DePorres downs CC in tourney

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BASKETBALL

Detroit St. Martin DePorres made it 2-for-2 against Catholic League Central Division boys basketball opponents, beating Detroit Catholic Central in the first round of the River Rouge Holiday Tournament Friday night.

The Eagles, members of the AA Division, led most of the way and settled for a 67-63 victory over the Shamrocks.

DePorres, which beat another Central Division team, Redford Bishop Borgess, in the season opener, took a 3-0 overall record into the championship game Saturday night against River Rouge.

The Shamrocks were to play *Ecorse, Rouge's first-round opponent*, in the consolation game. The loss was the first of the year against two victories for the Shamrocks.

CC's 6-foot-11 senior center, Chris Young was held scoreless in the first half and finished with 10 points.

Senior guard Joe Jonna helped the Shamrocks keep it close, scoring most of his team-high 17 points in the first half.

Junior guard Nick Moore had 10 of his 12 points in the first half, but DePorres coach Derrick Owens was even happier with the defense applied to Moore than Young.

Junior guard Marc Sturdivant guarded Moore, and junior center Aloysius Anagonye was responsible for guarding Young with help coming from both sides as well.

"Our first key was Nick Moore," Owens said. "Everything goes through him. "You kill the head; the body dies. We're still doing too much lunging for me, though. We can't be playing that 'Olay defense.'"

Junior guard Jason Owens, the coach's son, and Anagonye led DePorres with 15 points each. Sturdivant contributed 12.

Anagonye had some impressive dunks off passes in the paint from his teammates.

"He's going to be a force to be reckoned with," Owens said.

The Shamrocks were outrebounded by the Eagles. Justin Ockerman, a 6-10 freshman center expected to help Young on the boards, didn't play after picking up two quick fouls in the first half.

CC's smaller players aren't athletic enough to rebound with DePorres, but coach Rick Coratti believes more hustle could have given them a better chance.

The Eagles missed 20 of 35 free throw attempts, including several front ends of one-and-one attempts, but all that did was help pad the Eagles' rebounding statistics.

"We just got outhustled on the boards, period, all of them," Coratti said. "They're a pretty good rebounding team and we had to keep them from getting second and third shots to have a chance. We had a shot at them, got them to miss at the line, and we don't rebound.

"They did a good job defending our post. Jonna kept us in it and Adam (Tubaro) gave us a spark (with six points off the bench). We want to play hard (Saturday) and get ready for the (Catholic League) season. I told them going in this tournament would be a good experience no matter what happens."

CC trailed by as many as 16 midway through the third quarter before Young sparked an 8-0 run to cut the deficit to eight.

DePorres turned the ball over twice and Young had a tip-in and inside basket to go with a blocked shot during the rally. Moore and Jonna also had driving baskets.

"I thought that was going to be when they broke," Young said.

'DePorres got the lead back to 11 but Jonna cut the deficit to 49-41 after three quarters with an off-balance, left-handed layup and free throw to finish a three-point play.

CC got as close as five points three times in the fourth quarter, once after a basket by Tubaro and again with 1:13 remaining following two free throws by Moore and with 29 seconds left after a three-point shot by Rob Sparks. DePorres managed to hold on despite making only three of its last six free throws.

Young accepted much of the blame for the loss.

"I'm just not fighting hard enough to get through it, getting outworked by everyone on the floor," Young said.

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BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Dec. 29
Grosse Ile Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.
(Traverse City Central Tourney)
Canton vs. Grandville, 6 p.m.
T.C. Central vs. Holland, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 30
Traverse City Tourney, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
Wayne vs. Detroit Denby
at Cobo Arena, 6 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 3
Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 3 p.m.
Oakland CC at Macomb, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Dec. 30
Saginaw Valley at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 3
Oakland CC at Macomb, 1 p.m.
Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Monday, Dec. 29
Ply. Whalers vs. Erie Otters
at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 2
Whalers at S.S Marie, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 3
Ply. Whalers vs. London Knights
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

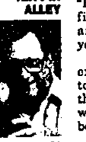
PREP HOCKEY
Saturday, Jan. 3
Churchill at Royal Oak, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Jan. 2
Romulus Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 3
Portage Northern Tourney, 8 a.m.
Saline Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Saginaw Valley St. Tourney, 9 a.m.
Walled Lake Invitational, 9 a.m.
Agatha at Gallagher Quad, 10 a.m.
W. Bloomfield Inv., TBA.

PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Jan. 3
Salem Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Oxford Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
Lincoln Park Invitational, 10 a.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

Bowlers anticipate good things in '98



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I wish all of my readers a very Happy New Year with good health and great bowling for all.

In 1998 we can look forward to an upswing in the sport of bowling.

There are forces at work to enhance the public image of the sport, to continue efforts to reach the next Olympic games *as a medal sport and to attract* new bowlers.

The Single Delivery system and Strike Ten Entertainment have combined to deliver millions of dollars in promotional work from major companies.

The new AMF venture with Michael Jordan will begin to have an impact this year and bowlers like you and I will benefit for years to come.

A look back at 1997 showed continued strong efforts on the part of local associations to work together and bring about bigger and better events and tournaments.

Through ABC/WIBC, there were more benefits for choosing to sanction. Some of these perks included trade discounts, a yearly copy of "Bowling Magazine," a regularly published newsletter for GDBA and a better awards program.

I had one prediction come true — that there would be a sanctioned 900 series. Sure enough, Jeremy Sonnenfeld of the University of Nebraska came through.

I now predict there will be at least three 900s bowled in 1998 and that one will come from this area.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will select a "Bowler of the Year" and the first selection will be announced early in the new year for the 1997 recipient.

A committee of bowling experts has already been put together for this purpose and the winner will be chosen from write-ins to the Ten Pin Alley bowling column.

Candidates must reside in one of the O & E cities to be eligible. More information will come out in coming weeks including selection criteria and how to enter someone you know. If you know someone *you* believe worthy of this award, let's hear from you.

The major event of the year will be the ABC Annual Tournament in Reno, Nev. It will take place at the new National Bowling Stadium (you saw this place if you watched the movie Kingpin) and the annual meeting will be held for delegates from every local association.

The 1998 tournament opens Feb. 14 and runs through June 27. It is expected to draw nearly 20,000 teams and 100,000 individuals including the one and only Joe Norris, a former Detroiter and holder of the all-time ABC total pinfall record.

Reno, Nev., will be the host site for the 1998 Mixed Tournament, slated for the fall. The WIBC team event will be held in Davenport, Iowa while the doubles and singles will be contested in Rock Island, Ill.

Look for bigger and better things from our local stars who venture out on the Pro Bowlers tour. Men such as Harry Sullins, John Mazza, Gene Stus and young Vernon Peterson should have an impact while the ladies, led by Aleta Sill, Marianne DiRupo, Lisa Bishop and others will make a good showing on the LPBT.

Trojan wrestlers earn bronze

Livonia Clarenceville finished third Dec. 20 in its own round-robin wrestling tournament.

Ypsilanti finished first at 5-0 followed by Napoleon (4-1), Clarenceville (2-2-1), Livonia Churchill (2-3), Lutheran Westland (1-3-1) and Redford Union (0-5).

The host Trojans defeated Churchill (43-30) and RU (63-12); tied Lutheran Westland (39-39); and lost to Ypsi (44-21) and Napoleon (49-24).

Five Clarenceville wrestlers finished 4-1 on the day — senior Craig Rose, 160 pounds; junior Walter Ragland, who was 3-0 at 189 and 1-1 at 215; sophomore Dan Tondreau, 103; sophomore Matt Weihl, 140; and senior Eric Tondreau, 130.

Rose suffered his first defeat of the year against Churchill's Brian Panczyszyn, 4-2. Rose is now 11-1 overall. Junior Adam Marcum (171) finished 3-2.

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