

CC sets date with Southwestern

By Brad Emons
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Bernie Holowicki wants to savor the moment as long as he can.

The Redford Catholic Central coach won his sixth Catholic League basketball title Sunday, as his Shamrocks downed Bishop Borgess for the A-B Division title Sunday at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall, 65-56.

All five CC starters scored in double figures, led by senior center Ray Richards' 16 points.

But now awaiting Holowicki and his 12-7 team is Detroit Public School League champion Detroit Southwestern (17-1). The two teams

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will meet in Friday's Operation Friendship final at 7 p.m. Borgess (11-8) will meet PSL runnerup Detroit Cooley (17-1) in first game of the doubleheader at 5 p.m. (Both

games are at Calihan.)

"I'm trying not to think about it (the next game). I want to think about this one," said the CC coach. "But Southwestern is a really good defensive team. They go to the boards with six people. It's every man for himself. They're athletic and talented."

CC SHOWED some athleticism of its own, particularly in the third quarter when they outscored the Spartans 20-9 to take a commanding 49-31 lead.

Borgess then made a fourth-quarter run, cutting the deficit to six, 51-45, on a three-pointer by Shawn

Respect. (The junior guard led all scorers with 23 points.)

But the Shamrocks repelled the charge with six unanswered points to gain their first A-B crown since 1985.

"We stressed all week that we wanted to weather their challenge, because we knew at some point in the game they would do that," said Holowicki, who has never lost a Catholic League final. "Our four seniors played senior ball." They played smart.

Senior point-guard Terry Boykin, who has come on of late, added 12 points, as did captain Scott Hauncher and Jeff Sehaner. Sophomore for-

ward Steve Whitlow contributed 11.

THE SPARTANS trailed by only five at the half, 26-25, but something was missing.

Forward Randy White, a 6-4 senior and the team's best defender, sat out the game with a possible fractured foot suffered a week earlier in a game against UD-Jesuit. (Flashawn Sumler, a 6-5 sophomore, started in his place, scoring six points.)

"I don't want to blame it on that (White's absence)," said Borgess coach Mike Heston. "For the first three quarters I didn't think we had any organization on the floor. We were playing with five guards a lot

of the time and they just didn't mesh right.

"They (UD) looked big and intimidating inside. We made a good effort to get the ball into Haskawn and Carl (Woods), but we just couldn't do it."

Artie Brown, who got hot down the stretch, added 12 points for the Spartans. Charles North chipped in with 10, but was not quite himself with his long-range shooting.

"We're just happy to get here, Fusco said.

And as for Cooley? "That's going to be a tough one," said the Borgess coach. "They were No. 1 in the state (Class A) for how long?"

Boykin sparks CC in semifinal victory

By Steve Kowalski
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Terry Boykin was gathering his belongings Thursday inside the Redford Catholic Central locker room when a visitor passed along some impressive statistics.

Boykin, who finished with 18 points, made his first six shots from the field for CC, leading the Shamrocks to a 65-55 win over Orchard Lake St. Mary in a Catholic-League A-B Division semifinal basketball playoff game.

"Did I really (make my first six shots)?" asked Boykin, before admitting he did feel better Thursday than on most game days. "I felt loose in warmups and ready to play. I'm a senior and this is my last time around, so I wanted to set the tone and be a leader out there."

Boykin's play made a lasting impression on the Eagles, who fell to 15-2 overall. It wasn't a memorable night otherwise for St. Mary, which trailed 8-0 before the game was two minutes old and 21-10 after one quarter.

THE SHAMROCKS doubled the Eagles' scoring output by halftime, 40-20, and led by as many as 26, 50-24, midway through the third quarter.

St. Mary's junior guard Joe Jefferson made the score respectable, scoring 14 of his game-high 22 points in the second half on a variety of shots. Jefferson made only nine-of-24 shots, however, and as a team, St. Mary's shot 31 percent (20 of 65) from the field and got outscored 34-24.

Ray Richard, a 6-foot-5 center who doesn't always stand out in the scorebook, scored a team-high 19 points and hauled down 10 rebounds for CC. Guard Jeff Shaner duplicated Boykin's 18-point effort for the Shamrocks, who shot 11 percent (26-51) from the field.

"Terry Boykin was excellent at running the show tonight," St. Mary's coach George Perritt said. "CC came out and established themselves, we couldn't get our-up-tempo game going until the end and by then it was too late.

Madonna beats OLSM

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It was about time. At least that's what Glen Donahue argued.

All about time. Madonna College's mens basketball team, which hosted Donahue's St. Mary's College team Thursday, had all sorts of clock problems, and that took the luster off a very big 101-94 win for the Fighting Crusaders.

"We lost the game ourselves, but we'd like to play a full 40-minute game," said Donahue, whose team dipped to 14-16. Madonna is 13-14 and was still alive in the race for an NAIA District 23 playoff berth.

Three times the clock malfunctioned during the game, and each incident sent Donahue rampaging. The first mishap occurred at the end of the first half, when the shot clock sounded when it shouldn't have been on.

Then the clock operator apparently started the clock too soon with St. Mary's down 95-92 and 4:5 left. The game clock started before anyone inbounded had touched the ball, wasting approximately a half-dozen seconds. The same thing happened again with :01 left.

CONFUSION REIGNED throughout the final 2:00, so much so that Madonna's Brian Daniel took just one of two free throws allotted him with :01 left. Too bad, because Dan-

WLV tops Farmington

Walled Lake Western (5-13) pulled away from host Farmington (3-15) down the stretch Friday on their way to a 55-49 victory over the Falcons in the Western Lakes consolation basketball game.

Farmington had a one-point lead entering the fourth quarter, but the visiting Warriors outscored them 16-8 in the final stanza.

Tom Kubik led Western in scoring with 17 points, while Wayne Parris chipped in with 13. Jason Brown led the Falcons in scoring with 13 points.

Western shot 11 of 15 from the free-throw line, compared with eight of 11 for Farmington.

iel — and perhaps the timer — had been the difference in the game.

The 6-foot-2 senior forward was unstoppable in the pivot. He came off the bench to score 31 points and — more importantly — helped put three Eagles (Mike Moroney, James Lakes and Kevin Ricefield) on the bench after fouling out trying to guard him. A fourth, Jerome Wash-

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burn, finished with four fouls.

"We're not playing well right now," conceded Donahue, whose team (now 14-16) has lost six of its last seven games, all on the road.

"(Madonna) played well because our defense let them play well. We did not play well on Daniel in the post."

St. Mary's, which trailed 48-40 at the half, rallied in the second half behind James Curtis. The 6-1 senior scored 12 points in a 26-8 run that took the Eagles from a 53-46 deficit with 17:14 left to a 72-61 lead seven minutes later. He finished with 24, 20 in the second half.

But it took the Crusaders just three minutes to even the score at 78, with Daniel netting 12 points in a 17-6 run. The game was close the rest of the way, until Madonna's 12-5 scoring spurt in the final 2:00.

"We wanted to beat them fair and square, not by the clock screwed up," said Madonna coach Bob Whitlow. "This kind of clouds the win."

Terrance Bell had 22 points, and Anthony Strickland and Shaun Hayward netted 21 each for Madonna, now 13-14 overall. Lakes led St. Mary's with 26. Washburn added 12.

S'craft nails down top spot

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team clinched first place in the Eastern Conference Wednesday, beating Flint Mott, 65-58 at home.

The Lady Ocelots (11-13 in the league, 22-3 overall) overcame 23 percent first-half shooting and a 34-27 halftime deficit. Schoolcraft has been champion or co-champion of the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association five of the last six years.

"Because we had seven freshmen, I'm very pleased the way it worked out," SC coach Jack Brennan said. "This team has worked hard for six months."

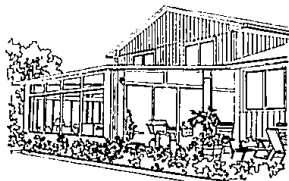
Schoolcraft, which got a game-high 20 points from Barb Krug, shot 63 percent from the field in the second half. Four others scored in double figures for Schoolcraft, led by Lisa DePlanche's 15 points.

Michelle Dykinski had 14 points, nine rebounds and four assists, while Darlene Bazner scored 10 points and dished out five assists.

Krug, Dykinski and DePlanche combined for 32 of Schoolcraft's 38 second-half points.

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