

Crusaders rout Siena

No drama, no last-second heroics, no overtime miracles, just a routine victory — and Madonna University's women's basketball coach Bill Potter was grateful for it.

After an exhilarating and exhausting 77-75 overtime win

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against defending NAIA District 23 champ Aquinas College last Thursday, Madonna quietly and efficiently put Siena Heights to rout on Saturday, 83-54, in a game played at Albion.

"We almost let a 12-point lead slip by at the end of the first half," said Potter, whose team is now 2-0 in the district and 8-9 overall. "But we pretty much controlled the tempo of the game."

Stephanie Niebauer and Cheryl Sangregorio led Madonna with 17 points each, but several other players made significant contributions.

Preps study grid choices

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Wayne Memorial football player Bruce Calhoun has made an official recruiting visit to Western Michigan University and will visit Bowling Green State University this weekend.

Calhoun, second on Wayne's all-time rushing yardage list behind Rick Rogers (University of Michigan), said he'd prefer to attend a school that will let him continue to play football.

Colleges also have looked at the possibility of playing the 6-foot-1, 190-pound Calhoun at defensive back or fullback. Calhoun carries a 3.8 grade point average and turned down a chance to play at Holy Cross because there are no athletic scholarships offered there.

BGSU, winner of two-straight Mid-American Conference titles, finished the season 27th ranked nationally in Division IA.

"If Bruce goes to a Division IA

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school and it's offense they use him at, he'll probably end up at fullback," Wayne coach Chuck Howton said. "A lot of schools go to the run-n-shoot, one-back offense and want a real elusive, quick back. Bruce is more of a power runner."

Livonia Franklin linebacker Jason Facione is the only Observerland player to make a verbal commitment, settling on Central Michigan University. Players can sign letters of intent on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Redford Catholic Central, despite winning the Class AA championship, has only one player drawing interest from Division I schools: defensive tackle Joe Suhajda.

Suhajda is visiting the Air Force Academy this weekend and West Point the following weekend, CC coach Tom Mach said.

Suhajda also is drawing interest from Michigan State and Bowling Green.

Aaron Babicz, an all-state lineman from CC, is visiting St. Joseph's of Indiana, Hillsdale and Northwood Institute, according to Mach, and linebacker Joe Herman will visit Saginaw Valley, Northwood and Ferris State.

CC has sent several players to Northwood in recent years and that could be the destiny of a few more Shamrocks this year, like linemen Paul Nemzek, Dan Liebau, Mike Grzywacz and back Brady Pankow.

Farmington Hills Harrison wide receiver/safety Keya Smith, an All-Observer first-team choice, said he has visited Ferris State and will visit Hillsdale. North Farmington all-area tailback Todd Anderson, who has a 3.97 GPA, is leaning toward attending Princeton in the Ivy League.

Oakland CC men rout Delta cagers

The first game Oakland Community College's men's basketball team played without leading scorer and rebounder Myron Banks went pretty well.

Not that the Raiders wouldn't rather have Banks (academically ineligible) in the lineup, but against visiting Delta CC Saturday, they had more than enough weapons to enforce a 96-76 victory.

As coach Lynn Reed noted, "We decisively out rebounded them (46-32). And they had 33 turnovers. They didn't handle our press very well."

OCC took advantage of its opportunities. The Raiders led 49-38 at the half and kept pulling away in the second half.

Four players reached double-figures in scoring for OCC: Troy

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Coleman (26 points, on 13-of-17 shooting), with eight steals, six rebounds and four assists; Bill Knight, 19 points, 12 boards, five steals and three assists; Craig Martin, 14 points, five assists, three steals; and Willie Payne, 10 points, six boards and three steals. Kevin Woodmore, from Avondale, finished with seven points, eight assists and eight steals.

Wes Wood's 23 points paced Delta, now 9-4 overall, 4-2 in the Eastern Conference.

OCC improved to 9-8 overall, 3-2 in the conference. The Raiders host Highland Park CC Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

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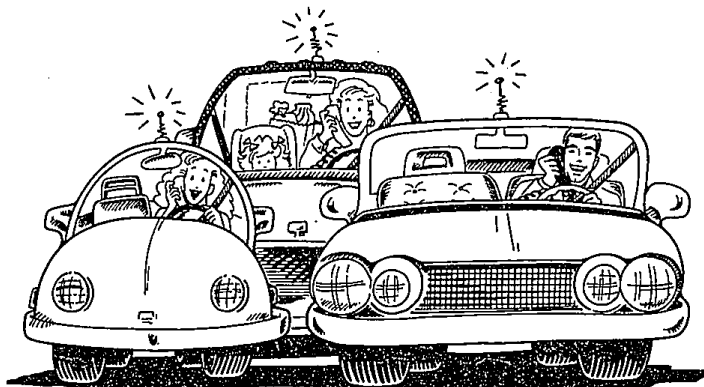
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BASEBALL TRYOUTS

North Farmington-West Bloomfield will have baseball tryouts for an 11- and 12-year-old travel team. NFWB plans to enter a team in the Little Caesars Baseball Federation for the first time. For information call NFWB manager Bob Sopo in the evening at 661-6276.

COACHES NEEDED

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