

Canton bites Bulldogs, 55-46

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

The Plymouth Canton boys basketball team could walk into a room covered with peanut shells and not make a sound.

With little fanfare and dazzle, the Chiefs got down to business Friday in their 55-46 victory over visiting Brighton in the season opener.

Canton moved slower than a caterpillar with arthritis knees in the first half. Then the Chiefs opened for an 18-point outburst in the third quarter that sent the wind out of the Bulldogs like an untied balloon.

Yet the Chiefs' comeback featured methodical, well-executed basketball. All of a sudden, after being down by nine points in the first quarter, Canton was threatening to blow out the Bulldogs.

And doing most of the executing was the lanky, yet graceful 6-foot-5 Brian Paupore.

The senior forward was 6-of-10 from the floor in the second half and connected for 10 points in the third quarter alone, finishing with a game-high 24. But before nominations go out for Paupore for mayor, keep in mind that others certainly had a hand in this win.

"Our bench has always had depth in the past," Canton coach Tom Niemi said. "It's a total team effort."

For example, there was Geoff Allen who came off the bench. The scoreboard doesn't have him



down for a single point in the game. But in the third quarter, there was Allen with five assists.

THEN THERE WAS Troy Waldron, who finished with 11 points for Canton. His twirling drive to the basket where he tossed in an underhanded layup from his belly button tied the score late in the second quarter.

Brighton led 24-23 at the intermission. Waldron's bucket provided the spark for what was to come in the second half.

Until his basket, the Chiefs showed little life. Canton trailed Brighton by nine points in the first quarter and was turning over the ball like the Hare Krishnas passout flowers in airports.

Things came together, though. Niemi put his finger on part of the reason.

"We went with a trap in the second half," he said. "That was important. We sort of crossed them up and closed down their inside game."

In the first half, the Bulldogs could have set up a picnic table underneath the basket. Brighton appeared to score at will in the first eight minutes. Guard Kent Seckinger had the hot hand, netting a quick six points on layups.

Things changed in the second half. Brighton's offensive attack dried up faster than spilled milk on a desert road. The Bulldogs were held to only three field goals in the final eight minutes. The team's other six points came on free throws.

Forward Greg Pawelski led the Bulldogs with 16 points, six of those on free throws. Seckinger was held to a field goal in the second half after scoring three in the first quarter.

PAUPORE FOUND his touch from the floor. The rest of the team followed suit. Aaron Adkins scored five points in the third quarter. Daryl Magreta was another 5-point shooter off the bench for Canton.

The Chiefs were definitely a well-oiled piece of machinery in the second half.

"I was real pleased with the patience and poise we showed in the second half," Niemi said.

Paupore was patient and displayed a lot of poise. In addition to his 24 points, he brought down 11 rebounds. Center Fernando Johnson also had eight rebounds.

Paupore also set up his teammates with crisp passes.

But unless you glanced at a scoreboard, his 24-point performance might come as a surprise.

"He's so smooth, you don't notice him," Niemi said. "He was unselfish tonight. He was giving the ball to other players all night. He really helped us there."

Marian knocks out Cass Tech

By Mike Rosenbaum
staff writer

It seems to get easier for Birmingham Marian every year. The Mustangs won their third straight Class A regional title on Thursday, 52-36, over Detroit Cass Tech at Berkley.

Marian, 24-1, meets Livonia Ladywood — a team it has defeated twice this season in Catholic League competition — at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Southfield-Lathrup in the state quarterfinals. Should the Mustangs win that game, they will advance to the prestigious Class A Final Four this weekend in Grand Rapids.

Although the Mustangs never led by less than 15 points in the second half, head coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone said "it seemed like a barn-burner to me. I was nervous throughout the whole game."

The Technicians, who finished 14-4, gave the Mustangs — who like to press the opposition into turnovers — a taste of their own medicine. Cass Tech used a full-court, trapping press, something Marian's players have only faced in practice.

Marian had some trouble with the press. "We choked a bit at times," said Lillie-Cicerone. But that only served to keep the score almost respectable, because the Mustangs played superior defense.

Marian kept Tech's star center, Sheronda Mayo, away from the basket and forced the Technicians to shoot from outside. Marian also grabbed 36 steals, including a school record 14 by Hazel Olden. Most of Olden's steals were not from the press, but from the half-court defense. She seemed to come out of nowhere, leaping in front of a Tech pass then, pushing or passing the ball down court.

MARIAN GRABBED a quick 10-2 lead and took a 14-4 advantage into the second quarter.

After two free throws by Mayo made it 14-4, Marian began pressing full-court. The Mustangs scored two quick baskets, then Olden scored a fast break hoop for a 20-6 lead. Two more baskets by Olden — who scored all of her six points in the quarter — helped Marian take a 26-10 halftime lead.

The Mustangs started the second half by throwing away two passes against the Technicians' re-energized press. After a Marian timeout, Olden took the sting out of Tech's press by breaking it with a long pass to Jennifer Shasky, who scored.

Marian then became the defensive aggressor. For the rest of the game, they constantly went after the ball, forcing turnovers or jump-ball situations, keeping Tech off-balance and away from the basket to maintain their solid lead.

Marian's lead reached 23 points in the quarter before Tech came back to trim it to 40-25 going into the final period.

Three different Mustangs found Shasky with sharp passes early in the fourth quarter, leading to two baskets and two free throws by the senior and a 46-28 Mustang lead. Marian slowed the tempo in the final minutes, forcing Tech to foul. The Mustangs then put the game away by hitting eight of their first 11 free throws in the quarter as their margin grew to 23 points, 52-29, with 2:21 left after two Shasky free throws. Both teams then cleared their benches.

Shasky led all scorers with 22 points, adding nine rebounds and five steals. Patty Boyle scored 14 with eight steals and five assists. Julie Fleischer had six steals while Olden added five assists. Mayo tallied 15 for Cass.

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Zebras zap Glenn in 71-49 rout

By Brad Emmons
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Wayne Memorial upstaged boys basketball rival Westland John Glenn for the seventh straight time Friday, running away with an easily expected 71-49 triumph over the host Rockets in the season opener for both teams.

The Zebras hounded Glenn's inexperienced backcourt into numerous mistakes and it showed in the final spread.

Glenn tried to play at Wayne's frenzied pace, but constantly found itself a step behind.

"Our game plan was to pressure the ball and play with a lot of intensity," said Wayne coach Chuck Henry. "We were going to play up-tempo and just see what happens."

What happened was that the Rockets never got into any type of offense all evening.

"We knew we'd have our hands full," said Glenn coach Bob Killingbeck. "Wayne is more experienced and quicker. They threw an unusual



press on us that we weren't quite ready for. I thought it would be more man-to-man, but it was different in that it was more like a zone trap."

HENRY SHUFFLED nine different players in and out during the first half.

The Zebras led 19-15 after one quarter and 38-25 at the half.

In the third quarter, Glenn stayed close behind the scoring of senior forward Greg Anderson, who tallied 10 of his game-high 21 points.

But Anderson got little help as Wayne turned on the jets in the final quarter, outscoring the Rockets 17-9 to win going away.

Wayne's bench played a key role in the victory, outscoring the Rockets 35-8. Three reserves provided a chunk of the offense including junior

guard Larry Johnson (14 points), senior forward Leonard Wade (12) and junior guard Reggie Brandon (seven). Starters Tony Rumble and Kevin Hankerson tallied 14 and 12, respectively.

"In the last several years we've had guys like Pella Robinson, Mark Robinson and Shawn Wimberly — guys we could go to for 20 points a night with no problem," Henry said.

"This is a more-rounded team where everybody is going to chip in. It's a good basketball team with no superstar."

JOHNSON'S PLAY was a welcome sight for Henry.

"I thought he did a nice job on offense," said the Wayne coach. "I don't know if it's a surprise, but he's not a starter and he did a nice job off the bench."

Despite the lopsided loss, Killingbeck is not ready to throw in the towel.

"I like the team we have, and as the year progresses, we'll become a better team," said the Glenn coach.

"We really just started three weeks ago, whereas Wayne has a 12-month program."

"They don't have much height, but they're physical players. There's nobody in our league (the Western Lakes) that's that quick."

"The only team on our schedule with that kind of quickness is Belleville. But maybe we'll get another crack at Wayne some time. They're in our district."

The Glenn coach is confident his starting guards Renouille Allen and Bobby Lawrence (10 points) will improve.

"OUR GUARDS are inexperienced and they didn't handle the pressure, but they will get better," Killingbeck said. "They're hard workers and good workers."

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