

Shamrocks overcome Norsemen, win 5-2

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Entering the second period of Saturday's hockey game, the Shamrocks-Detroit Catholic Central found itself in an unusual position. Behind.

But that didn't last long, as the Shamrocks tallied four unanswered goals in a 5-2 win over Grosse Pointe North at the Redford Ice Arena. CC improves to 13-2 overall with the win.

The Norsemen built a 2-1 lead after one period, but the Shamrocks slowly took territorial, then scoreboard control of the game, according to co-coach Todd Johnson.

"We executed well on the power play," Johnson said. "We had a solid territorial advantage in the second period, but their goaltender played really well."

Derek Giosa scored the game-winning goal, coming five minutes into the third period, while the Shamrocks were on the power play, making the score 3-2.

Brandon Naurato scored once and assisted on two other goals to lead CC. Giosa, Ryan Garich, Travis Hammy and Patrick Coldren each picked up a goal and assists in the game, while Mike Monterey picked up

two assists. Goaltender Jim Blanchard stopped 25 of the 27 shots he faced, while the Shamrocks allowed just 15 shots on goal by North.

CC's game at Port Huron North, originally scheduled for Thursday, has been rescheduled for Feb. 13. The starting time is 6 p.m. and is still at Port Huron's McMoran Arena.

The Shamrocks face off against Livonia Churchill at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Redford Arena.

Shamrocks top Trojans

Catholic Central defeated another top-ranked team Jan. 18 when it dropped Trenton before a packed house at Redford Ice Arena, 4-2.

Previously, the Shamrocks had beaten Division III leader Cranbrook; Trenton was ranked No. 1 in Division III.

"It was a game with a lot of intensity," CC co-coach Todd Johnson said. "That was a lot of high-intensity games to play in a short period, and we got caught being a little heavy-footed at the end. But it really put our guys to the test."

The two teams traded goals in the first period as CC's Eric Giosa scored a power-play goal

four minutes into the game from Brandon Naurato and Eric Reinhardt. Trenton (9-1-4) tied it a minute late as Chris Ctenkowski had a power-play goal of his own.

But CC broke out to start the second period and never was headed. A minute into the period, Naurato scored from Andrew Eggert and Travis Hammy.

Naurato made it 3-1 two minutes later from Hammy and Billy Burns, then Eggert made it 4-1 a minute later on a power-play goal from Eric Reinhardt and Naurato.

After CC made a change in goal, swapping Jimmy Blanchard for backup John Garza, Trenton's Derek Cranford closed out the scoring for the 4-2 final. "Some of our guys had never played in front of so many people, so it was good to play games like this," Johnson said.

It put our guys to the test. With a lot of tough games in a row, I thought our guys did well."

Blanchard stopped 14 of the 15 shots he faced, while Garza saved four of the five he saw. Trenton's Ben Troisien made 25 saves.

Paul Beaudry contributed to this story.

HOCKEY

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Ian Chornoby's second goal made it 3-1. He beat a defenseman one-on-one and scored when the Troy goalie attempted to poke-check the puck away from him.

Markus Barlage, playing in his first game since becoming eligible after transferring from Redford Catholic Central, and Brett Laird assisted on the play.

The Flyers had a 5-1 lead when the period was over following additional goals by Chris Frayne (Laird) and Ian Chornoby (Laird) at 9:52 and Jon Noblet, a defenseman playing fourth-line winger (Adam Chornoby and Phil Scott) at 9:02.

Ian Chornoby closed out the scoring with his third goal of the night at 7:20 in the third period with assistance from Chornoby and Mike Singer.

"It was really nice with the big crowd there," Vellucci said. "I think we showed them what kind of team we are."

"That's the first time we've led any team score first. It seems once we get a fire going and get mad we come back strong."

"We don't take any stupid penalties; we stay out of the box and play our game, and we seem to dominate from there."

Leafal Levran was in goal the entire game for the Flyers, who have outshot every team they've played by a 2-to-1 margin.

"I've told our goalies they have to be ready all the time," Vellucci said. "The other team can go five or six minutes without a good scoring chance and suddenly they get a good counterattack. When they do, the goalies have to be there, and they have been for the most part."

Troy, which had 17 players dressed and was three short due to illness, is 3-4-1 in the OAA Division I and 6-6-1 overall.

Farmington, which tied the record for single-season victories it set last year, had seven games left in the regular season prior to Wednesday.

The only team among the seven the Flyers haven't faced yet is Waterford Mott, which they play twice in the final three weeks.

"We're definitely capable of winning the rest," Vellucci said. "(Assistant coach) Jay (Johnson) and I tell the boys: 'We take it one game at a time;

that's all we can do. You can't look too far ahead.'"

"We haven't had the strongest schedule to play, but that's just the way it is. We've played some weaker teams."

"But we have great leadership and everyone gets along well. The chemistry on the team is really good. You're always hopeful for that, being a three-school team."

Tonight's game with West Bloomfield starts at 8 and will be played at the Detroit Skating Club, located at Square Lake and Telegraph.

FARMINGTON 4, KETERING 2: Mike Singer goal books a 1-1 tie in the second period and sent the Flyers on their way to an OAA crossover victory Wednesday at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Mike Hand (Matt Kipphack and Sean Elm) gave Farmington the lead at 8:22 of the first, but Waterford Kettering's Chris Harvey tied it early in the second.

"When they tied it up, the boys got really mad at themselves," Vellucci said. "They came back really hard. It was a good second period."

Singer's goal (Nick Herms and Markus Barlage) at 4:44 put the Flyers on top, and Vince McKeon (David Luca) and Brett Ramsey at 3:15 gave them a 3-1 lead at the end of the first.

Keith May got the fourth goal (Jeff Tossom) at 6:41 in the third. The Captains pulled their goalie and scored a 6-on-4 goal by Kenny Calcutt with 1:17 remaining. Farmington outshot Kettering, 32-16. R.J. Ulrich was the Flyers' goalie.

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Oakland CC women stay unbeaten in conference

Oakland Community College ran its record to 7-0 in the MCCA Eastern Conference women's basketball standings Saturday when it defeated visiting Delta College, 63-52.

Dana Millard scored 18 points to lead the Lady Raiders. Tiffany Burt and Larissa Taylor added 11 apiece and Ashlee Larsen 10.

Meagun Thornberry had 10 rebounds to go with five points as OCC outbounded Delta, 39-32. Millard had seven rebounds and five steals. Larsen and Leah Anthony had four assists each and Burt four steals for the Lady Raiders, who are 16-4 overall and led 31-30 at halftime.

Kim Melick scored 16 points and Kristine Porter 12 for the Pioneers, who are 4-2 in the conference and 7-9 overall.

Delta defeats OCC men

Kyle Lawrence scored 25 points in a loss to Saturday at the OCC men lost to visiting Delta College, 85-72.

Romel Murray tossed in 15 points, Ralph Sylvester 14 and Michael Russell 11 for the Raiders, who are 2-5 in the MCCA Eastern Conference and 4-16 overall.

Lawrence hit 10 of 15 field goals, including two of three from three-point range, and was 3-of-3 shooting free throws. Murray and Lawrence also had nine rebounds apiece.

The Pioneers, who led 34-29 at halftime, had 18 points from Cedric Priso and 17 apiece from Marketo Days and Marcus Brown. Delta, which had a 45-41 edge on the boards, is 2-4 in the conference and 6-13 overall.

IN BRIEF

RUGBY TRAINING

The search is on for high school boys (grades 9-12) interested in learning rugby football and participating in the Michigan Youth Rugby Association's spring season.

Rugby is a rugged contact sport enjoyed around the world. The Michigan Youth Rugby Association plays against clubs from Brighton, Berkley, Howell, Dearborn, Livonia and Northville.

The team features a "no cuts" policy. Everyone who practices will play. No experience is necessary.

The sport of rugby football features 15 players to a side with limited substitution; no blocking or padding, which makes it safer; continuous play, like ice hockey, basketball and soccer; a sport in which fitness, brains and brawn come together.

Everyone is a ball-handler, scorer and defender. There are no playbooks; players make on-the-field decisions. Those seeking a spring sport emphasizing team play, physical fitness and should consider rugby football.

Winter (indoor) training will be 5:30-7 p.m. every Monday evening beginning Jan. 27 at the University of Michigan Coliseum (located on the corner of Fifth & Hill streets), with the possibility of additional seasons being scheduled.

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Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 260H, Wayne RESA, William Simmons Education Center, 33500 Van Horn Road, Wayne, Michigan 48184.

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