

# OLSM advances

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Dundee, a city of 2,500 about 25 miles south of Ann Arbor, was in a festive mood Friday.

Its undefeated (21-0) basketball team, having its best season ever, was hosting Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the state Class C regional final. The town was ready to celebrate.

But it was the Eagles' who did the post-game partying.

St. Mary's deployed a bone-busting second-half defense to deflate Dundee, 65-49, and win its second straight regional championship. The Eagles now face Flint Hamady 7 p.m. Wednesday at Troy Athens High School in the quarterfinals.

"We beat Hamady by one point last year in the quarterfinals, and I expect it to be the same kind of game," said St. Mary's coach Bob Shoemaker, whose team is in the midst of an eight-game winning streak and playing its best basketball of the season.

The streaking Eagles had a rough first half Friday against Dundee, which led in the regional finals two years ago to Ecorse by two points.

The Vikings, playing before a partisan crowd of more than 1,700 fans, were blazing in the first half as they hit consistently from the outside and hulked their way inside to build a 16-10 first-quarter lead. They rode the momentum into the second half and took a 32-28 halftime lead.

SHOEMAKER then made an adjustment at halftime to stop the terrific Vikings, who were also controlling the boards.

"We felt we had to do things differ-

ently in the second half," said Shoemaker. "So we decided to match up our zone to what they were doing."

"In the first half we didn't play good defense, and they played well and had the momentum," he said. "We just decided to match up against them and front them every time we could."

The strategy worked almost perfectly as Dundee scored only 17 points in the second half. St. Mary's completely shut off the Vikings' inside game, and when forced to perimeter shooting, Dundee went cold.

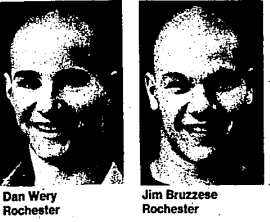
The Eagles, who lost in last year's state semifinal game to Three Oaks River Valley, outscored St. Mary 10-4 starting the third quarter. They finally went ahead to stay on Curtis Boyer's 15-footer at the 2:20 mark, and built the lead to five points entering the fourth quarter.

Dundee crept back to within a point by scoring the last quarter's first four points. But Hiram Harris clicked for an easy basket on an in-bounds pass and St. Mary's then scored 10 straight points to spoil Dundee's fun.

"I THOUGHT our team showed a lot of poise in a difficult situation," Shoemaker said. "We got behind and we could have been rattled. But we had patience and poise, and that's the mark of a champion."

It was his regional semifinal victory over Detroit De Porres, Howze and Harris provided the bulk of St. Mary's scoring. Howze had 22 points and 15 rebounds. Lance Davis added nine assists for the second straight game.

Troy Miller led Dundee with 19 points, and Jeff Skinner added 14.



Dan Wery Rochester  
Jim Bruzese Rochester



Keith Gardiner Seaholm  
Brian Michalik Lathrup



Mike Hanahan Seaholm  
Al Kovach Seaholm

# O&E All-Area team Dedication marks the best swimmers

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compiles the swim times listing for the Observer & Eccentric.

"We'll match this team with any other all-star swimming team in the state."

The list of first teamers includes several repeats from last year. Most notable is Birmingham Seaholm's Dick Rosenthal, who was retained as Coach of the Year.

Other repeats (the same people in the same events) include Bloomfield Hills Andover's Mike Wantuck in diving, teammate Guy DeFranco in the 100-yard freestyle, and Rochester's Dan Wery in the 100-yard breaststroke. All won their events at this year's state meet.

Wantuck, a senior, was an easy choice because he finished first in the one-meter diving competition at the state meet with 538.05 points. DeFranco, another senior, earned the 100-yard freestyle title with a time of 47.35. Wery, a junior, is the state's top breaststroke with a 56.69 at state.

ANOTHER STATE champion — and therefore an easy first-team choice — was Seaholm freshman Scott Christie, who won the 500-yard freestyle with a 4:40.36 clocking.

Christie also anchored the area's No. 1 400-yard freestyle relay (with seniors Mike Hanahan and Jeff Lundy and junior Al Kovach), which placed third at state with a 2:13.28.

Seaholm's 200-yard medley relay (junior Mike Kitzman, senior Keith Gardiner, Lundy and Hanahan) also was placed on the first team because it finished second at state with a time of 1:38.84.

Another Rochester swimmer, junior Jim

Bruzese, was the pick in the 100-yard butterfly thanks to his second-place finish at state with a 52.44. Last year, Bruzese was first-team in the 200 IM.

LAHSEY'S MIKE Kowalski, a state-meet stand-out in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke, was the first-team pick in the later event. The Lahsey senior was the state's second-best backstroke with a 53.40 clocking in the final.

Brian Michalik, a Southfield-Lathrup senior, earned top honors in the 50-yard freestyle. He was timed in 21.40 for a second-place finish behind Kowalski at state.

First-team honors in the 200-yard freestyle went to Rob Mackle, a senior at Birmingham Brother Rice. Mackle, who was the area's top 500 freestyler last year, finished third in the 200 at state with a 1:44.2.

Rosenthal, who now has duties as Seaholm's athletic director as well as its swim coach, guided the Maple swimmers to a second-place finish with 117 points in the state finals. Ann Arbor Pioneer won with 171.

In three years as Seaholm's coach, Rosenthal has compiled a 37-1 dual-meet record (the lone loss to Andover). This season the Maples were 13-0 in dual meets while winning the Southeastern Michigan Association league meet and title, the Rochester Regays and the Oakland County Championship.

"This (award) could be the kiss of death," said Rosenthal, who spent 15 years coaching a junior-high swim program in Birmingham.

"We're losing a lot of kids next year, so we're not going to have nearly the record we've had."

# Lady Pioneers falter

The Oakland University Lady Pioneers bid for a NCAA Division II basketball title was squelched Thursday night as they dropped an 88-82 decision to Tuskegee Institute in semifinal action at Springfield, Mass.

The Lady Pioneers, who were 27-4 heading into Saturday's consolation final against Maryland Mt. St. Mary's, lost the game at the free-throw line.

Both Tuskegee and Oakland University had 28 shots from the charity stripe, but Tuskegee made twice as many as the Pioneers. Tuskegee was 24 of 28 while the Pioneers hit just 12.

"We lost the game at the free-throw line," OU coach Dewayne Jones said afterward. "We were shooting 67 percent coming in, yet we only made 42 tonight (Thursday). We sent them to the free-throw line and they made theirs, but we didn't make ours."

The Lady Pioneers, down by 15 points with a little more than three

minutes to go in the first half, rallied to take the lead but lost it in the closing minute of the game. About six minutes into the second half, Brenda McLean grabbed a rebound, drove the length of the court and sank a layup to give Oakland University a 54-53 lead.

The Pioneers stayed on top until the one minute left. Tuskegee's Brellinda Copeland scored on a layup to put her team in front, 81-80. Tuskegee outscored the Pioneers 7-2 the rest of the way.

Linda Krawford and McLean each scored 21 points and collected 13 rebounds for the Pioneers. Pam Springer added 19 points, and Teresa Vondroske, who pulled down 14 rebounds, scored nine points.

Amette Chester led Tuskegee with 24 points, and Gladys Mitchell had 21.

In the other semifinal game, Cal Poly Pomona defeated Mt. St. Mary's, 58-53.

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