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# Raiders romp past SC



SC's Lynell Collins soars in for a dunk against OCC — one of the few highlights in the game for the Ocelots.

It wasn't all bad for Schoolcraft College Wednesday night.
The final score would seem to indicate otherwise — a 127-96 thrashing dealt out by visiting Gakland Community College in both teams Eastern Conference men's baskelbail opener.
But, really, this game was a game for the first 11 minutes. The Ocelots came out determined, scoring eight of the first 10 points — six by Kwesi McGill — and they had a 10-4 lead after 44 minutes. With 9-20 left in the opening half, SC was still up 25-24.

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But by then, the teams' benches started to play a role. And SC's bench was overmatched and, ultimately, overwhelmed by its OCC

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said SC coach Dave Bogalaj when asked his opinion of OCC's bench. "I think it goes all the way back to OCC."

WELL, IT'S not quite that deep But there was no appreciable drop in talent when Raider coach Lynn Reed began substituting. Indeed, in the first half OCC's second team outperformed the first unit.

Here's some numbers to considers seven, four, three, four, four, seven, five, two and two. They represent the points OCC scored in between Occiol baskets over the last 9:18 of the first half. The Raiders outstoered SC 33-16 in that stretch to surge to a Sc4-24 advantage at the intermission.

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mark of the second half, the Raiders had cracked the century mark and were ahead 101-36.

For any interested mathematicians, those last 10 minutes — during which Reed emptled his bench — were better, scorling wise, than the cover better, scorling wise, than the COC 40-27 during that street.

NOT THAT it mattered. What did impress was OC's overall performance. A year ago, a blowout like this could be expected; SC was low on talent to start with, and after the academic losses at the semester break the level dipped even lower.

But this Ocelot team is pretty good. It's got quickness, and can run and shoot. Problem is, OCC is even quicker, can rebound better, and is proving to be a good shooting team. That final factor concerned Reed entering the season, but the missing

That final factor concerned Reed en-tering the season, but the missing piece of the puzzle has seemingly been found.

"I thought our weakness would be our shooting, but we've been work-ing, working, working on it," said Reed. "And we're shooting pretty well."

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So what doesn't this team up wen, coach?
"There's no real weakness," Reed replied. "We can run the break, we can play pretty good defense, we can press, we can rebound. I think we'll get even better and better."

HOW?
"We're not a good practice team,"
he answered. "In fact, we're one of
the poorest practice teams I've had

at OCC. I keep telling them that will be our downfall." Finally, an admitted weakness— the Raiders don't practice all that well. Which prompts an obvious question: If they're this formidable without good practices, how good can they be if they start practicing well?

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Reed won't come right out and admitted. The start was a start with the start could be better with the start could be better with the start with the start with the start was claim to light the with any the current Raiders have more talent.

A major reason for his optimism — and for OCC's 9-0 start, which includes a win over Lansing Cr. previously ranked No. 1 in the NJCAA II — is the play of his backcourt. Returnees Whitaker and Starlin Stevens played well last season, but were not big scorers.

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THEY ARE now. Whitaker knocked down 15 points in the first half against SC, including three triples; he had six treys and a gamehigh 28 points on the night. Stevens had 12 first-half points and 15 over-all

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The Raiders' Starlin Stevens takes a forearm to the face from SC's Randy Watters, but still gets the layup.

## North ready to contend for league championship

By Ray Setlock staff writer

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This could be North Farmington's year to win the Western Lakes Activities Association boys swim title, and cache Susan Gendron Isn't afraid to say just how conflictent she is about the Halders' chances.

"I am real excited," Gendron said We have a strong team, and I think our chances are real good. We are not just strong in one area, our whole squad is strong."

North is led by junior Chris Knoche, who is best in the 200-yard individual medicy, the breasttroke or the 200 freestyle.

In the WLAA meet, Knoche was second in the latter event (1: 47.52) and third in the breasttroke (1: 05.21).

(1:03.21). North also returns senior diver John Juliano and junior backstroker Mike Drelles. Juliano was fifth in the lengue, and Drelles was fourth in the IM...

IM.
"We are a well-rounded team,"
Gendron said. "I'm real optimistle."
Junior Keith Lee will have big
shoes to fill for North. He is being
counted on to replace Chuck Chuba
in the 50 and 100 freestyles. Chuba
captured WI

### swimming.

### Barringer gets state-swim cut

Farmington Hills Harrison's Jason Barringer was the highlight in a 131-55, season-opening loss Tuesday to West Bloomfield at Oakland Community College.

Barringer made the Class B state cut in the 100-yard breaststroke with a 1:03.45 time. He also won the 200 individual medley in 2:10.62.

The Hawks' Ryan Koonce cap-tured first place in diving with 214.40 points.

expected to contribute this season.

"As good as I think we are, we'll just have to see what happens," Gendron said. "Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson also have strong

Hawks win 2nd in row

isn't looking at the upcoming season in terms of winning a WLAA crown, but first-year coach Lisa Collins hopes to qualify as many people as possible for the Class B meet.

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The Hawks were seventh in the always-tough WLAA, but they did send
six individuals to state.

"I don't know if I have enough talent to win the conference title," Collins said, "We are in a rebuilding
stage right now. There are only
about 18 kids out for the team. We'll
have to wait and see.

"My only immediate goal is to qualify as many people as we did last year for the state meet."

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Barringer will participate in the IM and breaststroke, while Koonee will handle the diving.

At last year's WLAA meet, Barringer took sixth in the breaststroke (1:05.28) and Koonee Ilnished fourth Indivine.

(195.28) and Koonce Inished fourth indiving. Senior Jayson Schwalm will swin the 59 and 100 freestyles, and junior Todd Farabee is expected to compete in the butterfly. Collins also looks for newcomers Mark Strohmaler, Nyan Osterbeek and Craig Dixon to contribute this season.

Farmington Hills Harrison outscored Redford Union 36-15 during the middle quarters Tuesday en route to its non-conference win at home, 63-41. The game was scheduled to be played at RU, but a water-main break caused the move to Harrison. The win improved the Hawks to 2-1 overalla RU is 1-2. Harrison led 8-7 after one quarter and outscored RU 13-4 in the second to open a 21-11 halftime lead. The Hawks put the game away by outscoring the Panthers 23-11 in the third quarter for a 44-21 lead. "The game plan for RU was to pass the ball many times and it was working." Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "We wanted to speed up the game and we did. I saw a lot of improvement tonight — the court awareness of (Dan) Higal and the defense of (Roy) Granger." Senior forward Rick Drew led a balanced attack with 11 points. Junior guards Hight and Granger and junior center Paul Giltyydis added gipt points applece. Granger had six steals and Hight three.

Junior guard Bilt Maiecki led RU with 16 points and senior guard Steve Zimbalatti poured in 10.

SEAHOLM 49, NORTH 48: A late raily couldn't save North Farmington from losing its second game in as many outlings Tuesday. Trailing 41-29 after three quarters, the Raiders out-

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scored visiting Birmingham Scaholm 19-8 in the fourth quarter, but it still wasn't enough. Scaholm built a 25-20 halftime lead before pulling away to a comfortable

third-quarter lead. Steve Sheckell led Seaholm with 24 points.

"We fell behind too much in the first three quarters," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "The kids played harder and converted in the fourth quarter." Senior forward Chris White led North with 20 points.

WAT. MOTT 79, FARMINGTON 43; Waterford Mott led 19-14 after one quarter and built a 39-25 halltime lead, cruising Tuesday to the non-conference win over the visiting Falcons. The rout conlinued in the second half as Farmington

o visiting Falcons.
The rout continued in the second half as Farmington is outscored 23-8 in the third quarter and 17-10 in the inth. Jason Childress led Farmington (0-3) with 10

points.

Tom Bradley paced Mott with 21 points.



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