



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BARRER
Veteran player: Michael Hass returns to play a midfield position for Farmington.

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Ryder will be the starters with senior Eric Kelly, sophomore Vince D'Angelo and junior Nate Miller being the first players off the bench.

"These guys have really matured, and it's good to see their growth," Fillion said, adding the team has been practicing for more than three weeks now. "We should be set pretty well this year."

"We don't have any particular standouts, because the whole team looks good. We're coming together as a team."

First-year junior midfielder Steve Wolff made a favorable impression against Waterford with one goal and two assists. Miller, D'Angelo and Reid scored one goal apiece.

Assistant coach Mike White, a former Michigan State University player, is in charge of the defense, which appears solid with juniors Mike Kloosterman, Brian Doughty and Paul Hart returning.

They'll be the starters with Reid, who is also a long-stick middle, playing some defense, as well as other positions.

"He's like a special-teams guy," said Fillion of Reid. "He does an extremely great job at that."

"(Defense) has been our strong suit. It's something we promote pretty highly. Even the new guys are picking up the position very quickly."

The goalie again is senior Francois Berranen, who did a great job last year in his first season, according to Fillion.

"And we're expecting even better things this year," he said. "He's looking pretty good so far."

Farmington was host for a tournament Saturday with Rockford, Grand Haven and Elmhurst, and its next dual match will be Wednesday at Romeo.

RETURNING PLAYERS

Seniors: Brian Kozanecki, attack, Farmington; Ian Cole, attack, Farmington; Kishna Reid, defense, Farmington; Greg Down, midfielder, Farmington; Eric Kelly, midfielder, Farmington; Francois Berranen, goalie, Farmington.

Juniors: Jason Closs, attack, Farmington; Mike Kloosterman, defense, Farmington; Brian Doughty, defense, Farmington; Paul Hart, defense, Farmington; Justin Armour, defense, Farmington; Dan Derodet, defense, Farmington; Chris Kuclo, midfielder, Farmington; Joe Kart, midfielder, North; Nate Miller, midfielder, North; Jon Navoriani, midfielder, North; David Schwartz, midfielder, North; Matt Ryder, midfielder, Farmington.

Sophomores: Jeff Tosolan, attack, Farmington; Vince D'Angelo, midfielder, Farmington; Matt Ehrlich, midfielder, North; Peter Galopin, midfielder, North; Kyle Hart, midfielder, North; Michael Hass, midfielder, Farmington; Joel Rosen, midfielder, Farmington; Tony Ward, midfielder, North.

FIRST-YEAR PLAYERS

Seniors: Nate Pacer, Farmington; Loughlan Rycroft, North; Josler: Steve Wolff, Farmington; sophomores: Matt Balla, Farmington; Jonathan Cave, Farmington; Josh Koch, North; Brandon Thompson, Farmington; Eric Kozak, North; Lucas Digla, North; freshmen: Brian Catner, Farmington; Mike Deskin, Farmington; Brad Gorelik, Farmington; Jake Grubbs, Farmington; Brad Jaffe, North; Adam Keeling, Farmington; Mike Murphy, Farmington; Chris Semposki, Farmington.

SC women rebound from loss

BASKETBALL

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team didn't surrender in its trip to the NJCAA Division II Tournament in Hagerstown, Md.

After a poor performance in their tournament opener last Wednesday, a 64-43 loss to Monroe (N.Y.) CC, the Lady Ocelots rebounded to upend South Suburban (Ill.) College 70-50 in a consolation-round game Thursday.

The win sent SC (26-8) to Saturday's game opposite Penn Valley (Mo.) CC in a battle to finish in the top five.

South Suburban finished its season at 20-11.

The Ocelots built a 33-24 lead by halftime, but South Suburban narrowed the gap to 55-54 with just 2:37 to play.

SC got back on track, however, stretching its advantage to 62-56 with 1:24 to go. Rachel Eley took over from there for the Ocelots, scoring five straight points to clinch the victory.

Eley finished with 11 points, five rebounds, four assists and six steals.

Shafawnda Smelley led SC with 19 points (5-of-6 on three-

pointers). Angelica Blakely had a superb game, totaling 17 points, 10 boards and six steals, while Devin Franco and Ra'Sheida Edwards scored eight points apiece. Franco also grabbing 13 rebounds and making six steals. Edwards had three steals.

Suburban got 26 points from Lennetta Bentley and 17 points and 10 rebounds from Amanda Rawson.

The Ocelot forced 35 Suburban turnovers and 20-of-56 shooting from the floor (35.7 percent). SC had 26 turnovers and converted 24 of 64 shots (37.5 percent).

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his face and he still hit it.

"We showed we can compete with the best. We made a decent showing, but we still didn't show what we were capable of doing."

Bird led the Ocelots with 22 points, including 3-of-5 on three-pointers. Kennan Weir scored 20 (4-of-5 on threes), Sam Hoskin had 19 points and eight rebounds, Dave McGlown totaled 18 points (3-of-5 threes) and five assists and Peek scored 11.

Brown, a 6-foot-7 forward headed to Louisiana State, topped Okaloosa with 32 points, including 5-of-10 on threes. Tyrone Hayes contributed 20 points and nine boards; King scored 14, and Brandon Vincent and Thomas Hughes added 10 points each.

"It was real tough, physically and emotionally," said Bird. "Both teams had to come in

and suck it up. Both had the types of games last night."

Thursday's contest certainly wasn't a defensive one. SC converted 32 of 52 from the floor (62 percent), including 13 of 24 threes (54 percent); Okaloosa was 38-of-73 from the field (52 percent) and 10-of-26 on threes (38.5 percent).

Okaloosa had the biggest lead, going up by 11 in the first half. SC managed to trim it to 46-41 at halftime. With 10:49 to go in the second half, a three-point play by Hoskin gave the Ocelots their first lead, 62-60.

It was close the rest of the game; the biggest lead by either side was just five points — 78-73 for SC following a Hughes triple.

The Ocelots trailed 82-79 with 1:19 remaining in regulation. Bird's three with :35 to go

knotted it at 82-all and eventually forced OT.

"We showed a lot of character and a lot of guts," said Okaloosa coach Bruce Stewart. "We had three (close) games in three nights. Last night's game was highly emotional."

As for SC, Stewart had nothing but praise. "They're very talented," he said. "Hoskin is as good an inside player as we've played; (Bird) is one of the best pure shooters we've faced, and they're very athletic at the other spots."

Statistically, there wasn't much that separated the two teams. SC committed three more turnovers than Okaloosa, 16-13, and was outrebounded, 34-33. However, the biggest disparity was on the offensive boards: Okaloosa had a 16-8 advantage.

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er. It was nice to compete and have a good time doing it."

Nemes added seven of the 15 players on the team are fifth graders, so he's "really looking forward to good things next year, too."

Craig Bergeron was the team's leading scorer, and Nick Martz, Pat Nemes and Nick Hammer were most often the top rebounders.

Andy Lentz was a key playmaker and excellent

outside shooter, and Raffi Michael was the team's top defensive player, according to coach Nemes.

"If there was a defensive award, it would go to him," Nemes said.

In addition to its other triumphs, Sorrows had a come-from-behind win over rival St. Fabian, too. The Saints trailed by 10 points at halftime, but Pat Nemes and Nick Carroll rallied Sorrows to a 35-27 victory.



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