

OU cagers end season with loss

By DAVE STOCKMAN

The verdict was in even before the season began. The Oakland University men's basketball team would suffer the bruises of inexperience and bank on the future by playing youngsters—the freshmen.

So went much of the 1977-78 season with the predicted results—the Pioneers tying Wayne State for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) basement. Both teams had 3-13 records.

Last Saturday, against Hillsdale, the Pioneers took a quick 9-2 lead, but simply failed to keep up with the Chargers, losing 72-45.

While OU suffered a 6-23 overall record by playing freshmen, Hillsdale improved its mark to 11-4 in the GLIAC and 22-6 overall. Last year the Chargers won 3-28.

Rookie Hillsdale coach Bill Morse beat OU twice this year and is definitely a challenger in next year's conference championship race. Hillsdale

had five players with junior college experience and it proved more than adequate.

As for Oakland, Tim Kramer was the only upperclassman who started against Hillsdale. Freshmen Dan Rawlings, Bjorn Rossow, Duane Glenn and Craig Hartz faced the Chargers in the opening minutes and spurred to the seven-point lead.

Senior guard Bill Scott sank all four of his shots in the short time he played and handed out six assists, while center-forward Perry James tallied eight points. Eulis Stephens' bucket came on an "in-your-face" dunk after he stole the ball at midcourt in the second half.

Replacing the fleet-footed Scott will be one of Mitchell's recruiting goals.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The season is not over for the OU women's basketball team.

The Pioneer women, who finished second in the GLIAC behind Grand Valley, will host the Michigan State Women's Basketball Tournament at the Sports and Recreation Building, Western Michigan, Central Michigan,

Michigan State and Michigan will compete in the four-day tourney. Oakland will play this afternoon, Thursday, starting at 3 p.m.

The tourney finals and semifinals will be played Saturday afternoon.

MEN'S WRESTLING

Nine members from the Pioneer wrestling team will compete this weekend at the NCAA II championships in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Representing the OU team will be Phil Liebhang, Mike Eble, Ron Coleman, Mark Christensen, Dean Waldrup, John Whitfield, Tim Chapel, Fred Alexander and Kirk Shoemaker.

Last Friday, the OU wrestlers competed against the U.S. Marine Corps and tied 7-7. The Pioneers' freestyle heavyweight champion was Troy Athens' graduate Ray "Bubba" Sliwinski, who pinned his opponent after dealing two crowd-pleasing over-the-head slams.

The OU women's tankers were nipped by Central Michigan, 66-56.

Finishing with a 4-6 dual-meet record, OU now looks to the AIAW Midwest regionals this weekend.

Best swim times

200-YARD MIXED RELAY

Birmingham Groves (Linda Mitchell, Mark Hanson, Mark Heskamp, Doug Agarwal) 1:47.7
Birmingham Seabirds (Bill Vincent, Bob Hommel, Jon Hanson, Jack Gray) 1:51.3
Thielke, Hills (Andrew Linder, Kirk Mark, Rochester Adams (Chuck Goad, Nick Capulano, Shawn Wery, Scott Phillips) 1:51.2
Troy Athens (Phil Mies, Randy Eller, Dan Iahn, Jim Giesse) 1:51.4
Birmingham Brother Rice (Brian Backus, Mark Wiant, Mark Haller, Gordon Gebah) 1:51.5
West Bloomfield (Kevin Schmidt, Jim Ellington, Al Toney, Jerry Carpi) 1:51.8
Farmington (J. Foe, D. Gerc, Terry Jack, Dave Unkel) 1:54.1
Southfield-Lathrup (Mike Gifford, Keith Hicks, Jon Roberts, Bill Dunn) 1:54.8
Farmington Harrison (S. Orter, C. Osterdale, Al Lefore, K. Hest) 1:57.7

100-YARD FREESTYLE

Scott Tyler (Groves) 1:32.2
Jim Topp (Farmington) 1:32.6
Barry Dittus (Anderson) 1:32.8
Dave Hestington (Seabirds) 1:34.4
Bill Dunn (Lathrup) 1:34.7

100-YARD BACKSTROKE

Dave Erickson (Groves) 1:43.3
Kevin O'Connell (Lathrup) 1:43.5
Brian Saylor (Athens) 1:43.6
Mike Ferguson (Anderson) 1:43.7
Gordon Gebah (Brother Rice) 1:43.8
Scott Tyler (Groves) 1:43.9
Save Schmidt (Groves) 1:44.0
Scott Tyler (Groves) 1:44.1
Bill Dunn (Lathrup) 1:44.2
Erich Overhand (Seabirds) 1:44.3

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE

John Mitchell (Groves) 1:57.6
Rick Goad (Adams) 1:57.7
Jordan Kieber (Anderson) 1:58.5
Dave Erickson (Groves) 1:58.6
Dave MacDonnell (Groves) 1:58.7
Kevin Schmidt (West Bloomfield) 1:58.8
Scott Tyler (Groves) 1:58.9
Bill Vincent (Seabirds) 1:59.0
J. E. Enneson (Farmington Harrison) 1:59.1
Dean Ottis (Anderson) 1:59.2

100-YARD INDIVIDUAL MIXED RELAY

Scott Tyler (Groves) 2:00.3
Dave Erickson (Groves) 2:00.4
Dave Hestington (Seabirds) 2:00.5
Mark Thielke (Anderson) 2:00.6
Dean Ottis (Anderson) 2:00.7
Erich Overhand (Seabirds) 2:00.8
Save Schmidt (Groves) 2:00.9
Jordan Kieber (Anderson) 2:01.0
Bill Dunn (Lathrup) 2:01.1
Mike Ferguson (Anderson) 2:01.2

50-YARD FREESTYLE

Save Schmidt (Groves) 1:23.4
Dave Erickson (Groves) 1:23.5
Gordon Gebah (Brother Rice) 1:23.6
Bill Dunn (Lathrup) 1:23.7
Karl Heck (Groves) 1:23.8
Mike Ferguson (Anderson) 1:23.9
Scott Tyler (Groves) 1:24.0
Brian Saylor (Athens) 1:24.1
Mark Hestamp (Groves) 1:24.2
Doug Agarwal (Groves) 1:24.3

DIVING

Kevin Schmidt (West Bloomfield) 304.55
Tom Timmerman (Brother Rice) 287.55
Rick Iahn (Farmington) 281.40
Eric Best (Groves) 258.45
John Ling (Seabirds) 258.45
Doh Doh (Groves) 258.45
D. Howard (Seabirds) 258.45
Mark Dowling (Lathrup) 258.45
Tom LaFontaine (Athens) 258.45
Rich Walter (Anderson) 258.45

100-YARD BUTTERFLY

Mike Ferguson (Anderson) 1:54.3
Jordan Kieber (Anderson) 1:54.4
Mark Hestamp (Groves) 1:54.5
Dave Erickson (Groves) 1:54.6

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