

OCC doing fine without star

Figure this one out: The Oakland Community College men's basketball team loses Myron Banks, its leading scorer and rebounder, and promptly embarks on a three-game winning streak.

"I think losing Myron has made us pull together harder," said OCC coach Lynn Reed, whose team beat Highland Park Community College Saturday night, 84-93, for its seventh win in the last eight games. "I think we've all picked it up a notch. I think before we all had a tendency to watch Myron score and rebound. Losing him has made us more intense."

Banks was averaging 20.9 points and 11.6 rebounds per game before being declared academically ineligible. OCC certainly could have used his 6-7, 210-pound frame Saturday against Highland Park's 6-7 Ken Patterson. Patterson shredded the OCC defense for 37 points.

"He was really something else. We just couldn't contain him,"

Reed said. Patterson scored with 14 seconds left to give HPC a 93-91 lead. OCC rushed the ball up court. Guard Kevin Woodmore (Avalon), who distributed nine assists in the game, found Craig Martin open behind the three-point stripe. With five seconds left, Martin drained the game-winning shot.

"We kept battling and we kept hanging in there," Reed said. "I think we hung on long enough to win."

Martin finished with 25 points, all tallied in the second half.

"Highland Park had been sagging on our inside people and that opened things up for Craig," Reed said.

Troy Coleman paced the Raiders with 27 points and 15 rebounds. Willie Payne added 13. Bill Knight contributed seven points, nine assists and 11 rebounds.

But the key to both the victory Saturday and the Raiders' current hot streak, according to Reed, is the play of Woodmore. Woodmore

contributed a triple-nine: nine points, nine assists and nine steals.

"Kevin is playing outstanding basketball right now," Reed said. "He's really solidified things at the point-guard spot. He's running the team, organizing things on the court and getting the ball to the right people at the right time."

Woodmore triggered OCC's 82-66 rout of Henry Ford Community College last Wednesday, scoring six points, with eight steals and seven assists.

"He played an almost flawless floor game," Reed said. "He only made one turnover."

Coleman again led the scoring with 20 points, hitting 10 of his 14 shots. Payne added 14 and Martin 11.

OCC was 5-2, tied for second and one game behind Mott in the Eastern Conference going into Wednesday's home game against Alpena. The Raiders, 9-8 overall, host Mott on Saturday (7:30 p.m.).

Seniors in East-West duel



AL HARRISON

It will be East versus West as the senior leagues square off against each other at 8:30 a.m., Jan. 25 at Meadow Lane in Redford Township.

The match-up is a result of John Gavio's efforts to put together, for the first time ever, an East-West challenge in which the best senior citizen bowlers from each side of metro-Detroit will get a chance to compete and perhaps begin a cross-town rivalry.

Gavio has been involved in organizing and running league events for many years. Gavio is also known for his senior league reports which appear in each edition of the Bowler's Digest.

Plan to arrive early if you wish to watch the action.

all bowlers, but just about every bowling center remained open.

Seems like people are more concerned about their bowling than education.

There are good days and there are bad days. But for the Livonia Trophy team in the Sunday Elpers League at Westland Bowl, Sunday was a very, very good day.

In the team's second game, Ken Flister led the way with a 300, and his teammates supported him with a 289 by Mark Konopatzki and a 279 from Charlie Hillis. Frank Ericson contributed with a 268 and Marcellus Scott chipped in with a 160.

The team combined for a whopping score of 1,206 and a series total of 3,427.

It was a very good day, especially for Flister, as he followed his perfect game with a 290 and wound up with a 630 series. He earned three ABC rings (300, 299 and 600), plus a 300 jacket from Westland Bowl and a watch from ABC for 101 pins over average.

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Super Bowl (Canton Township) All-Stars - Jon Frazz, 248-259/354.

Canton Township - Tony Guerin, 257/118; Bob Brown, 257/118; Don Frazz, 277-281/330/770.

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Don Lane (Farmington) Our Lady of Sorrows - Paul Taylor, 248/619; Jeff Barker, 258/095; John Hargreaves, 268/850; Tim Quainance, 263/838.

Senior House - Jim Barr, 260/725; Jerry Lamb, 260/714; Jeff Hansen, 259/717; Dave Tonia, 255/200/558; Hal Jackson, 677; Dave Halstead, 618; Larry Parker, 658; Tom Johnson, 661/554; Keith Bock, 287.

Country Lane (Farmington Hills) International Bowlers Club - Hal Luden, 225; Al Herman, 225; Ruth Davis, 225; Don Waldman, 213.

Greenfield Mixed - The Barber, 254-245/717; Vern Goodrich, 279; Lee Snow, 247-255-233/727; Mike Wood, 187; Steve Gier, 1193/1193; Steve Tom Kozak, 279/800; Ray Marchewicz, 225/217; Chris Gier, 216; Jim Jamerson, 234/522; Lou Dugan, 241/877; Tony VanMatre, 234/699; Not Bowled; Fred Jacobson - Steve Anderson, 245/248; Dave Weisberg, 261/839; Lyle Scheeler, 249/834; Larry Horn, 217/802; Larry Scott, 240; Bob Williams, 264; Barry Palmer, 222; Gary Goyer, 221.

Westwood Junior House - Corly Lee, 264/677; Ron Raymond, 258/851; Jim Beckwith, 261/534; Dave Nelson, 268/766; Steve Schaefer, 261/737; Tom Heenan, 267/737; Jack O'Brien, 270/712; Rocky Stone, 268/137; Jim Baker, 256/724; Tom Ahoback, 254/700; Leon - Ed - Tom Aronchik, 247/605; Bob Ozanski, 233.

Country Lane (Farmington Hills) - Tom Matelson, 300.

University Lane (Livonia) - Elvie Laine, 300/787.

Livonia Ladies - Don Barn, 246/845.

Penny's Bowling - The Barber, 248/708; Keith Drummond, 250/845; Steve Duka, 244/602; Gary

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Whitlow was never a poor student. He graduated from OCC with a 3.6 grade point average. Still, it's not easy going to college and staying straight.

But he survived his first semester at SC, with a 3.2 GPA.

His life is beginning to get back in order. And the game is filling a hole.

"I love to play," said Whitlow. "I think I can make myself good enough to play (NCAA) Division I."

That isn't out of the question, certainly. Whitlow still has another year at SC. Against OCC he enjoyed his best game of the season, pouring in 27 points.

Afterwards, he made another decision that didn't come easily: He gave up cigarettes, telling himself he couldn't smoke if he was going to play ball.

His goals are precise - get a scholarship to a four-year school offering the curriculum he wants to pursue. Whitlow is interested in studying psychology.

"I want to help people who are going through what I've been through," he explained.

It won't be easy. He knows it. He plans to embark on an "extensive training program" this summer. His foot speed and ball handling capabilities can both be improved,

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barage in the third quarter.

April finished with 14 points and Brian Farr contributed 11 points and seven rebounds. Mikel also

lauded the deft ballhandling of point guard Stanley Lewis (six assists and only two turnovers) which helped neutralize Groves' press.

The Falcons are now 5-3. For Groves (4-5), Dave Scott scored 18 and Mustapha Thorpe added 13.

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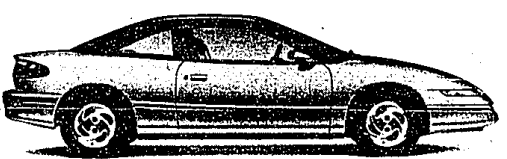


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