# Lady Pioneers are 2nd, hope for tournament bid

Now comes the walting.
At least for Oakland University's womens basketball team, which wrapped up its regular season with a 75-55 trouncing at Hillsdale College Monday. The win, combined with Saturday's 89-57 pounding of Wayne State, left the Lady Pioneers at 24-4 overall and 13-3 in the Great Lakes Conference.

What the victories didn't do was win the GLIAC title for OU, or guarantee it a borth in the 32-team NCAA Division II tournament. Grand Valley State won the title with a 14-2 mark and will get a bift Lake Superior State and OU tied for second. Probably just one will qualify for post-season play, but which one? They split their two meetings during the regular season. LSS was 22-4 overall.

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AGAINST HILLSDALE, OU took command with an elight-point run that gave it an 18-15 lead with 10-30 left in the first half. The Lady Pienners were in control from then on, building a 37-27 halftime advantage and leading by as much as 25 in the second half.

Debbie Delle paced OU with 18 points and 17 rebounds. Leah Fenwick collected 17 points and nine boards, Kim Klein-Green had 12 points and Sarah Knuth finished with 11 points. Sandy Skaisgir's 25 points and 11 rebounds topped Hillsdale (13-14 overall. 5-11 in the GLIAC).

Against visiting WSU Saturday, the Lady Planeers again dominated. They led 24-14 midway through the first half and 46-29 at the break. Their biggest lead was 70-44 with 13-28 letf.

70-41 with 13:28 left.
Shooting was the difference. OU made 39-of-72 (\$4.2 percent); WSU was 20-of-64 (31.3 percent). Five Lady Ploneers reached double-figures in scoring: Delle (20), Fenwick (18), Knuth (16), Klein-Green (12) and Janice Kosman (10), Amy Akthison added seven points and 10 rebounds. Kelly Kowalski's 17 points paced WSU (8-19 overall, 3-13 in the GLIAC).

OU'S MEN'S TEAM kept its slim NCAA II playoff hopes alive by sinking WSU 88-83 Saturday. The triumph pushed the Pioneers' record to 18-9 overall and 10-5 in the GLIAC, with one game remaining — at

10-5 in the GLIAC, with one game remaining — at Hillsdale tonight.

A win could convince those controlling tournament berths that OU — winner in three-of-four meetings with the two GLIAC teams to finish above them in the standings (Ferris State and WSU) — that it deserves a sent.

spot.

OU led from start to finish against the Tartars (19-8 overall, 12-4 in the GLIAC), but the game got interesting in the final minutes. The Pioneers were up 47-38 at the half and, thanks to a Scott Bittinger basket, 75-54

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Unfortunately, Bittinger's basket was the last for OU in the game. The rest of its points were scored at the free throw line, where 13-0-15 attempts were good down the stretch.

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Bittinger finished with 30 points, busting OU records for field goals in a season (He has 285 th record was 284 by Carvin Melson in 1971-72) and points in a season (721; record was 708, by Melson in 1971-772). Gregory had 23 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds, John Henderson and Andre Bond netted 12 points each and Pete Schihl finished with 11 and nine boards.

Woodmore topped WSU with 28 points, Sands had 16.

# Road gets even tougher for defending champion

The road to the Michigan Community College Athletic Association mens basketball championship was a long, arduous one. Too long, to difficult for Oakland Community College, which lost in the final to Lansing CC Saturday.

To get that far, OCC had to beat Macomb CC (ranked in the top 10 in the NICAA's Division Il) and Highland Park CC (the Eastern Conference's regular-season champ)—just for the honor of meeting Lansing CC, the No. I ranked team in the NICAA's II.

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But as tough a task as it proved to be, the one awaiting OCC now is even worse. The Raiders opened the defense of their NJCAA II title yesterday against Alpena CC in the 12-team Region XII tournament, at Sinclair CC in Dayton, Ohio.

ALPENA WASNT expected to give OCC much of a struggle. The Raiders beat them handliy twice this season. But the rest of the tourney draw will. Providing OCC beat Alpena, it will meet Grand Rapids 3C—which advanced to the state semilinals before losing to Lansing CC—at 7:15 p.m. today.

Another victory would put the Raiders against host-team Sinclair CC, the third-ranked team in the

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NJCAA II, on Friday, That's three games in three days, if you're counting. All to get to the region finals to play — wanna guess? — Lansing CC, probably.

"I've got to think Lansing CC is favored," said OCC coach Lyan Reed, whose team entered the tournament with a 22-7 mark. "It think we'd like to get another shot at them."

The Raiders have lost twice to Lansing this season. In Saturday's state final, it was evident they were thred. Their shooting wasn't just off — it wasn't even close.

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DERRICK WILLIAMS averages
24 points a game for OCC. Carson
Butler scores 23, Sam Smilt 20,
Greg Davis 13, Reggle Anderson 11
and Eric Butler 10. Against Larsing.
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Carson Butler was three-of-19 from
the floor, Williams was five-of-19 from
the floor, Williams was freely
"Our legs were gone," admitted
Reed. "That's why we shot so poorly,
especially in the first half. We
didn't take a bod shot."

Their shots just didn't drop. Now,

OCC must win four-games-in-four
days if it is to make it to next weekend's NICAA II final four, at Delia
Community College in Sagnaw,
The Raiders must do it without
starting center Davis, who suffered
a collapsed lung against Macomb CC
and is out for the season. Mare Hogan has proved an ablo replacement
fice had 31 rebounds in the two
games last weekend), but as Reed incleated, "life's prone to foul trouble,
He'll have to stay out of it if we're to
succeed."

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THERE ARE several factors favoring the Raidors. First, they've traveled this road before. A year ago, they balted their way to the region finals for a rematch with Kalamazo Valley CC, which had upset them in the state finals. OCC won to advance to the NICAA finals.

Also, Lansing CC will have a similar road to travel, playing three-games-in-three-days. "At least we'll be on equal ground," said fare helind that they must take chances defensively. "Hopelully, we won't have to play that gambling-type of defens, like we did against Lansing," he said. "We want to play them straight up."

That would save energy for his seven-man team. And energy may be the rarest of commodities by week's end.

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## Swimmer has 8 firsts

Becky Noechel of host Clarence-ville Swim Club captured all eight of for events last weekend in a B Divi-sion meet.

Twenty-six teams and 400 swimmers participated in the meet held at Clarenceville High School. Noechel, competing in the eight-and-under division, won the 25 and 50-yard breaststrokes, 50 back-stroke, 50 butterfly, 100 individual medley, 25, 50 and 100 freestyle. John Hawkins and David Knapp dominated the eight-and-under boys division.

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Knapp captured took firsts in the 25 and 100 butterfly, 25 freestyle, 50 breaststroke and 100 freestyle. He was also second in the 50 freestyle and 100 IM, third in the 25 freestyle

and 100 IM, thru in the 25 breaststroke.

Hawkins took firsts in the 25 and 50 backstrokes, 25 and 50 freestyles, and 100 IM. He was second in the 25 and 50 butterfly, along with the 100 breastyles.

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OCC host for state meet

The 13-14 age group is expected to be among the most competitive, and the Stingrays could come away with records in the freestyle and medley

THE MSSA WILL put a strong contingent in the water at that level. It is a group that includes Linda Goldstein, Kara Goetz, Katie Knipper, Kerry Doran, Donielle Frattier, Meghan Hoppe, Melissa Hurst, Mandy Spier, Katie Sergeant and Nicole Tallarom.

Sergeant and Nicole Tallarom.

Stingray swimmers who have met the junior national qualifying standards are Cramer (100 and 200 breaststrokes), Caraher (fly and back), Laura Fisher (50 free), Alissa Gourng (fly) and Doran (100 and 200 breast, 200 and 100 the cast).

MOI IM).

The Spartans' McKenzie has qualified in the 200 free, both IMs and the two breaststrokes, and Drake has done likewise in the 200, 1000 and 1650 frees-

breastrokes, and breast and the first to a large degree on the shoulders of Audra Carenceville's hopes will rest to a large degree on the shoulders of Audra Martin, a state champ from Livonia Churchili. She has met junior national standards in five events: butterfly, 100 and 200 breasts and both IMs.

Chuck Thompson has coached the Livolia Clarenceville gymnastics team for a quarter of a century, and until Saturday never witnessed a 'Trojan performance quite like this.' Clarenceville, placing a girl in each of the top three all-around spots, won the Western Wayne Gymnastics League Tournament Saturday at bome, scoring 139-81 points.

The Trojans outdistanced Trenton, which placed second at 120,0 Wayne Memorial in third, 118-55; and last-place Belleville, 108-00. Clarenceville's Denies Amert In-Clarenceville's Denies Amert In-Clarenceville's Denies Amert In-Clarenceville's Denies Responsible Sunday State (1998). The been cauching 55 years and I have never hold a team effort like that," Thompson said. "They put it all together, it was a super job."

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vise), 7.4.
Floor exercise: 1. Monique Kozorosky (Wayne), 8.35; 2. Barsh Lynn (Trenton), 8.3; 3. Jennifer Katylo (Clarenceville) 8.2; 4. (tie) Dende Afineri (Clarenceville) and Cherl Crow-ton (Clarenceville), 8.15 sech; 8. Ann Oles

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