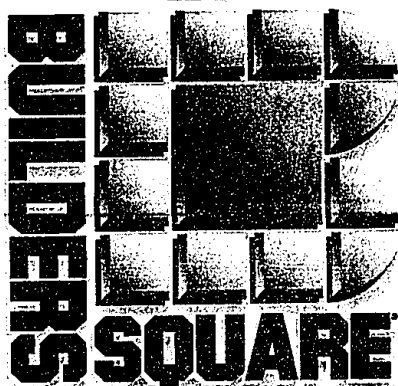


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## Big fourth quarter lifts CC to victory over Rice

### BASKETBALL

When Redford Catholic Central got down to the fourth quarter of its game against Birmingham Brother Rice, it must have seen the Detroit Catholic League boys basketball playoffs coming up.

CC limited Brother Rice to just six points in the third quarter in expanding a 23-24 halftime lead, then exploded for 30 fourth-quarter points Friday night to roll to a 68-51 victory.

Catholic Central thus improved to 9-5 overall but is 7-3, good for second place, in the Central Division. Brother Rice, 3-12, has a 3-7 Central Division record.

The Shamrocks will play Southgate Aquinas or Detroit St. Martin de Porres on Saturday at Calihan Hall.

Junior center Chris Young scored 10 of his game-high 28 points in the fourth period and also got 11 rebounds plus four blocked shots.

Senior guard Marc McDonald had 12 points, seven in the final period, while sophomore guard Nick Moore scored 11.

Brother Rice got 15 points from forward Jon Poyer and 14 from junior center Tom Marx.

**SALEM 51, STEVENSON 49:** It isn't often you'll see just three free throws missed in a basketball game.

Salem and Stevenson combined to make 24-of-27 free throws, going 14-for-16 in the final period Friday night as the Spartans gave the Rocks all they could handle but came up just short.

"It was a good game," Stevenson coach Tim Newman said. "A great game to watch. It was a shame one team had to lose."

"We had an opportunity to go for the tie but we opted to go for the win. The shot went away."

Stevenson was ahead, 22-20, at the half but Salem outscored the Spartans, 16-13, in the third period and 15-14 in

the fourth. The teams traded baskets and free throws in the final period. Salem wound up making all but one of its 14 free throw attempts while Stevenson had 13 tries from the line, missing only two.

Ed Szumianski scored 20 points and Tyrone Davidson nine for Stevenson, now 5-8 overall and 3-6 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Andy Power hit 13 for Salem, including four free throws in the final minute to keep Stevenson at bay. The Rocks, 12-3 overall and 7-2 in the WLA, also got nine points from Tony Jancevski and eight from Ardis Lopez.

**NORTHVILLE 48, FRANKLIN 39:** Livonia Franklin's Western Lakes playoffs hopes took a jolt Friday as the host Mustangs methodically broke down the Patriots.

Dave Terakedis led victorious Northville (8-5, 5-4) with 17 points, including three triples. Luis Guarado added 13.

Junior guard Nick Mongeau led Franklin with 16 points on four triples. Jay Fontaine and Matt Bauman each added eight.

"Northville did a good job of running their motion offense after taking the early lead," said Franklin first-year coach Dan Robinson, whose team couldn't recover from an 18-11 first-period deficit. "We spent a lot of time playing defense."

"And at times we made key turnovers. It was a long night, but give Northville credit. They played well."

**W.L. WESTERN 72, CHURCHILL 54:** The Chargers were finally overpowered by the Warriors after Coach Rick Austin's team gave them a battle.

Western jumped out to a 22-10 lead but Churchill whittled it down by six over the next two quarters and trailed, 47-41, entering the fourth.

"Western had great athleticism we couldn't match up," Austin said. "Our kids played as hard as they could. We did a real nice job defensively. They just outmaneuvered us."

Sophomore George Kithas had 12

points to lead the Chargers, 1-13 overall and 1-8 in the WLA. Kevin Renaud contributed 11 and Matt Van Buren had his second double-double of the season with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Dale Smith had eight points.

Mike Massey scored 21 points and Mark Mitchell 16 for Western. The Warriors made 20-of-30 free throws while the Chargers sank 12-of-21.

**CLARENCEVILLE 55, HARPER WOODS 38:** Junior forward Justin Villanueva scored 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds Friday to lead the Trojans above 500.

Clarenceville is now 8-7 overall, 7-4 in the Metro Conference. Harper Woods is still winless in 11 conference games, 1-14 for the season.

The host Trojans jumped out to a 16-4 first-quarter lead and held the visiting Pioneers to just 10 points in the first half. Dino Spasas led Harper Woods with 10 points.

Sophomore guard Albert Deljosevic scored 14 points for Clarenceville with Donahue Fulton netting 11 and adding six steals.

**W.L. CENTRAL 72, GLENN 54:** The Vikings are in control of their own destiny following a convincing victory Friday over visiting Westland John Glenn.

The win gives Walled Lake Central an 8-1 record in the Western Lakes Activities Association with two games remaining.

Plymouth Salem stands alone in second at 7-2; the Rockets slipped to 6-3.

"Most of our offense starts at the defensive end," said Viking Brad Burlingame, who scored a career-high 29 points to lead Central. "In the first half we were running the break pretty well and Todd (Negoshian) was getting me the ball."

Glenn's Eric Jones (16 points) opened the second with a layup to tie the game at 16. But the Rockets went the next 4:16 without a basket as Central went on an 8-0 run.

The Vikings closed the quarter with an 11-1 surge to take control of the game, 35-15.

Negoshian scored 18 points, Jeff Mathison 13 and Corey Heitsch nine. David Jarrett scored 13 points to lead Glenn (7-7).

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feels he still has something left to do."

Rivers, the starting quarterback on the football team, also missed the second half of that season with a broken thumb.

The Raiders responded in a positive way, rallying to win the game for their injured teammate.

"Their kids deserve a lot of credit for stepping up and playing without one of their leaders," Farmington coach Denny Mikel said.

"Teams can react one of two ways. They can fold up or play twice as hard to make up for the deficiency. Brian's kids stepped up and played well."

One of the players picking up the slack was senior point guard Julian Cochran, who scored all of his 11 points in the first half to lead North to a 26-21 halftime lead.

"I was getting good opportunities to drive and kick it out, and we just executed our offense," Cochran said.

"We lose a lot when we lose (Rivers) — shooting, rebounding. Other people had to step up and compensate for his loss."

Cochran also made the defensive play that sealed the victory.

After Pennala's triple, Ernest Yela, who had two big assists late in the game, tipped the ball away from a Farmington player. Cochran completed the swipe and enabled North to run out the clock.

"Julian really came up big," Swinehart said. "Even when he

doesn't score, he does good things like swinging the ball side to side and getting other guys good shots."

"His ability to score and take it to the hole carried us in the first half."

Ray Austin also had 11 points for the Raiders, including three triples in the second half. It was his three that beat Livonia Stevenson a week earlier, 41-37.

Kirk Moundros added 10 points and Carter Campbell six. Scott Gold, who made the triple to nip Plymouth Canton 39-38 on Tuesday, had five.

Four players did all the scoring for the Falcons, who fall to 3-6 in the league and 4-10 overall.

Trevor Gaines scored 15 points, Dave Viane 12, Adam Weber 11 and Bryan Juncal nine. Farmington made a run in the third quarter, outscoring North 13-2 over the first six minutes to take a 34-28 lead.

But the Raiders scored the last seven — four by Campbell and a triple by Louisa with eight seconds remaining — to take a one-point lead into the finale.

The Falcons, led by Viane's 10 second-half points, scored the first six of the fourth quarter to regain the lead and stayed in front until Pennala's three.

"We didn't know if we could contain (Cochran), so we changed defenses at halftime," Mikel said, adding the Falcons switched to a zone. "Defense got us back in the ballgame."

"We didn't want to play a zone, because they have some pretty

good perimeter shooters. But they started out cold in the third quarter."

"Then they got hot on us. We tried to change defenses, but the kids didn't hear me; so we stayed in a zone. We had a one-point lead and then Pennala hit three. Those are the gambles you take."

Pennala attempted only four shots and missed his first three — two of which were three-point tries that bounced off the front of the rim. The last one was right on target from the corner.

"I just shot it the same as the others," Pennala said. "I thought the others were going, too. They were just a little short. I was thinking I'd better not miss another one."

"A's shot looked like it was in slow-motion," Swinehart said. "I just felt it was going to go. We were hanging on and hanging on, and we were fortunate to hit the big shot at the end."

North made 17 of 44 field goals, five of 20 threes and nine of 12 free throws. Farmington was 16-of-40 from the floor, 2-of-8 beyond the arc and 13-of-19 at the line.

"When a game is that close and you don't get the win, that's what hurts the most," Mikel said. "We needed that one to get in the playoffs. We have to win the last two to make it."

"It was there. We didn't capitalize on some of the opportunities we had. The kids played hard; we just came up a little short."

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paid off as Harrison scored 16 of the third quarter's first 20 points to take a 38-33 lead.

"We had trouble finding their shooters, so we went to a man," Teachman said. "We also spread the floor, and that allowed Kevin to drive. It also took away Canton's help defense."

Leading the charge was Bam-benek, who paced Harrison with 17 points. Aaron Iaconelli (eight points) came off the bench to hit a big three-pointer to cap the Harrison rally.

"Their run in the third quarter was the turning point," Canton coach Dan Young said. "We had good opportunities at the basket but couldn't get it done."

The Chiefs trailed 44-39 early in the fourth quarter when Bam-benek was called for a foul against a driving Cortellini. A frustrated Bam-benek was then called for a technical foul after slamming the ball to the floor. The two fouls resulted in four

free throws for Cortellini, who sank all four to slice the Harrison lead to one.

But, more importantly, Bam-benek fouled out.

Cortellini hit a triple to give Canton a 46-44 lead with 3:48 left, but Harrison regained its composure.

Layups by Matt Derocher, Brian Lewis and Johnson gave Harrison a 50-46 lead. A putback by Canton's Bryan Lake and another Lewis layup made it 52-48 with 1:12 left.

"With Justin out, coach told us someone had to pick up his minutes and his inside game," said Lewis, who finished with nine points.

Canton closed to within two after free throws by Johnson and Cortellini, but a Kareem Smartt foul shot extended the lead back to three with 25 seconds left.

A layup by Matt Ammons made it 53-48 before Johnson's two free throws put the game

away.

"Harrison was a better team tonight and wanted it a little more," Young said. "In high school sports, the team that wants it more usually wins — a close game."

Ammons recorded seven points and nine rebounds for Canton. Nick Hurley chipped in seven points and nine assists.

It was Harrison's first win in a close game against a top WLA team. The Hawks have lost close games to Walled Lake Central, Plymouth Salem and Westland John Glenn.

"We've been a second-half team all year, and even though our coach gets on us about that, we take pride in the fact we can come back," Lewis said.

"I'm 51 years old and have learned to accept a lot of ideals I didn't accept when I was 27," Teachman replied.

Harrison won the JV game, 64-49, to push its record to 13-1.