

Eagles reclaim NAA cage title

By C.J. Risk
staff writer

Jimmy Bolden could only breathe an extended sigh of relief and say, "Oh, yeah."

Yes, Bolden — the junior point guard for St. Mary's College basketball team from Detroit Country Day — was relieved it was over. What had been anticipated since the season started had come true. The Eagles, NAA District 23 champs in 1990-91, had regained the title and qualified for their second-straight NAA Tournament.

They did it by going to their strength in Wednesday's district final against Siena Heights College. Other St. Mary's assets, like steady free throw shooting when it counts, had deserted (8-for-13 in the last 10:30).

Bolden did not. Knowing the defender assigned to check him, Ronald Hopkins, had drawn his fourth foul with 7:54 left, Bolden went to work. The result: 10 points from him in the final 6:21 to ensure a 92-77 win.

The Eagles improved to 28-6; they head back to Kansas City for the 32-team NAA Tournament (they were sixth last year), which starts Tuesday and concludes next Monday. Siena Heights finishes at 21-13.

GETTING A RETURN trip to Kansas City was the goal all season for St. Mary's, and while there were few stumbles (the Eagles won 22 of their last 24 games), there were some anxious moments in Wednesday's final.

"I thought we came out a little tentative," said Bolden, who finished with 23 points, six assists and four steals. "But the most important part was we buckled down in the clutch and took control. Our whole key is to play to win for 40 minutes. Don't let down."

There were a few letdowns, however. Ahead 17-8 in the first half, the

Eagles surrendered a 12-0 run that gave Siena Heights a 20-17 lead. St. Mary's recovered to lead 30-32 at the half.

But it was hardly over. The Saints kept bouncing back and, with 7:42 left, they were within 65-62. That's when Bolden took control. The Eagles' advantage grew to 13 and was 10 with 2:11 left when they put on the finishing touches, outscoring Siena Heights 12-7 in the last two minutes.

"We didn't shoot well in the first half," said Siena Heights coach Fred Smith, noting his team's 12-of-34 performance (35 percent). "Then we did our free throws well (4-of-8)."

"BUT WE hung in there, until Bolden took over. He's the (district) player of the year — that's why."

The Saints' shooting didn't improve much in the second half; for the game they were 24-of-64 (37 percent). St. Mary's was 37-of-71 (52 percent), including 19-of-27 (70 percent) in the second half.

Joining Bolden in double-figures in scoring for the Eagles were Garth Howard with 22 (and five rebounds and four assists); Fred Russell with 18 (seven rebounds); Brian Koscielski with 11 (10 boards); and Jeff Suscep with 10 (five rebounds, four assists).

Brent Tucker topped the Saints with 24 points and 10 boards. Hopkins had 20 points (with eight rebounds and four steals). Jemile Green chipped in 17 and Tony Raska (from Farmington Hills) netted 11.

"I thought we played a little nervous," said St. Mary's coach Glen Donahue. "If we don't win, maybe we don't go (to the NAA tournament). You don't want to leave it to a committee (picking at-large teams) because they can make idiotic moves — and I'm on this one."

"We had to have the poise (down the stretch) and that's what we had." Their reward is an extension to their season.

Tough games lie ahead

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There was little doubt St. Mary's College had enough talent to win almost all of the first 34 games on its schedule.

But that's history. Now the Eagles are in the big time — at the NAA Tournament, with 31 others with equal ability, and sometimes better. "That's it, as good as it is with seniors Garth Howard (18.9 points) and Jeff Suscep (17.1), junior Jimmy Bolden (18.4 points), 6:00 assists, 2.4 steals) and sophomore Brian Koscielski (11.7 points, 9.1 rebounds) might not match up with the heavyweights.

Like defending NAA champion Oklahoma City — which St. Mary's will play Thursday in the second round if it survives its opening test against Urbana (Ohio) at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday.

"They're a pressure team, just like us," said Eagles' coach Glen Donahue of Urbana. "They want to fast break. We have to play with a lot of poise, and execute."

POISE and execution — those will be key elements in any tournament run St. Mary's makes. As Bolden, the Detroit Country Day grad who was named NAA District 23 player of the year, said, "We've just got to go down there and stay focused."

Like St. Mary's, the backcourt carries the offensive load for Urbana (25-8 for the season). Jerry Ligon led the team in scoring (19.0 points), his backcourt mate is Wyatt Goina (17.4), whose twin brother Wade (9.0) is the team's sixth man.

Anchoring the front line is 6-8 senior center Cornelius Woody, a Southfield HS graduate (15.1 points, 5.4 rebounds). Woody is joined by two more seniors: 6-6 Todd Charles (14.8

points) and 6-5 Marty Socha (11.0).

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Raiders surprise Vikes in district

By Bill Parker
staff writer

North Farmington entered last week's district tournament at Walled Lake Central with a disappointing 6-12 overall record. Few outsiders expected the Raiders to advance to Saturday's championship game. But that's exactly what Tom Negashian's team did Wednesday as the Raiders ended Walled Lake Central's season at 10-4 with a thrilling 60-58 victory over the Vikings in a semifinal contest.

West Bloomfield knocked out Walled Lake Western, 76-49, in Wednesday's other semifinal match.

The Raiders squandered a 13-point lead in the fourth quarter, but scored the final five points of the contest to secure a spot in the title game.

CENTRAL TOOK A brief one-point lead, 56-55, on a pair of free throws by Junior Mike Gluski late in the fourth quarter. Raider senior Mark Temple put his team back on top, 58-56, when he filled his fourth three-point basket of the game with less than a minute to play. Senior Eric Hewett padded North's lead by nailing both ends of a two-shot foul with 10 remaining on the clock. Ron Thompson's three-point shot for Central clanged off the rim and Raider Todd Anderson grabbed the rebound to preserve the win for the Raiders.

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"Some games you're on (at the free throw line) and some games you aren't," said North coach Tom Negashian. "I give Hewett all the credit. He stepped to the line in an awful tough situation and put the ball in. That's not coaching. That's all him."

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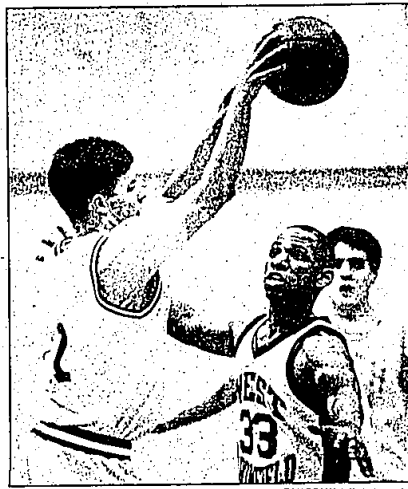
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Mark Temple of North Farmington dunks a pass inside during the district final.

"I just can't say enough about all the kids, but I have to give Walled Lake Central credit, too. They came at you for 32 minutes. They did a great job trapping us. Fortunately we hit the three at the end and got the free throws."

CENTRAL OPENED the game with a typical up-shot attack and rolled out to a 20-12 lead after the first quarter. Six players scored for

the Vikings in the opening quarter led by Thompson and junior Josh Chesnut with five points each.

North took control of the game in the second quarter as the Vikings had difficulty finding the basket.

With junior center Chris McFarlane on the bench nursing an injured finger, Central's inside game disappeared. The Vikings took eight shots in the second quarter,

seven from three point range, and converted just one.

Meanwhile, Temple was busy staking North to a 31-26 halftime lead. Temple nailed a pair of triples early in the second quarter to spark the Raiders on a 10-0 run. He scored 10 of his game-high 24 points in the quarter and gave North a five-point halftime lead by canning both ends of a one-and-one free throw with seconds remaining in the half.

"We were tentative in the second and tentative in the third," said Central coach Steve Emert. "I told them at halftime we had to get some production. We weren't looking to score, we were looking for someone else to do it."

THE RAIDERS caught fire in the third quarter, converting seven of nine shots from the floor.

Senior Brad Pawlowski (eight points) opened the quarter with an inside basket. Senior Dean Pennala followed with a three-pointer and classmate Jon Sturtz (eight points) added a triple of his own giving North its biggest lead of the game, 39-26, with 5:21 remaining in the third. Senior Brian Lee hit North's third triple of the quarter as time ran out to give the Raiders a 50-39 lead entering the final eight minutes of play.

Thompson scored eight of his team-leading 18 points in the fourth as Central battled back, but the Vikings came up empty handed in the closing moments. Junior Eric Leaf meshed in nine for the Vikings, senior Steve Rabaut scored eight and McFarlane, who returned to action in the second half, finished with seven.

"We had a great season and have no reason to hang our heads," Emert said. "We won the Western Lakes and no one can take that away from us."

Lakers win tournament

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size to match up with their two or three big guys."

THOSE BIG guys Negashian was referring to dominated the paint for the Raiders.

Harley Marks, a 6-7 junior, and Scott Zack, a 6-6 senior, combined for 20 points and 18 rebounds at the center position. But that's not to say West Bloomfield's attack was one-dimensional. Roberts had a big game, finishing with 15 points, four assists and four rebounds, while Donke ran the offense and meshed in eight points, dished off nine assists and had three steals.

Sixth-grade senior forward Marlo McKinley, who has "improved tremendously over the year," according to coach Donke, helped out with 12 points and three steals.

"We don't run out plays to any one player," Donke said. "We have seven guys averaging in double figures

since Christmas."

RAIDER MARK TEMPLE, a senior forward, was fouled on a three-point attempt at the start of the third quarter and calmly aced all three free throws. Moments later, senior Brad Pawlowski and junior Todd Anderson dumped in back-to-back baskets as North pulled to within seven, 34-27.

McKinley countered West Bloomfield's canning two triples then driving the middle through heavy traffic for a layup, as the Lakers jumped ahead by 15, 42-27. Marks scored seven of his team-leading 16 points in the third and Roberts' triple with one second left on the clock gave West Bloomfield a commanding 49-32 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Temple finished with 11 points for North. Pawlowski netted six and Dean Pennala, Sturtz and Todd Anderson chipped in five points each.

CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Clarenceville School District will be accepting bids for a new school bus. Copy of specifications are available at 28532 W. 8 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Any questions regarding the above should be directed to Mr. Grover G. Lewis at 473-8945, Monday-Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Bids are due March 23, 1992 at 1:00 p.m.

Public March 13 and 14, 1992

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for Harrison High School Pedestrian Bridge Repair, Bid Division 602: Bridge Repair until 1:30 P.M. Wednesday, April 1, 1992 at the Lewis Schuman Administration Center, 3550 Shiloh, Farmington, Michigan 48336, addressed to Beverly Hausman. They will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

It is strongly recommended that bidders attend the prebid meeting at 1:30 P.M. Wednesday, March 25, 1992 at Harrison High School, 2994 West 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336. Bidders are to contact Mr. Bill McCarthy at (313) 535-1149 if they are unable to attend.

A bid bond or certified check for 5% of the bid must accompany the bid. Bid specifications and documents may be obtained from the purchasing department, 35500 Shiloh, Farmington, Michigan 48336, (313) 489-3316.

CATHLEEN M. WEBB, Secretary

Public March 18 and 19, 1992

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Monday, March 23, 1992
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Please take notice that the Farmington Hills City Council will give formal consideration on March 23, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. to submission of a grant application for the second year's funding for the acquisition of the property referred to as the Sod Farm located on Eight Mile Road at Metrowest.

Any persons interested in submitting suggestions and/or ideas for this grant application are invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

DAN W. POTTER
Department of Special Services

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan at the Clerk's Office at 31555 Eleven Mile Road until 10:00 a.m. THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1992, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

This project consists of installation of a water main and sanitary sewer along Quaker Valley Road from Farmington Road to Lyncroft and along Lyncroft from Quaker Valley Road to Harlan Drive and roadway restoration utilizing:

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| 8"-12" Gate Valves and Wells | 5 Linear Feet |
| Hydrants | 1 Each |
| Plus miscellaneous items necessary for a completed project. | |

Plans, specifications, and proposal forms may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office at the above address or after MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1992, upon deposit of \$20.00, which is non-refundable. Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the City of Farmington Hills. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check of Bid Bond for a recognized surety company in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of Farmington Hills, as security for acceptance of the Contract.

The City reserves the right to waive any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and/or informalities, and to make the award, that in the opinion of the City Council is in the best interest, and to the advantage of the City of Farmington Hills.

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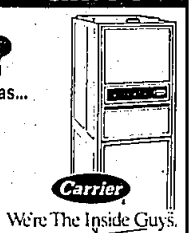
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