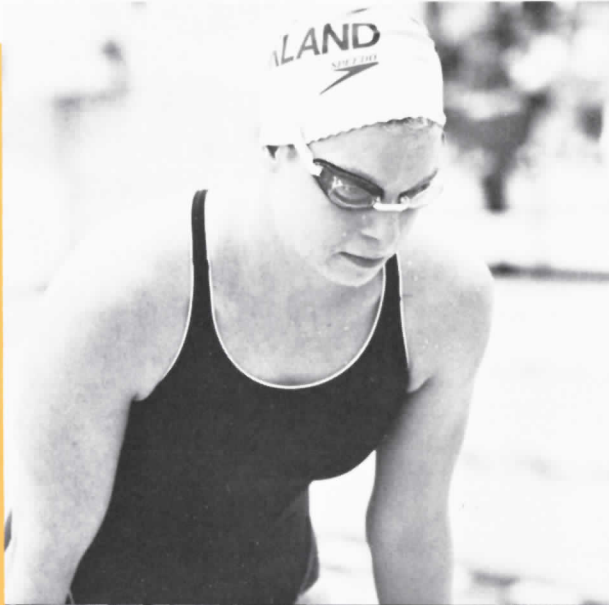


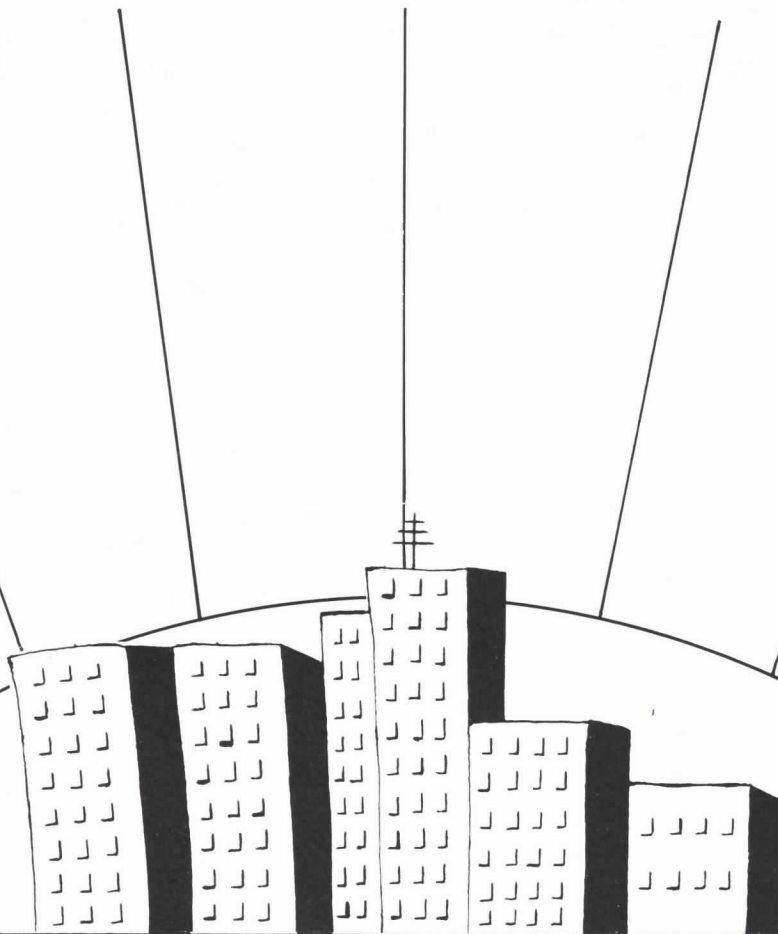


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In 1957, the late Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson donated \$2 million and their 1,500-acre Meadow Brook Farms estate, 30 miles north of Detroit, to Michigan State University to establish a college in Oakland County. Classes began in 1959 with 570 first-year students. In 1970, Oakland University became an independent public university, and its formal association with Michigan State ended.

Today, with some 27,000 graduates, Oakland University enrolls 12,000 students in its bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs. The 24-member charter faculty has grown to more than 400, 90 percent of whom hold earned doctorates.

With distinct instructional programs (College of Arts and Sciences, School of Economics and Management, School of Engineering and Computer Science, School of Human and Educational Services, School of Nursing, Center for Health Sciences), the institution offers a diverse curriculum of general education and specific career fields. Virtually all courses are taught by faculty members, not teaching assistants.

Academic support facilities include such notable entities as the Institute of Biological Sciences (which includes the V. Everett Kinsey Memorial Laboratory, the only major eye research center in the United States not connected with a medical school), the exercise physiology laboratory and the Center for Robotics and Advanced Automation. The Honors College was established to meet the educational needs of highly motivated students.



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PAUL HARTMAN

Athletic Director

Paul Hartman is starting his second year as director of athletics for Oakland University. A veteran administrator, Hartman has continued to develop Oakland's tradition of athletic excellence.

The program added personnel, developed additional summer youth camps and offered a new season ticket plan in his first year. He also instituted a Hall of Honor for exceptional Pioneer athletes and introduced the first athletic team banquet.

Hartman, who replaced Corey Van Fleet in June 1983, served the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point as athletic director for seven years prior to moving to Oakland University. He also served in similar positions at Florida International University in Miami, Florida, and Plymouth State College in New Hampshire.

RON FORBES

Business Manager

Ron Forbes, a native of Royal Oak, Michigan, and graduate of Western Michigan University, handles the duties of business manager for the athletic department. Entering his 15th year at Oakland, he is also in charge of ticket receipts.

STAN BLACKFORD

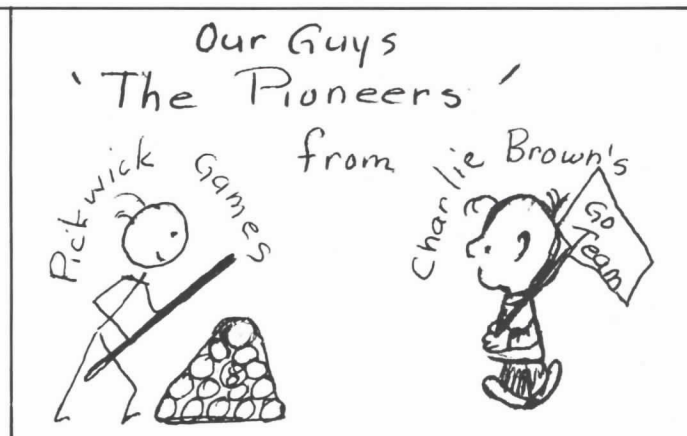
Sports Information Director

Stan Blackford is entering his third year as sports information director for the athletic department. A native of Evansville, Indiana, he has spent six years working in college athletics.

TOM VAN VOORHIS

Marketing and Promotions Director

Tom Van Voorhis handles promotions and marketing for the athletic department. A retired public relations employee from General Motors, Van Voorhis sells advertising, arranges special game promotions and schedules speaking engagements for the Pioneer coaching staff. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan.



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TERRY DIBBLE *Cross Country Head Coach*

Alma mater: Oakland

Terry Dibble's knowledge of proper running techniques and the willingness to work individually with Oakland University's cross-country performers should make his program one of the best within a short period of time.

His understanding of cross-country and distance running in marathons has Oakland University's administrators excited about cross country's future. A staff member of Oakland University's exercise science department, he uses related theories to improve the overall performance of Pioneer cross-country performers.

DONNA DICKINSON *Women's Tennis Head Coach*

Attended San Diego State

Beginning her third season as women's head tennis coach, Donna Dickinson spends a great deal of time individually helping each tennis player with the game. An employee at the Rochester Hills Racquet Club, she has been affiliated with tennis for the last 12 years, including 10 years as program, activities and tournament director at the Claremont Tennis Club in Claremont, California, before moving to the Michigan area.

An exceptional organizer, she directed Upland High School in California to the boys' soccer state championship game several years ago and is intent on making Oakland University's women's tennis program a championship-caliber team in the near future.

PETE HOVLAND *Men's Swimming Head Coach*

Alma mater: California-
Chico State

Pete Hovland's outstanding recruiting and coaching skills have made Oakland University's swimming program one of the finest in the country. The Pioneers have finished second twice and third once in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) swimming championships during his three-year career.

Selected as the NCAA Division II Coach of the Year in 1983, he was an assistant coach under head coach Ernie Maglisco when the Pioneers won the 1980 national championship for Oakland. A 23-time All-American and the 1977 Far Western Conference Swimmer of the Year, Hovland has coached the Pioneers to three straight Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) championships.

BOB HURDLE *Women's Volleyball Head Coach*

Alma mater: Ferris State

Bob Hurdle has improved the women's volleyball program immensely in two short years with outstanding recruiting. The Pioneers rewrote the record books last season by posting 22 victories and became one of the top teams in the state.

An excellent evaluator of talent, Hurdle does a fine job of getting the most out of each player. Along with his accomplishments at Oakland, he spent six years establishing Andover High School's volleyball program by producing a 96-36 record, two Southwestern Michigan Association championships and one Greater Oakland Athletic League championship.

GREG KAMPE *Men's Basketball Head Coach*

Alma mater: Bowling Green State

Regarded as one of the bright young coaches in the Midwest, Greg Kampe spent six years learning the trade at the University of Toledo before accepting his first head-coaching position at Oakland University. An outstanding recruiter, Kampe enlisted the players that helped Toledo qualify for two NCAA Division I national tournaments and one National Invitational Tournament.

A great teacher of the game, Kampe has the coaching attributes to make Oakland University a national power and turn Pioneer basketball into an exciting experience. As an athlete, he was the first player in Mid-American Conference history to be named first team All-Academic in both football and basketball at Bowling Green State.

SUE KRUSZEWSKI *Women's Basketball Head Coach*

Alma mater: Detroit

Seven collegiate seasons with winning records have made Sue Kruszewski one of the top women's basketball coaches in the country. Among Division II active coaches, her 135-60 record ranks tenth on the all-time list.

Well-respected among her peers, Kruszewski has won at every level of coaching and her 306-63 overall prep record is one of the finest ever assembled by a high school coach in Michigan. Blessed with a keen eye for college talent and excellent recruiting skills, she has maintained Oakland University's women's basketball tradition by putting together strong recruiting classes with potential to dominate the GLIAC the next several years.

GARY PARSONS

Alma mater: Plymouth State

Soccer-Tennis Head Coach

Gary Parsons has done an impressive job of putting together one of the best programs in college soccer in just three seasons. The Pioneers have been to the NCAA Division II final four the last two years under Parsons, and they have a three-year record of 46-11-5.

The Midwest Regional Coach of the Year in 1982 and 1983, Parsons has instilled a winning tradition at Oakland with hard work and patience. Parsons holds a fine reputation in the soccer ranks, with two Midwest Regional championships and appearances in the national tournament in six of his seven years of coaching.

DR. FRED STRANSKY

Alma mater: Miami (Florida)

Director of Health Maintenance Program

The rapid development of the Oakland University Exercise Physiology/Cardiac Rehabilitation program has been significant under Dr. Fred Stransky. Well-respected in medical and athletic circles, Stransky has developed his program from ground level to one of the finest in the Midwest.

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GEORGE WIBBY

Alma mater: Wayne State

Golf Head Coach

One of the hardest working individuals in Oakland University's athletic program, George Wibby is beginning his fifth year as head golf coach. An excellent teacher of golf fundamentals, he is striving to put the Pioneers among the nation's best at Division II level.

In addition to managing Oakland University's golf program, he donates his spare time to the American Red Cross to make this community a better place to live. Wibby served as director of the volunteer organization for several decades.

MARY ELLEN WYDAN

Alma mater: Delaware

Women's Swimming Head Coach

Being hard working, vibrant and a good communicator have helped make Mary Ellen Wydan one of the fine young coaches at the Division II level. She used her knowledge and hard work to direct the Pioneers to fourth place in the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships in her first year.

Her coaching skills helped produce victories over three Division I programs (Purdue, Michigan and Cleveland State) as the Pioneers posted a 6-5 dual-meet record. There's little doubt that Wydan will make Oakland University's women's swimming program a national contender for many years.

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Soccer (men)

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Swimming (men)

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Wrestling (men)

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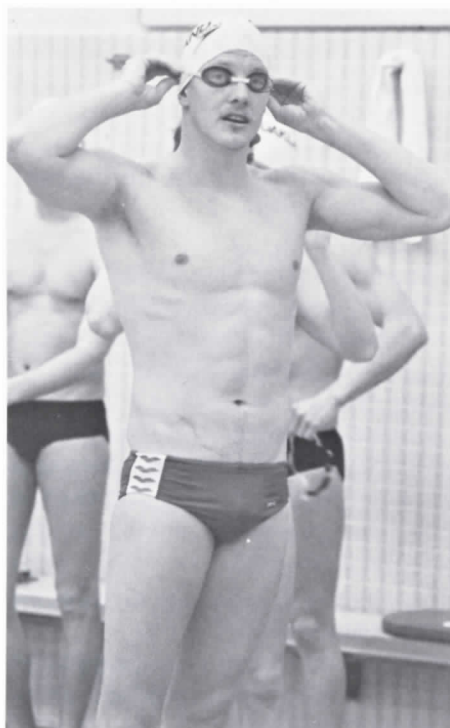
Men's Soccer

Munadel Numan (1983)
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Darin Abbasse (1981-84)
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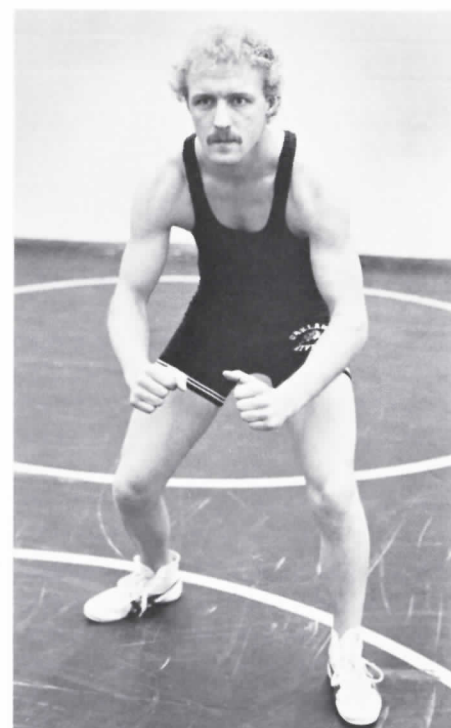


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Mike Campbell (1969-71)
Gary Quitiquit (1970)
James Shirilla (1970)
Steve Yedlin (1970)
Art Colton (1969)

Men's Wrestling

John Craig (1984)
Jerry Umin (1984)
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 Kathy Van Valkenburg (1982-84)
 Mary Vincent (1982-84)
 Kim Pogue (1983-84)
 Linda Scott (1983-84)
 Bonnie Gleffe (1984)
 Sarah Stanwood (1983)
 Marsha Dahlgren (1982)
 Tammy McGinnis (1982)
 Kryston Peterson (1982)
 Shelley Staniek (1982)

Women's Basketball

Linda Krawford (1982-83)
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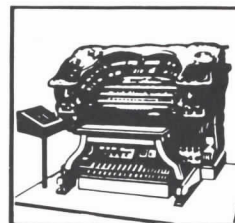
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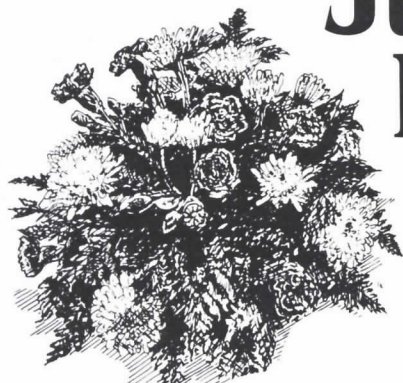


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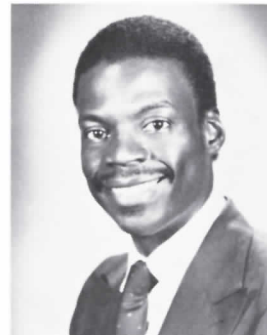
*Hollie L. Lepley
Director of Athletics
1984*



*Paul Karas
Men's Swimming
1984*



*Kathleen Hewelt
Women's Basketball
1984*



*Carvin Melson
Men's Basketball
1984*

The five individuals listed on this page were the first inductees into the Oakland University Hall of Honor, established by Athletic Director Paul Hartman in 1984. Students are selected on the basis of athletic and academic achievements during their stay at Oakland. Administrators and coaches are selected on their accomplishments and contributions to the growth of the athletic program.

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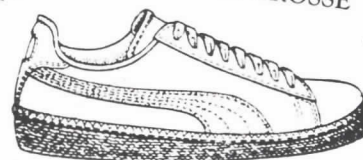
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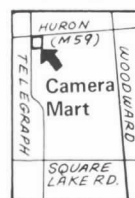
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Oct. 3	at Michigan State	3:30 p.m.	Dec. 7-	at Wright State Shave and	
Oct. 6	Spring Arbor	2:00 p.m.	Dec. 8	Taper Invitational	TBA
Oct. 9	Eastern Michigan	3:00 p.m.	Jan. 5	Michigan State	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Bowling Green State	4:00 p.m.	Jan. 11	at Purdue (Coed)	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Dayton	3:00 p.m.	Jan. 17	at Michigan	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 20	Gannon	2:00 p.m.	Jan. 19	Eastern Michigan	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	at Akron	4:00 p.m.	Jan. 26	Clarion (Coed)	2:00 p.m.
			Feb. 1	Kenyon (Coed)	(women) 4:00 p.m. (men) 7:00 p.m.

Men's Swimming

Oct. 26	Gold & White Intrasquad Meet	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	at Bowling Green Relays (Coed) Diving	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Bowling Green Relays (Coed) Swimming	10:00 a.m.
Nov. 16	Michigan State	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 30-	Illinois Invitational	all day
Dec. 2		
Dec. 6	at Eastern Michigan	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8-	at Youngstown State	all day
Dec. 9	Invitational (Coed)	each day
Jan. 11	at Purdue (Coed)	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	Miami	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 23	Chico State (Telephone Meet)	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	Clarion State (Coed)	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	Kenyon (Coed)	(women) 4:00 p.m. (men) 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Ferris State	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Wayne State	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	at GLIAC Championships	all day
Feb. 23	at Wayne State in Detroit, MI	each day
Mar. 21-	NCAA Division II Swimming	
Mar. 23	and Diving Championships at Springfield College in Springfield, MA	TBA
Mar. 28-	NCAA Division I Swimming	
Mar. 30	and Diving Championships at Texas in Austin, TX	TBA

Head coach: Pete Hovland

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Women's Swimming

Nov. 2	Bowling Green Relays — Diving	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	Bowling Green Relays — Swimming (Coed)	10:00 a.m.
Nov. 9	Bowling Green State	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 16-	at Miami Invitational (Prelims)	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 17	(Finals)	7:30 p.m.

Feb. 9	at Northern Michigan	TBA
Feb. 28-	at Midwest Invitational at	
Mar. 2	Illinois-Chicago Circle in Chicago, IL	TBA
Mar. 13-	NCAA Division II Nationals	
Mar. 16	(Coed), site to be announced	TBA

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Volleyball

Sept. 8	at Michigan Tournament	9:00 a.m.
Sept. 11	Macomb Community	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 14-	at Indiana Purdue (Fort	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 15	Wayne) Tournament	(Sat.) 8:00 a.m.
Sept. 18	Schoolcraft and Michigan- Dearborn	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 21-	at Grand Valley State	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 22	Tournament	(Sat.) 8:00 a.m.
Sept. 25	Henry Ford Community	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Spring Arbor — Quad	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 2	at Alma	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Saginaw Valley State	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	Wayne State	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	at Ferris State	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Grand Valley State	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	Windsor	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Schoolcraft Tournament	8:00 a.m.
Oct. 23	at Northwood	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Michigan Tech	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 30	Hillsdale	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Lake Superior State	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2-3	Can Am Tournament in Windsor, Ontario	(Sat.) 8:00 a.m.
Nov. 9-	GLIAC Championships at	
Nov. 10	Michigan Tech in Houghton, MI	9:00 a.m. both days

Coach: Bob Hurdle

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Wrestling

Nov. 28	at Wright State	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 1	at Michigan Open	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 5	Ashland and Eastern Michigan	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Muskegon Open	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 11-	at Midwest Classic at	
Jan. 12	Indiana Central in Indianapolis, IN	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 16	Siena Heights	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	at Siena Heights Tournament	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 23	Ferris State	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Muskegon Team Tournament	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 30	Grand Valley State	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Lake Superior State	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Northern Michigan and Wisconsin-Parkside in Marquette, MI	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	GLIAC Championships at Oakland in Rochester, MI	11:00 a.m.
Feb. 15-	NCAA Division II Mideast Regionals	TBA
Feb. 16		
Mar. 2-	NCAA Division II National Championships	TBA
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by Jim Walker

It was opening day of the United Soccer League season and Nick O'Shea was walking toward a seat on the Oklahoma Stampede bench.

Brian Harvey watched him with intense eyes.

"If that young man doesn't kick a ball for us this season," said the Stampede coach, "he'll still have earned every cent of his salary."

O'Shea, you see, has this gimmick — a somersault throw-in that captured the hearts of everyone in Oklahoma City who saw it during the club's many pre-season scrimmages and promotional appearances.

Harvey took a look at O'Shea on the recommendation of Gary Parsons, head soccer coach at Oakland University. O'Shea was an integral part of the Oakland Pioneers soccer team.

O'Shea didn't tell Harvey about the flip-over throw-in until after he had been invited to training camp.

"I didn't want to be kept around just to make appearances and do the flip," O'Shea said. "I thought I could play, but I really expected to be a backup midfielder this season. I didn't expect to play as much as I have."

O'Shea's tumbling act commences a few yards from the touchline. Grasping the ball firmly, he strides forward and executes a brief handstand on the ball. He completes the flip by landing on both feet, the momentum enabling him to fling the ball 30 to 40 yards, most often into the area of the goalmouth.

In the Stampede's first home exhibition game, against the Tulsa Roughnecks, O'Shea came on at half-time (at the 59:05 mark) and gave his team a 1-0 lead with a flip-throw that rifled in front of the goal area to be headed in by David Kemp.

O'Shea is still delivering on that paid-up salary — and not just with gimmick weaponry.

The Houston Dynamos can attest to the damage O'Shea can cause.

Earlier this season, the Dynamos were nursing a 1-0 lead into the final stretch of a game at Taft Stadium. With seven minutes remaining, O'Shea first caught Houston napping by catapulting a throw some 40 yards downfield, where Thompson Usiyan knocked it in the goal. Less than three minutes later, O'Shea struck again, this time without the throw-in gizmo. He tapped a short corner to Pete Knezic, who passed it back. Then O'Shea got the ball again to Usiyan, who scored the winning goal.



Nick O'Shea performing his famous somersault throw-in.

In a game at Houston, Stampede goalkeeper Delroy Allen was ejected for a foul and Harvey found himself without a backup 'tender.

"I decided to try Nick because he's so flexible," said Harvey. O'Shea responded with one save in regulation and what Harvey called "two great saves" in a shootout that resulted in a 3-2 Stampede victory.

Since then, O'Shea, who always fancied himself a midfielder, worked his way into an injury-riddled lineup at left fullback, where he has steadily performed.

"The fans in Oklahoma have really taken to the throw-in," said O'Shea. "I'm still learning as a player. The pace is so much faster and everything is so much quicker. But this chance to play has helped me learn more quickly and I feel comfortable that I'm reading the game better every time out."

As for Harvey, he's relieved that O'Shea didn't stop kicking, or throwing, the ball when he had earned his salary.

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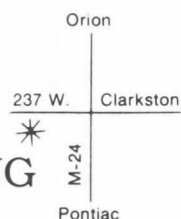
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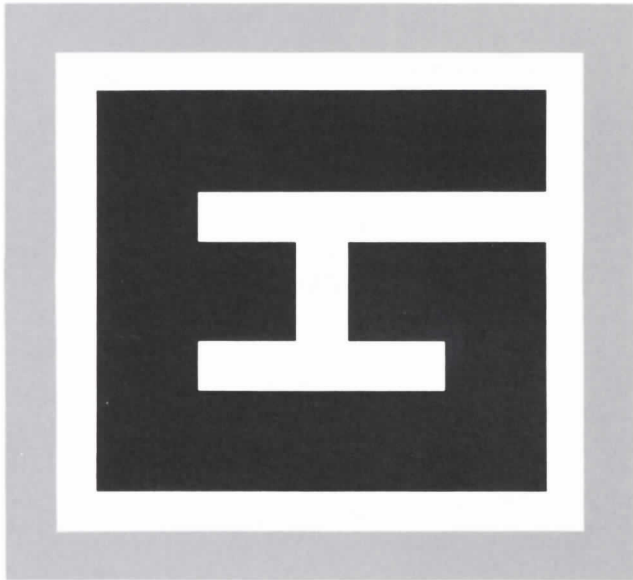
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