Ocelots win game; Crusaders win also, but lose players

Nice warm-up.
Which is all Wednesday's home game against Sinclair (Ohio) Community College was, in truth — preparation for a much tougher test, which came yasterday at Owens CC (Toledo, ranked No. Iin the NJCAA Division II.

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Sinclair was no test at all for Schoolcraft College's men's team, which reced to a 50-21 lead by halftime, then coasted to a 102-61 triumph!

The win improved SC's record to 6-3.

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"I thought that was one of our better efforts of the year defensively," said Ocelot coach Carlos Briggs. "We're starting to play better as a team. We're starting to share the ball more, rotate the

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Brown added 17 points and 14 rebounds, Quentin Mitchell had 12 points, and Chris Colley and Dwight Windham netted 10

Madonna wins, but loses

It has been one dark December or Madonna University's women's basketball team.

women's baskethell team. "First the Lady Crusaders lost leading scorer Kathy Pangania. Then last Saturday, back-up center Stephania Upalle — an all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference volleyball player — suffered a severe knee injury and is lost for the season. That was followed by more

to share the ball more, rotate the ball better.

"And we're cutting down on our turnovers, which has been an Achilles heel for us."

Five Ocsiots reached double figures in soring, led by Lamer figures in soring, led by Lamer Bigby with 22 points. Robert

length of time.

With the bench shrinking each
gene, it seems amazing that the
Crusaders can put up much of a
fight. But they not only put up a
fight against WBU, they got a
victory — 74-61.

The win boosted Madonna's record to 6-4. The Lady Warriors are 4-6.

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The Crusaders, who lost Enfield after just five minutes, still built a 10-point lead by helf time (87-27), thenks to 14 first-half points from Chris Dietrich. Dietrich finished with 17 points, making all three of her three-point attempts.

point altempts.
Jen Amy's hasket and free
throw brought the Warriors to
within four (47-43) with 12-46
left in the second half, but they
could get no closer. A basket by
Kristl Florensi (from Plymouth
Canton) and a triple by Jacks.
Kocis pushed Madonna's lead
back to nine (52-43) with 11-52
remaining.

Joining Dietrich in double-fig-

ures in scoring were Kocis with 12 and Carissa Gizicki with 10, Florenzi finished with nine. Gizicki also totaled seven rebounds, five asists and three

WSU got 14 points from Amy and 11 from Liz Beach.

Madenna outshot the War-riors, converting 22-0/-48 from the floor (45.8 percent) compared to 25-of-79 for WSU 131.8 per-

The Crusaders also hit 7-of-11 three-pointers (63.6 percent) compared to 4-of-28 for WSU (14.3 percent), and were 23-of-27 at the line (65.2 percent); the Warriors were 7-of-11 at the stripe (63.6 percent).

WSU men rout Madonna

The question is, why play this

game?
Madonna University's men's
basketball team had virtually no
chance when it took on Wayne
State Wednesday in Detroit. And

it showed from the start: the Crusaders fell behind by 26 at the half and ended up absorbing a 103-49 shellacking. The loss left Madonna at 2-12 for the season.

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Not much went right for the Crusaders. They converted just 20-of-57 floor shots (35.1 percent) and were just 30-f16 from three-point range (20 percent); at the free-throw line, Madonn and 6-of-9 (63.7 percent) compared to WBU's 20-of-23 (87 percent).

The Crusaders were outre-bouded 46-28 and committed a whopping 33 turnovers com-pared to 11 for the Warriors.

Jason Skoczylas led Madonna with 17 points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots. Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) added 11 points. No one else scored more than six.

WSU got 14 points spicce from Adam Jones and Alex Ward. Brent Wall and Charles LeSure added 12 each, Ben Bakken

11 rebounds and eight steals, and Andy Dold collected eight assists and five steals.

Madonna played without sophomors Mike Massey, the tesm's top scorer who sat out the game for disciplinary reasons.

SC women fall

An 11-point advantage evapo-rated down the stretch for Schoolcraft College's women's team, which lost at Lansing CC 55-51 Wednesday.

The defeat let the Lady Ocelots carry a 1-8 record into the millenium break. They don't play again until Jan. 3 (at Macomb CC).

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With 11:30 left in the game, SC had an 11-point lead, but squandered it. Janelle Olson and Antone' Watson topped the Ocelot scorers with 13 points apiece; Angelica Blakely added eight points, 16 rebounds and five blocked shots.

Raider men, women need holiday break to change their losing ways

Oakland Community College's men's and women's basketball teams ran into a little tough

going late in the week.

Lake Michigan College's mer's
team defeated Oakland Commu-

team defeated Oakland Commu-nity College, 71-68, Wednesday night in Benton Herbor. Edward Wallace came off the bench to lead the Raiders (4-6) with 16 points. Tim Swafford had 16, Joyell Leatherwood 13

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and Walter Malone 11. †
A 28-2 deficit in points off
turnovers hurt OCC, as did 35
percent shooting hecause the
Raiders held a 64-38 rebounding
edge. Leatherwood had 16
rebounds to help OCC gain a 31dege in second-chance points.
OCC had 27 turnovers in the

game to just 11 for Lake Michigan. Scottle Shaver led Lake Michigan (6-4) with 19 points.

OCC women drop two

OCC's women's basketball team lost two more basketball

team lost two more basketball games — but at least they were coming closer to victory. On Friday, OCC lost a 48-41 decision to visiting Alpena CC, wasting a 23-17 halftime lead.

OCC made it to overtime Thursday night but fell, 71-61, to Sinclair (O.) CC.
Mahogany Fletcher led the Lady Raiders with 16 points Friday afternoon but no other player reached double figures. Sara Wesa had nine for OCC (1-8).

Wess had hise for Occ (2-5), Alpena CC (2-5) got 12 points from Sofie Bootz and 10 from Melissa VanStedam. In the second half Alpena shot

43 percent while holding OCC to just 25 percent (6-for-24) shoot-ing. Alpena made half its 10 three-point shots in the second half while OCC went 1-for-10.

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The Lady Raiders lost the rebounding battle, 41-28.

In the Thursday night overtime tussle, Weas scored 23 points to lead four players in double figures. Fletcher had 15, Nicole Schulte 13 and Breanna

Pearson 10.
Sinclair made nearly twice as many turnovers, 21-16, but won the rebound battle, 56-37.
Sinclair shot 54 percent in the second half to just 29 percent for the Lady Builders.

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