COUNTY OF OAKLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
1999 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

TO ALL ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 11535 of Part 115 of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, a Public Hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on September 16, 1999 in the County Commissioners' Auditorium at 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan, to receive public comment concerning the proposed 1999 Solid Waste Management Plan Update.

Copies of the proposed plan update documents were provided to the chief elected official in each city, village and township in Oakland County on or about June 18, 1999. Copies of the proposed plan update are also available for inspection in the first floor library of the County Courthouse's West Wing Extension (Bldg. #14 East) at 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan; at the County Clerk's Office, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan; and at the Solid Waste Planning offices located on the second floor of the Public Works Building (Bldg. #95 West) at One Public Works Drive, off Watkins Lake Road west of Telegraph Road on the County Service Center properties in Waterford Township, adjacent to 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan. Copying, at cost, of the document and supporting documentation is available at the Solid Waste Planning offices. Full copies of the proposed plan update may be purchased at the Solid Waste Planning office upon remittance of $3.25 plus postage if mailing is required.

The public comment period (for consideration by County staff and the Solid Waste Planning Committee) ends with receipt of verbal comments at the public hearing on September 16, 1999, with the receipt of written comments by the close of the business day on September 24, 1999, and with the receipt of mailed comments which were postmarked no later than September 25, 1999. After September 25, 1999, County staff and the Solid Waste Planning Committee will consider the comments made or received *and adjust the proposed plan update as may be appropriate prior to making* their final recommendations to the Board of Commissions on or before October 25, 1999. The Board of Commissioners will consider the final recommendations on the plan update at public meetings during the month of November, 1999. Additional public comments on the final recommendations may be made directly to the Board of Commissioners. For further information, call 248-858-1352.

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Crusaders try to fill holes in roster

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Major losses.

That's the first thing that strikes anyone familiar with Madonna University's men's soccer program. The team that won the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in each of its first two seasons as a league member — losing just one conference match in the process — is facing major problems in 1999.

After all, the Fighting Crusaders had five senior starters on last season's squad. Two of them, Scott Emert and Ryan Mollien (Livonia), were good enough to play this summer for the Mid-Michigan Bucks, members of the Premier Development League who went 20-3.

A lot to replace, right? But wait — there's more.

Madonna coach Pete Alexander knew he would need a massive infusion of new talent after losing seniors Emert, Mollien, Keith Gniewek (Plymouth Canton), Jason Hazinski (Redford Thurston) and Victor Rodopoulos (Livonia Franklin).

Then he got some other news: Lael Bryant and James Catlett were transferring, and Steve Kujawa and Bill Scherle (Redford Catholic Central/Canton) were not coming back.

That led to the coup de grace. Four of Alexander's top recruits — Tim Rais (Farmington), P.J. Stranahan (Troy), Chris Jaskolski (Schoolcraft College/Plymouth Salem) and Ryan Konley (Schoolcraft/Plymouth Salem) — suffered academic difficulties and will be ineligible.

"Those are unbelievably talented players," Alexander said. "If we could add those four to our current roster, you would see us going to nationals. Without them, I'm not sure we can win the WHAC."

All those setbacks — and you still think there's a chance?

"Well, I am really happy with the guys we have coming in," Alexander replied.

In other words, the Crusaders could have been extremely good. Now they may have to settle for very good.

There is still plenty of ammunition to carry this team to the *NAIA regionals and beyond. One* reason is a restructured playoff format.

The NAIA has expanded its regions from eight to 14 regions and its national tournament qualifiers from 12 to 16 teams. The Michigan/Indiana region Madonna would play in is actually a four-team playoff between the top two teams in the Mid-Continent Conference and the WHAC.

"Knowing that, you've got to like our chances," said Alexander. "But I like Siena Heights' chances, too."

The Saints figure to be Madonna's top rival in the conference. Others to watch are Tri-State University and Indiana Tech.

Still, Alexander knows who the rest of the WHAC will be gunning for — the Crusaders are wearing the bulls-eye.

"We'll probably be ranked No. 1 in the region in the pre-season," Alexander conceded.

Maybe they should be. The league's top freshman from last season was midfielder Sam Piraino; he netted 14 goals and eight assists for Madonna.

And he's just one of several standouts returning. Charlie Bell, a senior midfielder who has twice been an NAIA honorable mention All-American, is the Crusaders' leading returnee. Bell had five goals and 11 assists last season.

Then there's keeper Dave Hart, another senior who gave up 19 goals in 21 matches (0.90 per game). Hart, Bell and Piraino were all-WHAC.

Alexander figures that even with the loss of Mollien, the defense will again sparkle. That's due to the return of Hart and sophomore defenders Ryan Thomason (Plymouth Christian) and Jim Misnjlovich (Livonia Stevenson).

Add to that the addition of senior Rob Willard, who hasn't played in two years, and freshmen Bill Fischer (Westland/Livonia Franklin) and Jeremy Hornak (Stevenson), and the makings of another impressive defense are there.

The midfield, with Piraino, Bell, part-time starter Keith Barber and a load of newcomers — Brian Murphy, Oleg Chovkovy, Joe Suchara (a keeper at Stevenson, he'll play both for Madonna) and Matt Buzewski (Livonia Churchill) — is well-stocked.

The front line is thin with the loss of Emert and Rodopoulos and Rais' ineligibility. But Alexander will have scorers.

Michael Healy, a sophomore transfer from Eastern Michigan, is the top prospect. "I know Healy will be able to step in there," said Alexander. "But we're lacking a second forward, a true forward."

Chovkovy, who has a strong leg, or junior Adam Purcell may fill that slot. Freshman John Sterling (Canton/Westland John Glenn) is another possibility.

There are a lot of things that will have to come together for the Crusaders to match last season's 20-3 mark. And, with a key defender gone and the entire front line needing to be replaced, coming together quickly may be Madonna's greatest challenge.

Twisters edge Fury, Patriots in close games

Fair warning: If you're weak of heart, be wary of any Wayne County Twisters football games.

The Twisters, a semi-pro team associated with the Lakeshore Football League, ran their record to 4-0 but not without some last-second heroics.

Their third-straight win came against the Black Swamp Patriots Aug. 7 in McComb, Ohio. Trailing by a touchdown with only seconds remaining, Twister quarterback Rob Elswick tossed a 26-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Brandon (Wayne) to pull out a 20-19 triumph.

But Saturday's game against the Zanesville (Ohio) Fury at the Academy of Detroit in Inkster proved to be even more dramatic, with the Twisters prevailing in overtime, 20-14.

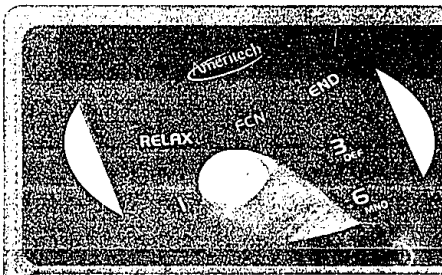
Another Elswick-to-Brandon TD pass covering 45 yards late in the second quarter and the subsequent extra-point conversion by Chuck Petitpas (Livonia) put the Twisters up 7-6.

It remained that way until, with less than three minutes left in the game, the Fury scored and added a two-point conversion to go up 14-7. But the Twisters answered with Elswick finding Leonard Morawa with a 22-yard TD pass with 55 seconds to go. Petitpas added the game-tying conversion.

A 54-yard field-goal attempt by Petitpas as regulation time expired, set up by a Fury fumble, fell short, resulting in OT.

Unfortunately for the Fury, the extra session began as regulation ended — with a fumble. The Twisters answered with a seven-play touchdown drive, with Lamar Spaulding (Westland) powering his way into the end zone for the winning score.

The Twisters travel to Lorain, Ohio, Saturday for a 7:30 p.m. game against the Lorain County Steelmen.



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