

# Lack of offensive output costs St. Mary's

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Four points in a 6 1/2-minute stretch — pretty hard to win with that lack of efficiency. Which is exactly what St. Mary's College of Orchard Lake did, and didn't, do.

The Eagles did score just four points in 6 1/2 minutes, and they didn't win, falling to Wayne State 86-77 Monday at WSU.

"We didn't execute, and we didn't finish," summed up St. Mary's coach Glen Donahue. "We had opportunities to make some shots. We got 'em but we didn't make 'em. We didn't put 'em down, then we forced a couple of shots we shouldn't have taken."

The Eagles never did get on track offensively, but that can partly be attributed to WSU's stingy defense. Two days earlier the Tartars whipped Oakland University, the NCAA Division II scoring leader, limiting the Pioneers to a season-low 72 points.

"If OUR defense stays consistent, sooner or later it will make a difference," said WSU coach Charlie Parker. "This was a tough game for us to get ready for. We played Oakland Saturday and Grand Valley last Thursday, two very offensive-minded teams that pushed us to the max defensively."

"Those games kind of took their toll on

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us. We got tired, and when you get tired you have a tendency to shoot offensively."

Neither team seemed sharp in the opening half. WSU shot just 34.2 percent from the floor and St. Mary's wasn't much better, making just 40.5 percent of its shots, as the two teams battled to a tie at 35. The biggest lead of the first 20 minutes belonged to the Tartars, 20-14 midway through the half.

It remained tight until Jim Urbanick's

basket with 14:44 left launched WSU on its run. Urbanick's bucket was the first of eight straight Tartar points. The two teams then traded a pair of baskets before Al Ament's three-point play got WSU started on a 13-point run.

BY THE TIME St. Mary's scored again, it was 66-49 and just eight minutes remained. The Eagles didn't quit, twice clawing back to within six. The last came with 2:16 left on a basket by Jerome Washburn. But six Ament points in the final 1:07 clinched it.

Ament, who finished with 21 points (17 in the second half) and 14 rebounds (nine of

fensive), played a major part in St. Mary's loss. "I thought Ament played well for them," said Donahue. "I felt if they were going to get any inside defense, he'd provide it. And he did."

WSU (12-5 overall) also got 17 points, eight assists and 16 steals from Hank Woodmore (Auburn Hills Avondale), 14 points from Urbanick and 11 from Mario Pearson.

St. Mary's (16-12) was led by James Curtis' 19 points, Jim Butcher's 13, Washburn's 12 and Mike Belczak's 10. Belczak also had 10 rebounds.

The Eagles host Madonna Thursday and Concordia Saturday.

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- ZEITS AT WMU
- GYMNASTICS MEET
- THINK SOFTBALL

Cindy Zeits, a freshman from Farmington Hills and member of the Western Michigan University women's gymnastics team, captured first place on the vault and helped the Broncos win a quadrangular meet Saturday, Jan. 23.

WMU scored 175.65 to beat Northern Illinois (172.75), Kent State (172.35) and Illinois-Chicago (158.75) in Kalamazoo.

Zeits scored 9.10 on the vault. Although she did not place, she scored an 8.10 on the uneven bars and an 8.35 in floor exercise.

### RECORD BREAKER

Susan Herzog, a graduate of Farmington Hills Mercy, set a University of Maryland-Baltimore County record in the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 10:32.5. UMBC, however, lost the meet to Drexel, 136-79.

Herzog won the 100 and 200 freestyles as the Lady Retrievers rebounded with a 156-92 win over Towson State.

### ATTENTION SAILORS

Buddy Melges, a sailor of noted distinction, will address Michigan-area sailors at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21, at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School.

The event is being sponsored by the Pontiac Sailing Education Foundation and will feature a discussion of the 1986-87 America's Cup campaign and an audio-visual seminar on small boat sailing and sail trim. There will be time for questions and answers.

Melges was the skipper of the "Heart of America" yacht in the America's Cup Challenge, an Olympic gold-medal sailor and a national champion in numerous one-design sailboat classes.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets may be ordered by calling 616-6647 or 623-7792 in the evening. Tickets will be sold at the door subject to availability.

Andover High School is at 4200 Andover, Bloomfield Hills — one block west of Telegraph Road and south of Long Lake Road.

### UMPIRES NEEDED

Canton Softball Center Umpire Association is accepting applications for the 1988 slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball seasons.

There will be a mandatory meeting and clinic on Saturday, Feb. 20. New umpires (male and female) and those interested in becoming umpires should call 483-5800 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

## Franklin no match for Hawks

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and Brian Dugas and Ray Richards scored 10 each.

Senior guard Daryl Jackson countered with 18 points for Gallagher.

CHURCHILL 65, N'VILLE 32: A quick start got Livonia Churchill into high gear Tuesday at Northville, en route to the convincing Western Division win.

Churchill, which led 21-4 after one quarter, raised its record to 7-5, 4-2 in the Western Division. Northville continues to struggle at 1-11, 1-5.

Senior forward Nels Thorderson led Churchill early, scoring nine of his game-high 20 points in the first quarter. Thorderson also finished the game with eight assists and five steals. No other player scored in double figures for Churchill, but senior forward Brad Wylie scored nine points in less than three quarters of play.

Scott Kenny had four assists in a reserve role for Churchill.

"This was a good team victory," Churchill coach Don Albertson said. "In this league, there are no easy wins. We just happened to get off to a good start."

Nearly 650 girls will compete in the 11th Annual Aeronaut Gymnastics Invitational on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5-7, at Pontiac Central High School, 300 W. Huron St., Pontiac.

The "Round of Champions" for Class 1 and elite gymnasts will be Saturday at 5 p.m. Competition begins at 2:45 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. Saturday and 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens and \$1 for gymnasts with a USGF card.

SKI RACE

Farmington Hills will have its Nordic Classic Cross Country Ski Race on Sunday, Feb. 21, at Glen Oaks Golf Course and Ski Touring Center. The race begins at 1 p.m.

The competitive event is open to all cross country skiers, and competition will be based on age groups according to the following list: youth, 10 and under; junior, 11-14; nordic, 15-18; senior, 19-25; veteran, 26-33; master, 34-41; elite, 42-49; and ultra elite, 50 and over. The youth race is a co-ed event; all others will have separate male and female races.

The fee is \$5, payable in advance or the day of the race. Skiers should contact the Farmington Hills Recreation Division to register. Additional information may be obtained by calling that office at 473-9570 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Glen Oaks is at 30500 W. 13 Mile, just east of Orchard Lake Road.

Farmington Hills Recreation Division will be accepting registrations for new softball teams beginning Tuesday, Feb. 2, until the leagues are filled.

The entry fees are as follows: men's open, \$350; women's open, \$250; men's resident, \$200; women's resident, \$320; men's industrial, \$320; women's industrial, \$320; and open co-ed, \$285.

All classifications are guaranteed 14 games except for the open co-ed league, which has 10 games guaranteed. The softball season begins May 2 and runs through Aug. 27.

For more information, call 473-9570 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

### 'SILLY SLALOM'

The Silly Slalom Race for Charity, benefiting the American Lung Association, will be held at Southeast Michigan, is slated for Sunday, Feb. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pine Knob Ski Resort.

Besides competing for prizes and helping to raise money, the race allows skiers to ski free all day.

To earn a lift ticket from Pine Knob, participants must raise at least \$20 for ALASEM. The ticket is only good the day of the race, and skiers must register between 8:30 and 10 a.m. that day to receive the free, all-day pass.

For sponsor sheets and details about the event, call the ALASEM office at 559-5100.

# OCC's big first half spells doom for SC

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In the closing seconds of the first half of Saturday's men's basketball game pitting the elite of the Eastern Conference — Oakland Community College — against the druggies — Schoolcraft College — OCC scored easily to push its advantage to 11 points.

That's bad, considering SC's bench and OCC's tendency to wear down, then wear out opponents in the second half. But before halftime arrived, matters got worse for the Ocelots. A quick turnover, an inbounds pass to the Raiders' Derrick Williams, and a three-point swish from the corner made it 17-33.

That's when the buzzer sounded. It might have been SC's death knell: the Ocelots never got closer than the halftime margin, getting a lesson in transition basketball from the only two-cager-to-lead Raiders in absorbing a 96-68 defeat at SC.

"They scored on all of our turnovers," said Ocelot coach Dave Bogatz, whose outmanned team slipped to 7-14 overall and 1-10 in the Eastern Conference. "Hey, they're a good basketball team. And at one time, I had three kids on the floor who never played high school basketball."

THAT "KIND of inexperience made it easy for OCC's veterans, like guard Carson Butler, who scored 11 points and dished out a single-game school-record 18 assists (former

record: 15 by Butch Finnegan, 1970). SC had 10 second-half turnovers, and after the majority of them there was an easy OCC basket.

"We showed nice teamwork," said OCC coach Lynn Reed. "So many times, after a team gets a big lead, the team concept breaks down."

Nothing broke down for OCC for long. The Raiders — 16-4 overall and 9-2 in the conference, one loss behind Highland Park CC — started slowly.

"They hung in there and made it tough on us," Reed said of SC. "I thought our intensity was lacking early on."

## Ocelots upset Raiders

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of her finest performances of the season. The 6-foot-1 center netted 16 points, grabbed 21 rebounds and blocked four shots.

SC led 56-50 with less than a minute left, but left the door open for the Lady Raiders by twice missing the first shot in one-and-one free throw situations. OCC couldn't capitalize, however, twice missing field goal attempts.

Finally, with 18 seconds left, Tammy Adkins led it for SC with two free throws. Adkins had an

outstanding game, pouring in a game-high 18 points, including three-of-five three-pointers in the first half. Darlene Bazner added 10 for SC.

OCC got 14 points from Kathy Jacobs and 13 from Shelley Duncan.

The Lady Ocelots, now 14-5 overall and 6-3 in the conference, play at Grand Rapids Junior College at 3 p.m. Saturday. OCC travels to St. Clair CC for a 7:30 p.m. contest Saturday.

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