelmed the competition to capture first place in Plymouth Salem's annual invitational Saturday.

Catholic Central advanced its wrestlers to the final in 10 of the 13 weight classes, and the Shamrocks walked away winners in eight.

"That's the first time we've had so many in the finals and won," said Catholic Central coach Mike Rodriguez, adding his team hasn't reached its potential yet.

"We haven't even started to peak," he said. "Come the end of the month when we have our invitational, the kids should really be hot by then."

The Shamrocks will be host for their own tournament on Saturday, Jan. 16.

Catholic Central's Matt Helm, who won the 134-pound title, was named the most outstanding wrestler of the Salem meet. In the final, Helm scored an impressive victory when he pinned Portage Northern's Joe Latoro, who had finished ahead of Helm in the state meet last year.

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**THE OTHER Shamrock winners** included heavyweight Toby Heaton, Mike Gentile (121), Jay Helm (126), Brendon Rock (140), Chris Rodriguez (157), Chris Lemanski (169) and Lee Krueger (200). Heaton received a trophy for having the most pins, recording four falls on the day.

Rock and Lemanski celebrated their return to the lineup with championship efforts. Rock had been out with a separated shoulder, Lemanski with a case of pneumonia.

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Jay Helm whipped Novi's Scott Brown in the 128 final, Rodriguez pinned Matt Brinker, Lemanski won a close decision from Ron Fritz and Krueger outpointed Brett Keir.

**IN ADDITION** to the Shamrocks' dominance, the Portage schools, Jensen and Novi combined for three titles. That meant the rest of the tournament had only one champion, Tom Flores of Plymouth Canton. He gave CC one of its few losses in the final, winning the 100-pound crown with a pin over Kevin Rowe. Flores had three pins during the tournament.

Livonia Stevenson's Dave Wojciechowski and Kurt Will were runners-up at 107 and 147 pounds, respectively, and Plymouth Salem's Jeff DeBeke was second at 114.

"We did about what I thought we could," Salem coach Ron Krueger said. "We weren't in the top three category, but I don't think we could have beaten any of the teams that finished ahead of us."

"We've got a lot of work to do, a lot of work," he added.

## Transformed OU team winning a different way

By C.J. Riese  
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A season ago, Oakland University's mens basketball team challenged for the Great Lakes title into the final weeks of the season. This season, everyone except center Dave Hintz (sidelined with a knee injury) returned to a team that ranked ninth in the NCAA Division II in points allowed (66.9 per game).

Got to figure more of the same, right? I mean, why fool with a winning combination? Why make changes on a team that won 20 games?

Greg Kampe didn't agree. And he was in a position to do something about it, considering his position as OU's coach.

Forward Andre Bond and point guard Brian Gregory joined the starting lineup, and suddenly a plodding, half-court, set-up-the-offense style of team was transformed into a scoring terror.

The Pioneers are off to a 7-3 start (4-0 in the GLIAC), and they are averaging 110.7 points per game — quite an increase from last season's 72.1 a game. Their opponents are also scoring more: 97.6, nearly 50 percent more than last season.

**DOES THAT** mean defense has taken a back seat to offense at OU?

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"No, not at all," defended Kampe. "Defense is point margin. Our point margin is nearly plus-15, so we must be doing pretty good."

The main reason for the increased scoring is Gregory. The 5-foot-10 sophomore transfer from Navy has been superb directing the Pioneer attack. OU resumes its schedule Thursday at Michigan Tech after a nine-day break, and Gregory can surpass the school single-season assist record if he matches his average of 15.8.

"I've finally got a legitimate point guard," said Kampe. In his fourth year as OU coach, Gregory enables the Pioneers to control the game's tempo, which has gone from last season's slow-down to fast-paced.

"We're getting an unbelievable amount of more possessions per game," said Kampe. In '86-'87, OU averaged 59 shots while their foes got off 58 shots a game; this season, OU and their opponents are taking 81 shots per game.

Turnovers, too, are up, with OU benefiting. Last year, the Pioneers made 14.4 per game while forcing

15; this year, they're making 17 while forcing 23.

"I LOVE this team and I love this style," said Kampe. "With the schedule we've played, if you told me we'd be 7-3 at this point I would have been happy. We're scoring a lot of points. We seem to have someone different come through for us every game. The bench is doing very well — we can go eight deep, and the way we play we need a lot of rest."

It hasn't been an easy opening schedule for OU. After hosting Northeastern Illinois in their opener, the Pioneers played seven-straight games on the road. They returned home last week for the Convent Food Mart Classic, which they won, but now must endure the dreaded upper peninsula trip, with games at Tech (Thursday) and Lake Superior State (Saturday).

OU won at Northern Michigan earlier, so a split this week would suit Kampe. "If we can get through this 3-0 or 2-1, we'll be all right," he said. "That's because when the Pioneers return, they play six-straight — and eight of their next nine — games at home. And all but one are against GLIAC foes."

"If we can continue to play ball the way we have been, we'll be in

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## Marlins overcome loss of star player to injury

By Dan O'Meara  
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Most teams aren't the same after losing a key player to injury, but the Farmington Hills Mercy volleyball squad appears to be an exception.

The Marlins have fared well in two early-season tournaments with and without their top hitter, senior Jennifer Slosar.

Mercy was runner-up in the Rochester Kiwanis Classic with Slosar in the lineup and was a semifinalist in the Saline Invitational last Saturday without her.

That the Marlins can maintain a quality performance level is testimony to the kind of talent on this year's squad and an indication of the kind of season Mercy can expect.

The Marlins were 9-14 last year in Tim DeBeliso's first season; as coach, and Mercy missed making the Catholic League playoffs by one game. It could be a different situation in 1988.

"THIS YEAR I think we're a legitimate playoff team," DeBeliso said. "This year the kids are hungry for it. The kids are starting to believe the playoffs are a realistic goal for us. That's why we got into the early tournaments, because I thought we'd be ready to play at a higher level right away."

No matter how good the Marlins are, they face a difficult schedule in the Central Division. Livonia Ladywood is loaded with talent and the team to beat, DeBeliso said, and Birmingham Marlian went to the state finals last year.

"Every Monday and Thursday is going to be tough," he said. "I don't think there's a tougher league around — at least in our area."

It appears Mercy will have to get through the first four weeks of dual-meet action without Slosar, who suffered a broken hand during a practice session between holidays. It was unknown whether surgery, which could sideline her for the rest of the season, would be required.

**SLOSAR**, A middle hitter and

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blocker, was the team's most improved player last year and has drawn the attention of Division I schools such as Texas, Notre Dame, Purdue and Ohio State.

"She's 6-foot-1½, she has long arms and she hits the ball hard," said DeBeliso, adding Slosar also carries a 3.9 grade-point average. "That's the kind of kid colleges are looking for."

"You lose a kid like that and it's going to hurt. But injuries happen, so you still have to play."

Slosar is one of seven returning varsity players, and DeBeliso apparently has been able to adjust his lineup to compensate for her loss.

The Marlins have back an all-league setter in senior Candi Boyle.

The second-team All-Observer player runs the 5-1 offense. Another outstanding student, she hopes to attend Stanford or an Ivy League school to study art.

A THIRD returning starter is senior Kristin Orlandoni, who might be the best athlete on the team, according to DeBeliso, and has made great strides since last season.

"She was a middle hitter last year and made a lot of mistakes because she didn't understand the game," DeBeliso said. "But she was too good of an athlete not to have out there, and this year she's learning the finesse part of the game."

Orlandoni, who is second in her class of 284 students, has received an appointment to West Point, which has an excellent women's volleyball program, and is hoping to receive one to the Air Force Academy, also.

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## Mercy reaches semis at Saline

Farmington Hills Mercy's volleyball team advanced to the semifinals of the Saline Invitational last Saturday before being eliminated by Dearborn.

The Marlins began by splitting their games with the host team, 14-16, 15-12. Mercy defeated Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher 15-3, 15-10, split with Dearborn Edsel Ford 14-16, 15-9 and whipped Fowlerville 15-9, 15-5 to win the pool play competition.

Dearborn won a pair of close games in the semifinals to oust the Marlins, 14-16, 15-5, 13-15. Mercy was 2-1 for the day and improved its season record to 7-2.

The Marlins met with success despite the absence of senior hitter Jennifer Slosar, who is sidelined indefinitely with a broken hand.

"You never know how the kids are going to react after something like that, because we had to readjust the lineup," Mercy coach Tim DeBeliso said. "This was the first time with the new lineup, and the kids did an excellent job."

"You hope they'll suck it up when someone goes down and that's what happened," he said. "The kids were very, very pleased and I was proud of them."



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