

Mot: cagers upset first-place Ocelots

Schoolcraft College's stay atop the Eastern Conference women's basketball standings proved tenuous after all.

When the Lady Ocelots eased past perennial power Highland Park CC and Oakland CC in back-to-back meetings, it figured their first-place reign would last a while. Mott CC, however, had different ideas. The Flt-based team hit 16-11 first-half shots (76 percent), which set the stage for its 80-56 upset Wednesday night.

"I've got to give Mott credit," said SC coach Jack Grenan, whose team fell to 1-4 overall, 5-2 in the conference. "Mott played a heckuva game. Everything was rolling their way, but they took advantage of every roll."

Those rollstated early. While SC was ice-cold in the game's opening minutes, missing its first five shots, Mott was hot, making five straight to go up 10-0. The lead eventually reached 18 before the Lady Ocelots got their game together, pounding the ball inside to Barb Krug and Lisa DePlanche.

KRUG WAS particularly effective. She had 10 first-half points as SC battled back to make it 37-32 at the break.

"We slowed down and really worked it hard inside," said Grenan of his second-half strategy. It worked to an extent, as SC threw times pulled to within four points. But Mott always had an answer, making several nine three-pointers (78 percent). For the game, Mott had 68 percent from the field.

Shannon Coese was Mott's major long-distance runner, converting four triples and scoring 16 points. Shelly Hoerts led with 21 points. Stephanie Roberts had 16, 14 coming in the second half, with two treys.

Krug continued her tough play inside in the second half, scoring 15 points to finish with 25 and 14 rebounds. DePlanche had 10 of 14 points in the final 20 minutes and

grabbed nine rebounds. Tricia Lucretia contributed 13 points and eight boards.

The win boosted Mott to 2-5 in the conference, 8-7 overall.

MADONNA CAGE: The Fighting Crusaders got themselves turned around in the second half Thursday, but it wasn't enough to save them from a 87-76 defeat at Northwood Institute.

"We did some good things in the game in the second half," said Madonna coach Bob Belf. "I wasn't disappointed. We played with them. We proved to ourselves, we could play anything else, that we can play with a team that last year drilled us."

"We did things in the second half more the way I wanted. We were a lot more aggressive." But Belf also had to add, "We let (Northwood) do whatever they wanted in the first half."

WHICH IS why the Crusaders were 1-3 in the intermission. Northwood shot 54 percent from the field (19-of-35) in the opening 20 minutes to Madonna's 34 percent (12-of-35). Although it turned around a bit in the second half, the Northwestern still outshot Madonna 59.8 percent (32-of-53) to 43 percent (30-of-70).

Five Crusaders reached double-figures in scoring: Lyndell Ingalls, 17; But Belf also had to add, "We let (Northwood) do whatever they wanted in the first half."

For Northwood, the leading scorer was Michelle Pele with 17. 15 in the first half, Jennifer Foster got 16 points (and 10 assists) and Annette Roth had 14. Cathy Schram, a senior guard from Livonia, Ladywood, hit three triples and scored nine. Jennifer Wood also scored nine.

The loss dropped Madonna to 2-7 overall, 5-2 against NAIA foes. Northwood is 9-8 overall.

Schodcraft men routed

There were two places where Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team couldn't match up against its Wednesday night visitors from Mott CC. In the starting lineup and on the bench.

In other words, talent levels were vastly different. The final score reflected it: 118-7 in Mott's favor.

"That's the best group of athletes I've seen," said SC coach Dave Bogata. "After this, I can't see how they lost by 40 to Oakland (CC)."

Mott quickly quashed any threat of losing in the early moments of the second half. With William Paige (20 points), Carlos Fordham (12) and Van Evans (10) doing the damage, Mott had a 58-41 cushion by halftime. The Ocelots' second-half comeback lasted about two minutes. Tony Humple nailed a free-throw — his fourth of the game — to make it 61-46. Fifteen was a big dent as they could make in Mott's lead, however.

A FORDHAM outback with 13:30 to go made it 80-50 as Mott continued to apply a full-court press on shorthanded SC. The biggest spread came with 1:49 remaining on a Reggie Glover slam, making it 106-68.

Everyone played for Mott, and almost all of them scored. The same was true for SC, except the DePaul bench — it was decimated by the loss of five players to academic woes earlier this month — was no better suited to handle Mott's blitz than SC's starters could handle Mott's first five.

Red Army edges AISA stars, 10-8

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When something new and unfamiliar comes to town, sports reporters turn into critics and give opinions on the product.

Indoor soccer was reintroduced to our town Saturday when the American Indoor Soccer Association all-stars battled the Soviet Union's Red Army team. The grades on this adventure are as mixed as the nationalities of the players.

• The play was quite good. The Soviet team got a goal from Oleg Sergeev 1:54 into sudden-death overtime to edge the AISA stars 10-8. Peter Hattstrup had tied it for the stars with 4:55 left in regulation, but Drago was the real AISA star.

He scored the team's first goal on a first-quarter penalty kick and set

up the next two. The biggest mistake by the stars was not playing him in the third quarter so everyone got a chance to play.

The game itself was generally fast and exciting, although the scoring (one, two or three points, depending when and from where the goal is scored) can be confusing.

• The sport still has a foreign stigma to it. Drago, a Yugoslav, was the best AISA player; two transplanted subjects of Great Britain, Brian Tinnion, now of Farmington Hills, and Gus Moffatt of Rochester — both left over from the Detroit Express days — are key officers of Detroit's AISA entry, which will debut in the fall.

None of this should matter. Americans have cheered for Olga Korbut and Boris Becher. But one knock against soccer has always been "too

many foreigners." If you subscribe to that theory, well, not much has changed (despite a limit of two foreign players per team).

• There's still a lot of work to do to sell the sport in the Detroit area.

A LOT of time and effort went into promoting this all-star vs. Soviets game. Its purpose: to reintroduce indoor soccer to Detroiters, as a setup for the Detroit Rockers debut.

The announced crowd was "an all-time record for indoor soccer" in Michigan — 11,561.

Neither the claim nor the figure was all that impressive. After all, indoor soccer has had little exposure in our state.

But most disappointing was the crowd. True, the weather couldn't have been more uncooperative, with a snowstorm just hours before the game.

Still, the actual number in the stands had to be less than half the announced ticket sales figure.

Which means Rockers' president Paul Seidlman, from Livonia, and Tinnion and Moffatt have a lot of work to do between now and their team's first season.

Because while there may be millions of professed soccer fans in our suburbs, there doesn't yet seem to be too many willing to come out and support it.

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the week ahead

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 23
Luth. Westland at Luth. West 7 p.m.
Luth. Claremont at Harper West 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Wyandotte 7 p.m.
Luth. Stevenson at Luth. Church 7:30 p.m.
Rye Salem at Farmington 7:30 p.m.
Westland Central at Dearborn 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Birm. Grove 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Rye Canton 7:30 p.m.
H. Farmington at Farm. Harrison 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at South Lyon 7:30 p.m.
Waterford Mott at Dearborn Union 7:30 p.m.
D.H. Ann Arbor at Dearborn 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Warren Del. Abate 7:30 p.m.
Berk. Berghoff at Birm. Grove 7:30 p.m.
B.L. Rose at Red. Terrace 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26
H.W. Luth. East at Luth. Claremont 7 p.m.
W.L. Westland at Luth. Church 7:30 p.m.
Luth. Franklin at Luth. Church 7:30 p.m.
Luth. Stevenson at Farmington 7:30 p.m.
Rye Salem at Westland Central 7:30 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Rye Canton 7:30 p.m.
H. Farmington at Farm. Harrison 7:30 p.m.
Dearborn at Garden City 7:30 p.m.
Waterford Mott at Dearborn Union 7:30 p.m.
Red. Truitt at Taylor Truman 7:30 p.m.
Berk. Berghoff at Dearborn 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Ann Arbor at Dearborn 7:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Rye Canton 7:30 p.m.
H.W. Farmington at Warren Del. Abate 8 p.m.
B.L. Rose at Westland Central 8 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Jan. 24
Luth. Stevenson vs. Birm. Grove 6 p.m.
at Oak Park Community Arena 6 p.m.
Luth. Church vs. St. Clair 6 p.m.
at Luth. Stevenson 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26
Luth. Farmington vs. Luth. Stevenson
at Luth. Stevenson 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27
Luth. Farmington vs. Ann Arbor
at A.A. Veterans Arena 6:45 p.m.
Rye Canton vs. Truitt
at Truitt 8 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 24
Schodcraft at Alpena CC 7:30 p.m.
Dearborn College at Dearborn CC 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27
Schodcraft at St. Clair CC 7:30 p.m.
Alpena CC at Dearborn CC 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 23
Madison at Grand Rapids Baptist 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 24
Schodcraft at Alpena CC 7:30 p.m.
Dearborn CC at Dearborn CC 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27
Luth. Church at St. Clair CC 5:45 p.m.
Madison at Alpena CC 6 p.m.
Dearborn CC at Alpena CC 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 28
Madison at Lane Superior St. TBA

North has 5 winners

North Farmington wrestlers won five bouts Thursday while losing a 45-17 decision to Westland John Glenn.

The Western Lakes Activities Association dual-meet defeat dropped the Raiders to 3-6 overall.

North's Marcus Brown edged Keith Jackson 11-9 at 130 pounds, and Lucian Van Cleave (135) scored a 6-1 victory over Tony Pieterzin.

The Raiders won three straight from 145 to 160. Matt Thompson (145) whipped Andy Boguszewski 17-0. Aaron Lawrence (152) outpointed Wesley Lopez 11-10 and Adam Cook (160) beat Zaak Bozanic 7-4.

Glenn's winners were Jeremy Samples (105), Damian Taucher (112), Mike Pace (119), Karl Pace (125), Ryan Wilson (140), Kraig Kuban (171), Garnett Woody (189) and Jason Dunn at heavyweight.

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