

CC shows Gutt with 44-43 win

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Redford Catholic Central basketball coach Bernie Holowicki called senior forward Jeff Gutt a "thief" and a "Friday nighter."

Those aren't normally flattering terms coming from a coach, but on Tuesday they described the play of Gutt, a senior forward who got cut from last year's team. Gutt had a steal and a backdoor layup in the final two minutes, leading host CC to a 44-43 victory over visiting Warren DeLaSalle.

The win improved CC to 5-6 overall, 3-2 in the Catholic League's Central Division. DeLaSalle, an upset winner last Friday over Redford Bishop Borgosa, fell to 2-3 in the Central Division, 5-6 overall.

Gutt didn't start but scored both of his baskets in the last three minutes as CC rallied from a 39-35 deficit.

"We've been trying to find out who's best (by juggling the lineup) and it looks like Jeff has been coming on," Holowicki said. "He's a 'Friday nighter'."

In this case, "Friday nighter" means he came to play. With the score tied 39-39 Gutt stole the ball from DeLaSalle point guard Don DeDonatis near half-court. Gutt missed the contested layup but Brian Paluk got the rebound, was fouled and split a pair of free throws to put CC ahead for good, 40-39, with 1:15 remaining.

DeDonatis missed a 1-and-1 attempt with :52 remaining and Paluk found Gutt all alone for a back-door layup and a 42-39 lead with :23 left.

After a DeLaSalle free throw, Paluk made two more free throws to put CC up 44-40; and DeDonatis' three-pointer with :07 left made the final margin one point.

CC made only five-of-14 free throws, so Paluk's two makes weren't totally expected.

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high 26 points on 10-of-20 shooting. He scored all of DeLaSalle's eight points in the third quarter to keep the Pilots in contention, 29-28, entering the fourth quarter.

DeDonatis scored three straight baskets midway through the fourth quarter to give the Pilots a 39-35 lead with :05 left but they collapsed down the stretch. DeLaSalle missed three of its last four free throws and was 7-14 for the game.

"We made bad decisions," DeLaSalle coach Tim Turner said. "We threw a behind-the-back pass when we shouldn't have, took a jump shot off a fast break. CC played hard but we gave them the game."

"DeDonatis has to do that much all the time. This certainly was not one of his better performances but CC did a good job being aware of him."

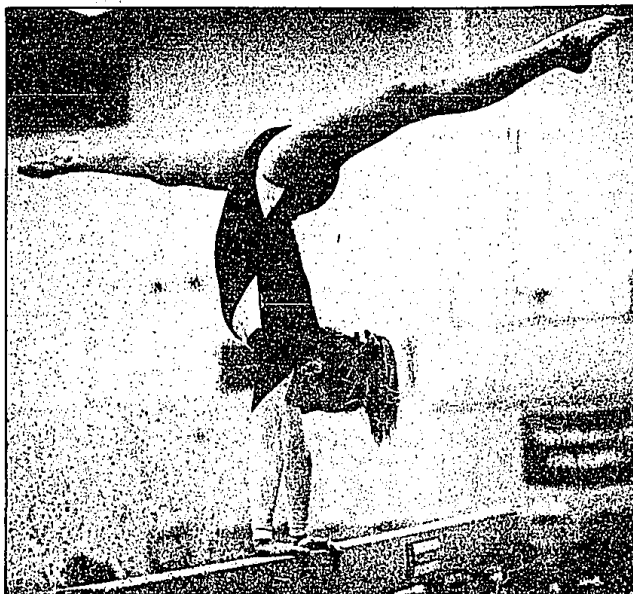
Paluk led CC with 17 points on 5-of-12 shooting and six rebounds. Kummer scored six of his eight points in the first half and Baskerville had seven points before fouling out.

Junior guard Andy Slanketter scored six points on a pair of three-point baskets, including one with 5:45 left that pulled CC down by one, 33-32.

DeDonatis scored six points in the first quarter to give DeLaSalle a 12-7 lead, but the Shamrocks held the Pilots' leading scorer scoreless in the second quarter and led 20-18 at halftime.

The Shamrocks on Saturday posted a 33-19 halftime lead and led a non-league home game to Toledo Central Catholic, 62-48.

Toledo CC, coached by former Central Michigan coach Charlie Coles, outscored Redford CC 16-7 in the fourth quarter. Paluk led Redford CC with 18 points.



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Gymnastics meet: Farmington's Deanna Esbie performs a routine on the balance beam Monday in the dual won by Walled Lake Western.

North depth factor in victory

North Farmington gymnastics coach Jeff Dwyer led out a big sigh make that Tsai, after North's 120.70-98.85 dual-meet victory Monday at Royal Oak Dondoro.

Junior Michelle Tsai won three events and took second in another for the Raiders (6-1). Tsai won the uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise. More important to Dwyer, several gymnasts who usually don't see a lot of competition participated.

"We have good depth and I was able to throw a lot of different people into this meet," Dwyer said. "We want as many people as possible to qualify for the regional meet, and I want to give them all that opportunity."

The Raiders, who have already qualified as a team for the regional, swept the vault. Sophomore

Annie Jud (9.0) was first, Tsai second and junior Elyse Turner third. Tsai won the bars with a 7.95 score. Sophomore Jennie Japenga was second with freshman Hillary Lum taking third.

Tsai scored 8.65 on beam. Lum was second and Stephanie Wagner fourth. Tsai completed her day with a win on floor (8.45), edging Jenni Japenga (8.25). Turner was fourth.

FARMINGTON
Stacey Mackowiak and Susie Muzbeck placed first and second in every event Monday to lead their Walled Lake gymnastics team to victory over host Farmington.

Walled Lake scored 117.6, the Falcons 104.8. Farmington is 0-4

in dual meets. Farmington's top gymnast was Maureen Gerasowski, who was third on vault (7.6), bars (7.05) and beam (7.3). She was fourth on floor (7.0) and finished with the third-best all-around score (28.28).

Teammate Tracy Carothers was fourth on vault (7.1), and bars (5.9) and fourth in the all-around (26.26). Farmington's Deanna Esbie was fourth on beam (6.9).

Mackowiak and Muzbeck finished with 33.8 all-around totals. Mackowiak was first on vault (8.2) and bars (8.5), and she was second on beam (8.35) and floor (8.75).

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But the Rocks committed turnovers on three straight possessions, and Harrison capitalized each time.

After a driving layup and two free throws by Smith and a basket by Ruffini, who came off the bench to play a support game, the Hawks suddenly were within five (91-88) with more than a minute to play.

Salem was still up five (94-89) when Don Bryant sank the front of a one-and-one. Ruffini rebounded the second attempt but missed; however, Teachman got that rebound and made it a two-point game with 20 seconds left.

After the missed free throw by Salem — the Rocks were 13-of-18 at the line in the fourth quarter — Harrison used a timeout with nine seconds on the clock to set up its last play.

"We knew they were going to foul and send us to the line, and we didn't cash in," Brodie said. "We were allowing them to score. They scored every which way. "We played a terrible defensive game. We threw all kinds of different things at them in that quarter, and it didn't matter."

The difference was one free throw. Despite the fact each team made 32 field goals, 11 triples and shot impressively from the floor (Salem 68 percent and Harrison 61 percent), The Hawks sank 20 of 30 free throws, the Rocks 19 of 26.

"We just came on and played tonight; we played as a team," Smith said. "It really gets our spirits up. We've been due for a close victory for a long time. We have so much talent, and I think we're starting to pull together. It was a great victory for this team."

Mike Slone had 19 points and Brandon 11 in the first quarter as the teams exchanged baskets and Salem took a 30-25 lead. The Rocks were 12-of-20 from the floor in that period, Harrison 9-of-14.

The Hawks fueled their comeback with 13-of-18 shooting in the last quarter, but they also communicated and played well on defense, Teachman said.

"Except for Rich, we throw 10 or 11 skinny bodies out there," he said. "If we don't talk and help each other, we banded and we got fatigued. "We're 9-1 if the game is 30 minutes long. We just haven't finished. A reason is our 145-pound bodies are banged up. By talking on defense, that might be five or six less picks we get."

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entering the fourth quarter, found themselves clinging to a 51-50 lead with just under two minutes left.

Junior guard Tadaris Rachel nailed two free throws to give Canton some breathing room. The Falcons couldn't get any closer as they missed on several three-point attempts.

Canton improved to 3-7 overall while Farmington dropped to 5-5. Both teams are 2-2 in the WLLAA.

Senior forward Owen Crosby and junior guard Matt Paupore paced the Chiefs' offensive attack with 15 and 10 points, respectively. Paupore will miss Friday's game against Livonia Churchill because he was ejected with two technical fouls.

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BORGOSA 71, RICE 67: Despite the absence of Tech Glen Dentue, who stayed home with the flu, Redford Bishop Borgosa defeated visiting Birmingham Brother Rice Tuesday.

Guard Charles Smith spurred a balanced Spartan attack with 17 points. Randy Whitfield and Perry Robinson added 16 and 14 points, respectively.

D.J. MacAlone poured in a game-high 25 points for the Warriors, who also received 19 from Brian Kalczyński. Willis Marshall chipped in 10.

Borgosa improved its record to 7-3 overall and 3-2 in the Catholic League Central Division. Rice is 5-5 overall and 2-3 in the league.

Harrison loses in volleyball tourney semis

Plymouth Salem won the volleyball championship of the Plymouth Invitational for the second consecutive year Saturday.

The Rocks defeated Plymouth Canton in a tournament final for the second week in a row (15-10, 8-15, 15-10).

Salem was the top playoff seed after winning all three matches in pool play and having a better point differential than Canton.

The Rocks defeated Hazel Park (5-6), Farmington Hills Harrison (8-4) and Livonia Franklin (10-10) in pool matches. Salem faced Hazel Park (6-13) in the quarterfinals and Harrison (15-10, 13-15, 16-14) in the semifinals and repeated its earlier successes.

"The key in this is a pretty mature team," Salem coach Allie Suferty said. "The kids learned a lot from that lost game with (Livonia) Stevenson as far as being able to suck it up and come back. It's still fresh in their minds."

Cyndi Platter had a team-leading 30 kills, but there were plenty of other big hitters playing for the Rocks. Caryn Tatterton had 29, Jamie Vieu 22, Jenny Garvey 20 and Jenna Stanton 16.

Tatterton scored 14 aces, Stanton 11, Vieu 10, Karen Gundry and Garvey nine aces.

Platter also had 19 blocks, served at 97 percent and was 24-of-31 digging spikes. Jenny Coleman graded 92 percent on her serving, and Garvey was another defensive leader with 28 digs out of 33 chances.

"We were getting good passes to the setter, and Caryn's assist percentage was 36 percent," Suferty said. "Anytime you get good passing, you're going to be effective offensively."

"In key games, the kids rose to the challenge and did a good job. As long as they can settle themselves down and realize what they have to do to be successful, they're going to be all right."

Aside from losing to Salem in pool play, Harrison defeated Franklin (8-14) and Hazel Park (4-8). The Hawks beat Franklin (7-11) and Farmington (9-13) in the playoffs before facing Salem again.

Julie Hoist led the Harrison attack with 28 kills, and Amanda Ault scored 20 kills and also assisted on 30. Maggie Chavez

served five aces, and Lori Hubble recorded 35 digs.

Farmington defeated Warren Cousino (9-1), split its next two matches, including one with Canton (7-15, 15-9) and lost to Harrison.

Debbie Schroeder was 49-of-62 on attacks with 35 kills, 18-of-18 digging and 34-of-35 on serve receive to lead the Falcons.

Maggie Frump was 37-of-44 hitting with 15 kills and 30-of-33 passing. Michelle Lorenz had 135 good sets out of 140 chances.

WESTERN LAKES VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS (at start of the week)	
1. Livonia Churchill	2-0 (1-0)
1. Plymouth Salem	2-0 (2-0)
2. Farmington Harrison	3-1 (2-0)
4. Livonia Stevenson	2-1 (1-1)
4. Livonia Franklin	1-1 (0-1)
5. Plymouth Canton	1-1 (0-1)
5. Farmington	1-1 (1-0)
8. Walled Lake Central	1-1 (0-1)
9. Walled Lake Western	1-2 (1-1)
10. Northville	0-2 (0-2)
12. North Farmington	0-2 (0-3)
12. Westland John Glenn	0-2 (0-1)

League records are listed first with division records in parentheses.

Hawks fall in 5 to Salem

Farmington Hills Harrison fell short of a major volleyball victory Monday in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Plymouth Salem won the first two games 15-10 and 15-12, but Harrison rallied with 15-10 and 15-8 victories in the next two. The Hawks were ahead 10-5 in the fifth game before the Rocks staged a rally of their own.

It was the third match between the teams in two days, having played twice Saturday in the Plymouth Invitational. Salem won all three.

"Once they got the lead, it was tough," Harrison coach Ron Shortt said. "They don't let the ball hit the floor. There were some very long volleys."

Despite the loss, Shortt was en-

couraged by the play of his team. The Hawks are 3-2 in the league and 15-7-3 overall.

"We're playing our best volleyball of the season," he said. "I see us in the last week improving every time we play."

"We had some kids who weren't feeling well early Saturday, and we still won. When the games counted, the kids always came through."

FARMINGTON
The Falcons lost a WLLAA match at Livonia Churchill Monday (7-15, 15-10, 3-15, 9-15).

Debbie Schroeder was 21-of-26 hitting with 14 kills, and she was 15-of-17 digging spikes. Maggie Frump was 9-of-12 attacking with two kills. Farmington is 7-9-5 overall.

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