

Pioneers hoping to improve on 14-11 record



Gene Boldon will be looking to guide the Pioneers to their fourth straight winning season

The varsity basketball team led by seventh year coach Gene Boldon will be shooting for its fourth consecutive winning season. The team has finished with identical 15-11 records for the past two years. Boldon has compiled an 85-70 record during six seasons and would like to improve on that record for the upcoming year.

A winning record could be a difficult task with the loss of four starters from last year's squad. Larry Pierce, Frank Nesbitt, Larry Henderson and leading scorer Walt Johnson have graduated. The only returning starter is 6'5" center Kevin Williams who scored eight points while grabbing 11 rebounds per game.

Other returning veterans include guards Wes Williams and Steve Serra and forwards Gary White, Stan Wilkerson and Gene Rinehart. Help is expected from guards Jeff Grimes, Craig Covington and Chuck Shannon along with forward Tim Billingslea who led the junior varsity to a 14-1 record last season.

TRANSFER STUDENT Calvin Redding is an added scoring threat for Coach Boldon's team. Calvin was the leading scorer in the Mondak Conference with 20 points per game average for Bismark Junior College in North Dakota.

Four impressive freshmen round out the fifteen man varsity squad: Marc Hernandez of East Detroit at 6'8" and Derek Leonard from River Rouge at 6'7" should provide needed

strength in the rebounding department. Edulis Stephens from Detroit Kettering and Perry James from Flint Northwestern should see a lot of playing time.

A schedule which includes Illinois State, Northern Illinois, University of Detroit, University of Wisconsin at Green Bay and Parkside and Brockport State provides Oakland with its toughest schedule ever. The Pioneers will be a full participant in the seven team Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference with a league championship at stake.

Oakland University Varsity Basketball Roster			
Number	Name	Class	Ht.
24-41	Tim Billingslea	Soph.	6'4"
10-11	Craig Covington Jr.		5'11"
44-45	Jeff Grimes	Soph.	6'2"
30-31	Marc Hernandez	Fresh	6'8"
40-41	Perry James	Fresh	6'5"
42-43	Derek Leonard	Fresh	6'7"
20-21	Calvin Redding Jr.		6'2"

30-31	Gene Rinehart Jr.	6'3"
10-11	Steve Serra	6'0"
14-15	Charles Shannon Jr.	5'7"
34-35	Eulis Stephens	Fresh 6'3"
32-33	Gary White	Jr. 6'6"
22-23	Stan Wilkerson	Sr. 6'3"
42-43	Kevin Williams	Jr. 6'5"
24-25	Wes Williams	Sr. 6'1"

New look at OCC

By BRIAN PERLOVE

Everything seems to be new this season for the Oakland Community College basketball team. Everything from a new head coach to a new conference and a new team.

The Raiders will begin the 1974-75 season, on OCC's eighth year of basketball competition, Nov. 23 under the guidance of new head coach Sid Fox and enter into its first season of play in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"The change in conferences," Barry Schwartz, Sports Information Director, said, "is due to the merger of campuses."

BECAUSE OF the increasing costs involved in supporting an athletic program the college was forced to merge the basketball program between five campuses.

The five campuses are: Orchard Ridge, Highland Lakes, Auburn Hills, Oak Park and Royal Oak.

Fox will be replacing Tom McPhillips, Orchard Ridge, Lynn Reed, Highland Lakes and Lou Perry, Auburn Hills.

Fox, coach last year, at Bloomfield Hills Roper High School, was sought out by Athletic Director Prentice Ryan when McPhillips, Reed and Perry did not apply for the new position.

FOX HAS been the President of the Michigan AAU and Sports Information Director at the U of D.

He will be assisted by Ron Hall who was Associate Sports Coordinator at AAU and assistant coach at E.M.U.

Fox recruited heavily this summer from two Detroit schools. From Detroit's Southeastern he attained guard Greg Anderson, forwards Rickey Hicks and Ken Harmon and center Keith Perry.

GUARD GREGG Booker and forwards Gary Green and James Dooley were obtained from Central High School.

Three players will be returning from last year's teams. They are: Dick Counts, Darryl Palmer and Dion McRea. Two out-of-state players will join the team this season, Jerry Hooker (N.Y.) and Sam Houston (Alabama).

"This is the best team we've seen at O.C.C.," Schwartz said.

"It is a better team because of the merger," he said.

The Raiders first home game will be on Nov. 30 with Macomb Community College at Southfield High School.

Ed Flanagan to speak

Detroit Lion player-representative Ed Flanagan will show off his linguistic talents Tuesday November 26 when he is slated to speak at Detroit Country Day School.

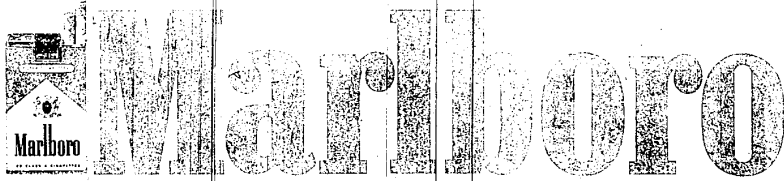
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