

Ferguson gone, Ocelots' hopes still high

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staff writer

There's a hole in the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team lineup. One key performer from last year's 16-4 squad, which finished second in the NJCAA tournament, is missing.

Coach Ed Dudek worried. He's recruited six players in an effort to fill the hole, and he isn't sure they can do for the Ocelots what a single player did last year.

Of course, that single player was Sue Ferguson. The Farmington Harrison grad accounted for 39 of Schoolcraft's 70 goals last season. The team's second-leading scorer had seven.

"Last year, I thought we were outplayed in several games but we came out winning because (Ferguson) put the ball in the net," said Dudek, now in his third year coaching the Ocelot women. "We're going to have to work more to-

gether. Sue had that knack of doing it all herself."

Fear not for Schoolcraft, however. With adept recruiting, Dudek has seen to it that the 1985 edition will be equal to last year's NJCAA runners-up.

"We should be a much stronger team," the Ocelot coach said. "Whether we can score or not remains to be seen. But we have excellent talent — there's no serious weak spot anymore."

OF THE 17 players on the roster, nine were prep all-stars in the past two years, and the others earned at least all-league accolades. That means that not only does Schoolcraft have talent, it has something last year's squad lacked — depth. Against Michigan State a year ago, for example, Schoolcraft had 11 able bodies, the bare minimum.

"It was remarkable we could play as well as we did," Dudek said.

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There's no such lack this year, due in great part to scholarships now available. All 17 team members are receiving financial aid, either scholastic or athletic.

Although Ferguson's loss is a huge one, there's plenty of able replacements. Lori Nicely scored 30 goals for Troy Athens in 1984, and Denise Plwko had 42 for Fraser last season. In 1984, Jane Moylan, Livonia Ladywood's leading scorer, and Tamara Brown of Dearborn were both all-state. Julie Kusza was all-division at Livonia Stevenson (1984) and Angie Butterfield was all-league at Northville (1983).

"I'm not sure who's going to come out of all this," said Dudek. "Every po-

sition on the front line is up for grabs."

AT EVERY other spot, Dudek figures the Ocelots are as strong or improved. "Our midfield will be better, and our fullbacks will be quicker this year," he said. "They'll have more speed, which should help us get the ball on transition back to our offense faster."

At midfield, Tina Bazar (Sterling Heights Stevenson), Dorene Dudek (Livonia Churchill) and Mary Jo Taylor (Southfield) are possible starters, with Sue Bartram (Farmington), Lisa Griffin and Sue Capra (both Livonia Franklin) capable of playing both midfield and fullback. Dudek, Taylor and Bartram are the only returnees from

last season's squad.

Sheri Wolfe (Livonia Bentley), Wendy Propp (Saginaw MacArthur), Julie Nowka (Northville) and Shannon Bowler (Ladywood) are fullbacks.

Dudek also recruited Livonia Stevenson grad Dorene Beagle to play goal. Beagle was all-state last season, a distinction Dudek felt was well-earned.

"I thought she was the best in the whole state," he said. "It's a big plus having her come to Schoolcraft."

EVEN THOUGH this team is deeper in talent, it doesn't mean it will match last year's record. That's because the schedule is far more difficult.

Included are trips to Xavier University and University of Cincinnati to start the season Sept. 14 and 15. Cincinnati could be ranked among the top 10 NCAA Division I teams.

Schoolcraft will also host Nassau (N.Y.) CC, last year's NJCAA champion, on Sept. 28, and Monroe CC of Rochester, N.Y., Oct. 5, before traveling to St. Louis, Mo., for games against Florissant Valley CC and Meramec CC Oct. 12-13. The Ocelots will compete in the Ohio State Tournament Oct. 23-27.

"We've added a lot of stronger teams," said Dudek. "And we won't get an automatic bye into the NJCAA tournament like we did last year because of two new teams in our region, one in Illinois and one in Indiana."

Those two new teams may necessitate a playoff game if Schoolcraft is to make the NJCAA tournament Nov. 28-30 at Mercer CC in Trenton, N.J. But if this team jells like last year's, it should spend Thanksgiving weekend in quest of a national title.

S'craft hoists help wanted sign

By C.J. Rieak
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What Tobin Jones needs as he starts his first season as Schoolcraft College's soccer coach is help.

For one, he could use some more bodies. Nine runners — five women and four men — cripples nearly all hopes for team representation (a team must have five runners). And since Jones wouldn't mind some assistance in building a struggling program into something more solid.

"This is kind of like a second rebuilding year," said Jones, a 1978 Livonia Churchill graduate from Westland. Last year, he assisted Mike Krafchak at Schoolcraft. When Krafchak's job at Harper Grace Hospital demanded more attention, he was forced to resign and leave the program in Jones' hands.

Which makes Jones the fourth cross country coach at Schoolcraft in four years. And it also goes a long way toward explaining why School-

craft has had such a problem getting a team program established.

"IT'S DIFFERENT in high school," said Jones, who served as an assistant cross country and track coach at Redford Union in 1980-81. "You don't have to recruit, plus you have a girls' coach and a guys' coach. This is too much for one guy to handle."

"If I hadn't done any recruiting — just went with whoever showed up at school — we'd have one girl on the team, maybe."

That girl would be Janell Sheets from Brighton, the only recruitee at Stevenson. Jones described Jenkins as "real tough — he's only been running four months, but he'd run until he passed out if he had to."

Despite lacking the necessary numbers to compete as a team, Jones thinks there are goals to strive for. "I told them a few weeks ago that we're kind of skanky," he said. "But even though we're not a big team, we can

accomplish some things.

"I'm going to talk to them individually, and I hope whatever goals we set they'll work at intensely."

Any Schoolcraft students interested in running on the team should stop in or call the athletic office (591-6400, Ext. 450).

Jennifer Rutenbar from RU.

"They've all run under 21 minutes for five kilometers," said Jones, "and they're all capable of running right around 20 minutes. A couple should be down around 19."

It's NOT quite the same with the men's team. Only Todd Lilla, from John Glenn, has extensive experience. He is described by Tom Anthony and Jeff Barton, from Garden City, and Dan Jenkins from Livonia Stevenson.

Jenkins may best illustrate the team's current status. He's never run cross country but wrestled at Stevenson. Jones described Jenkins as "real tough — he's only been running four months, but he'd run until he passed out if he had to."

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G'ville outlook optimistic

By Brad Emons
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Viewing the backdrop to Clarenceville's practice field, you could easily make a connection and get the wrong impression about the Trojans' football team.

Situated right behind the theater of battle is a pen full of turkeys. If everything falls into place for coach Ralph Weddle, now in his 19th season, Clarenceville will stay clear of being gobblers and challenge Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook for the Metro Conference title.

"We could be a contender if we can get everybody out that we're counting on," said the veteran coach. "Cranbrook is the favorite, but everybody else has a shot."

Last year Clarenceville won four of nine games, all in the Metro. Gone from that group are 13 starters, including a pair of outstanding runners in Rob McCamant and Andy Lauderback.

THE TROJANS' backfield, however, wasn't totally plucked.

Quarterback Tom Garbacz, a 6-foot-2, 171-pound senior, returns.

"He came on the last five games last year and has a pretty good arm," Weddle said.

Defensively, Weddle stresses field position and making the big play. "We must be able to stop the offenses' key plays," he said. If the 26-member squad follows those guidelines, this Weddle team could make the opposition look more like turkeys.

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FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL
September 16, 1985
7:30 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing opinions on a proposed vacation of the alleyway between Wheeler Street and Roosevelt Avenue, abutting Lots 19 and 20 of Richardson Gardens and Lots 14 through 24 of Assessor's Richland State Subdivision in Section 24

Any person who is interested in or wishes to participate in the discussion of the proposed vacation of the alleyway between Wheeler and Roosevelt at the Farmington Hills Administration Building, 31186 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan. Phone: 474-9118.

JOAN REYNOLDS
City Clerk

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A Special Meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Friday, August 23, 1985, in Council Chambers, 28000 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

Mayor Yoder called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Bennett, Trupper, Yoder.
ABSENT: Barbeck, Walker.
OTHERS PRESENT: Director Billing, Administrative Assistant Schultz, City Clerk Dunley.

Council approved the low bid of Armstrong Lawns and Trees, Sterling Heights, Michigan, in the amount of \$92,119 and authorizing a construction contract for the Ballawasee Park Improvement Project. Council appropriated \$14,800 to complete the project.

Council approved the lighting contract for the Eisenhower Ball Field, not to exceed \$44,990 and authorized the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with either Demers Electric Company of Livonia, Michigan, or A. P. Smith & Son, Inc. of Ypsilanti, Michigan, based on the lowest bid on construction fully conforming to specifications. Council estimated the appropriation of \$12,890 to supplement the \$25,000 previously budgeted for this project.

There were no public comments.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

RALPH D. YODER, Mayor
JOSEPHINE M. BURSHEY, City Clerk