

Rice dumps Lakers

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The players on the Birmingham Brother Rice soccer team share a love-hate relationship.

"They often get on each other's nerves during practice, but after games it's typical to find them high-fiving about another victory."

"The Warriors had a lot to feel good about Saturday after they blanked West Bloomfield 4-0, in a Class A district final game played at Birmingham Seaholm.

Senior forward Pete Duggan said Rice's success starts on the practice field, where the Warriors make their goals. Duggan led Rice with two goals.

"Practices have been brutal," Duggan said. "At the beginning of the year, everyone was friends with everyone else. But lately, we've been kicking each other and a lot of people have been going down."

Lately, the opposition also has been going down -- for the court.

RICE, THE CLASS A runner-up a year ago, will play host to Grand Blanc Wednesday in regional action. First-year coach Jay Louis Prescott

soccer

has been pleased with Rice's progress but knows a tougher road lies ahead.

"The Warriors are 15-3-2 overall. Grand Blanc has about the same team as last year and we only beat them 1-0 (in the regional)," Prescott said. "Our toughest game is coming up Wednesday."

Rob Ferguson scored one goal and junior midfielder Aaron Sawicky added another for Rice Saturday. Ferguson has scored 19 goals and Duggan has 12 on the year, but Prescott said the Warriors have been successful because of their depth.

Rice led 3-0 at halftime and Duggan converted a penalty kick late in the game to seal West Bloomfield's doom. The Lakers finished their season at 11-7-2.

"WE DON'T depend on one player," Prescott said. "We need everyone to play well. On the basis of our record and the competition we play,

we should have been favored today. But it wasn't an easy game. They played hard."

Prescott praised the play of goalkeeper John Boudreau, who made 15 saves in recording the shutout.

"He's playing great. He's a strength of our team," Prescott said. "He was good last year, but the kid (Pat Trese) ahead of him was all-state. John's playing just as well. He's been terrific."

Rice's first three goals were set up by corner kicks. The Warriors had six corner kicks to West Bloomfield's one and Lakers' coach Tom Holtfreter said his team can't afford to let Rice have that many set plays.

"I'd much rather see a one, two, three pass up the field and score instead of a goal on a set play," Holtfreter said. "A big, tall team like Rice usually has set plays. We didn't defend the corner kick correctly. We went out (away from the net) with them when we should have packed it in."

"WE PACKED IT in in the second half and it made all the difference in the world. I'm proud of the way we played in the second half."

DCD dominates Eagles

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Country Day coach Paul Bartoshuk figured Southfield Christian would give his soccer team its most severe test of the districts. It proved just the opposite.

The Yellow Jackets showed their superior skills in a big way and crushed the Eagles, 10-0, Saturday afternoon in the district championship game played at Southfield Christian High School. It was their most lopsided victory in three district games.

Junior forward Mike Clark got the ball rolling for Country Day with a goal one minute into the game. Clark and the Jackets never let up.

IT WAS 6-0 by halftime and 10-0 10 minutes into the second half. Bartoshuk inserted his second string most of the second half. The subs, led by a pair of goals from Brandon Rowe, played just as strongly as the first team.

It was an impressive performance for Country Day, which led Western Michigan Christian for the Class C-D championship last year. The Yellow Jackets are eyeing a solo championship this all, and they appear to have the hoses to do it.

"Our program has been coming along. We have a very good team this year," said Bartoshuk, whose team is 17-4 overall. "If we play the way we're capable of, we'll be okay. Our talent is overwhelming."

"WE'RE REALLY proud of our second group. They play great quality soccer, but they just haven't had the playing time. Our first and second teams play against each other in practice, and that's been the best test for us in some cases."

"We've seen a number of teams play this year. The only unknown team for us is Elk Port (near Traverse City). They've only lost one game. Anything can happen against those teams."

Everything happened right against Southfield Christian.

Clark finished with two goals and four assists. But he wasn't the only big scorer.

DCD also received multi-goal efforts from Chris Castillo (three), David Williams and Rowe (two). Scooter Place, Swedish foreign exchange student, Chris Sjohlin, Joel Russell and Eric Kuffel each had one goal. Rich Jedlowski posted two assists, while Castillo and Andrus McDonald were credited with assists.

IT WAS the 13th shutout of the season for sophomore goalie Tim Webb, who has not allowed a goal in three post-season games. DCD scored earlier district victories over Royal Oak Shrine (5-0) and Bloomfield Hills Roper (9-0).

"They look really good. I think it's the best team they've ever had," said Southfield Christian coach Scott Berthel, whose team finished with a 10-9 overall record. "We had a good

game against them the first time, but they've improved so much since then. I thought we could give them a better game, but they're just too good."

COUNTRY DAY defeated Southfield Christian, 6-1, earlier this season. But the score was tied 1-1 at halftime, and Bartoshuk figured the Eagles might be just as tough in Saturday's district match-up if his team wasn't properly prepared.

"(Southfield Christian) did play a strong game against us the first time. I thought if we weren't at the top of our game, and they were at the top of their game, it would be tough playing them."

"But we're at the top of our game right now."

That could be trouble for DCD's other state-tournament opponents.

DCD's NEXT game is the regional championship at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Oakland Christian High School. The Yellow Jackets play the winner of the Saginaw Valley Lutheran/Goodrich district.

Country Day will host a state quarterfinal game Nov. 8. The state championship game is scheduled for 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School.



10-pin alley Al Harrison O&E area a bowling haven.

It's no secret that greater Detroit is the bowling capital of the world. This year's "Annual Yearbook," produced by the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, proved this with some interesting figures. Thanks to the magic of computers and the cooperation of league secretaries, we find some intriguing statistics.

There were 126,195 male ABC bowlers in the 1988-89 season, and 93,177 females were sanctioned by the WIBC. If you go a step further and add the youth leagues (which have 16,000 YABA members), and mix in a good number of unsanctioned leagues and "open bowlers," there are at least a quarter of a million active participants in this sport.

According to the computers, 10,564 of the men bowlers pitch from their left side. The mean average for righties was 161.21, and for lefties, 165.50. The women reflected the same characteristics, as the southpaws averaged 137.97, and the righties, 135.47. Of the 1,728 managed to average 200 or better while the females had 26 in the 200 class.

The everlasting controversy of the left-handers "advantage" can be refuted by these stats. Are the conditions better for southpaws? The bowling yearbook is a masterpiece of bowling information and is available to all league secretaries. You can look up anyone's bowling average from last season, including the number of games bowled, which leagues and houses. The yearbook is always available to look at in every bowling center as well.

Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills had some super scoring from the youth bowlers, as 9-year-old Charlie Thompson came up with a 640 series this week in the SASP league. In the Monday SASP Cilan Berryman rolled a 299 game and on Saturdays SASP, Brian Forbes scored a 763 series.

Bel Aire Lanes in Farmington had the senior house league with Fred Friedman, 255/698; Bill Funke, 265/652; and Sterg Chamalis, a 257 game. In the Wednesday Nite Keglers, Doreis Baldassarra rolled a block of 278-202-200 for a 680 series.

At Country Lanes on Nine Mile, the Greenfield Mixed League had Chuck O'Rourke, 657; Jack Zeln, 242; Ron Turner, 246; and Mazine Franklin, 232. In the Wednesday Junior House League, Jim DeBellis scored a 268/759. The Monday Nite Men's saw Don McGillie tied 268, and in the Even-Seven League, Bob Smith had a 753 series. In the Wednesday 630 Keglers, William Johnson shot 222-243-225, for a 691 set; Keith Jabour, 226-234-238/698; Dennis Harris, 269; Dan Dwyer, 248-234-205/687; Brian Barde, 256-267/692. The Ladies Noon Classic had Lorraine Craig finished with a 224-218-224/656; Lil Vanderveennet, 223/593; Lindi Harris,

212/576; Gloria Mertz, 200/558; Jeanette McDonald, 226-235/633; Audrey Sirolo, 233/619; Jean Dembeck, 222/561. In the High School League, some recent scores: Julie Wright, 190/550; Danielle Drzadzynski, 206; Jeff Moore, 531; Mike Eastman, 204; Prads: Robby Fremier, 191; Adam Zuckerman, 208; Paul Cassar, 164; Chris Brugman, 165; Ken Weatherby, 210; Eric Raby, 155; Mike Chalm, 154; Diane Smith, 374. Juniors: Jeff Grassel, 434; Jennifer Kessie, 132; Walter Koenig, 372; and Shawn Fletcher, 173.

West Bloomfield Lanes on Orchard Lake Road featured good scores from the ladies and the youth leagues. In American Ladies: Deale Benowith had a 217. In the MGM League, Shari Brandt rolled a 200 and Gail Cohen, 214. In the West Bloomfield Women's Club, Rose Marie Mirich shot a 201, and in the Pine Lake Ladies, Christine Roman rolled 211. Youth Leagues: Monday Bantams: Lindsay Leder, 136. Monday Preps: Aaron Herskovic, 151; Matt Levin, 150; Brent Leder, 209/542; and Nicholas Dinalco, 163. In the Saturday A.M. Preps, Michael Liefer had a 189 and Seth Rele, 143. In Saturday P.M. Junior Majors play, Brad Steel rolled a 158. Jay Meattel had a 130 in the Tuesday Bantams, and the Saturday 10:45 a.m. Bumper Bowlers had Justin Schwalb with a 117, best score in "bumper" so far.

Plum Hollow Lanes in Southfield hosts the Women's District Bowling Association, where Helen Vidmar led the scoring with a 233. In the Tuesday Hudson Ladies, Viv Waldrep had a 225 and 224 for a 630 series. Monday Nite Men's saw Dan Thornton with a 246, 237 and 237/720 and Jeff Lillard, 245, 245 and 232/722. The Miller Lite Classic on Friday Night featured Doug Spier with his second 300 game of the season; Russ Gardak, 760; and Greg Zarick, 761, including games of 268 and 289. In the Inter-Lodge Masonic League on Sunday A.M. the scoring was led by Al Harrison with a 243 and 651 series. Bob Solomon had a 225; Jack Cole, 274; Mike Elman, 210; and Ray Hassan, subbing with 571 series.

Bowling Tip of the Week: Colder weather is just around the corner, so this a reminder to not leave your ball in the trunk of your car overnight, as you will find a cold ball when you go bowling. Not only is this uncomfortable to hold, a colder ball may react as well on the lanes as one at the normal temperature.

Al Harrison, a Southfield resident, serves as the secretary for the Inter-Lodge Bowling League. Harrison requests that any information dealing with area bowling establishments be sent to the Eccentric sports department at 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009, or called in at 422-1609.

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