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Bryant Satterlee, the 210-pound tailback for John Glenn, tries to elude a Lincoln Park tackler in Saturday's playoff game. Satterlee had

92 yards rushing on 22 carries as the Rockets rallied to win 13-6.

Kantor named all-conference

By Steve Kowalski
staff writer

A reporter phoned the University of Detroit Athletic Department Friday hoping to track down the on-campus number of cross country runner Karen Kantor.

Sports Information Director Mark Engel tried to find the number inside the training room at Calihan Hall and instead found Kantor herself, propped there with an ice pack on her aching left ankle.

What else is new for the freshman from Livonia Churchill?

Sidelined nearly a month earlier this fall by a sprained ankle, Kantor recovered and displayed true form at the Midwestern Collegiate Conference cross country championships Oct. 29 at Loyola University in Chicago. She earned all-conference honors with an eighth-place finish, negotiating the five-kilometer course in 19:24.

TWO-TIME DEFENDING MCC champion U-D finished the meet in third place.

Six days later, however, Kantor was back in the training room nursing the ankle which again is sprained. Kantor plans to major in pre-medicine at U-D.

Wise choice.

"I'm going into pre-med so I can heal myself," joked Kantor Friday, after hobbling down to Engel's office to the phone. "Actually, I've always wanted to be a doctor since I was a little kid. I like to help people and try to help them out."

So far this fall Kantor has been the recipient of good will from U-D coach Kevin Donner, who has helped pick up the freshman's sagging spirits. Though Kantor

currently is unable to run, she hopes to rebound again Saturday when U-D finishes its season at the NCAA district championship at the University of Illinois.

"COACH IS really optimistic," Kantor said. "He believes I'll be running at the districts more than I do. He's brought me a long way."

"It was sad in the beginning because I couldn't help the team in scoring. It was hard to sit and watch them run. It was real depressing, but he helped."

Kantor's improvement this fall has been evidenced by her weekly times. After the month layoff, Kantor competed in her first race at the National Catholic Championships at Notre Dame Sept. 30, finishing in a respectable 21:23.9.

Her times since have improved steadily, clocking 20:11 at the Lakefront Invitational in Chicago and 19:35 at the Siena Heights Invitational.

THEN, OF COURSE, came her all-conference effort of 19:24 at the MCC meet.

"It was a real nice surprise," Kantor said. "I hope to continue to improve."

Sixteen credit hours keep Kantor busy, even when she's been unable to run. She also has six hours of laboratory work.

"But I'm getting through it," she said. "I'll find out more when mid-term grades come out."

Kantor's roommate at U-D is Alicia Bailey, who also graduated from Churchill.

"That makes it sort of like home, though were still away," Kantor said. "Whenever we get depressed we sit down and talk about good times. It's easier also to go back home to Livonia knowing your roommate is going back there sometimes, too."

Rockets playoff winners

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Things didn't exactly look peachy at the start of the second half, either. Lincoln Park recovered a Rocket fumble on a punt and was snuck dab on the Glenn 36. The Raispliters were ready to cash in on their second touchdown, but the Rockets defense stopped them on fourth down at the 21.

Three plays later, Slover connected with Elkins. Kicker Wes Taylor made the extra point, giving the Rockets a one-point lead.

The point-after attempt on Lincoln Park's touchdown in the first quarter (a 3-yard run by John Barnes) was blocked by the Rockets' Dale Yanick. That was perhaps the only big play John Glenn registered in the first half.

The normally methodical Rockets made plenty of boo-boos, especially in the area of bad penalties. In the first half, John Glenn was whistled on five penalties for 53 yards. A personal foul aided the Raispliters on its scoring drive in the first quarter, which went 63 yards in 13 plays.

Also uncharacteristic of the Rockets: Their running game was non-existent. Tailback Bryant Satterlee had only 14 yards in 11 carries in the first half. He rebounded in the second half, finishing the day with 92 yards in 23 carries.

"THEY WERE keying on me a lot," Satterlee said. "We just kept

football

coming at them and wore them down."

Satterlee moved them down on one key play in the second half, running 26 yards on a well-executed draw. The play helped set up Slover's touchdown on a quarterback keeper five plays later.

That play also brought Lincoln Park back to reality.

"We gave up two big plays," Lincoln Park coach James Kalbfleisch said. "They had that draw play on third and (20) and then they had that pass play for the touchdown."

Elkins was particularly smiling about that one. His TD reception was one of only four passes thrown by Slover in the game. Still, he completed three of those for 127 yards.

"He has a sense for the game," said Elkins about Slover. "He just knows where to throw it."

Elkins knew where to run with it once he caught Slover's strike. He managed to chop upfield on the wet grass. A Lincoln Park defender slipped on the play.

"I saw end zone and I just took off," Elkins said. "I felt somebody at my feet. I kept going. As soon as I crossed that (goal) line, it was the greatest thing in my life."

HIS 70-YARD touchdown catch was added to a rather powerful second-half display by the Rocket offense. The team finished with 277 yards total offense.

While Satterlee was having a rough go of it in the first half, fullback Andre Dixon picked up the slack. He finished with 73 yards in 12 carries.

Lincoln Park controlled the line of scrimmage in the first half. John Glenn was forced to vary his attack in the second half.

"I think we were a little too conservative in the first half," Gordon said. "But keep in mind those same plays they were stuffing on us in the first half were the same ones we went over on in the second half."

The Rocket defense earned kudos in the second half, stopping the Raispliters on several key plays. Kraig Kuban and Dixon managed to sack Lincoln Park quarterback Harold Skinner for an 11-yard loss on one play in the third quarter, leaving the Raispliters at their 1-yard line.

Running back Jeff Graft collected 55 yards in the first half, but was held to only seven in the second. Skinner had to go to the air and was stopped on the Raispliters' drive deep in Rocket territory.

"Our defense had to answer the challenge on that one," Gordon said.

Sabo, late-night TV mix well

Fame and fortune may not have changed Chris Sabo much — if at all — but they have landed him a few perks. Like a spot on the David Letterman show.

Sabo, a Redford Catholic Central graduate and star third baseman for the Cincinnati Reds, was the late night TV show host's final guest Thursday. He seemed a perfect choice for the oft-times wacky and always unusual show.

Why? For one, Sabo has sold himself to Cincinnati as a blue collar-type player, an on-the-field extension, if you will, of Reds manager Pete Rose. Rose was well-known for his hard-nosed play. Sabo is the same.

He looked the blue-collar part on the Letterman show. He wore blue jeans and a blue-jean jacket with leather trim. And, of course, he was sporting his trademark crewcut haircut.

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But there's more. Sabo has a reputation as being a genuine article, a down-to-earth type who drives a Ford Escort — even though he can obviously afford something better. Why drive anything else, he has been quoted as saying. A car is a tool, that's all, and an Escort gets him to and from work.

"I could own 10 Escorts for what these guys pay for one car," he has

said.

Gens like that got him on Letterman. And Sabo delivered. Here are a few of his remarks:

● On his cult following: "I don't understand it. Just because I have a crewcut..."

● On his crewcut: "It's a nice landing place for paper airplanes."

● On the difference between minor league ball in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and major league ball in Cincinnati: "The paychecks are bigger."

● On his off-season workouts, which in addition to tennis and weightlifting includes aerobic dancing: "It's rhythm-type of stuff. I'm pretty clumsy."

● On the pennant chances for the 1989 season: "We win it. There's no doubt in my mind. I wish (the season) would start right now. I'm pumped."

● On his feelings regarding females: "Hey, I'm normal."

The crowd loved it. Sabo's reaction? He seemed bewildered by the attention.

Which is probably what the crowd loved most.

— C.J. Ritsak

St. Michael of Livonia wins CYO grid crown

St. Michael Elementary School of Livonia won its second straight Catholic Youth Organization variety football championship Saturday, whipping St. Mary's of Redford, 22-8, at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The CYO title is the third in five years for the seventh and eighth graders under coach Jerry Rioux, whose teams have won 21 straight games. The varsity finished the 1988 season at 9-0, winning three playoff games by a combined score of 92-20.

After a scoreless first half, St. Michael took command of the CYO title game, scoring three second-half touchdowns. Dan Liebean scored the Gaels' first TD, recovering a fumble in the end zone by tailback Fred Beaugreard, who had reached the 4-yard line after a 21-yard run.

Fullback Chris Barbara and quarterback Matt Sauk accounted for the rest of St. Michael's scoring. Barbara completed a 60-yard drive, scoring from 4 yards out, and he later returned a kick-off 79 yards for a TD. Pete Jackson helped free Barbara on the 79-yard kick return with a key block, Rioux said.

SAUK CONVERTED two of three extra-point attempts.

"We had a good bunch of kids this year," Rioux said. "We didn't have any problem kids, and we have 15 seventh-graders coming back next year."

Members of St. Michael's team included: Anthony Hesano, Matt Ambrosiak, Jamie Fitzgerald, Chris Barbara, Matt Sauk, Scott Gourlay,

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