

Shamrocks look sharp in win over Monarchs

Redford Catholic Central's hockey team treated a home crowd Saturday to a 5-3 victory over Allen Park Cabrini at the Redford Ice Arena.

The Shamrocks returned to the style that earned them a 5-0 victory a week earlier against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, also at Redford Ice Arena.

CC led 2-1 after the first period and 4-1 after two periods.

"We beat them to the puck and played well," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "We don't play well on the road, but we played well tonight."

Senior forward Mark Wollschlaeger continued his strong

Marnon played the entire way in net, recording 12 saves. CC also finished with 15 shots on goal.

The game went just the way St. John likes it.

"Low scoring, wait for your opportunities," he said.

"Wollschlaeger is really coming on, he was the top dog."

Other than the Shamrocks' result, it was a tough weekend for St. John. His longtime friend,

Dennis Baaki, died of cancer Sunday morning.

Baaki, 50, is the father of former CC hockey player Bill Baaki.

Baaki is a couple of decades ago on the Slosser and Bosquette hockey clubs in metro Detroit.

"He was a slick hockey player, very good, the life of the team," St. John recalled. "He was the funniest guy in the whole world."

We'd finish playing a game, he'd entertain us the rest of the night. Like Seinfeld. We'd sit there as long as he'd go on.

"You've got to remember those neat times when he kept you in stitches. He was so proud of those boys. He'd tell us how Billy used to run around in the summer time with a truck tire around his waist to get in shape to play hockey."

HOCKEY

play, getting the Shamrocks off to a 1-0 lead with a goal assisted by Eric Bratcher.

Junior Dan McLeellan, who recently returned from a broken arm, led the Shamrocks with two goals. Pete Davis assisted on McLeellan's first goal and Joe Beaudoin assisted on the second.

This was McLeellan's second game back since having the cast removed.

Matt Gionlano, from goaltender Rickey Marnon and Bratcher, and John Robin, from Scott Curtin and Brad Karabalski, had the other CC goals.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 15

Huron Valley vs. First Valley

at Litchfield Westland, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Py. Christian at A. Greenbills, 7 p.m.

Green City at Taylor Kennedy, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Taylor Kennedy, 7 p.m.

Red. Thornton at Oak. Carlson, 7 p.m.

Wayne Memorial at Belleville, 7 p.m.

P.L. Central at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Farmington at Westland Glen, 7 p.m.

Northville at F.H. Hammon, 7 p.m.

N. Farmington at Py. Salem, 7:30 p.m.

Py. Canton at Luth. Church, 7:30 p.m.

Luth. Farmington at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.

Agape at West Highland, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

JCHS, A & B quarters at Schoolcraft

O. St. Mary vs. W. Notre Dame, noon

Redford CC vs. Det. DePere, 1:45 p.m.

South Rogers vs. DeWitt, 2 p.m.

Brother Rice vs. Oak. Carlson, 5 p.m.

MEANS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 15

Madonna Univ. vs. Mich. Christian

at Rochester High School, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Schoolcraft at Fairmont, 3 p.m.

W. Christian at Madonna, 3 p.m.

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Chiefs clinch share of title

Plymouth Canton clinched at least a tie for the Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball title Tuesday with its 86-40 defeat of visiting Farmington.

The Chiefs got some help from Livonia Churchill when the Chargers beat Westland John Glenn in double overtime, 84-74.

If Canton wins Friday at Churchill, it will be the WLAA winner with a 10-1 record. The best defending champion John Glenn can do now is 9-2.

If the Chiefs play like they did against Farmington, they will. By the conclusion of the first quarter, they had a 20-10 lead and never wavered, besting Farmington in every quarter. Their defense limited the Falcons to no more than 12 points in a quarter.

"Our defense set the tone," Canton coach Dan Young said. "We played extremely hard and got a lot of baskets in transition."

It wasn't just defense, however, that sparked the rout. Canton (15-1) had a commanding 33-10 rebounding advantage.

"We really pressured and rebounded the ball," Young added. "We got easy shots in transition. We played very hard for the entire 32 (minutes)."

Four Chiefs reached double figures in scoring: Nick Hurley, 22; Mike Elmer, 16; Ron Hunter, 14 (with four boards and six assists); and Mark Bray, 10.

Farmington was led by Jake Siakosky with 16 points, which included 4-of-6 shooting on three-pointers. Dave Dilworth added six.

BASKETBALL

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

OVERALL/CONFERENCE RECORDS (Top 8 seeds make playoffs)

1. Plymouth Canton . . . (15-1) 9-1

2. Westland John Glenn . . . (10-5) 8-2

3. Walled Lake Central . . . (12-4) 7-3

4. Northville . . . (12-4) 6-4

5. Livonia Stevenson . . . (8-7) 5-5

6. Farmington Hius Hammon . . . (7-8) 5-5

7. (tie) Livonia Churchill . . . (6-10) 4-6

Plymouth Salem . . . (7-9) 4-6

Walled Lake Western . . . (5-10) 4-6

10. Farmington . . . (4-11) 3-6

11. North Farmington . . . (3-12) 2-7

12. Livonia Franklin . . . (3-12) 2-8

DIVISIONAL STANDINGS

Lakes: 1. John Glenn, 4-0; 2. W.L. Central, 3-1; 3. Stevenson, 2-2; 4. Plymouth Salem, 1-3; 5. Farmington and N. Farmington, 1-2 each.

Western: 1. (tie) Canton, Northville and Hammon, 3-1 each; 4. (tie) Churchill, W.L. Western, Franklin, 1-3 each.

The Falcons are 4-11 and 3-6.

FRANKLIN 56, NORTH 48: Livonia Franklin's Matt Bauman, a 6-8 junior center, scored 21 points and pulled down 12 rebounds Tuesday to complete the WLAA tie for Livonia schools in a game against visiting North Farmington.

Franklin is 2-8 in the WLAA, while North is 2-7. Both teams are 3-12 overall.

Junior center Mike Klias chipped in 11 points for the Patriots, who made a total of 14 of 21 free throws.

Sophomore guard Nick Mongeau, recently called up from the JV squad, dished out five assists and played well against North's press without a turnover.

Franklin only had 13 turnovers on the night.

Jeff Tross led North with a career-high 20 rebounds. He also scored 10 points, as did Brad Hivers. Julien Cochran had seven assists.

The Raiders made only five of 27 three-point shots.

REDFORD CC 81, ROCHESTER 58: Four players scored in double figures Tuesday for host Redford Catholic Central, which breezed to the easy non-league win against the visiting Falcons.

The Shamrocks, who improved to 13-3 overall, led 32-10 after one quarter and 53-20 at halftime.

Junior guard Marc McDonald led the Shamrocks with 16 points. Seniors Justin Hoener and Michael Jordan had 12 points each followed by senior guard Chris Misiak with 10.

Tom Chiro had 14 and Matt Mani-ago 12 for Rochester, which fell to 9-9 overall.

LUTHERAN NORTH 73, CLARENCEVILLE 58: Twelve of 14 players scored Tuesday as Macomb Lutheran North turned back visiting Livonia Clarenceville in a Meigs Conference encounter.

Senior forward Bill O'Donnell led the victorious Mustangs (5-11, 4-5) with 18 points. Senior guard Ron Baller added 12.

Junior forward Jason Merritt and sophomore center Justin Villanueva shared game-high scoring honors for Clarenceville with 20 points apiece.

Merritt made nine of 10 free throws and grabbed 12 rebounds, while Villanueva was 10 of 14 from the floor and scored 10 boards.

North outscored Clarenceville (8-7, 5-4) by a 26-10 margin in decisive fourth quarter. The Mustangs made 12 of 21 free throws during the final eight minutes.

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your defense. But at the end, they were excellent on defense."

Especially when Justin Snow enlivened Power and forced him to take an off-balance three-point shot at the buzzer that clanged off the rim.

Guess you can still learn something even when school is out.

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