

OU's spring sports stars prepare for season

Oakland University's five spring sports teams hope to continue the winning ways already achieved by the fall and winter athletic squads.

The men's tennis team, under the direction of first-year coach Tom Simpson, has compiled a 2-1 dual meet record. Senior Mark Berke is 4-1 in third singles, while junior Tom Simpson is 3-2 at fourth singles.

Senior Ken Bloom is 2-3 in both first and second singles, in which he teams with Simpson. Freshman Ted Williams is 1-4 at second singles and, together with Berke, has a 4-3 mark in second doubles.

Freshmen Jim Pinchoff and Tom Ignasiak are 1-4 and 1-2, respectively, at fifth and sixth singles. The pair have a 1-2 record in third doubles.

The men's baseball team has a 3-2 record thus far. Jeff Trax and Greg Smith are both 1-0, with Trax holding a 1.17 earned run average and Smith a 1.80 mark.

Dennis Krych leads the Pioneers' hitters with a .412 average, while Tom Foell is batting .333.

The men's golf team placed sixth out of eight teams in the season-opening Austin Peay Invitational. Rich Kuhn led the way for the Pioneers with scores of 75-79, 154, while John Spall was second with an 82-82, 164.

The women's softball team, coached by Rose Swidzinski, will start its season Thursday (April) at home against University of Detroit at 3 p.m. The women's golf team, coached by Joel Mason, opens in the Marshall Tournament Friday, April 18.

The 1980 tournament will honor former Detroit Tiger outfielder and newly-elected Hall of Fame member Al Kaline. WKYC-TV's Joe LeGoff will assume the chairmanship of this year's event in lieu of Kaline, who chaired the invitational for the first three years.

"As chairman of the invitational this year, I really have only one concern, and that is that all the people who would like to be a part of this great day, honoring a great athlete, aren't going to be allowed to, because the event will be a sellout," LeGoff said.

"Honoring Al Kaline as the newest member of the baseball Hall of Fame happens only once in a lifetime. To be able to play golf with the other Hall of Famer, Charlie Gehringer, is an honor and a privilege not many of us have."

Anyone is invited to participate in this year's event. Prizes are \$150 for individuals and \$275 for couples with all donations given to Oakland University and Meadow Brook Hall.

For reservations, call (313) 377-3145.

Acronaut gymnasts sparkle

The Bloomfield Hills Acronaut children's team, 11 years old and under, won its age group in a modern rhythmic gymnastics meet held Saturday and Sunday at Abbott Middle School in West Bloomfield.

The Acronaut children's team finished with 67.8 points. The Detroit Metro Club was second with 64.95 points.

The Detroit Metro Club was the only club to field a team in the junior, 12 and 13-years-old, age group.

Detroit Metro also won the senior, 14-and-over, age group with 99 points. The Acronauts were second with 93.8.

Laura Starr of Southfield and the Detroit Metro team won the children's all-around with 25.2 points. Starr was first in the hoop (6.4), the rope (6.5) and the clubs (6.25). She was second in the ribbon (6.65).

THE ACRONAUTS' Cory Pope, from Highland, was second in the all-around with 23.2 points. Pope was first in the ribbon (6.1), and second in the rope (6.05) and the clubs (5.8).

Teammate Charlene Edwards, from West Bloomfield, was third in the all-around (22.55). Edwards was third in the ribbon (5.85) and the hoop (5.75).

Joanna Munro of Detroit Metro was second in the hoop (5.95), teammate Katie Reeber was third in the rope (6.90) and the clubs (6.65).

Acronaut Michele Berube of Rochester was first in the all-around (32.05) in the junior division. Berube was first in the hoop (16.55), the clubs (16.0) and the ribbon (16.65). She was second in the rope (15.45).

COMPETITORS IN THE junior and senior divisions earned composite marks from preliminary and final competition. Competitors in the children's division earned only a single mark.

Here's some fencing info

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light to flash on. There is no right of way in epee competition — simultaneous touches count as points for both fencers, making it possible for a tie at five touches each. In that case, the bout continues until one fencer scores a decisive touch.

Competitors with the sabre are not hooked up to an electronic scoring system. Touches are awarded by the director and a quartet of judges following the action from either side of the strip.

MEN COMPETE IN all three weapons — women, at this time, are limited to the foil. All fencers wear wire masks to protect their eyes, heavy canvas jackets and padded gloves. An epee fencer wears a heavy pad under his jacket protecting that part of his chest closest to his opponent — a right-hander's right side, a left-hander's left. Women's jackets have removable breast protectors.

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