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SC coach Nick O'Shea thinks North Farmington's Donna O'Brien (13) will make an immediate impact for the Lady Ocelots.

## SC reloads

### Meath, O'Brien among recruits

By C.J. Rieak  
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There were a few glaring problems Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team battled last season, which meant coach Nick O'Shea — who guided the Lady Ocelots to the National Junior College Athletic Association championship in 1987 — had some work to do during the off-season.

His task is nearly complete. O'Shea is still shopping for a few players and is hopeful he can sign "at least one of three" remaining on his list. But even if he doesn't, SC should be much improved over last season — for several reasons.

Understand, O'Shea lost some talent. All the remnants of the NJCAA championship squad are now gone. But he has filled the holes, and the team he figures to put on the field will be better rounded and deeper.

But O'Shea also had another recruiting chore to tend to. He had to put together a better schedule, to make certain what happened to SC last season would not be repeated.

IN SHORT, the Lady Ocelots never got the opportunity to defend their NJCAA title because they were not invited back to the tournament. It wasn't their record that kept them out, rather, it was a lack of quality opponents. Several teams backed out of scheduled matches.

That won't happen again in '89. For one thing, SC's schedule is much improved. The Lady Ocelots will take two trips to New York to play four matches against some of the top teams in the NJCAA. SC plays in the Monroe CC Tournament Sept. 30-Oct. 1, then travels to Long Island for games against Nassau CC and Farmingdale CC Oct. 21-22.

In between, SC will host two JC powers from St. Louis: Meramec CC on Oct. 14 and '88 NJCAA champion Florissant Valley CC on Oct. 15.

However they fare on the field, the Lady Ocelots can't be penalized by someone else's opinion, as they were last year. The NJCAA tournament will not have berths open for invitation; a team must win a playoff to qualify. Since SC is the only NJCAA varsity team in its region, it will play Central CC of Kansas — the only JC team in its region — for a berth in the tournament.

ALTHOUGH THE addition of a playoff game (SC received an invitation to the NJCAA tourney three straight years, without having to play a game) means nothing is certain, O'Shea has gone to great lengths to assure his team will be among the field at the NJCAA tourney in Trenton, N.J., Nov. 16-20.

First, however, the losses: defenders Shari Acitelli, Jennifer Belhart and Lisa Hyako and midfielder Maureen Frampus, all from the '87 championship team, and keeper Chris Moore.

SC's strength a year ago was defense; its weakness was offense. Gina Carozzo, better suited to defense, according to O'Shea, was pressed into duty as a forward. Joan Arndt was overworked at forward, too. The result was inconsistent goal-scoring and constant pressure on the midfield and defense.

The addition of Canton forward Shannon Meath should help. Meath was an all-Western Division selection at forward and was second team all-Observer.

"I'm looking forward to coaching her," said O'Shea of Meath. "Her addition will make it a lot easier on Joan or whoever's up front."

She won't be alone among front-line newcomers. Tina Gelmini from Livonia Stevenson is a defender who O'Shea plans on using up front.

THE DEFENSE should still be solid. Returning are sweeper Kellie Davis and defenders Rosemary Hal-



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Shannon Meath, from Plymouth Canton, will be counted on to improve the SC offense next fall.

ly and Lori Stoecklein, and Carozzo. Dawn Gabriel is also back to anchor the midfield.

Donna O'Brien, from North Farmington, could be the best of the new defenders — if that is indeed where she plays. O'Shea may move her to midfield. O'Brien was honorable mention all-state, first team all-Western Lakes Activities Association and second team all-Observer.

"When you take a quality player like Donna and mix her with a lot of other quality players, she'll look better," said O'Shea of O'Brien. "She looks better playing with better players. It opens up her game more."

Joining O'Brien on defense will be Trisha Greenhalge, an all-Western

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## Adray Stars to meet at Tiger Stadium

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Bob Atkins, the Detroit Adray Appliance baseball coach, knows players get a bigger kick out of hitting a home run at Tiger Stadium than laying down a bunt.

That's why you won't see Atkins or any of his assistant coaches making any funny motions in the third base coach's box Wednesday when the Detroit Adray All-Stars meet the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League All-Stars at 7:30 a.m.

Admission is free. Spectators should enter through Gate No. 11.

"I've never changed my philosophy (in all-star games)," said Atkins, the former athletic director at Redford Union. "It's a game to showcase the players' talents and show how fast they can run, throw and hit."

It's not fun to go to Tiger Stadium and sacrifice bunt. We won't hit-and-run or take a pitch unless it's 3-and-6."

The Detroit All-Stars will play two games Wednesday, with the second beginning at 12:30 p.m. against the Lansing All-Stars.

THE DETROIT team has won nearly every all-star encounter over the years, and that's largely because the LCBLL has residency requirements, diluting the talent pool.

Some of the Detroit team's talent, including starting pitcher Pat Bujcan (Midland and Central Michigan University), come from out-of-state residences.

Only a handful of Detroit's stars hail from Cbsverland, including projected starters Lance Sullivan (Livonia Churchill) and Mike Hammontree (Westland John Glenn).

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SULL, Atkins had a previous coaching stint in Livonia, and two years ago the LCBLL stars beat Detroit, so he's familiar with the talent crop.

Atkins has other players with local ties on his All-Star roster including John Glenn graduate Clint Straub, of Appliance; Livonia's Frankie graduate Henry Miller, of Westland Redford; and Rick Karcher, who graduated from North Farmington and plays for Appliance.

"Don't sell the Livonia team short," Atkins said. "There are good ball players

there. I was over there a long time coaching. Nine years."

Heading the list of Livonia All-Stars is Duke Plunz's Dave Crespi, the circuit's leading hitter at .487. Also playing will be Eric Linek of Redford Little Caesars, who leads the Livonia league in RBI with 22.

Caesars has nine representatives on the team, a testimony to the team's first-place standing in the LCBLL (14-3-1).

CAESARS COACH John Moraitis is the LCBLL All-Star coach, and his ace, right-hander Steve Witt, will get the starting call. Moraitis, who named four of his pitchers to the team — hopes his eight-man pitching staff can keep the Detroit stars in check.

"We got pretty good hitting, but I'm not sure about our pitching," Moraitis said. "That's usually where we're weaker than

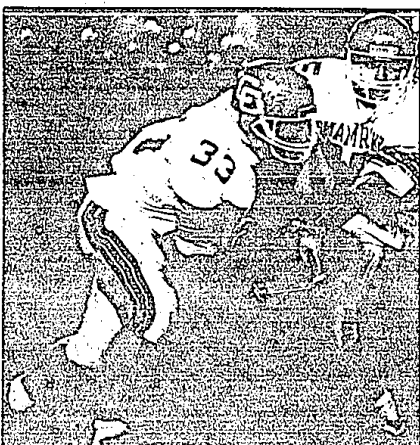
Detroit. In our pitching. We can't recruit as heavily as they do. They've got kids from good schools like Michigan and Michigan State, schools like that."

"We won two years ago, though; against them and I would say we're 'Even-Steven' and we're going out to win, not showing up to lose."

Also in the eight-man rotation is Hines-Park Livonia Mercury ace pitcher Derek Darkowski, who carries a 5-1 record. The left-hander from Plymouth, who has struck out a league-high 37 batters, might surely be used Wednesday because of all the right-handed power in the Detroit lineup.

Atkins said the second game against Lansing will showcase Eric Methner, Lansing's pitcher from Michigan State "who will be the best pitcher in the stadium. He's a big, strong kid. A good one."

## Top gridders prime for 9th-annual All-Star Game



FILE PHOTO

Leo Krueger (33), from Plymouth, is on his way to Wisconsin after guiding Redford Catholic Central into the Class A finals two straight years.

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The ninth-annual Michigan High School All-Star Football Game will be played Saturday, July 29 at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium.

The game, matching the East against the West, can be seen live on PASS television, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Forty players, including 11 from the Observer's Eccentric coverage area, will line up for the East team. The West team has won the last two games, but the eight-game series is tied at four games each.

Leading the East team will be Waterford Kettering's all-state quarterback Jim Miller, who has signed with MSU. One of Miller's targets will be Bryan Wauldron, an All-Observer first-team wide receiver from Class B state champion Farmington Hills Harrison.

WAULDROD ALREADY has signed a letter of intent to attend Eastern Michigan University, so next month's game will be a chance to show why he was thought of so highly, Harrison coach John Herrington said.

"It's a game where they throw the ball a lot so it will help him," said Herrington, who was an assistant coach in the first All-Star Game in

1981. "The game doesn't help kids get scholarships because most of them have signed already. They want to know how they stack up against other kids who they've read about."

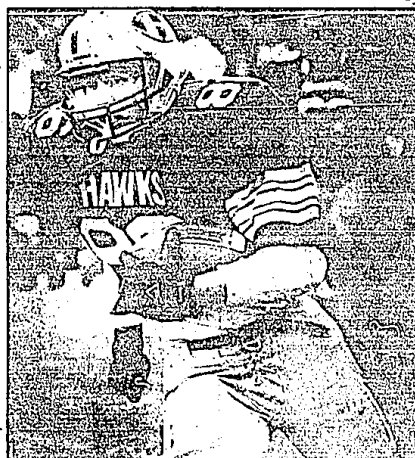
"I was there as a coach but it's for the kids. They have a lot of fun up there. They have a ball playing against each other."

THE EAST All-Stars are comprised of players from Wayne, Oakland, Monroe, St. Clair, Lapeer, Sanilac, Macomb, Huron and Tuscola counties.

Also playing for the East is Redford St. Agatha offensive guard Mike Boyle, who has signed with Eastern. Other members from Cbsverland include Redford Catholic Central nose guard Leo Krueger (Wit's cousin); Livonia Stevenson defensive lineman Eric Ruth; and Westland John Glenn fullback Bryant Satterlee (Central Michigan).

The Eccentric area is led by Dennis Edwards, a defensive back from Rochester Adams who has signed with the University of Oregon.

Edwards, who caught 27 passes as a receiver and made 50 tackles from



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Harrison's Bryan Wauldron hopes to latch onto a few all-star passes before heading to Eastern Michigan.

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