

Spartans edge Shamrocks again, 71-67

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It's tough to be hot when you're rusty and cold. Redford Bishop Borgess chilled — literally — Redford Catholic Central, 71-67, Tuesday night in their Detroit Catholic League season opener.

Both teams had limited practice time since their last games Dec. 30. Borgess had a half-hour of floor work plus some film time in an unheated gym — it's own — on Monday while Catholic Central worked out Saturday and Monday.

So that made for a certain amount of rust Tuesday. What made it worse was that the Borgess gym (there was no school Tuesday) was only at a temperature of about 60 degrees

BASKETBALL

tans protected the margin by making 7-of-12 free throws in the fourth quarter.

The visiting Shamrocks hit a frosty 29.7 percent on 22-of-74 shooting. The host Spartans also made 22 field goals, but only took 45 shots to do so.

This is the second time the teams met in a week. The Spartans beat the Shamrocks, 75-74, in the second-round of the Motor City Roundball Classic on Tuesday, Dec. 29 at U-D Jesuit.

"They were in the same boat as we were," CYC coach Rick Coratini said. "They played well. They hit a lot of free throws."

Indeed, Bishop Borgess went:

to the line 45 times and sank 30 while CC was 18-for-23 to free throws. Curtis Allen of the Spar-

tans had a chance to pull away in the third quarter, Coratini said, "but we turned the ball over too many times. That's what killed us."

The Shamrocks were up, 45-37, after Moore hit a triple with 4:43 left in the third quarter. But the Spartans committed five turnovers and made just one basket the remainder of the quarter as the Spartans hauled themselves into a 45-48 tie.

Missing their first eight shots of the final quarter, put the Shamrocks in a 54-48 hole. They came back to forge a 65-58 deadlock with 2:32 left but Kuhlil Mims knocked down a shot from inside the free throw line and the Spartans never trailed, from there.

Sparks fouled out with two minutes to play "and that hurt us," Coratini said. Borgess scored on every possession after that.

"Allen is showing good leadership," Borgess said. "He's a smart young man. Academically, too, I think he'll make a good point guard in college."

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"You've got to score," Coratini said after his team sank to 4-3 overall following its Catholic League opener. Barnes' team is 3-3, with two wins over CC (the first a one-pointer in a holiday tournament).

N. FARMINGTON HS, LAKELAND HS

The visiting Raiders to a big lead early

and held on Tuesday to defeat Lakeland.

North jumped in front 19-4 after one quarter and led 32-18 at halftime. The Raiders held on to win the second half, however. The Eagles had a 32-24 advantage in the second half, including a 17-12 margin in the third quarter.

"They made a run at us in the fourth quarter, but we were able to hold on," North coach Tom Nagoshen said.

"Hopefully, we'll get better because of it. The positive is we were able to fight it off and hold on for the win."

Jayson Johnson (15) scored 12 points, Kyle Mims (11) and Matt Rodriguez (10) each had 10.

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Dan Bohr was the only Lakeland player in double figures with 24 points.

The Raiders made seven of 11 free

throws, the Eagles six of 16.

WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 8

Westside at Agape, 6:30 p.m.

Clarenceville at Liggett, 7 p.m.

Luth. Wald at Luth. North, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Wayne at River Rouge, 7 p.m.

Alta Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Fordson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Trenton at Thurston, 7 p.m.

N. Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.

Northville at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Harrison at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Borgess at DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m.

MCN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 7

Madonna at Aquinas, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Madonna at Comerica, 3 p.m.

Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 3 p.m.

Macomb at Oakland CC, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 7

Aquinas at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Comerica at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 3 p.m.

Macomb at Oakland CC, 3 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 8

Ply. Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Ply. Whalers vs. Belleville

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 10

Ply. Whalers vs. Sault Ste. Marie

at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Ply. Whalers vs. Belleville

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Jan. 7

Redford United vs. Stevenson

at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 8

Franklin vs. Dearborn

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Churchill vs. Farm. United

at Farm. Hills Arena, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Redford United vs. Troy

at Redford Ice Arena, 1 p.m.

Farm. United vs. W.L. Central

at Lakeland Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Cabell

at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 7

St. Agnes at Benedictine, 7 p.m.

A.A. Greenhills at PCA, 7 p.m.

Hanmerack at Luth. W. Sld, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 8

Agape at Macomb N. Point, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9

UM-Dearborn Invitational, 8 a.m.

Salem Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

PCA Eagle Tournament, 9 a.m.

Macomb CC Invitational, 9 a.m.

USA Volleyball Invitational

at Grand Rapids, 9 a.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

CC's Rodriguez passes 700-win mark

Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team has a 3-2 record in dual meets, giving coach Mike Rodriguez 701 wins.

Rodriguez, 65, is 701-207 in 42 years, 31 at CC. His teams have won seven state championships, the last in 1988.

It's been as long since the Shamrocks have won their own wrestling invitational, of which the 34th will be Saturday. Fourteen teams are competing, including state powers Clinton and Temperance Bedford.

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smith and freshman Brandon Naysmith. His son, Dave, is one of his assistant coaches.

Rodriguez prepared at Ann Arbor High School and was an All-American wrestler at the University of Michigan. He was an alternate for the 1960 U.S. Olympic Team.

Goodrich Tournament behind champion Rochester Adams. The Shamrocks were sixth there despite having one champion, heavyweight Casey Rogowski, and a runner-up, 215-pounder Broc Naysmith. Mitch Hancock (160) and Chris O'Hara (103) were third.

"If God smiles on us, we might (challenge for first place)," Rodriguez said. "We're better than last year but still have a long way to go."

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