

Ocelots won't be short on experience

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One quality rarely associated with junior college basketball is experience.

For coaches, it's usually a constant rebuilding process, from year to year. It seemed it would be the same this fall for Schoolcraft College men's coach Dave Bogataj; after all, he was losing all but three players.

Gone were Scott Meredith, Tony Rumpel, Jeff Wagner (all starters), Jermaine Burden, Chris Hobbitt and Shawn Harrell.

Bogataj has a solid core to rebuild around, including all-Eastern Conference selection Jarvis Murray and starting small forward/off-guard Gema Ahmed (from Westland Central High School).

And — surprise! — as it turns out, he won't exactly be without experience, despite the large number of losses.

The reason: Of the 10 players he has committed so far, seven graduated more than a year ago. Five were already attending college.

That should help, particularly around the end of the first semester. As Bogataj pointed out, these guys have already been exposed to college. They know what lifestyle adjustments are necessary to survive academically.

"This will be a mature team," noted Bogataj.

But maturity alone isn't a formula for success. And that isn't what Bogataj was really after.

"All of these kids are versatile," he said. "All of them played more than one position in high school."

They don't care who scores, they just want to win."

Recruiting formula

What Bogataj felt he needed to do in his recruiting was, first, "recreate Scott Meredith," his 6-foot-8 do-everything forward. Then "we had to get point guards, we needed to improve our three-point shooting, and we wanted to get more athleticism at the (power forward, small forward, shooting guard) positions."

Last year's team was strong around the basket with Meredith and the 6-7 Murray, but lacked both a true point guard to feed the ball into them and a consistent three-point threat to relieve inside pressure. Also, with quickness and athleticism lacking at the guard positions, trying to apply defensive pressure was difficult.

Bogataj may have found solutions to many of those problems.

Five of his recruits are in the 6-4 to 6-7 range, and all, according to Bogataj, are solid athletes. Leading the pack is Mohammed Abdurabbuh, a Dearborn Edsel Ford graduate who was a walk-on at University of Detroit-Mercy last season. With such a large number of new players coming in this season, Abdurabbuh figured he would get more playing time at SC, so he transferred.

A small forward/off-guard who will have sophomore status, Abdurabbuh "runs the court well and can shoot the three," said Bogataj.

Lots of potential

Another athletic-type joining the Ocelots is small forward Mark Donahue, a 6-4 1/2 leaper who gradu-

ated from Livonia Franklin in 1989. Then there's 6-5 Courtney Williams, a strong post-up player who also possesses a "nice 17-footer. He's quick and jumps well."

There's more along the same line. Steve Whitlow, a 1991 Redford Catholic Central graduate, is transferring from Michigan State to join the Ocelots. At 6-4, he will have freshman status. Said Bogataj: "He's a tough kid who can play the point, off-guard or small forward. He's another three-point shooter, and he's very versatile."

Frank McCray is the elder statesman among the newcomers. A 1988 Inkster graduate, his prep team nearly upset the Redford Bishop Borgess squad that eventually reached the state finals. McCray is another 6-4 off-guard/small forward who can "run, jump and is a good passer."

Then there's Brian Markowicz, a 6-7 true freshman who last season led Dearborn Crestwood in scoring. Markowicz has "excellent hands and is a great shooter" with three-point range.

There are also three point-guards to distribute the ball to all these scoring threats. Richard Mitchell is a true freshman from East Catholic at 5-11. Bogataj described him as someone who "knows how to win. He does what he has to do to win, and he's a good defensive player."

Deep and athletic

Two others who can play the

point are older. Craig Bowdry is a 5-11 '91 graduate of Detroit Redford who was already attending SC; Vincent Turner came to SC from Detroit Henry Ford ('89) after spending two years in the Army.

"With Vincent and Craig being older, that might give them a bit of an edge (as a starter)," said Bogataj. "But Ricky (Mitchell) comes from such a good program."

Bogataj's 10th recruit is Jon Fitzpatrick, a 6-1 shooting guard who graduated from Farmington in '91. The SC coach took it through yet, however, there are at least two more who could join the team, and each would make an immediate impact.

But even without further signings, Bogataj called this team "the most athletic I've had here." He won't venture a guess as to who the potential starters would be or even who will contribute the most. "I think it will be a whole combination of things," he said. "All of them will complement Jarvis (Murray)."

"We'll be able to press more and move people in and out (of the lineup)." If Bogataj has indeed improved SC's depth, athleticism, size, shooting and defensive quickness — with players who know how to stay eligible — there's no reason the team should not be able to improve on its 14-18 record of last season. That is, if Bogataj can blend them and keep them properly focused.

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First Division

(THROUGH JUNE 29)

	W	L	T	Pts
Rods Marauders	0	0	2	14
Bern Cobras II	3	0	1	11
AA Huskies	5	2	1	11
First Blood	4	2	1	9
Un. Falcons	3	3	2	8
Blazers	3	3	2	8
Venom	3	3	1	7
Orion Inter.	3	3	0	6
Combrants	2	5	1	5
Bern Cobras I	1	3	2	4
AA United	1	0	0	2

Mustangs	3	2	1	7
CB United	3	0	1	7
Homeowners	2	2	2	6
One Eyed Jacks	2	1	0	4
Falcons	1	4	1	3
Los Medanos	0	4	2	2

Second Division

	W	L	T	Pts
African Stars	6	0	2	14
Palermo	5	1	2	12
SFC 92	4	1	2	10
Woodybushes	3	3	1	7
Arsenal	3	3	1	7
Roch. Rebels	2	2	3	7
Futaball	2	3	0	4
Cavaliers	1	6	1	3
San Pablo	1	6	0	2

Results

June 28: Paragon 2, Ann Arbor Hatticks 1.
June 28: Ann Arbor Hatticks 4, Birmingham Cobras 10. (Blazers 3, Dearborn Internationals 0; Redford Marauders 1, Bud Light 0.)

Michigan Cup play, June 28: Livonia Paragon 4, One Eyed Jacks 0; Ann Arbor United 1, Birmingham Cobras 10.
June 28: Birmingham Cobras 11, Livonia Paragon 3; Redford Marauders 3, Ann Arbor United 0. June 28: Dearborn Internationals 3, Combrants 2.

June 28: Rangers 1, One Eyed Jacks 0; Stars 5, San Pablo 1; Palermo 2, Cavaliers 1; SFC 92 2, Woodybushes 1; Arsenal 4, Futaball 1.

June 28: Futaball 2, Woodybushes 1; African Stars 3, SFC 92 2; San Pablo 4, Cavaliers 1.
June 28: Arsenal 3, Cavaliers 1.

Third Division

(THROUGH JUNE 28)

	W	L	T	Pts
Ply. Blast	0	2	0	12
Red Wings	3	1	4	10
N.O. Blazers	3	2	3	9
Zacatos	3	2	3	8
Metro Mads	1	4	3	5
Box of Ram	2	6	0	4

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Public July 2 and 6, 1992

REGISTRATION NOTICE for GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1992 To the Qualified Electors of Farmington Hills PRECINCTS 1 - 31 CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATIONS for the above stated election will be:

MONDAY, JULY 6, 1992

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Electors who wish to vote in the primary election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 1992. Persons may register at any Secretary of State branch office, any county, city or township clerk's office, and at the Farmington Hills City Clerk's office at 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. By state law you must be registered 30 days prior to the election to be eligible to vote.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

Public June 23 and July 2, 1992

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS HOWARD ROAD SCREEN WALL (EAST OF HALSTED ROAD) CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan at the Clerk's Office at 31555 Eleven Mile Road until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 1992, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

This project consists of approximately 500 linear feet of precast concrete screen wall (8' to 8' in height).

Plans, specifications, and proposal forms may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office at the above address on or after Monday, July 6, 1992, upon deposit of \$20.00, which is non-refundable. Proposals may be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the City of Farmington Hills. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond by a recognized surety company in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of Farmington Hills, as security for acceptance of the Contract.

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KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

Public July 1992

REGISTRATION NOTICE

FOR GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1992

To the Qualified Electors: THE CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE IN MY OFFICE 23600 LIBERTY STREET, FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN ON

MONDAY, JULY 6, 1992 - LAST DAY From 8:30 o'clock a.m. until 4:30 o'clock p.m.

For the purpose of receiving applications for registration of the qualified electors in said City.

No person whose registration is received after 4:30 p.m. on that date shall be entitled to vote in the election of August 4, 1992.

Applications for registration may be made to the City Clerk of the City of Farmington, or any Secretary of State office, or elsewhere as permitted by law.

The City Clerk's office is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the nomination and election of candidates for various offices. Persons who are currently registered need not reregister.

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Submitted by the Committee to Re-Elect Robert M. Mendenhall to Congress