

# Warriors can't stop Young, Shamrocks; CC downs Rice

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Birmingham Brother Rice found no answer or solution to the interior dominance of senior center Chris Young.

The two-man game between visiting Redford Catholic Central junior guard Nick Moore and Young smarted the Warriors back and again as the Shamrocks held off a late but inspired comeback by Brother Rice to claim a 71-67 victory on Tuesday in Catholic League Central Division action.

"In our league on the road you've just got to be happy to get the win," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "Rice and Catholic Central (7-2, 4-1) are great rivals and that always comes into play. It's always a tough game."

## BASKETBALL

Rice, which fell to 6-6 overall and 2-3 in the league, nearly averaged a 13-point third-quarter deficit with a 29-20 fourth quarter, but fell short as CC hit 8-of-8 free throws down the stretch.

"I felt pretty good with our free throw shooting toward the end," Coratti said. "I thought we had our best free throw shooters in the game."

Rice stayed competitive throughout the contest thanks to the sharp shooting of senior forward Jon Poyer, who scored 10 of his 29 points in the final period. But CC countered with the interior dominance of 6-11 senior Chris Young. The University Michigan-bound center collected

24 points, including 16 in the second half.

"We did a decent job of freeing him up inside," Coratti said of Young.

"In a game like this," Rice coach Bill Norton said, "they go to young and we go to Poyer. If anything else didn't go to Poyer enough, I'd like to have two Jon Poyers, one to play inside and one to play outside."

The bulk of Poyer's points came from the outside, but the senior was Rice's only outside threat as the Warriors were unable to exploit CC's 2-3 zone defense.

"We needed to make shots," Norton said. "That was the key. They were in a 2-3 zone so we have to make those open shots and we have to recognize how to

get those shots."

Especially in the first half, Rice failed to make most of those open shots as the Warriors trailed 16-10 after the first quarter.

Three straight buckets increased the CC lead to 19 with 6:00 remaining in the second quarter. Poyer closed out the half with a jumper and a pair of free throws as Rice trailed 31-21.

The third quarter belonged to Young as he tallied 13 points including two three-point plays. CC sophomore forward Rob Sparks pierced the hearts of the Rice crowd with a high-arching 3-pointer with under a minute left in the third quarter, handing the Warriors a 51-38 deficit.

Rice, though, fought back to make it close early in the fourth

backed by an 8-0 run which cut the lead to 51-46 with 6:16 remaining. But a pair of gutsy 3-pointers by senior guard Joe Jonna with 4:59 and 1:46 left kept Rice at a safe distance.

Poyer renewed hope for Rice with 57 seconds left as his 3-point shot awished and he was fouled. Poyer missed the free throw but the deficit was down to two points. CC went 6-6 from the charity stripe in the final 35 seconds to seal the win.

Young added 10 rebounds and four steals to his team-high 24 points. Jonna scored 13 points and hauled down nine rebounds and Sparks tossed in 12. Moore added 10 points and eight assists.

Rice senior center J.P. Sullivan followed Poyer in the scoring

column with 10 points off the bench. Senior forward Chris Petty collected nine points, six boards and three steals while guards Leon McDonald and Ron Austin chipped in six points apiece.

Norton refuses to mail the season in because of one tough home loss.

"Win or lose, this does not make or break our season," Norton said. "We've got five big games coming up with teams that we played already and were 2-3 against. We need to do better this time."

The Warriors can begin their improvement at home Friday as they host Warren Delaunay. CC looks to continue its Catholic League success Friday at Redford Bishop Borgess.

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can, they still came away with a win."

Carl Swanson scored 12 points to lead Mott (2-11).

**Defense lifts Harrison**

The Hawks held Groves senior Eric Easter to four points and outscored the Falcons 15-7 in the fourth quarter.

For the second straight year, Easter, who entered the game with a 19-point scoring average, failed to score a field goal against Harrison as senior Kareem Smartt and junior Lamar Wilson took turns guard-

ing him. Easter was 4-of-6 at the free-throw line.

Derocher's 19 points included four three-point baskets. Senior Jared Hopkins scored 12 points and Wilson seven. Smartt, senior Jerard Johnson and junior Andrew Burt added five apiece for the Hawks.

Senior Brian Lewis scored just one point but played tremendous defense, according to Harrison coach Mike Teachman.

"He's like an offensive line-man," he said. "(Lewis) knows he has to do the stuff to free up other guys."

Forwards Brian Schaffer scored 17 points and Jamal Lamb 16 for Groves (7-4). Lamb had 10 points in the first quarter and 12 in the first half.

The Hawks (8-2) led after one quarter, 18-16, but fell behind 29-24 at halftime and still trailed at the end of three periods, 42-40.

"The guys decided they still wanted to play some basketball after not playing well for a while," Teachman said.

"I think the basketball court is just another classroom. They had a bad quiz last Friday (losing to Livonia Churchill) but came back and did pretty well on the test tonight."

"You won't see it on ESPN. They're not getting paid (to play the game). They're doing it because they love it."

**Chargers rally in 2nd half**

Farmington built a 43-26 half-time lead over Churchill, but the Chargers rallied to outscore the Falcons 46-28 in the second half.

Senior Trevor Gaines scored a game-high 24 points for Farmington—11 in the first half and 13 in the second.

Senior Matt Orr contributed 15 points and sophomore Justin Milus 14 for Farmington.

The Falcons had the ball and a

## May's 22 points carry Lady Raiders to victory

Sophomore Carrie May of Farmington Hills (North Farmington) scored a game-high 22 points Monday to lead the Oakland Community College women's basketball team to a 68-52 victory over visiting Flint Mott.

May connected on nine of 15 field goals, including three of six from three-point distance, and one of four free throws.

She also contributed six rebounds, two blocks and four steals while playing 32 minutes.

Jessica Regentin (Walled Lake) had 11 points for the Lady Raiders, Karyn Kerr nine and Mya Badger eight.

Regentin also grabbed 15 rebounds, but OCC was out-rebounded, 64-63.

Four players scored in double figures for Mott, which was led by Michelle Season's 15 points.

Both teams are 3-5 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. The Lady Raiders, who led 36-33 at halftime and improved to 7-11 overall, shot 39 percent from the field (28-of-72) and 41 percent (7-of-17) at the free-throw line.

Mott (6-14) shot 26 percent

(22-of-85) and 61 percent (14-of-23), respectively.

OCC won by forfeit Saturday over Wayne Community College.

**Mott tops OCC men**

Mott outscored host Oakland Community College 54-25 in the second half Monday en route to a 92-55 victory in men's basketball.

The Raiders dropped to 1-7 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 2-16 overall.

Willie Davis scored 13 points and Montez Briggs 10 for Oakland. Brad Burlingame added seven.

Jamil Stallings came off the bench to score 16 points and lead four players in double figures for Mott, which shares first place in the Eastern Conference at 7-1 with Schoolcraft and St. Clair. Mott is 15-4 overall.

Mott, which led 38-30 at halftime, had a 53-31 advantage in rebounds.

Mott shot 49 percent (31-of-63) from the floor and 71 (25-of-35) at the line. OCC 29 (20-of-68) and 82 (9-of-11).

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