


Ocelots have title hopes dashed in NJCAA semi

BY THE OBSERVER STAFF
There will be no national championship for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team this year.
The top-ranked Ocelots had their 34-game winning streak and title dreams shattered Friday night in the semifinals of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.
Behind a 30-point effort by Jaime Lloreda, No. 4-rated Dixie State of St. George, Utah, pulled off the upset with a 72-69 win over Schoolcraft.
"I give Dixie credit," Ocelots coach Carlos Briggs said. "They kept fighting and fighting and eventually won the game."
"But I think the officiating took us out of our game. They let you play at one end but not at the other end."
The Rebels (33-3) benefited from an advantageous foul situation. The Ocelots (34-1) were called for 26 fouls while the Rebels had 16.
With 10 minutes to go in the game, Schoolcraft's five starters were on the bench in foul trouble until six minutes were left. Rulon Harris later fouled out with 3:17 remaining.
Dixie was 18-of-32 at the line and Schoolcraft, which had a 48-34 rebounding advantage, 12-of-16.
"It changed our whole style of play," Briggs said of the officiating. "It was a competitive game, but the officiating was not that good."
"Early in both halves, we had 10 fouls to their four. They were playing man-to-man; we were playing half zone and traps."
"Even despite that, we had a chance to win the game," Briggs said.
The Ocelots led at halftime, 31-23. Their biggest lead was 41-29 on a basket by Yaku Moton-Spruill with 15:24 left.
Mike Williams, who led Schoolcraft with 18 points, got his fourth foul right after that, and the game began to turn around.
Dixie took the lead with 7:26 left. Kevin Woodberry's basket with 20 seconds to play gave the Rebels a 71-67 lead.
Schoolcraft's Javon Clark hit two free throws to make it a two-point game, and Woodberry hit one of two for Dixie with 9.8 seconds left.
The Ocelots rushed the ball down the floor and got it to Clark in the corner for an attempted three with 3.3 seconds remaining.
But the shot was blocked by Lloreda, who grabbed the ball in the air and called timeout as he was falling out of bounds. The Rebels kept possession, threw a long pass and ran out the clock.
"In the second half, we got our press in," Dixie coach Jeff Kidder said. "We wanted to get them playing faster, because Schoolcraft did a great job in their half-court sets."
"When they got in foul trouble, we wanted to keep pounding it inside, and Jaime did a great job of recognizing the double team," Moton-Spruill and Harris had 10 points apiece, Clark and Delvar Barrett eight each. Williams also had 15 rebounds, Clark and Barrett five apiece. Harris had six assists.
Lloreda, a 6-foot-9 center from Panama who is headed to LSU, had eight rebounds, Rob Prater added 14 points and Woodberry 11 for Dixie.

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Which is why the Ocelots converted 35-of-68 floor shots (51.5 percent), despite making just 4-of-20 three-pointers (20 percent). Itawamba hit 24-of-57 from the floor (42.1 percent).
SC led 42-34 at the half. After outscoring the Indians 17-6 to start the half, the Ocelots held their foes without a point for 4:43 while putting 15 on the board, making it 74-40 with 7:20 left.
Emir Medunjanin (from North Farmington) had an outstanding game for SC, scoring 19 points (14 in the second half) on 9-of-11 shooting, including 2-of-4 threes. Mike Williams also scored 19 points — he had the first nine of the game — and grabbed eight rebounds.
Javon Clark added 12 points. Delvar Barrett came off the bench to score 11 and grab eight boards, and Rulon Harris dished out eight assists.
Itawamba got 19 points from Trent Vaughn and 11 apiece from Shun Jenkins and Jason Pannel.
"Emir stepped up tonight," said Briggs. "He can score when he wants to be more assertive offensively. He can do a lot of things for us. He can shoot the ball and he usually guards the best player on the other team."
As for Itawamba, which ended its season at 22-0, coach Marty Cooper could offer only that "we shot the ball well when the game was over."
"They're very good — better than I thought. Their defense as a team is what makes them so good. Offensively we were OK in the first half, but we didn't get after it on the other end."
"Our two guys got hurt (Jenkins and Pannel were both injured early in the second half) and went out, and at that point we kind of hung our heads. And being the champions they are, they went after us when they saw blood."
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PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer
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