

# Borgess guards secure win over Rice

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Redford Bishop Borgess relied on 6-foot-6 Perry Robinson and 6-3 Charles Smith for much of its scoring in Tuesday's game against a smaller Birmingham Brother Rice squad.

But it was a pair of guards, Wendell Green and Jerome Ross, who made the key plays in the final two minutes to secure the Spartans' 60-57 victory.

After the host Warriors took their only lead of the game, 63-62, Green and Ross scored Borgess' final eight points.

"Green really took charge and did a good job" down the stretch, said "Spartans" coach Glen Donahue. "And Ross, our sophomore guard, did a good job."

Rice was close all the way, never trailing by more than seven points, but couldn't get over the hump until Derek Canine drove the lane and scored with 2:12 left. But the game turned on the next four possessions.

After Canine's basket, Green came right back with a nearly-identical layup to put Borgess back on top. After the Warriors lost the ball on a traveling call, Ross broke out of a four-corner spread for a driving layup and a winning 60-57 margin with 59 seconds remaining. Rice missed a three-pointer, then Ross and Green closed the game by hitting four straight free throws.

"We could've won the game," said Rice coach Frank Carrio. "We just didn't make some plays down the stretch that would have enabled us to win the game."

The Spartans improved to 6-4 overall, 4-1 in the Catholic League's Central Division. The Warriors are 5-5, 1-4.

Both coaches complimented their opponents for playing hard. Although the phrase is often a coaches' cliché, it applied to this contest. The teams went toe-to-toe from the opening tip. Both squads played physical games featuring aggressive, man-to-man

defense. Donahue said Rice "played better against us than they played against Flint Central. And they beat Flint Central. They had good ball movement. They didn't have a great shooting night tonight but they played very, very hard."

Carrio similarly praised Borgess, adding "their athletic ability is certainly a factor."

The Spartans grabbed a 10-3 lead in the first five minutes as Rice's shooters were cold early.

The Warriors warmed up and pulled within 16-12 after one quarter.

Robinson took charge in the second quarter, scoring nine points to help the Spartans take a 31-23 lead into halftime.

One Warrior whose shooting wasn't cold was Brian Kalczyński, who scored 14 points in the first half. But Kalczyński got into foul trouble early in the third quarter and added just two points in the second half. Robinson also suffered from foul problems, but

still managed six points in the third quarter as Borgess maintained its lead, 42-38.

Led by Canine's eight points, Rice rallied in the fourth quarter, tying the score at 44, then taking the lead before Borgess' guards took charge.

Rice has lost several close league games, a factor which Carrio called "extremely frustrating for the players and for me. In spite of the frustration (the players) have continued to be very positive. They come back every day at practice and try to be a little better."

Borgess, meanwhile, is "starting to gel as a team," Donahue said. "We're getting better each game."

Robinson led the Spartans with 15 points. Smith scored 13, Green 10, Richard Paige had 9 and Ross added 8.

For Rice, Kalczyński scored 16 points, Canine 12 and Rob Chrysler 7.

# Smolka's 24 lift Warriors to win

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## BASKETBALL

Lutheran High Westland's John Smolka came out smoking Tuesday, leaving host Livonia Clarenceville smoldering in ruins, 75-65.

Smolka, a 6-foot-1 junior forward, provided the spark, scoring a team-high 24 points as the Warriors captured their third-straight Metro Conference boys basketball game.

It was also Lutheran High's first win ever over the Trojans.

Senior guard Jim Hoeft added 20 points for the victors, all in the second half, as the Warriors improved to 4-5 overall and 3-1 in the Metro.

Chris Tiernan chipped with 11 points.

"We hope this can continue," an elated Lutheran High coach Scott Wiemer said. "It's taken awhile, but maybe finally we're starting to reap some benefits of all the work we've put in."

Smolka, an effective standstill jumper shooter, hit nine of 20 shots from the floor, including a pair of threes.

But his performance was even more remarkable because he was doubtful prior to the game. He suffered a contusion on his arm after taking a charge in Saturday's win over Detroit Lutheran West.

"His right arm was pretty swollen and it was X-rayed for possible bone chips, but he was OK," Wiemer said. "His strong suit all year has been rebounding. He's been averaging about 10 rebounds a game. He's only 6-foot-2, but he's deceptive because he's got long arms. Tonight he just played a great all-around game."

Clarenceville's top two sharpshooters, cousins Mark and John Kalaj combined for 40 of the Trojans' 65 points.

Mark, who finished with a game-high 25, was nine of 21 from the floor. John added 15 on six of 18 shooting.

"We didn't want them to score off the fast-break," Wiemer said. "We wanted to make sure they put the ball on the floor before they shot the

three. Our rotation defense worked pretty well. We changed up in the fourth quarter and used a triangle-and-two."

The Trojans managed to stay close for almost three quarters before falling apart.

Thanks to five first-half blocks by 6-6 junior center Mark Berry, Clarenceville was only down 26-20 at intermission.

But 25 turnovers on the night led to the Trojans' undoing.

"We don't really have a point-guard and ball-handling at guard has been a problem all year," Clarenceville coach Rob White said. "In the first half we played good man-to-man defense, but the second half we were just terrible. We didn't run our press very well. And we stopped forcing the ball to the corner and we stopped pushing them to the baseline. We let them go right down the middle of the floor."

Leading 42-34 after three quarters, Lutheran Westland went on a 19-4 run to open the fourth period. The Warriors held a commanding 61-38 advantage as Hoeft tallied 10 of his 20 during the outburst.

"Jimmy was on the JV last year, but he's grown about three inches," Wiemer said. "He's done a good job all year off the bench for us. He's been averaging in double figures. We really use all 10 guys because that's all we have."

The game's final three minutes dragged out, degenerating into a foul-shooting contest. The Warriors sewed up the victory by hitting 12 straight from the line to end the game.

"We moved the ball well, especially against their three-quarter court pressure," Wiemer said. "It bothered us the first couple of times down the floor, but then we adjusted."

"We moved the ball really well and executed our man-to-man offense. The kids played well."

# Marcoux gives OCC boost

Farmington's Will Marcoux "really came through" for the Oakland Community College men's basketball team Saturday in its 93-73 victory over host Alpena.

Marcoux, who played high school ball at Redford Catholic Central, gave the Raiders some much-needed help since OCC was missing three players for various reasons.

The 6-foot-6 forward scored eight points, grabbed 10 rebounds, made three blocks, and was a major factor at the defensive end, according to OCC coach Lynn Reed.

"He was our savior," Reed said. "He did an outstanding job."

The Raiders were minus Mark Galbraith, who was attending his grandfather's funeral; Cory Young, who was injured when hit with an elbow in practice; and Chris McFarlane, who was serving a one-game suspension for fighting in the previous game.

Marcoux didn't have to carry the team by himself, however. Harold Golsen scored 19 points, Curtis Long 15 and Craig Mar-

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tin 14. Tony McNeal and Jason Taylor also had eight apiece and Willie "Sarge" Payne seven.

OCC shot well from the floor to counter Alpena's advantage in free throws. The Raiders made 58 percent (38-66) of their shots, the opponent 39-percent (24-62).

Alpena stayed in the game with 24-of-33 free throw shooting. OCC made eight of 11 at the stripe.

Long was 6-of-6 from the field, Golsen 9-of-13, Marcoux 3-of-4 and Martin 5-of-10. The Raiders were 9-of-19 shooting the three, and Martin was 4-of-7 from outside the circle. Long and Golsen also had eight assists apiece.

OCC improved to 4-5 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Association, while avenging an earlier loss and moving to 6-11 overall. Alpena is 3-6 and 6-10.

"It was a good win," Reed said. "It's hard to win up there. We got a pretty decisive win, and I'm really pleased with the teamwork."

The Raiders visit Macomb Community College for a 7:30 p.m. game Saturday.

## Women win pair

The Oakland Community College women's team won twice on the road last week, defeating Alpena (69-52) Saturday and Delta (72-58) Wednesday.

The wins put the Raiders at 4-4 and in fifth place in the Eastern Conference of the MCCA and 10-7 overall. OCC is only two games out of first place, however.

OCC guard Laurie Ales scored 25 points against Alpena, forwards Joann Margherio (nine rebounds) and Heather Stanke nine each and forward Jennifer Baumgart eight.

Heldi Haskins tallied 30 for the losers, who trailed OCC 33-20 at halftime.

Amber Simmons paced the Raiders with 22 points and 12 rebounds in the Delta game. Ales had 16, Baumgart 14 and Becky Swan 10.

"We're starting to play pretty well," OCC coach Jeff Tungate said. "The key to the game was our defensive intensity. It was a lot better than it has been."

# Hoops

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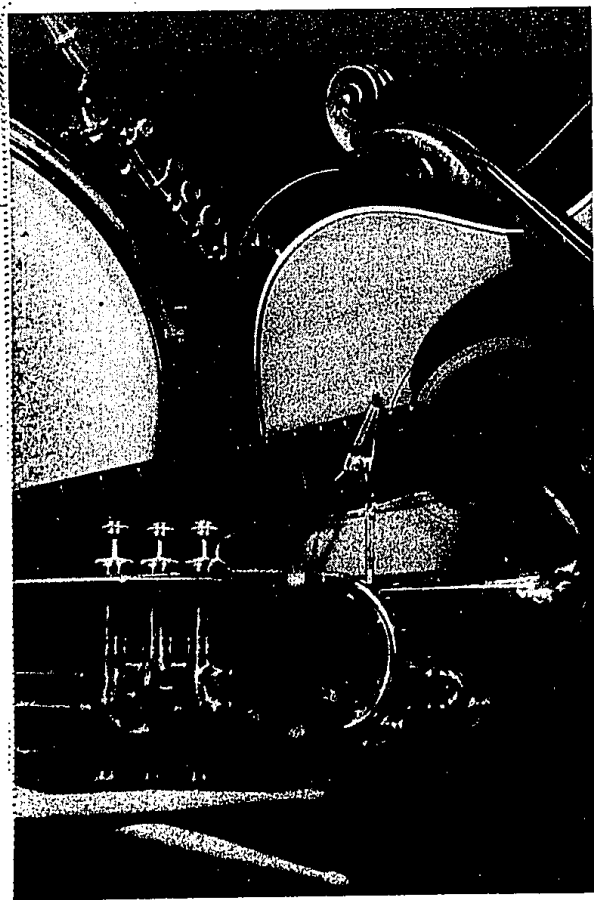
The Chargers outrebounded North 38-26 and shot just under 50 percent from the floor (24-49). Jerome also had eight rebounds and Morris seven.

Churchill led 27-26 at halftime and 44-37 after three periods. North made 16 of 28 free throws, the Chargers six of 10.

■ CC 68, DELASALLE 51: The Shamrocks sank 26 of 30 free throws Tuesday in their Central Division win over visiting Warren DeLaSalle.

Junior forward Mike Ridley scored 18 points to lead CC, and sophomore guard Justin Hoerner, senior forward Sean Gallagher and senior center Joe Daly added 10 apiece.

The Shamrocks are 4-1 in the division and 6-3 overall, the Pilots 2-3 and 5-5. CC led 33-22 at halftime and 43-36 at the end of three quarters.



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