

# Ocelots clinch region crown

In the decade that Van Dimitrion has been coaching Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team, he cannot remember a team dominating Region XII the way the Ocelots have this season.

Schoolcraft clinched the regional title and the berth in the NJCAA Inter-regional tournament that accompanies it Saturday with a 5-0 win over visiting Cuyahoga Metro Community College.

The win was the Ocelots' seventh straight in Region XII competition without a loss. It pushed their overall record to 9-1-1 with one game remaining

in the regular season, at Delta CC Saturday.

John Gelmis, the freshman forward from Livonia Stevenson, has been hampered by an assortment of illnesses and injuries all season, and Saturday's game was no different. But a touch of the flu didn't keep Gelmis from scoring two goals and assisting on another.

THE OCELOTS, playing into a strong wind, managed only one first-half goal, that coming on Rick Hamers penalty shot, called after Cuyahoga was whistled for a hand ball.

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In the second half Schoolcraft had the wind at its back and immediately assumed command. Joe Novak (from Stevenson) converted a Gelmis pass with 2:30 into the half, and Gelmis made it 3-0 at the 31:00 mark, driving home the rebound of Jim Moreau's

(Redford Catholic Central) shot. Gelmis scored again five minutes later after a pass from Abe Yaffai (Livonia Bentley). Novak capped the scoring with four minutes left to play, punching in another penalty kick after he was tripped in the box.

"The whole second half was played in their end," said Dimitrion. "Cuyahoga didn't have one shot on net in the second half."

Sam Matovski (Livonia Churchill) earned the shutout, his second of the season.

# Lady Ocelots grab OSU tourney

Teams resort to strange habits when they're on a roll. Superstitious interludes, as if the spot you take on the bench or which shoe you tie can make a difference in the outcome of a game.

Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team has a more practical method for making sure their eight-game win streak remains intact.

"I told them to take a day off," coach Ed Dudek said Monday after the Lady Ocelots returned from the Ohio State Invitational with a championship. Seemed logical, since Schoolcraft had played four games in three days.

"You know what they said?" Dudek asked. "They told me they wanted to

practice. Do you believe that? I've never heard that happen before."

But the Lady Ocelots can smell an NJCAA tournament berth now that their record is 10-3-4. They clinched the OSU Invitational with a 2-0 win over Miami (of Ohio) in Sunday's finals. Denise Piwko scored both goals, both in the first half.

Piwko's first goal resulted from passes from goalkeeper Doreen Beagle (from Livonia Stevenson) and Lori Nicley (Troy Athens) at the 25:00 mark.

BUT IT WAS Piwko's second tally, from Sheri Wolfe (Livonia Bentley) and Jane Moylan (Livonia Ladywood) that "broke (Miami's) back," according to Dudek. "We had the momentum going

into the second half."

The Ocelots didn't get another score, but they didn't need it, either, not with Beagle in the net and Shannon Bowler (Ladywood) as a defender in front. Both Beagle and Bowler, together with Piwko, were named to the All-Tournament team. Nicley and Wolfe earned honorable mention.

Schoolcraft made it to the finals after ripping Oakland University 5-1 Saturday. Nicley scored two goals and Kerry Lanaghan assisted on three. Piwko had a goal and two assists, Moylan and Propp each had a goal and an assist and Barur had two assists. Angie Butterfield also scored a goal for Schoolcraft.

Cindy Martin scored for OU.

In the Lady Ocelots' second game, they overcame a 1-0 halftime deficit to nip Bowling Green State 2-1. Piwko scored both Schoolcraft goals just 1:05 apart. Moylan and Wolfe assisted on the first and Julie Kuna (Livonia Stevenson) and Nicley assisted on the second.

Schoolcraft blanked Ohio State 3-0 in its tournament opener, with Propp and Nicley each scoring in the first half. Sue Bartram (Farmington) and Lanaghan assisted on Propp's goal and Barur assisted on Nicley's. Butterfield scored in the second half for the Lady Ocelots, with Propp and Nicley assisting.

# Ocelot spikers conquer conference

It's difficult to beat perfection.

That's just what Schoolcraft College's volleyball team is after since Eastern Conference matches. The Ocelots whipped Delta Community College 15-2, 15-1, 15-2 Tuesday at Schoolcraft, a victory that clinched the Eastern

Conference championship.

The Ocelots are 30-7 overall.

There were plenty of heroes Tuesday, with Sue Cyrus (from Garden City) leading the pack. Cyrus had nine kills in 20 attempts with just one error for a .400 attack percentage. She also col-

lected six aces in 16 serving attempts, again making just one error.

PATTI KOZICEK (North Farmington) did not make an error in nine attacks, putting down six kills for a .666 percentage. Donna Konjarevich (North

Farmington) added three blocks, and passers Ann Bennett and Cathy McIntosh (Wayne Memorial) were perfect for the match.

Schoolcraft hosts Mott CC in its final conference match of the season Thursday.



JOHN GELMIS

John Gelmis, a former All-Area star at Livonia Stevenson, has been a potent offensive weapon for the Schoolcraft men's soccer team.

## OU kickers take Kentucky

Oakland University's men's soccer team got a much-needed victory at the Northern Kentucky University Tournament last weekend in Highland Lakes, Ky.

Well, sort of. The Pioneers did win the tournament, beating Southern Indiana 4-0 in a first-round game Saturday, then knocking off Xavier in a shootout in the finals Sunday.

But it won't go into the record books that way. As far as the NCAA is concerned, OU won one and tied the other. The NCAA does not recognize victories gained in penalty kick shootouts. As far as records are concerned, those games count as ties.

Which means that OU is 10-3-2 overall. The tie may mean nothing now, but it might make a difference when the NCAA's Division II tournament selection committee gets down to making its choices.

AGAINST SOUTHERN INDIANA, the Pioneers had little problem. Marty Hagen, the junior forward from Troy Athens, scored on a penalty kick to start OU rolling.

Mike Vigh then took over, converting a pass from Chan-Ho Allen to make it 2-0. Vigh's pass to Mark Christian resulted in Christian's ninth goal of the season and a 3-0 lead. Vigh capped the scoring with another goal on an assist from Ray Seravak.

OU was ahead of Xavier 2-0, lost that lead, then forged ahead 3-3 on Meally Freeman's 10th goal of the season with 13 minutes left. Gray Haisel assisted, his 13th of the year, two shy of the OU season record.

But Xavier battled back again to tie it and force overtime. Neither team scored in two 10-minute extra periods, necessitating the shootout.

Brian Fitzgerald, a sophomore forward from Southfield, netted the Pioneers' first goal of the game. Freeman assisting. Vigh got the second on an assist from Dan O'Shea, from Livonia Franklin.

Dave Martilla was in goal for OU for the Southern Indiana contest, with Paul Larkin taking over in the net for the game with Xavier.

The Pioneers go back on the road this weekend with games at Wisconsin-Parkside Saturday and at Illinois State Sunday.

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