# Lady Pioneers come up empty at final

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POMONA, CALIF. — All that separated Oakland University from disappointment and a berth in the NCAA Division II women's basketball linal was a lapse. Make that, one-too-many lapses.

The Lady Pioneers certainly had their share. Still, they overcame them all except the last, Which proved to be their downfail in a T2-68 NCAA II semillinal loss to the company of the

WITH 1:06 LEPT in Friday's game, OU was ahead 66-65 and had the ball a surprising turn of events, consider-ing the Lady Pioneers traited 34-15 with 2:10 left in lirst half and had shown no evidence of altering their

course.
They did, though, making 7-of-8 free throws to end the first half trailing 34-22, then putting together a 10-2 run early in the second to draw to within 40-37.
A Janice Kosman basket with 11:28 to play put the

Lady Pioneers in front 46-45, their first lead since the 15-minute mark of the opening half. It was a scrap the rest of the way, neither side gaining more than a five-

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Two Debble Delie free throws with 1:42 left put OU up 66-65. The Lady Ploneers regalined possession after Bentley's Kim Penwell missed a jumper from the free-throw line.

But that's when OU which had performed miserably through much of the opening 20 minutes, committing 17 turnovers balked. The ball bounced away from Dawn Lichty and in the ensuing scramble, a jump ball was called, and Bentley got possession.

DEFENSE HAD kept the Lady Ploneers in the game throughout, and it nearly did so again. Delie batted a pass away, but the Falcons' Missey Wolfe recovered it. The seramble for the loose ball had serambled OU's defense, though, Wolfe took advantage, penetrating and feeding the ball inside to Sheryl Boettger for the goahead layup.

On their next possession, the Lady Pioneers tried to get the ball inside to Delle. The senior center riddled Bentley's defense for 27 points but it was batted away and stolen by the Falcons with 20 left.

When the final horn sounded, coach Barbara Stevens felt "a big sense of relief." With good reason; her Falcons entered the contest with an offense predicated on

the inside strength of center and leading scorer Stacy Pahl and forwards Bootiger and Tracte Seymour. But Pahl got into foul trouble quickly she played only nine minutes, scoring two points and Bentley was outre-bounded by 00 18-52. "On the property of the pro-ton the grame seemed to be negated tonight," ad-mitted Stevens. "It was good delease by Oakland."

UNFORTUNATELY, the Lady Pioneers' first-half offensive woes offset their defensive prowess. They made just six-of-26 floor shots (23 percent) in the first 20 minutes.

At halftime, coach Bob Taylor did not "rant and rave. e just said (Bentley) made a run and we shot very

we just said (tenticy) made a run and we shot very poorly.

"But if you believe in percentages (OU made 51.3 percent of its shots during the season), you'd have to fligure we'd make a run."

It was Delie, selected to the all-tournament team, who triggered the raily. She scored six points in OU's 10-2 run and 20 in the second half.

"When she caught it," said Bentley guard Lisa Gagnon of Delie, "she usually scored."

The Falcons' foul problems aided OU's comeback. With 5:33 left, Monica Odoy became the IIIth Falcon to draw her fourth personal.

THAT HELPED open things up for OU. "We kept going inside to Debbie, and we were looking for our guards to penetrate, especially Janice (Kosman)," said Taylor.

It almost worked. Still, those lapses particularly in the first half stung the Lady Pioneers. With 8:37 left' before halftime, they had as many turnovers as points (11).

"I felt really good about the shots we were getting (in the first hall)," said Taylor. "I just wanted us to make one more pass. I thought we got into a hurry on offense. Everything was rush, rush."

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Another decisive factor: scoring balance. Other than Delle, only Kosman (10 points) reached double figures for OU. Brow added nine.

But Jennifer Golen (averaging 14.3 points a game) was limited to 2-of-6 shootlog and Dawn Lichty was 6-for-3 from the floor. The two starring guards scored just six points each and combined for six assists, while committing a total of 11 turnovers.

Bentley had four players score in doubles: Seymour (16), Boettger (15), Wolfe (14) and Gagnon (10).

ON SATURDAY, the Lady Pioneers were over-matched against the bigger Broncos. Suli, OU had a 19-13 lead with 13:24 left in the first half, thanks to 10 points by Golen.

A Lichtly free throw put the Lady Pioneers in front 28-27 with 8:44 left in the half. That's when the roof fell in. In the first 20 minutes, L-foot-1 center Marcine Ed-monds (12 points, six rebounds) and 6-foot-2 forward Nikl Bracken (eight points, five rebounds) dominated in-side and 5-10 guard Stephanie Coons (13 points, four boards) worked OU over outside for Cal Poly.

## sports shorts

#### SWIM NATIONALS

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The Michigan Stingray Swim Clubwill be well-represented this week at the U.S. Swimming Junior Nationals-East meet, which runs from Tuesday through Saturday in Cleveland. Gwen Rowlands, Katle Knipper, Linda Goldstein, Becky Wyquist, Anna Palmer, Elizabeth DeMattia, Kerry Doran and Eric Newton have qualified to swim Individual and relay events. Mike Hoeflein, Chris Knoche and Scott Mayotte will join Newton for the relay competition.

#### SWIMMERS SOUGHT

Boys and girls interested in being a member of the Farmington YMCA swim team, the Devil Rays, next year should contact the YMCA at 553-4920. Talent is not a prerequisite, just the desire to improve and willingness to participate.

#### SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

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Kathy Helmbuch of Farmington
Hillis has been namied the top female
scholar-athlete by the Great Lakes
Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Helmbuch, a junior at Hillsdale
College, has been a three-year letter
winner on the women's tennls team
and was 10-2 last year.
Playing in the No. 1 singles position, Helmbuch finished second in
the league tournament, and she
teamed with Silvia Siquelra to win
the No. I doublest title.
Helmbuch is majoring in elementary education and carries a 3.0
grade-point average.

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#### HEALTH SCREENING

The annual pre-athletic health screening for all 1990-91 male and tenale athletes in the Farmington Public Schoots system will be Tuesday, May 22 at North Farmington High School. The cost is \$8 (cash only).

The times will be 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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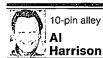
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Cass Sicilia, executive director of the Bowling Centers of Michigan for the basis 20 years, has announced that she will be stepping down from her position on April 9.

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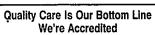
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