

OCC crushes Delta

Oakland Community College got a late wake-up call from Christmas, but it was early enough to defeat host Delta Community College 82-69 in men's basketball Saturday.

OCC improved to 13-0 overall. They are ranked in the top five in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II.

OCC was down 16-2 after 4:00 in the first half before Ed Whitaker, Starlin Stevens and Devin Bell each hit three-pointers to keep the Raiders in the game at 16-11.

Delta led 41-33 at the half before OCC took the lead for good with 12:00 left to play. The Raiders held Delta to 28 second-half points.

Bell led five players in double-figures for OCC with 18 points. Whitaker had 16 points, James Essee scored 13, Stevens chipped in 12 and Rashe Hevriere added 11. Jerry Priestson contributed nine points and 12 rebounds.

OCC has six players that average double figures, headed by Revere at 17.3 points per game. Three players also average nine or more rebounds per game.

John Tyler led Delta with 19 points. Ron Frierson added 18 and Chris Chaffer had 10. Tyler and Frierson each had 12 points in the first half, but were held to seven and six points, respectively, in the second half, thanks mostly to the defense applied by Khari Maxwell and Deshaun Stewart.

OCC hosts Highland Park CC at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Hight paces Harrison

Dan Hight sparked a third-quarter surge Tuesday by Farmington Hills Harrison as the Hawks routed to a convincing 78-50 win over Milford Lakeland in non-conference basketball.

Hight scored nine of his 10 points and passed for four assists in the third quarter when the Hawks outscored Lakeland 20-13 and took a 53-44 lead. Hight finished with eight assists.

Harrison improved to 5-2 overall, and Lakeland slipped to 1-6.

"He played a great point guard," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "There was fire in his eye, and he took the game over passing and scoring. Every one of our points in the quarter (not scored by Hight) came off his passing."

Beneficiaries of Hight's passing included Andy Smith, who scored a game-high 23 points, and Paul Glynnis, who added 16.

Harrison led 14-13 after one quarter and increased the lead to 33-31 at halftime. Senior forward Ron Shindorf led three Lakeland players in double figures with 15 points.

Canton defeats North

Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team scored a solid victory in its season opener Tuesday.

The Chiefs came up with a team score of 133.60 to defeat Western Lakes Activities Association rival North Farmington. The Raiders posted a total of 125.15.

North's Heather Kahn won two of four events outright and tied for first in a pair of others.

Kahn and Johanna Anderson of Canton shared first on the vault with a score of 9.3. The Chiefs' Kim Reynolds took third with a score of 9.0.

On the uneven parallel bars, Kahn scored 8.5, Canton's Jenny Tedesco took second with a score of 8.5, while Anderson claimed third with a score of 7.95.

North had two of the top three places on the balance beam. Kahn won the event with a score of 8.75. Canton's Dawn Clifford was second (8.45) and Jameelah Carter of North third (8.25).

Kahn scored 8.55 on the floor, but first in floor exercise, Anderson took third with a score of 8.75.

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• SOCCER CHAMPS

After completing a 5-1-2 outdoor soccer season, the Farmington Badgers, an under-14 girls team, moved indoors and won the Total Soccer Holiday Tournament.

The Badgers tied the Redford Royals 0-0 in the final but won the title based on total points. They had seven of a possible eight.

The Farmington roster includes Nicole Bullion, Bethany Chambers, Julie Earle, Jenni Gallant, Sarah Green, Shelly Grieson, Jessica Guilford, Erin Kenney, Denise Laurie, Jessica Mahan, Jamie Pawlowski, Candace Perkins, Natalie Reje, Amy Spurlock, Heidi Wahl and Erin Williams. The Badgers are coached by Bill Green and Joe Pawlowski.

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Rocks fare best in tourney

By Dan O'Meara
Staff writer

Of the eight Observerland wrestling teams competing in the Plymouth Salem Invitational, the host Rocks made the best showing Saturday.

Salem finished fifth in the 18-team tournament, which was won by Belleville with 160 points. The top five included Novi (144), Portage Central (129), Ypsilanti (124) and the Rocks (121 1/2).

Other area teams included, in order of finish, Farmington, Livonia, Livonia Stevenson, North Farmington, Plymouth Canton, Wayne Memorial and Garden City. (See statistical summary for complete results.)

"We're wrestling all these people with five starters out and doing pretty well," Salem coach Ron Krueger said. "We feel if we can ever field a complete team we're going to have a fairly good team."

The Rocks did as well as they did without Ken Coker, Charlie Apigian, John Moran, Tom Baker and Bob Hansen, each sidelined by injury or illness.

"WITH THEM in the lineup, we would have been a lot better, but the kids who were on the mats did a good job," Krueger said.

Salem had one individual champion in 185-pound Dan Bonnet, who pinned Portage Central's Terry Morrow with one second remaining in the match.

"He pinned everybody all the way through and did a nice job winning it," Krueger said.

Scott Martin, the No. 2 seed, was runner-up at 112 for the Rocks, and Jeff Shumate was the consolation

Wrestler boosts record

Todd Lytwyniuk was 3-0 and Farmington Hills Harrison teammates Gary Devine and Dave Prusinski had two wins apiece Tuesday in a quadrangular wrestling meet.

The Hawks lost to host Farmington 54-15 and Waterford Kettering 69-6 before finishing with a 45-36 victory over Berkley.

Lytwyniuk defeated Farmington's Ryan Adams at 189 pounds and won twice by void. His season record is 10-1.

Devine was 2-0 at 140. He won a 5-0 decision against Dave Link of Farmington and won by injury default over Berkley's Scott Harkonen. Devine (8-2) didn't wrestle in the Kettering match.

Prusinski defeated Jon Al-Maki of Berkley 14-6 and Jon Duff of Farmington 4-2 at 125. He was 2-1.

Harrison's other winners in the Berkley match were Jason Gloetzer in the heavyweight division, Eric Brown (135) and Mark Gloetzer (160). All three had pins.

The Hawks are 1-4 in dual meets.

winner at 135. Salem also got points from Jeff Coleman, who was fourth at 140, Chad Wilson, seventh at 125, and Phil Haynes, eighth at 171. Josh Viaw (145) and Wade Langdon (189) were one match away from placing.

"(Martin) had to wrestle a tough kid in the final, and (top-seeded Brian) Paquette of Novi knew he was in a match," Krueger said.

Shumate was the No. 2 seed but, after losing in the quarterfinals, wrestled better as the day went on. Krueger said. Coleman was seeded fourth at 140 and placed there.

Coker, a heavyweight, had beaten the invitational champ, Mike Bete of Portage Central, in an earlier tournament at Lansing Eastern and would have faced well Saturday, according to Krueger.

MORAN, WHO injured an ankle last Thursday in a dual meet with Temperance Bedford, was 1-1 Saturday but defaulted at 103 after the

second round.

"He would have placed; he would have done something," Krueger said.

Bob Hansen (152) was sidelined with mononucleosis. Baker (160) has a knee injury and might not wrestle again this year and Apigian (171) was unable to wrestle after having a cyst removed from his neck.

Apigian, who was the Bedford tournament champion, could have placed among the top two at his weight, according to Krueger.

"Right now, the intensity level in our room is going to increase," he said. "The first half (of the season) was spent just getting ready. Now we're going to start putting for the league. The tougher the league gets the tougher we have to get to stay in it."

The Rocks are defending champions of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The only other champion from an Observerland school was Canton's

SC begins year with 1-point win

Win some, lose some.

The annual mid-season rebuilding process has begun again for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team, four players were lost to academics at the semester break, and two others (Tom Sark and Andy Stevens) had to quit the team for financial reasons.

What remains nearly half (six of 13) of the players coach Dave Bogatay had at practices in the fall are gone. He's added two others to the roster: William Dawson, a 5-foot-10 guard from Livonia, Franklin, and Dave Hippie, a 6-3 swingman from Plymouth Salem. Both should be eligible by next week.

The Ocelots could have used them Saturday, but they started the new year in style anyway, pulling out a dramatic 97-96 victory at Alpena CC on Mitch Fyke's three-pointer at the buzzer.

What made the victory remarkable was that SC had just three players left on the court when Fyke hit the game-winning. Four others — Scott Meredith, Dave Hamilton, Bar-

ry Quayle and Randy Watters — fouled out in the second half.

Alpena got all the help it could ask for from the officials. The Ocelots were 28 fouls called against SC. 20 against the Lumberjacks. They were 25-of-41 (17-of-30 in the second half) from the line, the Ocelots made 20-of-30.

MEREDITH WAS the first to foul out, with nine minutes left. Hamilton followed with four minutes to play, and when Quayle got his fifth with 1:15 remaining, SC had just four players left. Watters went to the bench with his fifth with 1:18 left.

That left Kwesi McGill, Jeff Wagner and Fyke on the floor. Scott O-

ben canned two free throws after Watters' foul to put Alpena up 95-94.

A turnover gave the ball back to Alpena, and SC fouled Oiben again with 0:56 to play. He made one of two free throws, increasing the Lumberjack lead to 96-94.

Fyke inbounded the ball to Wagner, who passed back to Fyke. Fyke beat the two men guarding him downcourt and let loose his game-winning shot from about 21 feet.

Four players did all the scoring for SC, which improved to 8-6 over-

wrestling

George Young, who scored an 8-6 decision over Belleville's Mike Komaromi to win the 171-pound title.

Other invitational winners were Nick Williams (103), Portage North-east, Kris Kane (125), Riverview, Steve Davis (130), Belleville, Jim Muscato (135), Ypsilanti, Shadi Fahs (140), Portage Central, Mike Gowans (145), Novi, Jason Lovell (152), Johnson, Mike Bahr (160), Ann Arbor Pioneer, and Eric Boersma (189), Portage Central.

Observerland wrestlers taking runner-up honors or consolation titles were Farmington's Jon Duff (125), second, Brian Link (130), third, and Mike Pajlo (160) second; Franklin's Pat Poisson (145), third, Wayne's Rich Simioneo (103), second, Stevenson's Doug Carmack (152), third, and Canton's Liam Rentz (140), second.

Additional area wrestlers who placed among the top eight in their respective weight classes:

Farmington: Dave Monge, 145, sixth; Chris Knox, 152, fourth; Steve Watters, 171, fifth; Matt Siskary, 189, sixth; John Link, 112, eighth; Franklin: Bob Johnson, heavyweight, fifth; Derek Rowland, 103, fifth; Paul White, 160, fourth; Gary Whitford, 169, fourth; Ben Linceo, 169, seventh; Wayne: Jason McLeander, 145, fifth; Stevenson: Bryan Bercs, 112, fourth; Ryan Gurnee, 152, fourth; Brian Mitchell, 135, fourth; Chris Lett, 127, sixth; Tony Gerson, 150, eighth; North Farmington: Dan Cassidy, 112, fifth; Marcus Brown, 135, fifth; James Lawrence, 152, fifth; Aaron Lawrence, 165, sixth; Jimmy May, 119, seventh; Rob Chika, 185, seventh; Garden City: Barry Dandridge, 125, sixth; Chris Gook, 136, fifth.

all, 1-2 in the Eastern Conference. McGill led with 30 points. Watters had 28. Fyke finished with 22 and Quayle netted 11 and seven free-throw points. Three-point shooting keyed the Ocelot effort. They made their first six and were 11-of-14 for the game.

Alpena (0-3) in the conference, 6-9 overall, got 16 points from both Mike Kollen and Daniel Bridges. Scott McCulloch had 14. Mike Fonger scored 12 and Oiben got 11.

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