

Catholic Central rips Stevenson

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If Domination was the subject, Mike Maleske was the teacher.

The powerful 6-foot-4 senior center patrolled the boards as if he owned them Friday to lead Redford Catholic Central to a 52-47 regional final victory over Livonia Stevenson in a packed Livonia Franklin gymnasium.

The win sends the Shamrocks into the state quarterfinals against Detroit Kettering. That game is 5 p.m. Wednesday at Detroit's Calihan Hall. It won't be the first time CC (now 11-3) has visited Calihan — a month ago the Shamrocks claimed the Catholic League title there.

Speaking of claims, against Stevenson Friday it looked as if Maleske staked a claim underneath the boards and wasn't going to allow any trespassing. He finished the game with 24 points and 22 rebounds — one board less than the entire Stevenson team.



Stevenson's Tom Domako (with ball) furches past CC's Tom Malone and John McIntyre (23). Domako paced the Spartans with 17 points.

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"I BELIEVE IT," said CC coach Bernie Holawicki of Maleske's rebounding. "Stevenson came out very emotional and worked for good baskets early."

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The game's early moments clearly belonged to Stevenson. Tom Domako, a 6-7 junior forward, cannot three jumpers and senior guard Gary Mexicotte sped through the CC defense for a pair of breakaway layups to boost the Spar-

tans to a 14-8 lead with 2:34 left in the opening quarter.

But CC rallied. Aided by a pair of Stevenson turnovers, the Shamrocks tied it by quarter's end on baskets by Maleske, Stan Heath and Tom Malone.

CC took the lead for good with an eight-point surge midway through the second quarter. Maleske scoring four of those. It was 28-20 at the half, and Stevenson never got closer than five the rest of the game.

"We played better than the score indicated," said Stevenson coach George Van Wagener, whose team finished at 21-4. "We began to get into a perimeter shooting game. I didn't want to do that."

"Boy, that Maleske's a strong kid. That's one area we have to correct — our board strength."

STEVENSON'S DEFENSIVE philosophy was to stop CC's sharpshooting sophomore guard, John McIntyre. The Spartans ran a four-man box zone defense, with one player, usually Curt Ulstrom, covering McIntyre one-on-one.

The strategy worked early — until Maleske started crashing the boards. That allowed CC's running game to get into gear and score some easy baskets on the fast break.

The Spartans made their best run at CC in the middle of the third quarter. Domako and Mexicotte spurred the comeback, each scoring a pair of buckets in an 8-2 Stevenson spurt that narrowed the gap to 37-32.

But McIntyre looped in a long jumper and, after a Domako free throw, Maleske hit from inside to restore CC's eight-point cushion. Pete Rose's basket pulled Stevenson back to within six, but Stan Heath forced a pair of turnovers and converted them into baskets as CC held an eight-point lead.

The Shamrocks broke the game open with a 9-0 surge in the fourth quarter, with Maleske powering inside for five points and McIntyre hitting outside for four. Three straight Stevenson turnovers helped the CC rally.

AND FREE THROW shooting killed any Stevenson hopes. The Spartans were a dismal three of 15 from the line. CC wasn't much better, making just six of 13.

Joining Maleske in double figures in the scoring column for the Shamrocks was Heath with 15 (nine in the third quarter) and McIntyre with 12. Heath also had four steals.

Domako's 17 points topped Stevenson. Mexicotte ended with 10, and Rose contributed eight.



Stan Heath converts a steal into a basket for Catholic Central, despite the efforts of Stevenson's Pete Rose.

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all-area wrestling team

FIRST TEAM

58 pounds: Todd Horne (Troy); 105: Gerry Leitao (Bloomfield Hills Andover); 112: Steve Brown (Troy); 119: Bill Raynor (Troy Athens); 126: Pete Cuffe (Birmingham Brother Rice); 132: Paul Randol (West Bloomfield); 138: Eric Collier (North Farmington); 145: Chris Parent (Southfield-Lathrup); 155: Bob Petrillo (West Bloomfield); 167: Jeff Kirkendall (North Farmington); 185: Larry Wolfram (Bloomfield Hills Lahser); 198: Ron Schimon (Rochester Adams); HEAVYWEIGHT: Mike Basso (Birmingham Groves).

SECOND TEAM

58 pounds: Don Thompson (Rochester); 105: Steve Shopnick (Southfield); 112: Todd Soocla (Brother Rice); 119: Terry Cornell (Brother Rice); 126: Paul Engstrom (Rochester); 132: Allen Weiner (Southfield-Lathrup); 138: Ted Pulling (Country Day); 145: Joe Kaplan (Andover); 155: Andy Slater (Rochester); 167: Bryan Langer (Southfield); 185: Jeb Stoltzner (Adams); 198: Jay Wright (Andover); HEAVYWEIGHT: Barney Jacob (Adams).

HONORABLE MENTIONS

58 pounds: Derek Adragas (Rochester Adams); Ted Berry (Country Day); Terry Deouan (North Farmington); James Klamas (Southfield); Jim Nelson (Brother Rice); Chris Smith (Deaibell); 105: Steve Clark (Andover); Bill Flynn (Troy); 112: Kevin DeBolt (Adams); Matt Ganser (North Farmington); Rob Rourke (West Bloomfield); 119: Chris Johnson (Southfield); John Najarian (Andover); Lenay Pickett (Farmington); Brad Varga (Adams); 126: Peter Constant (West Bloomfield); Terry Kopsch (Southfield-Lathrup); Mary McDonald (Andover); Joe Thompson (Adams); 132: Paul Cully (Southfield); Nicky Lewis (Troy); Jeff Saller (Adams); Tom Schmidt (Brother Rice); 138: Craig Lowry (Troy); Pat Schafer (Brother Rice); John Wamborn (Rochester); 145: Brian Camara (Rochester); Ken Campbell (Andover); Keith Wade (Country Day); 155: Dave Dickson (Farmington); John Greer (Southfield); Todd Parker (Andover); Harry Wawany (Adams); 167: Mike Foster (Adams); Ab Haren (Farmington); Allen Sparks (Brother Rice); Randy Whitman (Rochester); 185: Greg Pineson (West Bloomfield); Brian Hood (North Farmington); Kelly Lamb (Cranbrook); Larry Langer (Southfield); 198: David Gastries (Brother Rice); Tom Butler (Troy); Eric Carrier (North Farmington); Wade Hladad (Country Day); Randy Hart (Rochester).

Parent, Petrillo pace mat squad

By Marty Budner
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Parent and Petrillo.

Those two names have been synonymous with power and precision on the prep wrestling circuit the past three years.

Southfield-Lathrup's Chris Parent and West Bloomfield's Bob Petrillo are the leaders of the veteran (only one junior) 1983 Observer & Eccentric All-Area Wrestling Team. The two middleweight mat menaces have combined for a sterling 104-7 record this season. They also have an incredible total of 328 combined career victories.

The other members of the O&E's first team, picked recently by a panel of area coaches, include Troy's Todd Horne and Steve Brown, North Farmington's Eric Collier and Jeff Kirkendall, Groves' Mike Basso, Andover's Gerry Leitao, Athens' Bill Raynor, Brother Rice's Pete Cuffe, West Bloomfield's Paul Randol, Lahser's Larry Wolfram, and Adams' Ron Schimon.

Brother Rice's John Major, an internationally competitive wrestler during his college days at Oakland University, is the 1983 O&E coach of the year.

Following is a brief profile of each first-team wrestler by weight class:

Todd Horne (senior): This "was Horne's second year as a varsity wrestler. He finished the season with a 39-8 record, including 30 pins, and first-place medals at the Madison, Lahser

and Andover invitational. He won a district title, took second at the regionals and fifth at the state meet. Horne, described by his coach as "a planner," was third at the Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA) meet.

Gerry Leitao (senior): Leitao was 36-11 this season and finished sixth at the Class A state meet. Coach Ron Misch said 10 of his losses were to other state qualifiers. He was first in the Birmingham-Bloomfield tournament and at the SMA league meet and second at both the Olympic and Baron invitational meets. "Gerry's main quality that shows his strong sense of maturity," Baron coach Ron Misch said.

Steve Brown (senior): Brown registered an outstanding 42-2 record this year and was Troy's leading point scorer (762 points) the last three years. He was also the team's most valuable player the last two winters. "Steve has a great wealth of natural ability," Troy coach Don Hill said. "He picks up moves very quickly and has developed some moves I've never seen before."

Brown was a SMA, district and regional champion this year. He was second at the state meet this year after finishing third last winter.

Bill Raynor (junior): "His biggest asset is his physical strength," coach Bill Wilde said. "And he works real hard at developing that strength." Raynor took second at the district meet and fourth at the regional to qualify for the state meet for his very first time. He won a Metro Suburban Activities Asso-

ciation (MSAA) title as a freshman but took third this year.

Lahser offers from the University of Michigan, Las Vegas and Eastern and Central Michigan universities, Kopsch said.

Bob Petrillo (senior): Petrillo was 54-2 this season with 42 pins and 169-20-2 over his excellent four-year career at West Bloomfield. He is a three-time GOAL champion and he won six invitational this year. He was the Oakland County champion and he took district and regional titles as well. Both of his losses this year came at the state meet. "I try to be a smart wrestler and take advantage of certain situations," Petrillo said. "I try to use whatever moves the situation demanded." Petrillo said

he'd like to attend Michigan State University.

Larry Wolfram (senior): Lahser's captain this year, Wolfram registered a fine 32-8 record with 25 pins. He was third at the districts and just missed qualifying for the state meet by placing fifth at the regionals. Wolfram won the Olympic and Baron invitational and placed fourth at the annual county meet. He was Lahser's most valuable wrestler.

Ron Schimon (senior): Schimon is a three-time MSAA champion who also won an Oakland County title this year. Schimon was a state qualifier last year at heavyweight. He capped his career with a runner-up medal at 198 this season.

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