Fine-tuned

SC victory good preparation for league

By C.J. Risak staff writer

The game is fun again.
Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team sped up and down the
floor Monday, outclassing the visiting Adrian College junior varsity
with ease. No way the Buildogs
could keep pace in this game; the final score was indication of that:
SC 128, Adrian 102.
The Ocelots had an 11-point lead
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(a-4-43) at the intermission and a 10-2 start in the second half decided the Issue. Sure, Adrian closed to 13 on three separate occasions — the last was 85-72 on a Scott Hill three-pointer with 10:33 left — but never got closer. SC always had the answer.

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and the season schedule and the Season schedule and the Season schedule is season schedule in the safety examining his team's record. "And that's better
than 1-5. like last year."
Bogataj knows the easy part of the
schedule is over. A road game at
Lake Michigan CC is coming up Saturday, before the real fum begins—
the Eastern Conference slate. And
what a start; a home game against: me Eastern Conference state. And what a start: a home game against one conference favorite, Oakland CC, Wednesday, followed by a trlp to play another, Mott CC, Dec. 15.

Women prevail on road

Tricla Lucas' sharp shooting and Julie Sawicki's clutch shooting were the difference for the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team in a 62-57 win against Siena Hielgh's junior varsity Friday in Adrian.

Lucas connected on 10-0f-11 from the floor and 11-0f-12 from the line in scoring 31 points. No other Lady Ocelot reached double figures, but Sawicki had 9 — including 2 free throws with 10 seconds left to thwart a late Siena Hielgh's rafly Lee Anne Lightfood also scored 9 points for SC.

The Lady Ocelots led by as many as 20 — they were up 38-30 at the half — but needed Sawicki's end-of-the-game heroics to preserve the win.

BOGATAJ PLANS to try and keep the Ocelots in a pace similar to the Adrian game's. His reason is simple: "We're going to have to because we can't go half-court. Those teams will beat us up if we try and go half-court against them.

"We have to go for the quick shots.
Once we get down inside, it's tough.
We have to be quick in a half-court
game ... we have to rely on whatever quickness we have."

In Monday's shootout, the final Bulldog raily was thwarted by Lynell Collins, a freshman point guard from Southfield. Collins con-verted a pair of layups, both after turnovers, he finished with a game-high 30 points, 20 coming in the sec-

Collins got plenty of offensive help. Four other Ocelets reached double-figures in scoring. Mitch Fyke (21): Kwesi McGill and Randy Matters (17 acach, and Barry Quayle (15). Collins also had six reculs and four assists, Watters had seven assists and sever rebounds, McGill had, six assists and Quayle hauled in 10 boards.

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Five Bulldogs scored in double-figures too, led by Eric Davis' 23. Hill had 19, Chad Demery netted 18, Bob Brugger had 17 and Brian Temple Jinished with 11.

BUT ADRIAN was similar in size and not nearly SC's equal in talent or

depth. Such favorable odds won't be present in the conference season. The Occlots will have to use what-the over superiority in quickness they can muster to set up those easy shots — and they if have to convert them. Bogataj would also "like to see a lot less turnovers. In an up-tempo game, you expect to see turnovers, but you don't want to see them in the double-dozens."

It will be difficult for SC to win when it's surrendering the ball 20-to-30 times a game. It will be equally hard to win if the roster is ravished by end-of-the-semester cademic losses, as it has been in recent years. Bogata j said he knew of no players having classroom problems at present.

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Indeed, SC may even be strengthened for the second semester when
guard Marcus Lowe, a sophomore
from Westland, becomes eligible.
Lowe, a 1988 John Glenn graduate,
layed a season at Madonan College
before the program folded after the
1988-89 campaign. He didn't play
last season, but academic troubles
prevented him from becoming immediately eligible at SC.
There's no doubling Lowe's abilities, he'll be a definite asset. When
combined with those already in the
lineup, SC is transformed into a formidable unit.— as long as everyone
stays cligible and healthy.

Good start fueled Salem's rise

Plymouth Salem's experiences last August in the first week of the girls basketball season put the Rocks on course for a successful year.

The first three games provided the insight and direction that eventually guided Salem all the way to the Final Four for the third time in five

It took eventual state champion Detroit Martin Luther King to stop the Rocks with a 60-38 set-back in the semilinals of the Class A tournament Friday night.

"We really achieved everything we could this year," Salem coach Fred Thomann sald. "We maximized our ability to the end. There was not much more to be accomplished with a roadblock like Martin Luther King in the way."

A fine season — the Rocks were 22-4 and won the Western Lakes Activities Association title for the fourth time in six years — began with Salem winning the Traverse City tournament, defeating Sterling Heights and the host school.

humbling experience when the Rocks were sound-ty beaten by No. 1-ranked Flint Powers 58-40 in their next game.

"Our season and our expectations were shaped early in the season," Thomann said. "That put us in the position to know we were pretty good but not great and we had to keep working.

"We were down 15 points to Sterling Heights and came back to win. That was important for our team to believe good things could happen. Flint Powers was a good lesson. We had beaten two pretty good teams, but we found out we weren't the best team out there."

The Rocks overcame injuries and illnesses to win 15 of their next 17 games and finish the regular season 17-3.

A key was the play of sophomore Christy Par-mucha at point guard when returning starter Kel-ly Austin, suffered a knee injury that required surgery and sidelined her for the entire season.

"WE NEEDED someone to step in and fill that spot, and she did a great job," Thomann said.

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NEITHER TEAM lost another game during the regular season and entered the post-season tournament with 19-1 records.

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accounted for most of Salem's outside scoring.

"We'll definitely have to make some adjustments in terms of the perimeter game." Thomann said. "Right now I don't know if we have a consistent three-point shooter like Betsy or Sarah."

Salem's strength next year should be its post-up game since that's where most of the returning players will be. Junior Darcie Miller and sophomore Yolanda Jackson started at post positions, and juniors Emily Giuliani, Martha Bol and Allison Fyke and sophomore Cyndl Platter came off the bench.

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I think that became one of our strengths this year. Thomann said. "Even Cyndi Platter had some great games for us. People really stepped in when Emily went down (with spinal meningitis), and we've got a nice group of players ready to play on the inside."

WITH THE addition of Parmucha and possibly a healthy Austin to that group, the Rocks will be a team to watch again next season.

Salem will have competition in its own backyard, however.

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Plymouth Canton, which played some close games with the Rocks, loses one starter, alt-league guard Mary Barna, and will return quality players like Julie Nicastri and Stephanie Gray.

We lose two starters; they lose one, "Thomann said." "They'll have four starters back; we'll have three."



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The Michigan Eilite (boys under-19) Soccer Club, coached by Schoolcraft College men's coach for the spring season at 9 tonight and Thursday Dec. 13 at the Schoolcraft College (boys to the spring season at 9 tonight and Thursday) Dec. 13 at the Schoolcraft (boys the spring season at 9 tonight are invited to try out.

For more information, call manager Wayne Worosa at 453-4011.

The Michigan Wolves (boys under-19), sponsored by the Livonia Y Premier Soccer Club, will hold Ittle Division tryouts at 8 am. Saturday, Dec. 15 at Total Soccer's Southfield Area, located off Beech Daly between Eight and Nine Milerads.

roads.
For more information, call Mark
Mason at 474-5763.

● NEW YEAR'S EVE RUN

The New Year's Even Family Fun Run/Walk will be Monday, Dec. 31 at the Marine Corps Re-serve Center (Brodhead Armory), 7600 E. Jefferson, Detroit (across from Belle Isle). (T-shirts guaran-teed to the first 2,000 entries.)

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first 25 competitive walkers.
The four mile run starts at 4.30
p.m. with awards going to the first

500 finishers.
Registration and T-shirt pickup will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Marine Corps Armory, Hace day registration will also be at the armory.
Pre-registration fees (before Dec. 29) are \$8 (children 12 and under), \$12 (non-mile run/walk) and \$12 (four mile run/walk) and \$12 (four mile run/walk).
Late registration fees are \$15 (adults) and \$12 (children).
For more information, call 224-1184 (between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.).

● EMU BASEBALL CAMP

The Eastern Michigan University Winter Baseball Camp (ages 8-16), featuring catcher Chris Holles of the Baltimore Orioles, will be Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8-9, at Bowen Field House. The cost for commuters is \$60 (includes lunch both days and Trahit). For an overnight stay, the cost is \$95 (includes lunch and diner on Friday, a room at Howard

cost is \$99 (includes lunch and din-ner on Friday, a room at Howard Johnson Lodge, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, along with a T-shirt).

For more information, call 487-

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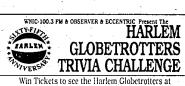
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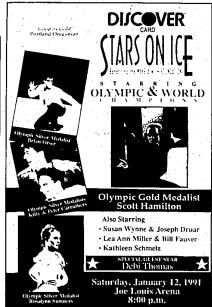
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