

# Rice slips by St. Mary on Andree's late bucket

By BOB GROSS

A bank shot by Tim Andree with just four seconds on the clock was the margin of victory for Birmingham Brother Rice Sunday as the Warriors defeated Redford St. Mary's, 55-53, in the opening round of the Catholic League playoffs.

Andree was the only Rice player to score in double figures with 30 points, more than half his team's total. The 6-11 center also pulled down 14 rebounds to lead his team.

"This is as much as we've went to him (Andree) all year," said Rice coach Bill Norton, "and we should've gone to him more."

The Warriors broke to a quick lead, Andree picking up the first of his 30 points at 7:40 of the first period on a short jumper over St. Mary's Todd Sebastian. Neither team scored again until Steve Amell's layup at 5:22.

Rice managed only 14 points in the quarter, two of those courtesy of a technical foul called on St. Mary's coach John Agbay. The Rustics only scored six points in the period as Rice took a 14-6 lead.

The Warriors cooled down in the early part of the second quarter, not scoring until 4:55 when Rob Manilla canned a short jumper. Fortunately for the Warriors, St. Mary's was almost as cold; the Rustics scored

only three points during Rice's offensive full.

Andree took charge of the game with 2:14 remaining. He scored the Warriors' last eight points of the quarter, Brother Rice taking a 10 point lead at the half, 28-18.

The Warriors squandered that lead in the third quarter. St. Mary's went on a scoring binge, hitting 24 points compared with 17 for Rice. Guard Marty Goldsmith was the big man for St. Mary's in the period, scoring 10 points. His three-point shot from almost half the period pulled the Rustics to within three points, 35-32.

Matt McParlane then hit from the key to cut the Warriors' lead to one, 35-34. But Andree came right back at the other end of the court with a three-point play of his own, putting Rice back up by four.

One point was as close as it got in the period, Brother Rice holding on to a 45-42 lead at the buzzer.

According to Norton, the St. Mary's crowd was a big factor in the Rustics' third quarter comeback. "Their crowd helped them and our crowd didn't help us."

"Their crowd really fired up the whole atmosphere," Brian Brennan started the final quarter for Brother Rice with a three-point play at 7:57, giving the Warriors a six point lead. But St. Mary's

came right back, reeling off eight unanswered points to take the lead for the first time, 50-48.

Rice knotted the score at 5:18 on a short jumper by Andree and went ahead minutes later on a layup by Manilla. But the Warriors could only manage one free throw in their next five possessions.

"I don't think we played badly," said Norton, "we just didn't shoot free throws. We had some turnovers that were somewhat questionable."

One of the turnovers Norton objected to was an offensive foul called on Andree which wiped out a bucket.

"People stand next to Tim Andree," said Norton, "and they'll fall down. We've got fans of people doing it."

That falling down makes me sick."

A jumper by Jeff Brown at 2:35 and a free throw by McParlane at 4:42 tied the game for St. Mary's.

After a Rice timeout, Brennan got the ball into Andree who put it off the glass for the game winner. St. Mary's, with no timeouts remaining, was unable to get off a last second shot.

Goldsmith was high for the Rustics with 17 points followed by Brown with 13. Manilla was the next highest scorer behind Andree for Rice with nine points. The junior forward also pulled down 10

rebounds.

The win advances the Warriors to Thursday's round of the playoffs when they meet Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher at 8 p.m. in the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall.

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