

Eagles too deep for OU

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If Oakland University's bench was a bit deeper, they might still be playing.

As it was, it took four overtimes before St. Mary's College wore down the Pioneers to claim Oakland County's mythical men's basketball college championship, 119-102 Wednesday at OU.

The contest was filled with superb plays, but since both sides had their share, it was attrition that finally decided it. Both squads lost three players to fouls, yet St. Mary's depth was better able to atone.

The proof is in the numbers. Seven Eagles reached double figures in scoring, led by James Lakes' 24 points (on nine-of-14 shooting). St. Mary's made 45 of 86 shots (52.3 percent), with no one player having more than 17 attempts.

The story was different for OU. The Pioneers sank 37 of 82 shots (45.1 percent), but three players accounted for 67 of those attempts: Brian Gregory (24), Eric Taylor (22) and Stacy Davis (21). Only those three and Andre Bond (14 points) reached double figures in scoring.

IT'S HARDLY surprising to learn all three set career highs in scoring in the game. Taylor finished with 30 points, seven rebounds and seven assists; Gregory had 29 points and nine assists, and Davis totaled 25 points and 14 rebounds.

It's also no surprise to learn the trio had a long night. Gregory, OU's senior point guard, played 59 of the game's 80 minutes (which helps account for his 11 turnovers); Taylor was in for 58 minutes; and Davis turned in 46 minutes, fouling out with 3:45 left in the fourth overtime.

"They really played well," said St. Mary's coach Glen Donahue of OU's effort. "They stayed off defeat in every overtime. But they're hurting because of depth."

Was St. Mary's depth the key? "I would think so, yeah," answered Donahue. "Our guys played well. They made some mistakes, but that's to be expected. I'm happy we won it because they're a very good team, the best we've played. They were picked to win the Great Lakes Conference."

FATE AND FATIGUE finally finished OU in the fourth OT. St. Mary's outscored the Pioneers 16-6 in the five-minute stretch, with Arnold Wilson and Garth Howard getting four points apiece. Lakes' basket with 4:02 left put the Eagles ahead to stay, 105-104.

It had been a game of great plays and missed opportunities before that. St. Mary's started quickly, opening up a 23-9 lead with 14:15 left in the first half, thanks to seven Terry Koerner points. But OU answered, pulling to 37-35 with 3:14 to go in the half. Taylor had 11 points in the run.

Lakes buzzer-beater gave the Eagles a 45-39 half-time advantage, but OU started the second half with a vengeance, scoring nine straight points in the first 1:15. The Pioneers increased their lead to eight and were up 70-62 with 10:10 left.

They couldn't hold it, though. St. Mary's pulled even at 77 on a Raydon Croon layup with 2:00 to go. Stacy Davis' two free throws restored the lead to the Pioneers with 1:03 remaining, but Lakes' basket with 48 left tied it at 79 and forced OT.

TWO INCIDENTS during regulation proved pivotal to OU's chances. Already hampered by the loss of senior center Dave Hintz to a knee injury, Pioneer coach Greg Kamppe had to dig deeper into his bench when first Bond, playing just 16 minutes, fouled out with 11:32 left, and then Wallace Davis followed at 5:16.

Sophomore forward Bryan Parham was summoned, and he turned in 33 solid minutes. He scored just four points but grabbed 13 rebounds. However, Lee Fitzpatrick, Joel Jensen and Skip Townsend, all taking turns subbing at center for Hintz, were ineffective.

It seemed OU was doomed late in the first OT when Lakes put in a layup to put the Eagles up 78-74 with 20 left. But, with 36 on the clock, Taylor netted a three-pointer to knot it again.

The Pioneers had a two-point advantage — 94-92 — with 1:04 to go in the second OT, thanks to a Gregory basket. Denny Butcher tied it for St. Mary's 16 seconds later, then both teams missed chances to win down the stretch. Taylor missed with .07 to go and Lakes was fouled in the scramble for the rebound.

BUT HE MISSED the first free throw in the one-and-one. Teammate Joachim Jerichow boarded for St. Mary's, but his putback at the buzzer also missed.

The Pioneers had their backs to the wall again in the third extra session, trailing 103-100 with 44 left. Taylor hit one of two foul shots with 3:4 to go, then Stacy Davis stole the ball from Lakes, setting up Taylor's pass to Parham for a tying layup with :10 remaining. Butcher's jumper from the lane missed, leading to OT No. 4.

Joining Lakes in double figures in scoring for the Eagles were Howard with 17, Jeff Suspect with 15 (on five three-pointers), Koerner with 13, and Kevin Nicfield, Jerichow and Wilson each with 10. Lakes and Nicfield each nabbed 11 rebounds, and Butcher dished out 12 assists while scoring six points.

The win improved St. Mary's record to 6-3, while OU slipped to 3-2. The Eagles host University of Windsor Wednesday and Calvin College Saturday, both games starting at 7 p.m. in OT. OU plays at Northwood Thursday and at Hillsdale Saturday.

Boles faces knee surgery

ONE CAN ONLY wonder if Tony Boles' severe knee injury would have been less serious if he had been playing on natural grass.

The University of Michigan tailback, whose right leg buckled awkwardly on the artificial surface of the Metrodome in Minneapolis, now must undergo major reconstructive surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

Home field to the University of Minnesota and the National Football League's Vikings, the Metrodome playing surface has had a reputation for being unforgiving.

In an NFL exhibition game a few years ago, New England Patriots coach Raymond Berry held out several key starters in a game against the Vikings because he was worried about potential injuries on the tough carpet.

The shoulder-high tackle administered by Minnesota's Fred Feiggle on Boles, a Westland John Glenn High product, was not a direct blow to the knee.

Boles, who ran 17 yards on U-M's first play from scrimmage, was struck from the left side, but he braced himself with his right leg.

After reviewing the tape, it appears there was no give on the surface.

THAT IS PRECISELY why several schools are dumping artificial surfaces and returning to natural grass.

Iowa head coach Hayden Fry was relieved to start the 1989 season playing on natural grass after his team accumulated 19 surgical repairs in 1988.

Ohio State, reputed to have another hard surface, is switching back to natural grass next season.

Even Michigan coach Bo Schembechler, who is reportedly sickened by the Boles injury, has made overtures about changing surfaces.



Brad Emons

Schembechler has a right to be saddened.

Boles was coming into his own this season, racking up a team-high 839 yards on the ground with a Big Ten-high 6.4 per carry average, not to mention his pass-catching ability and kick-returning prowess.

At Monday night's U-M Football Bust in Detroit, Boles was voted team MVP. He has also been picked first-team All-Big Ten and second-team All-America by the Football News.

TEAMMATES dedicated Saturday's Rose Bowl-clinching 28-18 win over OSU to Boles. Several players wore towels bearing his jersey number (42).

Boles, who has been fitted in a cast, watched the game on TV Saturday at home with his parents.

And because of the seriousness of his injury, there's talk that he may be switched to flanker next season.

Surgery is scheduled for mid-December at U-M Hospital, right after semester exams.

Boles, who seems to be in good spirits, is scheduled to graduate next year. He has spent this semester as a

student gym teacher at Angell Elementary School in Ann Arbor.

With only one year of eligibility remaining, Boles must now undergo a vigorous rehabilitation program in order to be ready by next August.

It's not a lot of time.

Schembechler has pointed out that other U-M players, including two on the current roster (John Milligan and Derrick Walker), have bounced back from identical injuries.

HE ALSO RECALLS the dogged determination in the weight room by John Wampler, who returned for the 1980 season, quarterbacking U-M to 1981 Rose Bowl victory over Washington.

Many players have bounced back from turn knees.

Penn State running back Blair Thomas is one example, but don't forget he sat out an entire season and had more than a year of rehabilitation.

You wonder if Boles, considered the fastest player ever to wear a Michigan uniform, will ever be the same.

Bernard King bounced back. Billy Sims did not.

Phil Hubbard returned, but he was never the same Phil Hubbard.

Danny Manning has returned, but we'll have to wait and see.

Because of modern medicine, a quick recovery for Boles is possible, but as long as artificial turf is around, modern medicine will be tested.

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OCC Raiders dump Kellogg

It was hardly something for a shooting highlight film, but it was a win, so Oakland Community College's men's basketball team will take it.

The Raiders kept their record perfect through four games, knocking off Kellogg CC 84-78 Wednesday in Battle Creek.

"Both teams shot horrendous," said OCC assistant Chris Peponis. "We just out-dephted them. We ran them into the ground."

The Raiders led the entire game. Their advantage was 39-32 at the half and was double-figures most of the second half until coach Lynn Reed went to his bench late in the game and Kellogg took advantage, making the final margin respectable.

Both teams made just 44 percent of their floor shots. OCC was 36 of 82, while Kellogg hit 33 of 75. The difference was rebounding: The Raiders collected 65 to 40 for Kellogg, including a commanding 27 to 15 edge on the offensive boards.

Toine Murphy turned in another steady performance for OCC, scoring 17 points, grabbing 14 rebounds and dishing out six assists. Michael Bailey totaled 17 points and 14 rebounds as well.

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