

# Oakland's soccer program is on a roll

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There's no doubt about it — Oakland University's soccer program is on a roll.

Not just the team, mind you. The entire program. It showed last Friday, when OU hosted University of Michigan in its first-ever night game, played at Rochester High.

Pioneer coach Gary Parsons had publicized the match by sending out 6,000 fliers to various youth teams, and he did give away a couple hundred free passes to a Rochester High booster group for allowing OU to use their facilities. But there were no special prices, and no other freebies.

"I was hoping for (a crowd of) 1,000," Parsons said. He didn't get it. Instead, he got a turnout that can only be guessed at, because it overwhelmed ticket-takers. Indeed, they ran out of tickets as people waited a half-hour after the match started to get in.

"It was tremendous. The athletic department was not prepared for that kind of turnout," said Parsons, who estimated that 4,000 people attended.

AS THEY have all season, the Pioneers didn't disappoint. After surrendering a quick score to U-M — Todd Neff broke down the right side and bounced a shot past OU keeper Ralph Torrey after just 46 seconds — OU rallied for a 3-1 triumph.

Alan Stewart tied the game on a penalty kick at 4:11, awarded after Simon Mayo was pulled down by U-M's Dick Millery in the box. The Pioneers took the lead at 18:56 on a score by Earl Parris, with John Brennan assisting.

The only goal of the second half was notched by Stewart, but it was a pretty play by Emmanuel Enyedy and Erik Enyedy (from Southfield) that set it up. Charles got

free down the right sideline and crossed a pass in from the corner. The ball went past the net, but Enyedy retrieved it and quickly clipped it back in to Stewart for the goal.

After Tuesday's 5-2 triumph over Michigan State — with goals by Derek Willford, Stewart, Masood Goro, Parris and Charles — the Pioneers are 6-0 and ranked second in the NCAA Division II. And that makes them the favorite to win the Marriott Invitational, which they host this weekend.

BUT IF HISTORY prevails, winning will be more difficult than it sounds. Formerly the National Invitational Soccer Tournament (Marriott) is in its first year of open sorship, this is a championship that has eluded OU for five straight years. That's right: The Pioneers have never won the title.

Which says something about the caliber of competition, year after year. This year is no exception. OU opens at 3 p.m. Saturday with an old nemesis, Missouri St. Louis, then plays University of Tampa at 3 p.m. Sunday. Tampa clashes with California State-Sacramento at 1 p.m. Saturday, and UMSL meets Sacramento at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The game that concerns Parsons most is his first, against UMSL. It should. Although the Rivermen are just 3-2 for the season, their losses have been to NCAA Division I teams Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and St. Louis.

Also, UMSL and OU have tangled in this tournament in the past. In 1987, the Pioneers lost to UMSL, both times at OU: once in the tournament finals, and then again in an NCAA II tourney game.

OU GAINED its revenge last season, beating UMSL twice — once in the finals of UMSL's tournament and again in the NCAA II tourney.

"The game on Saturday is more important than the match on Sunday," Parsons acknowledged, "because Missouri-St. Louis is a key inter-regional match."

Both teams are members of the Great Lakes Region and, if history is any indicator, Saturday's game could be a preview of the NCAA II tourney.

At present, the Rivermen seem to have a lot of key positions to refill. Gone from last season's team are a pair of All-Americans, keeper Jeff Robben and stopper Scott Wibbenmeyer. UMSL still has lots of talent among its six returnees, including senior forward Warren Dey, who has scored three goals.

Freshman forward Craig Frederking also has three scores, and senior keeper Pat Mulvaney has a 1.00 goals-against average.

Like OU, UMSL also has a strong tradition. The Rivermen have been to the NCAA II Final Four six times and won the title in '73. In 1987, they lost to Southern Connecticut State in the semifinals.

TAMPA, TOO, has a history of excellence and cannot be taken lightly. The Spartans won the NCAA II title in '81 and lost in the finals to Seattle-Pacific in '83. Tampa was 11-6-2 in '88 and was beaten by Gannon University in the first round of the playoffs.

Which means three of the four teams at this weekend's tournament were NCAA II playoff participants in '88. The fourth, Sacramento, finished 10-8-1 and was ranked 19th last year in the final polls.

Tampa boasts the top returning player among the four teams in midfielder Mika Mubarek, a senior midfielder from Espoo, Finland, who was a second team All-American last year when he totaled 11 goals and six assists. Tampa was 1-1 going into Wednesday's match with Central Florida. The Spartans' only loss was to defending NCAA II champ Florida International.

Winning this elusive title won't be easy. "Of course we

can win it," said Parsons. "Whether we do or not is something else again."

THUS FAR this season, Parsons has been pleased with his team's play. "The way we've been scoring goals has been great," he said. "We've been putting away our chances very well. The guys we have up front are experienced, and the others have been doing a good job of servicing them."

The offense, led by seniors Stewart (seven goals, four assists), Parris (six goals, five assists) and Mayo (two goals, five assists), was never in question. The defense, which — except for Torrey in goal and junior defender Dan Weirich (from Rochester Adams) — was inexperienced, had to be rebuilt. So far, though, Parsons has had little to complain about.

"(The defenders) have been doing real well," he noted. "We gave away some goals we shouldn't have, but that's going to happen."

"If they get a crowd matching last weekend's."

"We're hoping to get a good turnout," he said. "I don't think we'll get 4,000. I don't know what we'd do if we did get that many."

OU NOTES: There will be more than good college soccer to watch at OU this weekend. Three high school games are scheduled, too. On Saturday, Rochester Adams meets Detroit Country Day at 9 a.m. and Birmingham Brother Rice goes against Catholic League rival Warren DeLaSalle at 11 a.m. On Sunday, Troy Athens tangles with Kalamazoo Central.

There was a good reason for OU playing a night game at Rochester last week. Parsons was trying to make a point: That OU could average 1,000 fans a game if it had a field with lights and played at night. Seems the turnout may have proved his point.

## Fall is time for outdoor action

THE LEAVES are changing colors and the nights are getting colder and colder.

It doesn't take a genius to realize that fall is upon us, and that only means one thing to the outdoors enthusiast: action, and plenty of it.

If fishing is your fancy, walleye are still biting fairly well in Lake Erie while action is beginning to drop off in Lake St. Clair. Perch and channel catfish are hitting throughout southeastern Michigan.

Salmon action is picking up as the chinook and coho begin their fall spawning runs. Best action so far has been reported along the western shoreline where night time temperatures are steadily dropping to the 50-degree range. Action should continue to improve with more cold weather or a little light to moderate rain.

Pier anglers and boat anglers fishing close to shore are reporting fair to good catches of salmon while river anglers are also being told to have sporadic luck. A few steelhead are also trickling into the rivers.

SMALL GAME season — squirrel, rabbit, partridge — began Friday opening the door to the long awaited hunting seasons.

Small game season offers deer hunters an excellent opportunity to



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get out into the woods and do a little pre season scouting. It's also an excellent opportunity to teach a youngster about outdoor skills such as hunting safety, shooting, and the general laws of conservation and nature.

Bald Mountain and Holly state recreation areas both offer quality small game hunting as do several public access sites throughout southeastern Michigan. Contact the Department of Natural Resources Pontiac district office at 660-1500 for an complete list of state land and public access sites open to hunting.

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DNR DIRECTOR David F. Hales has issued two orders to protect spawning fish populations and minimize unlawful fishing activity at and downstream of the Foote Dam on the AuSable River in Iosco County. Concentrations of salmon and

steelhead that build up below the dam, especially in shallow areas at the dam site, have resulted in heavy angling pressure and illegal snagging.

The posted orders, that went into effect Aug. 1, include a fishing closure and a restriction on public access site parking.

An area 175-feet downstream of Foote Dam is closed to all fishing Aug. 1 to Oct. 31. This order remains in effect through March 31, 1991.

Vehicles may not be parked in the Foote Dam public access site parking lot between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. This order will remain in effect annually Aug. 1 to Oct. 31, for an indefinite period.

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THAT WEIRD-LOOKING trailer sitting in the backyard that you sometimes use as a camper could be worth more than you think. The Livonia-based Michigan Asso-

ciation of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) is sponsoring a contest — in conjunction with the Detroit Camper and RV Show, Oct. 11-15 at the Pontiac Silverdome — to find the most unusual RV in town. The winner will receive a \$2,000 bond.

Motorhomes, travel trailers, pop-up campers or anything that may be classified as an RV is eligible for entry into the contest. According to Lyn Weihenhausen, show director for MARVAC, "The stranger, the better."

Anything else forms are available by writing to MARVAC at 19045 Farmington Road, Livonia 48152, or by calling 477-3434.

(Bill Parker is happy to answer questions readers have regarding the outdoors. Send your questions or comments to Outdoors, 505 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009.)



## Swim machines provide alternative

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The swimming machine is great for average to poor swimmers or someone with a small pool. Any device you buy that will suit you and encourage that exercise habit is well worth it.

## outdoors calendar

### IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

Sept. 22 — Resident bear season opens in Zone II.

Sept. 23-30 — Archery Sighting Days at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 6700 Napier Road, Plymouth. WWOCA features a practice range and a 28 target broadhead course. Call 453-9843 for more information.

Sept. 23-Oct. 1 — The 19th edition of Boat Show USA will run at Metro Beach Metropark daily from noon to 8 p.m.

More than 1,300 boats will be on display with larger boats displayed on water and trailerable boats on shore. The sheer number of boats explains why the show is suitable for comparison shopping.

For further information, contact

Jack Leverenz or Jim Dixon at 468-6300.

Sept. 24 — Deadline to apply for the bonus deer license.

Sept. 24 — 28 target broadhead shoot at Royal Oak Archery Club, 2700 Orion Road, Lake Orion. Call 693-1468 for more information.

Sept. 26 — The Ruffed Grouse Society's 13th Annual Sportsman's Banquet will be held at 5 p.m. at the Royal House, 8301 E. 13 Mile Road, Warren. Tickets are \$45 per person and include a prime rib dinner, prizes, a silent and a live auction. For more information on tickets, contact Douglas Toppin c/o McEndorffer, Hoke and Bernhard Inc., 1625 S. Woodward suite 200, Bloomfield Hills 48303.

Oct. 1 — Archery deer season opens statewide.

Oct. 1 — Raccoon season opens

statewide.

Oct. 4 — Monthly meeting of the family-oriented Four Seasons Fishing Club will be held at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. Outdoors reporter Art Dittus will discuss surf fishing for salmon. New members are welcome. Call 477-3818 for more information.

Oct. 4 — Fall turkey season opens in six management areas.

Oct. 10-10 — Pheasant season opens in areas of the Upper Peninsula.

Oct. 11-14 — Detroit Camper and RV Show, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds, will be held at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Oct. 17-22 — Early elk season opens in limited area of the northern Lower Peninsula.

Oct. 20 — Pheasant season opens in the Lower Peninsula.

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- UNIVERSITY of MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS (MISSOURI)—18-3-1 ranked #13 nationally
- UNIVERSITY of TAMPA (FLORIDA)—11-6-2 ranked #8 nationally
- SACRAMENTO STATE UNIVERSITY (CALIFORNIA)—10-8-1 ranked #19 nationally

### THE SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.—Youth Select Tournament  
9:00 a.m.—Rochester Adams H.S. vs. Country Day H.S.  
11:00 a.m.—Brother Rice H.S. vs. DeLaSalle H.S.  
1:00 p.m.—University of Tampa vs. Sacramento State  
3:00 p.m. Oakland University vs. University Missouri-St. Louis  
7:00 p.m.—Tournament Banquet at Oakland University

### THE ADMISSION

Children .....\$1.00  
Youth Soccer Players No charge  
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### Tickets and Information:

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