

Shamrocks dump Pilots to reach CL final

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Sunday, they beat the No. 1 team in Class C Wednesday, they beat the No. 1 team in the Central Division.

And next Sunday, they'll probably have another crack at the No. 1 team in the state — regardless of class.

Led by 19 points from senior guard Ryan Sparks and 18 more from senior forward Matt Lorida, Redford Catholic Central stopped Warren DeLaSalle, 60-49, at Schoolcraft College in a Detroit Catholic League semifinal game.

The win sends the Shamrocks into Sunday's 4 p.m. Central-AA final against the winner of tonight's other semifinal game at

BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft between Birmingham Brother Rice and the No. 1 team in Class B — Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep.

"I think both teams played hard and both were tight," said CC coach Rick Coratti after the win improved to 9-9 overall. "I think that was the first game we shot under 60 percent from the floor and won."

While the Shamrocks shot just 10-of-43 from the floor for the game, they also stepped the Pilots (11-7) cold in the third quarter, holding them to just three points. And when DeLaSalle stalled, Lorida got hot, posting all nine of CC's third

quarter points to turn a 31-26 deficit into a 34-41 tie.

"I didn't know I scored all the points," said Lorida, as an embarrassed smile crossed his face. "I was just moving to the open spot on the block. I wasn't moving there in the first half and did it in the second. I didn't do much. (My teammates) saw me open under the basket and they got me the ball."

Still, nothing was settled until 1:10 remained when Ryan Coleskey earned a pair of free throws to give CC a 47-46 lead, both hit free throws down the stretch to pad the lead, while CC's defensive pressure kept the Pilots coming up empty.

After allowing DeLaSalle's senior guard Pat Anderson to score 10 of his team-high 12 in the second quarter, Anthony Coratti turned up the heat and

Anderson went cold.

"Anthony guided him in the first half, too, but in the first half, he let (Anderson) shoot," Rick Coratti said. "The difference was not to let him set, and (Anderson's) a good set shooter."

But Sparks wasn't too shabby from the outside either. And his 10 points in the second quarter helped keep the Pilots within striking distance, despite DeLaSalle's 24-16 advantage in the period.

And if the Shamrocks do face OLSM Sunday, they know they'll have to stay within striking distance against a team that beat them 71-40 in December.

"We were missing three starters then, too — Sparks, (Mark) Willoughby and Coleoskey," Lorida said. "It was early in the year. I think it will be a different game."

REDFORD CC 75, DEPOSSES 49; if there's a better 9-9 boys basketball team out there than Redford Catholic Central, you'll have to present a strong case.

Just ask 12-4 Detroit St. Martin DePorres, the state's No. 1-ranked team in Class C.

On Sunday, Catholic Central opened first-round action in the Central-AA League's Central-AA Division playoffs with a resounding victory over the Eagles at the University of Detroit Mercy's Collier Hall.

Our record is probably a little deceiving because we lost some tough non-league games," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "Today I thought we played a complete game, four good quarters of basketball. Overall everyone played pretty solid."

Thanks to five three-pointers, the Shamrocks jumped out to a 23-12 first-quarter advantage and never led by less than seven the rest of the way. It was 38-22 in favor of CC at intermission.

"We've had some mental lapses in the third quarter so I told our guys at halftime we wanted to win the third

quarter and take it from there," Coratti said.

CC did just that, outscoring DePorres 10-12 to take a commanding 55-34 advantage. The Shamrocks built on that, leading by as many as 28 during latter stages of the final quarter.

CC made 25 of 52 shots from the floor (48 percent), while holding DePorres to 21 of 63 (33 percent).

"We wanted to try to limit them to one shot and get the rebound," Coratti said. "And in our zone (defense) we wanted to contest their guards — number three (Aaron Squire) and number four (Jason Moore)."

CC's balanced attack was led by junior guard Mark Willoughby, who finished with a team-high 21 points.

Rob Sparks and Anthony Coratti added 16 and 15, respectively. Matt Lorida contributed 10. The Shamrocks made a total of 11 three-pointers with Willoughby making four and Coratti hitting three.

"When we're playing well, we're usually over 70 points," Coratti said. "We win when we usually hit in the 10s for threes."

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CITY COUNCIL
(Meets the 2nd, 9th, 16th Monday)*

January	10, 24	January	12	July	12
February	14, 28	February	9	August	8
March	13, 20, 27	March	8	September	13
April	10, 17, 24	April	12	October	11
May	8, 15, 22	May	10	November	8
June	12, 19, 26	June	14	December	13
July	10, 17, 24				
August	14, 21, 28				
September	11, 18, 25				
October	9, 16, 23				
November	13, 20, 27				
December	11, 18				

PLANNING COMMISSION
(Meets the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Thursday)*

January	6, 13, 20	January	19	July	19
February	3, 10, 17	February	16	August	16
March	2, 9, 16	March	15	September	20
April	6, 13, 20	April	19	October	19
May	4, 11, 18	May	17	November	16
June	1, 8, 15	June	21	December	20
July	6, 13, 20				
August	3, 10, 17				
September	7, 14, 21				
October	5, 12, 19				
November	2, 9, 16				
December	7, 14				

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
(Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday)*

January	11, 25	January	12	July	12
February	8, 22	February	9	August	8
March	7, 21	March	8	September	13
April	4, 18	April	12	October	11
May	2, 9, 23	May	10	November	8
June	13, 27	June	14	December	13
July	11, 25				
August	15, 29				
September	12, 26				
October	10, 24				
November	7, 21				
December	5				

(2nd meeting in month optional/ held depending on case load)

HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION
(Meets the 2nd Wednesday)*

January	12	July	12
February	9	August	8
March	8	September	13
April	12	October	11
May	10	November	8
June	14	December	13

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including four three-pointers. As a team, North was deadly from the outside, hitting a total of 10 three-pointers.

"The whole game was a battle," said Watha, who also had four assists. "We were really going after each other."

"They're a good, athletic team. They might not have the best record, but they're real solid. I knew they were going to come out fired up."

Despite being the underdogs, Turnquist thought his team had a chance against North.

"This was the matchup we wanted," he said. "Getting into the tournament, we knew we would have to beat the best team at some point."

"You have to consider the city-

rivalry factor. These kids all know each other, and they wanted to go at it. My kids haven't backed down from anyone all year. They were looking forward to playing the best."

As the clock was expiring, Turnquist was happy the ball was in Hall's hands, even though the senior captain has been out several weeks after sustaining an injury during a practice.

"I wasn't disappointed with the shot," Turnquist said. "He's a senior and a captain. Nick is not one to shy away from responsibility. He hasn't even touched a ball or practiced for two weeks. I'm sure his legs were dead at the end."

As Negashian watched Hall, who finished with eight points,

attempt the final shot, he had to grimace.

"Nick has been coming to my basketball camps since he was 11 years old," he said. "When I saw him take the shot, I thought to myself 'Gosh, darn, he's going to come back and haunt me.'"

"What a great effort on his part to come back and even be playing. It shows what a great competitor he is."

Raiders rout Rockets

North blasted Westland John Glenn 67-23 at home Monday in a game that had been postponed by Friday's snowstorm. With the win, North clinched the top seed in the WIAA tournament.

Watha dropped in a game-high 18 points and Emir Medunjanin

added 15 points for North, which won a share of the WIAA regular-season title for the second year in a row.

Finishing 10-1 in the league, North tied Wall Lake Western, the winner of the Western Division, for the regular-season championship.

With a 4-1 record, North shares the Lakes Division title with Plymouth Salem and Farmington.

North jumped on Glenn early and had a commanding 45-16 lead at halftime. North was also sparked by Primeau, who came off the bench and scored 11 points.

Yaku Moton scored six points for the Rockets, who dropped to 3-14 overall, 1-10 in the WIAA.

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thanks to two Matt McCaffrey free throws.

It was still at that level when the Falcons got one basket from Garlin Gilchrist and another from C.J. Whitfield, trimming that deficit to seven.

"Which is where it stood entering the fourth period, Salem up 43-36. The two teams traded points for the first 90 seconds of the final period. Then, after Ryan Minnighurst missed a free throw for Salem, the Falcons made a three-pointer from Gilchrist to narrow the gap to 47-43.

It was as close as it would get. The Rockets scored the next eight points to build a 12-point advantage with 2:42 left, too much for Farmington to overcome.

"Right now, at this point of the season, the kids are beginning to believe in themselves," said Salem's Brodie. "We really disrupted their offense."

The Rockets also took command of the game's tempo early, denying Farmington a chance to dictate things to them. Their guards' play on defense resulted in countless turnovers, as they

stepped into the passing lanes for interceptions.

But on offense Salem didn't force the play, instead working the ball relentlessly.

"I told them they've got to get the ball inside to be effective," said Brodie. "Get Matt a lot of touches inside and he'll score."

The strategy worked. McCaffrey had five baskets, but he converted 14 of 16 free throws to score a game-high 24 points. He also grabbed six rebounds, dished out three assists and made three steals.

Jeff Haar added 13 points for Salem, and Andy Kocloski netted 10. Haar also had six boards, and Ryan Cook dealt out five assists. Gilchrist scored 15 points and Matt Mikel 13 for the Falcons.

Free throws proved to be pivotal. Salem made 23 of 29 (79 percent) compared to Farmington's three of six (50 percent). Salem was in the bonus in the second half with 1:30 left in the third quarter and in the double bonus with 6:55 left in the fourth.

Chiefs win despite absence of key player

It was not a bright outlook for Plymouth Canton's basketball team.

The Chiefs were already facing a tough opponent in Livonia Churchill in their Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament opener. Having to do so without their top rebounder and

one of their top scorers would make things very difficult indeed.

But Canton rose to the challenge Wednesday against the visiting Chargers, building a 10-point lead by halftime and cruising to a 69-56 triumph.

Both teams are 9-9 overall.

Jason Waidmann, Canton's senior center, was suspended for a game after getting tossed out of Monday's game at Wall Lake Western for retaliating after he was hit in the head.

The Chiefs survived, however, getting the balance they needed on offense. Dan McLean scored a

season-best 19 points; Kenny Nether added 13, Jimmy Reddy scored 11 and Oliver Wolcott got nine.

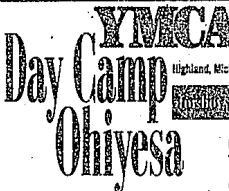
John Bennett topped Churchill with 16 points. Brandon Diklinski got nine and Avery Jensen scored eight.

"This was a great win for us," said Canton coach Dan Young. "We got good play out of Dan McLean; he had an outstanding game."

Another player who had to step forward was Andrew Holmes, a 6-foot-5 junior forward. With Waidmann already sidelined, Nether got into foul trouble and sat much of the second half. That brought Holmes to the forefront.

"He was very effective," said Young. "He hit all four of his free throws, played good defense and rebounded well."

"Without Waidmann, it was really a concern for us."



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CLARENCEVILLE 50, CRANBROOK 43. Senior forward Rick Burack made eight of 11 shots Tuesday and the Trojans toughened up their defense in the second half to thwart the Granes' upset bid.

The victory let Clarenceville advance to the semifinals of the Metro Conference Tournament.

Cranbrook came out aggressively and pulled out to a 31-28 lead at intermission.

"At halftime we stressed that offensively we were fine," Clarenceville coach Bill Dyer said. "But we gave up 31 points. And we tried ourselves on not giving up that many points. To a man, they all played better defense in the second half."

Clarenceville (12-6) may have only scored eight points in the third period, but the Trojans only allowed the Granes to score seven.

And Clarenceville held Cranbrook (5-12) to eight points in the fourth quarter while scoring 20.

"They made a shot at the buzzer in the third quarter and a desperation three in the fourth," Dyer said. "That gives you a measure of how good we played in the second half."

Burack scored 20, nine in the fourth quarter, and had four rebounds plus four assists. Scott Wron scored 11 and had five rebounds, and Tim Shaw scored 10 and had six rebounds.

Center Tom Wallis led Cranbrook with 13, and guard Chris Taylor scored 12.