

Raiders nip Northville, 48-47

Despite missing four consecutive free throws in the game's final minute Tuesday, North Farmington held on to defeat host Northville 48-47.

The Mustangs (12-7), who were held to just four fourth-quarter points, had a chance to win the game but missed a shot at the buzzer.

"It was total chaos that went on," said North coach Tom Negoshian, whose team improved to 8-11 overall. "We had the ball and missed four free throws down the stretch."

First, Northville was called for an intentional foul, but the Raiders missed both free throws. North got the ball back and was fouled but again missed both foul shots again.

The Mustangs got possession down court and the Raiders knocked the ball out of bounds with four seconds remaining. Northville's desperation shot missed at the buzzer.

The game was close the entire way with the score tied 14-14 at the end of the first quarter and 30-30 at the end of the second quarter.

Northville took a 33-30 lead in the final quarter but was outscored 9-4 in the game's final eight minutes.

Bill Chwalik and Jon Sturtz scored 16 and 11 points for the Raiders, respectively. Mike Lang paced Northville with 11 points.

The Raiders play Livonia Churchill for fifth place in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament Saturday at Plymouth Salem. Game time is 3 p.m.

GLENN 61, FARMINGTON 55: Westland John Glenn (4-14) converted all eight of its free throw attempts Tuesday and held off visiting Farmington.

The Falcons (2-17) trailed 46-38 entering the fourth quarter but cut the deficit to 51-48, a basket by Kevin Tomaszewski increased Glenn's lead to five with 2:23 remaining. The Rockets then pulled eight consecutive free throws, with Tomaszewski making his four attempts.

Junior forward Jerry Jordan and senior forward Jackie Howard scored 15 and 13 points for Glenn, respectively. Steve Gallagher had a game-high 16 points for the Falcons while Jay Jensen added 11 points.

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CHURCHILL 47, FRANKLIN 38: In a preview of Monday's district opener at Livonia Franklin, visiting Livonia Churchill proved too tough in Tuesday's physical game.

The score indicates how physical a game it was. Churchill coach Fred Price said, "The game really was 'Who can get off an open shot.' There were not a lot of open shots in this game."

Churchill (11-8) will play North Farmington on Saturday in the WLAA tournament and return to Franklin's gym Monday for the district contest.

Senior center Andy Calcaterra tallied 19 points and eight rebounds for the winners, but the key, according to Price, was senior forward Steve Townsend, who came off the bench in the fourth quarter to make three straight field goals.

Churchill led 28-17 at halftime but could only muster six points in the third quarter.

"Both teams were stuck in the mud in the third quarter," Price said. "I give my team's defense a lot of credit for only giving up 17 first-half points."

Senior center Steve McCoil led Franklin (10-9) with 19 points, eight coming in the final quarter. Junior guard Brian Johnson and senior forward Scott Bowser added nine points each for the Chargers.

REDFORD CC 68, OLMS 58: Junior center Chad Varga had 25 points and 11 rebounds Tuesday, powering host Redford Catholic Central over Orchard Lake St. Mary in a non-league basketball encounter.

Sophomore guard Bob Schneider added 15 points for the winners, now 8-11 overall.

St. Mary's senior forward Gary Morris had 11 points and senior center Jim Gates added 10 for the Eagles (5-10).

CC, who outscored St. Mary 21-15 in what proved to be the decisive second half.

On Saturday, Damon Phillips scored 12 points, leading the visiting Jaguars of Detroit Southeastern over the Shamrocks, 49-48.

Varga, who hit a three-point basket at the buzzer, led as we could because we've got more ability and we're in better shape, too."

Canton, 12-7 overall, lost 56-53 earlier this year to the Hawks.

"I WANT TO play Salem again—for revenge," Stafford said.

On Saturday, Van Wagner, who coached the Chiefs the last time they won the WLAA title in 1984, wasn't concerned with the opponent would be Saturday. Canton got this far by limiting Stevenson's guards Matt Grotzicki and Phil Woods to a combined six points and outscoring the visitors, 14-7, in the game's final five minutes.

Canton made eight three-point shots, including three in the fourth quarter, and played much of the game without 6-foot-6 center Tony Coshatt because of foul trouble.

Only Stafford managed double figures for the Chiefs, while Jon Paupore and Karl Wukie scored eight points and Coshatt five before fouling out. Junior Derrick McDonald led with seven assists and Brett

Chiefs reach WLAA hoop final

By Steve Kowalski
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As the players filed out of Plymouth Canton's locker room Tuesday night, someone offered Mike Stafford a post-game doughnut to eat.

It almost turned him down.

The sophomore guard showed no hesitation in accepting Livonia Stevenson's charity during the game, as he led the Chiefs to a 54-44 Western Lakes Activities Association semifinal playoff win.

With the under-sized Spartans packed into a zone defense, Stafford responded with four three-pointers and a team-high 18 points as Canton earned its way into Saturday's WLAA final against Salem.

Game time was 7 p.m.

"We're supposed to throw the ball inside, but the shot was there," said Stafford, who sparked the Chiefs' rally with 11 second-half points. "Coach (Dave Van Wagner) said at halftime, 'We're up by one (21-20) and were playing bad.' We just had a bad first half and had to play as hard

SC cagers lose finale

Midway through the first half Saturday, Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team had a seven-point lead. Then Kevin McGill — who had scored 10 points — re-injured his ankle.

McGill, the only guard among the top five listed on SC's preseason roster remaining, missed the next 18 minutes. With him went the Ocelots' hopes for a win and a berth in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association playoffs — Highland Park CC got both, claiming a 56-50 blowout victory.

McGill did return, five minutes into the second half. But his effectiveness was limited; he finished with 14 points. By the time he returned, SC was trailing by nine points.

The deficit grew to 16 in the second half, but the Ocelots didn't surrender. With less than four minutes left, SC had crept to within four points. The final blow was then delivered — leading scorer Randy Waters (27 points) fouled out. Although the Ocelots got to within three, they couldn't keep the comeback going.

Barry Quayle added 15 points and 10 rebounds to the SC effort, with Scott Meredith getting 13 points and eight boards and Dave Hamilton contributing 12 points and seven rebounds.

With McGill out much of the game, and Mitch Fyke — who had been working in the backcourt, too — sidelined with a shoulder separation, turnovers became a problem for SC. The Ocelots had 18 of them, which explained why Highland Park took 18 more shots.

Highland Park (now 5-2) was led by Arnold Wilson, with 21 points, Marcus Honey, with 12, Jose Lewis, with 18, Mike Caston, with 15, and Marcus Hall, with 14.

SC ended its season with a 14-15 overall record, 5-11 in the Eastern Conference. The school's administration has opted not to send the team to compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II tournament.

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all scorers for CC with 24 points.
Southeastern is 14-3 overall.

MILFORD 79, REDFORD UNION 74: Senior guard Dan Taylor scored 31 points and Tom Kofahl added 18 Monday, as Milford beat the host Panthers.

Senior forward Chris Mulka led three RU players in double figures with 24 points. Junior guard Bill Malecki added 10 points and senior guard Steve Zimbalist added 10.

RU, which dropped to 6-12 overall, hit 13-of-20 free throw attempts. Milford was 16-of-23 at the line.

BURGESS 71, EAST CATHOLIC 63: On Tuesday, host Redford Bishop Burgess outscored Detroit East Catholic 20-10 in the second quarter en route to the win.

Senior guard Kevin Kiser led three players in double figures with 29 points. Senior center Redshaw Sumler and freshman forward Perry Robinson added 16 points apiece.

Ray Lewis led East Catholic with 16 points and Robert Kimbrough added 10.

Burgess improved to 8-11 overall. East Catholic dropped to 9-10.

GALLAGHER 99, ST. AGATHA 43: On Tuesday, host Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher outscored Redford St. Agatha 34-17 in the second period a rout of St. Agatha.

The Aggies committed 37 turnovers.

"We didn't play very well," St. Agatha coach Jim Murphy said. "We can't turn over the ball that many times. They're very good and quick. Everybody on Bishop Gallagher scored."

St. Agatha was led by guard Derwin Henderson's 13 points.

Gallagher improved its record to 5-13 overall, while St. Agatha dropped to 4-13 overall.

GARDEN CITY 76, CRESTWOOD 50: The Cougars captured their fourth straight win with the win Tuesday on the road.

GC outscored Dearborn Heights Crestwood in every quarter, including an 18-4 first period run.

Senior guard Nick Matulis and senior swingman Matt Johnson led GC with 18 points apiece. Guard Scott Marrihugh added 10.

THE MEDALS, however, were of little consolation to Rodriguez.

"No I'm not satisfied at all," he said. "We should have had one man in the final I think. But, should have, would have, could have, that's the way it goes."

"They did the best they could and I can't ask any more of them. I just thought we could have had at least one winter and a couple seconds," he said. "Where we come from, I always expect to get some-

"We didn't have anything going to night," McIntyre said. "We finally ran out of one of those nights where there was no ignition from anyone on the court."

"OUR MISTAKES were not caused by us. They were caused by getting hammered. They were running into us and tapping our wrists, and the officials were watching the fight of the ball."

"If someone wants to criticize me for bad sportsmanship, I have the right to stand with them and watch that tape. (Salem) is a great team and I wouldn't mind losing by two, and basically that was a two-point ballgame."

"I'm not disappointed at all," he added. "We played so darn hard and executed well. I'm proud of my players — and we were down a big player."

Mike Mulder, Lee and Kirkpatrick scored the first six points of the fourth quarter as the Hawks extended their lead to 53-46. The Hawks, who lost 83-60 to Salem in December, got within 70-62 on a pair of Teachman free throws with two minutes left.

"We knew they were better team," Brodie said. "We looked at the teams they had beaten down the road, and we knew they would be well prepared for this game. We came in with the expectation of a good game, and it took a good effort on our part to win it."

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CC wrestlers earn 3 medals

By Marty Budnor
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Like the song, Mike Rodriguez tried to "Put on a Happy Face."

The veteran Redford Catholic Central wrestler coach attempted to take a positive outlook on his team's unexpectedly poor performance at Saturday's Michigan High School Athletic Association Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Tournament at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

"They did the best they could," he said.

Then, in his next breath, he added, "I thought we'd at least get one (wrestler) into the finals."

Catholic Central qualified five wrestlers for the individual finals. Only four other schools — Clarkston, East Detroit, Temperance, Bedford and Warren Lincoln — had more.

Although the Shamrocks were shut out of a championship-round appearance, they did manage to pick up three medals.

Senior Rob Sylvester took home a fifth-place medal in the 275-pound weight class. Teammates Rusty Fowler (119), a senior who entered the tourney with a credible 5-1 overall record, and junior Dan Kelly (171) each lost their third-place matches and finished fourth.

Junior Dan Rieple (145) and sophomore Jason Krueger (160) failed to place.

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After a scoreless first period, Fowler let Facundo escape off the whistle to begin the second period and the Bay City wrestler took an easy 1-0 lead which proved to be the difference in the match. Each wrestler scored a reversal — Fowler early in the third period and Facundo with just 15 seconds left in the final period to win a close 3-2 decision.

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Kelly won his first match, then was dumped into the consolation bracket by Jason Steinkamp of Howell, 5-3. Kelly worked his way into the medal round with three victories only to find Steinkamp as his final tournament foe.

Kelly fashioned a 4-3 lead early in the third period in the rematch, but Steinkamp scored a takedown with 35 seconds left and held on for a 5-4 victory.

Sylvester was in control all the way in his medal-round match against Jim Jacques of Davison. It was close after two periods, but Sylvester pulled away to dominate the final period and earn a fifth-place medal.

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