

# Prep cage regional

## Cooley sidelines CC

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Detroit Catholic Central was not run out of the gym. The Shamrocks were not routed.

But they were dominated. CC just didn't have the talent to withstand Detroit Cooley's onslaught in an 83-62 Cooley victory in the state regional semifinals at Livonia Franklin Tuesday.

Tony Watson and Roy Tarpley combined for 60 of the Cardinals points, as Cooley jumped to an 18-7 lead with 2:28 left in the first quarter. Watson, a 6-2 guard who scored from the inside, outside and anywhere in between, had eight points before the opening period was two minutes old.

CC, PLAYING without center Mike Majeske who dislocated his knee at the end of the regular season, didn't have the size to deal with the 6-9 Tarpley. Tarpley poured in 18 second-half points, but his dominance was more evident on defense, where he blocked nine shots.

"When you lose to the best it hurts, but it's not as disappointing," said CC coach Bernie Holowicki. "We tried to keep him away from the basket, but when he gets within eight feet he's going to score."

Early in the game, Joe Loris and either Tom Malone or Kevin Kral collapsed on Tarpley, one in front and another in back. But with two players committed to Tarpley, Watson was able to run free and be responded with 18 first-half points.

Still, when Cooley got into its running game, there was little CC could do to stop either Watson or Tarpley. By the middle of the second quarter, Tarpley controlled both the offensive and defensive boards. He finished with a bundle of rebounds and a half-dozen slam dunks.

THE CLOSEST CC could come was five points in the second quarter. Baskets by Loris and Tom Malone and a

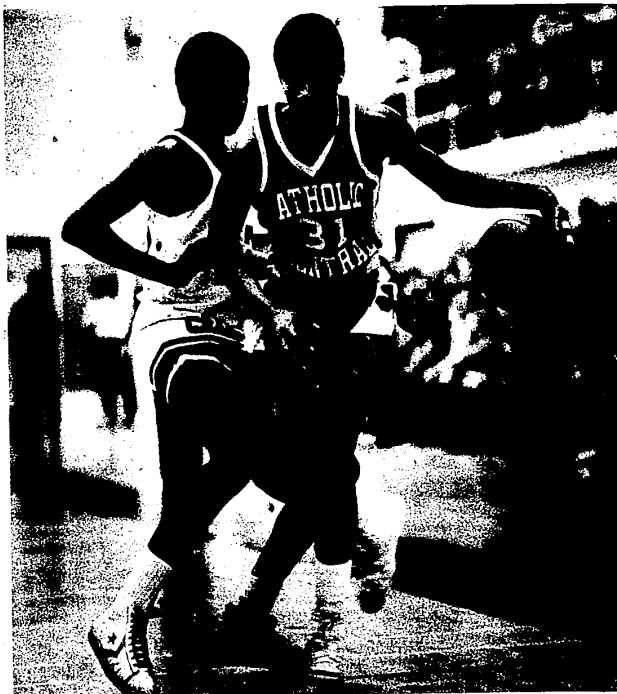
pair of Stan Heath free throws closed the gap to 24-19.

But Watson and Tarpley then took over, scoring eight and four points, respectively. Tarpley also had two blocks in the stretch.

Baskets by Loris and Heath got the Shamrocks to within nine at the half (38-29), but CC forged no closer than eight the rest of the way.

"We were very loose with the ball," Holowicki said. Indeed, CC didn't help its cause with 33 turnovers, 13 in the last quarter. Nine of those came before the final period was half over as Cooley outpointed CC 16-9 to increase its advantage from 11 to 18 points.

Cooley had 21 miscues in the contest. Loris finished with 23 points for the Shamrocks, netting eight in both the second and third quarters. Dave Rodriguez contributed 16 and Heath 11. Watson's 32 points topped all scorers. Tarpley added 28. CC finished 14-9 on the season, while Cooley, now 21-2, advances to Friday's regional finals.



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The Shamrocks' Stan Heath (31) drives past Darryl Parker of Cooley during Tuesday's regional semifinal contest. Cooley raced to an 83-62 victory.

## Lathrup swimmer shines at state

By Tom Baer  
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This wasn't a banner year for Southfield-Lathrup's swimming team — the Chargers finished with a 3-6-2 record — but senior Brian Michalik saw to it that the school's name was listed among the teams which scored in the recent Class A state meet at Michigan State University.

Michalik, a short-distance specialist, finished second in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.40 and placed eighth in the 100 freestyle with a 48.3 clocking.

Those times, the best of the season for Michalik, gave Lathrup 18 team points for a 17th-place tie with Lansing Eastern in the state meet.

The second in the 50 (Bloomfield Hills Lahser's Mike Kowalski won with a 21.29) was the highest place ever for a Lathrup swimmer at state.

"His time (in the 50) is good enough for all-state, and I really think he has a possibility of being all-American," said Lathrup coach Pete Biglin. "All-American consideration is 21.5. Last year, the last-place all-American was 21.44."

Michalik was seeded No. 1 going into

the 50 free finals thanks to preliminary time of 21.44.

"Brian was really disappointed that he didn't get first, because he was seeded first going into the finals," Biglin said. "We were worrying about a guy from Grosse Pointe South, Tom Batsi, who had gone 21.6. But Kowalski came through with a super swim."

Michalik, who is the county's top swimmer in the 50 and the Metro Suburban Activities Association's best in the 50 and 100, started out swimming for Beacon Square, a subdivision team in Southfield.

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