

Shamrocks roll over Glenn Rockets

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The moment of truth is upon the Redford Catholic Central basketball team.

The Shamrocks (19-3) rolled to an easy 72-49 victory Wednesday over Westland John Glenn, earning the right to play in the regional championship at Ferndale against defending state Class A champion Detroit Cooley (20-3). Game time is 7:30 p.m. Friday.

"I think when a team like Cooley gets a taste of winning they want another taste," said CC coach Bernie Holowicki. "There's no doubt we'll have to board (rebound). I'm sure they'll press us full-court and cause defensive pressure. They'll want to up-tempo the ball."

"We'll just have to meet and weather it. We're going to have to play wise and smart."

Against Glenn, the Shamrocks played brilliantly at times, particularly at moving the ball to the open man.

All five CC starters shared the scoring load, led by 6-foot-3 senior forward Brian Dugas, who led all scorers with 20 points. Guard Anthony Arrington chipped in with 17, while frontliners Ray Richards and Bill Vitti (despite foul trouble) added

10 each. Point-guard Terry Boykin contributed nine points.

"I THOUGHT we ran the ball well," Holowicki said. "We made some good decisions offensively, and then we made some questionable decisions."

Glenn stayed within striking distance most of the first half, trailing 16-11 after one quarter and 39-25 at intermission.

But the Rockets could not take advantage of Vitti's absence. The 6-5 center, who blocked 11 shots and scored 18 points in a district final win last weekend over Detroit Henry Ford, picked up his third foul and went to the bench with 1:42 left in the first quarter. Holowicki elected to sit him out the remainder of the half.

"Vitti didn't hurt us like I thought, but they played as well without him," said Glenn first-year coach Bob Killingbeck, whose team bowed out with a 19-9 record. "It was unfortunate we couldn't do a better job without him (Vitti), but they're more than a one-man team."

Dugas, perhaps CC's most steady performer, helped pick up the slack along with Arrington.

"Brian is a smart, heady player," Holowicki said. "He makes few mistakes. With he, Anthony and Bill —

we have a good senior group. They're class kids."

WITH A COMFORTABLE 14-point lead at halftime, CC came out for the second half and put the Rockets away early.

The Shamrocks reeled off the first seven points of the half and Glenn could never recover.

"They (CC) got the ball inside too easy, particularly in the first half," Killingbeck said. "And we didn't play good enough defense on the perimeter. CC is a quality team and they do everything well. If you don't block all the exits, they'll hurt you."

But Holowicki was not pleased with his team's play in two areas against Glenn, mindful that powerful Cooley is only a day away.

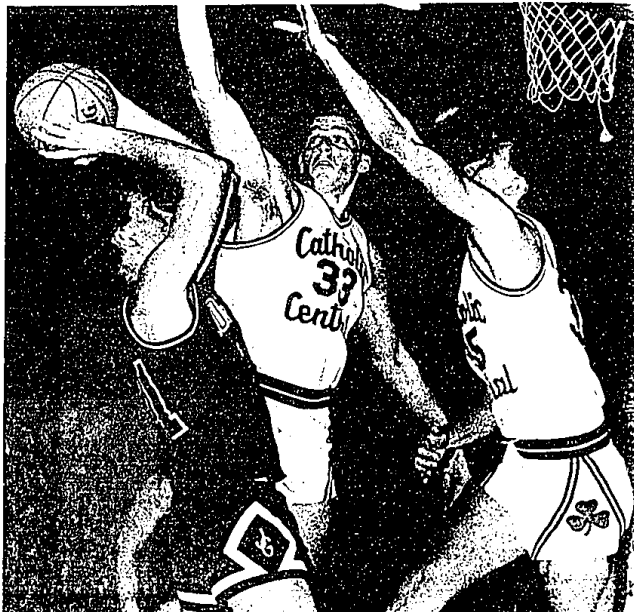
"I didn't like the way we played defensively, especially on the baseline," said the veteran coach. "We gave up too many baseline drives and Glenn got a lot of second and third shots."

Three Glenn players scored in double figures: Marcus Lowe, who did not start because he missed a class, came off the bench to score 14 points. Rod Dixon also added 10 off the bench. Forward Chris Poplin, a junior, also had 10.

"THIS WAS A good experience for our juniors because maybe we'll have a chance to come back to a regional," said the Glenn coach. "It was fun while it lasted and I think even the seniors benefitted."

The Shamrocks hope their benefit will be a regional title, a crown which has eluded them since 1983.

"Bill (Vitti) is going to need help from people like Ray (Richards) and Scott (Hauchner) up front, and both Terry (Boykin) and Anthony (Arrington) are going to have to handle the ball and withstand Cooley's pressure," said Holowicki of the upcoming matchup. "We know they can play with anybody."



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Greg Anderson (left) of Glenn is denied inside by CC defenders Bill Vitti (middle) and Brian Dugas. CC rolled to a 72-49 victory last night and will face Detroit Cooley Friday for the regional championship at Ferndale.

Taylor ousts Chiefs

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It takes two halves to make a whole, and the game of basketball is no exception.

That mathematical fact was driven home to Plymouth Canton while playing Taylor Truman in the Class A regional at Eastern Michigan University Wednesday night.

The Chiefs squandered a 10-point halftime lead and, after struggling through a cold-shooting second half, ended up being eliminated in a 53-49 loss.

The defeat, coupled with Westland John Glenn's loss to Redford Catholic Central, resulted in the Western Lakes banner being retired from the state tournament.

The Cougars, 16-7, will face Ann Arbor Pioneer for the regional crown Friday night. The Pioneers, 12-11, destroyed Gibraltar Carlson 91-54 in the first game Wednesday.

CANTON, WITH the exception of a second-quarter lead that propelled the Chiefs to the halftime lead, never did get on track fully. That difficulty was compounded by the team's 28-percent shooting (7-of-25) in the second half.

"If you don't shoot well you don't win," Canton coach Tom Niemi said. "They beat us. We played hard, the ball didn't drop and we got eliminated."

Guard Trevor Wormley and 6-foot-6 Marshall Newsome, a hefty center, keyed Truman's second-half revival. After scoring four points apiece in the first half, the Cougars' leading scorers finished with 16 and 14, respectively.

Newsome also had most of his game-high 11 rebounds after the break, and Truman, outrebounding

the Chiefs 21-11 in the last two periods, dominated the boards 41-28.

"I felt we had to hit the boards," Truman coach Van Kestegian. "In the second half, I think we got the key rebounds."

"WE WANTED to keep the ball from going inside and make them shoot from outside. I heard they were fine three-point shooters, but I said, OK, make them shoot that and don't let them get it inside."

"Kids don't always make those three-pointers," he added. The Chiefs, in fact, were 0-of-16 from that range and, for the game, shot 34 percent overall.

Wormley and Robby Robinson hit triples early in the third quarter and began cutting into Canton's 20-19 lead. The Cougars kept picking up steam until they were on top 39-37.

Despite losing center Jeff Anulewicz to fouls with 1½ minutes left and making only two field goals in the period, the Chiefs managed to stay within two.

Canton had a chance to pull out a victory when Brian Paupore's three-point play made it 47-44 with 2:07 remaining. The Chiefs got the ball again on a turnover, but missed two shots and the ensuing putback each time.

WORMLEY AND Matt Littleton exchanged triples, but Canton didn't get the chance for the game-tying three-pointer and Robinson's free throw gave Truman a four-point lead, 51-47, with only 20 seconds to play.

"In the first half, I don't think we had much intensity," said Kestegian, whose team shot 52 percent in the last half. "In the second half, we had to play a helluva lot harder and I think we did."

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