

Eagles stall in opener

It seemed certain that destiny would guide St. Mary's College to a rematch with Oklahoma City in the NAIA Basketball Tournament today in Kansas City.

Unfortunately for the Eagles, Urbana (Ill.) College presented a detour.

Everything seemed certain until the final 10 minutes of St. Mary's tourney opener against Urbana Wednesday. The Eagles were ahead about 71-55 and on a collision course with Oklahoma City, the top seed and defending NAIA champion — and the team that ousted St. Mary's from last year's tournament.

Then something happened. Maybe the Eagles were thinking ahead... how else can one explain their 92-30 season-ending loss?

Urbana, with Todd Charles controlling a pair of three-point plays, scored 10-straight to pull to within six with 8:52 left. Less than two minutes later, the game was tied at 79-all.

A JERRY LIGON three-pointer gave Urbana its first lead, 82-81, with 4:41 to go. St. Mary's never got it back.

A Wade Golins layup and another Ligon three increased the lead to 87-81. St. Mary's battled back with a Garth Howard triple, followed by a Howard steal and a Jimmy Bolden layup that made it 87-85 with 1:31 left.

But the Eagles could never overtake their foe, even though Urbana managed to make just 3-of-9 free throws in the final 50 seconds. A Bolden turnover with 22.3 left hurt, so did their failure to rebound missed free throws, twice allowing Urbana to regain possession and run the clock.

"We had that stretch in the second half that just killed us," said St. Mary's assistant Kevin Donahue. That came after the Eagles had "defensed (Urbana) right out of the gym in the first half, forcing 16 turnovers, building a 48-35 halftime lead.

Fred Russell's 22 points led St. Mary's. Bolden had 20, Howard 17 (with 10 rebounds) and Jeff Suspect 10. Brian Koscielski had eight and 13 boards. Charles poured in 31 and grabbed 13 rebounds for Urbana (26-8); Cornelius Woody (from Southfield HS) totaled 17 points and 13 boards.

Cards end Shamrocks' season, 39-35

By Steve Kowalski staff writer

Detroit Cooley held Redford Catholic Central to 35 points Wednesday night, which was one less than CC senior center Chad Varga scored the night before.

That about says it all.

Cooley's deliberate offense and suffocating defense were just good enough to end CC's run in the state playoffs 39-35, in a Class A regional basketball final before a capacity crowd at Southfield.

Varga, who averaged 30.8 points in four previous postseason games, was limited to 11 points, only three after halftime. Cooley, which won three straight Class A titles from 1987-89, held the ball for minutes at a time to get CC out of a zone defense and also forced 15 Shamrock turnovers.

The Cardinals, 23-0 and top-ranked in the state, made 15 of 31 shots from the field (48 percent) compared to CC's 12 of 29 (41 percent). CC, coached by a commendable defense in both the man-to-man and zone.

KUMMER, A 6-foot-6 forward, bowed out with 12 points on three-

for-13 shooting. Kummer missed his first six shots in the second half.

"We're going to miss them (Varga and Kummer), they were like our bread and butter," Holowicki said.

"We lost, we're hurting and there's a sting in our heart, but I've got to be proud. Kelso is a good coach, a grizzly bear, and I enjoy coaching against him. Cooley makes very few mistakes and before the game we told the kids if they make any we got to capitalize on them."

Senior guard Fred Montgomery, whose right arm is shorter than his left because of a birth defect, scored nine of his game-high 13 points in the first quarter when Cooley opened up a 19-16 first-quarter lead.

The tempo slowed considerably, however, in the next eight minutes as CC went nearly seven minutes without scoring and Cooley held the ball most of the time. The Cardinals scored the first four points of the

second quarter to lead 23-16 before the Shamrocks outscored the Cardinals 7-1 in the last minute to pull within 26-25 at halftime.

KUMMER'S THREE-pointer followed by a basket at the buzzer by junior forward Brian Paluk highlighted the rally.

The second half was a struggle for the Shamrocks, who made two of 10 shots from the field and suffered nine turnovers. Holowicki would have liked to have at least another day to prepare for Cooley after beating Southwestern Tuesday.

"If you make it to the regional you'd think they'd accommodate the teams better, but it's Southfield's prerogative," Holowicki said earlier in the week. "This was a tough regional. We played man-to-man against Southwestern and against Cooley on back-to-back nights and not too many teams in the Catholic League can do that."

Shamrocks oust defending state champ

By C.J. Riasak staff writer

The pressure was enough to break almost any team, but Redford Catholic Central withstood it — and it wasn't just the team's Shamrock heritage that worked in its favor on this St. Patrick's Day, playing against Detroit Southwestern in the opening round of the Southfield basketball regional.

CC needed more than mere luck, and got it — mainly from Chad Varga, who poured in 35 points to lift the Shamrocks to a 62-60 triumph Tuesday.

The pressure came in the form of going against the two-time defending Class A champion Prospektors. And it came on the court, with Southwestern pressuring full-court most of the game.

And then, even though CC had the lead from the end of the first quarter on, there was the pressure of the Prospektors' unrelenting attack.

As Shamrock coach Bernie Holowicki summed up: "There was a lot of pressure. They wouldn't go down without a fight."

TWO FACTORS allowed CC to take control early and maintain it — fouls and shooting. Southwestern got into foul trouble almost immediately, with starters Derrick Hayes and Anthony Eagle drawing their third personals in the second quarter.

Shooting didn't work in the Prospektors' favor, either. They started both the first and second

quarters by missing their first five shots; at halftime, they were 9-of-28 from the floor (32 percent).

Which is why the Prospektors trailed 32-21 at the break. "We got the shots we wanted, right around the basket," said Southwestern coach Larry Pierce. "They just didn't go in."

CC's biggest challenge came in the third quarter. After padding their lead to 36-21 on two Varga layups, the Shamrocks found themselves in trouble. Varga picked up two fouls in an 18-second span, giving him three and putting him on the bench.

THAT PROSPEKTORS rallied immediately behind Hayes. They outscored the Shamrocks for the quarter to pull to within 43-39 heading into the final period. Hayes scored 10-straight Southwestern points in the rally and had 12 in the quarter.

When Bob Kummer — who scored 11 points in the first half — was whistled for his third foul with 1:37 left in the third, fate seemed to have turned on CC. But there was another reversal ahead; Hayes drew his fourth foul with :35 to play in the quarter.

Which freed up Varga even more in the paint. The 6-foot-5 senior took advantage, pivoting his way to 14 fourth-quarter points. A CC adjustment early in the game had helped.

Explained Holowicki: "Southwestern was in their 1-3-1 (zone defense), and we had some trou-

ble with it. So we moved Bobby (Kummer) outside, and that opened up the middle for Chad."

The Prospektors' pressure didn't hurt, either. CC point guard Eric Justice severely halved the ball through most of the game; the Shamrocks had just 12 turnovers.

STILL, SOUTHWESTERN kept it close, and a three-point play by Diarra Wilkerson left CC clinging to a 47-46 lead. But the Shamrocks answered with an 11-3 run, punctuated by a Varga floating slam with 2:30 to play that prompted a Prospector timeout.

CC had a 58-49 lead, but managed to keep Southwestern in the game by missing free throws down the stretch. The Shamrocks were 16-of-21 before the final two minutes, then went 4-of-11. Still, they had enough of a lead to keep Southwestern at bay; Hayes' three-pointer at the buzzer made the score closer, but the outcome was the same.

The loss left the Prospektors with a season-ending 14-8 record. Pierce could only praise Varga for his performance. "We wanted to front him and give weak-side help," the Southwestern coach said. "But he's a hot-shooting player. When he gets the ball, he knows what to do with it."

Hayes finished with 21 points to lead Southwestern, 19 coming in the second half. Wilkerson had 11. Kummer netted 15 for CC. Varga and Brian Paluk had eight rebounds apiece for CC; Hayes grabbed eight for Southwestern.

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