

Shamrocks lose lead, but top Irish by point

It was not the game that Redford Catholic basketball coach Rick Coratti really wanted to see.

Actually, it wasn't the game any coach would want to see — his team squandering a six-point lead in the final minute.

But Steve Larkin's free throw with eight seconds left proved to be just enough to hold on as the Shamrocks held off Harper Woods Notre Dame, 83-82, in the Catholic League opener for both schools.

"It shouldn't have been that close," Coratti said. "We didn't play the end very well. They had two shots at the lead in the final seconds."

After the Shamrocks (6-2) led by six, the Fighting Irish (2-4) chipped away until Marcus Young's three-point shot with 14 seconds left tied the score at 82. But Larkin, who ended with seven points and 11 rebounds, saved the day.

Four Shamrocks were in double figures as Ryan

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Celestine had 23 points, Mark Willoughby 21, Anthony Cuttli 17 (five triples) and Tom Jakacki 13.

Young had 33 points to lead Notre Dame; Brian Biggs and Tom Mazzocco had 10 each.

W.L. CENTRAL 79, CHURCHILL 58: Unbeaten Walled Lake Central (6-0, 1-0) was hitting on all cylinders Friday, roaring to a 42-20 halftime lead against visiting Uniona Churchill (1-5, 0-1) in a WIAA encounter.

Steve Horn led the victorious Vikings with 17 points, while Mark Bortz added 13.

Senior guard Will Pendergrass led all scorers with 20. Brandon Dzinkowski added 10.

STEVENSON 60, REDFORD UNION 41: Three players scored in double figures Wednesday as host Uniona Stevenson (2-3) turned back Redford Union (1-4) in a non-league.

Junior Linden Hezaj scored 16 for the Spartans, who led 28-13 at halftime. Brandon Chittenden and Chris Severson chipped in 13 and 11.

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from the floor, which included 9-of-20 shooting from three-point distance.

Harrison, which sank 11 of 19 free throws, played a makeup game Saturday with Brighton and starts Western Lakes Activities Association play Tuesday at Westland John Glean.

"We've been approaching (the non-conference schedule) as getting ready for the league," Turnquist said.

"That's not to dismiss these games, but we focused on getting ready for the league to start. Then it's playing for keeps from that point on."

N. FARMINGTON 41, NORTHVILLE 38: North Farmington's Western Lakes Activities Association opener was a huge success Friday.

The Raiders defeated visiting Northville, one of the preseason favorites in the WIAA, 41-38.

North had balanced scoring from Jason Neal (nine points), Brian Johns (eight), Marcus McComb (seven), Mike Lesch (six) and Mike Patterson (five).

Lesch also had six rebounds, Johns five, McComb and Patterson four each. The Raiders had 24 total rebounds.

Dante Sanders also took two charges, making it five times in the last two games he has done that.

"It was a total team effort," North

assistant coach Pete Mantyla said. "It was a lot of work to keep them off the glass."

"They have great team size. As a team we really blocked out well. The few times we didn't they punished us for it."

Senior Dave Gregor scored 22 points for the Mustangs, 0-1 in the WIAA and 3-3 overall. Senior Aaron Redden added seven.

North held quarter leads of 12-7, 22-16 and 33-29.

Northville took its first lead since early in the game, 37-35, with two minutes left in the game.

Johns made a layup to tie. The Raiders scored their last four points on free throws. Patterson made three of four, Neal one of two.

The Mustangs in forced a layup that would have tied the score at 40. Patterson grabbed the rebound and was fouled with half a second remaining, which resulted in a third free throw.

"I think we've gotten better as the year has gone on, and we need to keep doing that," Mantyla said. "The team really played hard and played together."

North, 1-0 and 2-3, made three of 17 three-point shots, 14 of 48 field goals (29 percent) and 10 of 13 free throws. Northville was 13-of-23 at the line.

FARMINGTON 88, FRANKLIN 48: Senior guard Matt Mikel scored a game-high 23 points to lead host Farmington to the victory in the WIAA opener for both teams Friday.

Mikel made three three-point field goals and eight of nine free throws in helping the Falcons improve to 4-2 overall.

Curtis Titman, who was 6-of-8 at the line, tossed in 14 points and Mike Griffin 10.

Farmington led all the way, holding leads of 14-8 after one quarter, 27-23

at halftime and 42-34 through three periods.

Mike Copeland scored 11 points and Joe Ruggiero 10 for Franklin, 0-1 and 1-4.

The Falcons enjoyed a big advantage at the charity stripe. They made 19 of 28 free throws and the Patriots three of nine.

Mott double winner over Oakland cagers

Debbie Wesa scored a game-high 30 points in a losing cause Wednesday as the Oakland Community College women's basketball team dropped an 82-76 decision to visiting Mott.

Wesa hit nine of 16 field goals, including three of six shots from three-point distance, and nine of 13 free throws. She also had seven rebounds and five assists.

Michelle Blake tossed in 18 points and Kate Reed 11 for the Lady Raiders, who are 1-1 in the

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MCCAA Eastern Conference and 5-6 overall. Reed led OCC in rebounding with 10.

Mott (1-0, 7-3) put five players in double figures for scoring. Tyra Gay was high scorer with 19 points; Tyra Gay had 16, Nakia Woods 14, Tiffany Nalls 12 and Alayniah Tevaughn 10.

The Bears had a 56-40 rebounding advantage. The

game was tied at halftime, 44-44; Mott outscored OCC in the second half, 38-31.

Mott men defeat OCC

The Mott men's team improved to 11-0 overall by defeating OCC, 104-71.

Alonzo Evans led a group of six Bears in double figures with 18 points. Brian Allen, Lamar Rice and Javar Chavers scored 15 each. Derrick Minnifield 11 and Taylor Baker 10.

William Motley netted a game-high 20 points for the Raiders, who are 1-1 in the MCCAA Eastern Conference and 5-8 overall. Kevin Williams added 18 and Cornelius Stanford 10.

Rebounds were even at 40 apiece, but Mott won by such a big margin by shooting 61 percent (43-of-71).

OCC was 29-of-75 from the floor for 39 percent. Williams had 12 rebounds for the Raiders. Mott led at halftime, 54-40.

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