

CC takes 3-1 victory over Trenton

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Playing tough teams during the regular season can only help once the state playoffs start later this month. And if that philosophy proves true, Redford-Detroit Catholic Central can look to Wednesday's game at Trenton as one of the reasons it is a favorite to win its fifth-straight state crown.

The Shamrocks jumped out early, then weathered Trenton opportunities and a barrage of second-period penalties to hold on to a beat the host Trojans, 3-1. "It was a very good game," said CC co-coach Todd Johnson. "Games like this are why we try to play a tough schedule down the stretch. We handled our one-goal lead well in the third period."

CC jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on a goal by Brandon Naurato (from Eric Giosa and Travis Hamway) eight minutes into the game, then Hamway scored on a power-play (from Naurato and Andrew Eggert) four minutes later.

But Trenton went after CC in the second period, peppering them with shots and playing off CC mistakes. However, the Trojans (11-2-5) only nicked CC for one goal from Derek Cranford to tighten the game at 2-1.

"Trenton did a good job of weathering the storm at 2-0 because if we got the third goal, it would have hurt them," said Johnson. "In the second period we took some penalties we shouldn't have and had some calls go against us we weren't too thrilled with. Our penalty killing held us in the game."

CC held Trenton to a couple of scoring chances in the third period, and Giosa scored an empty-net goal from Naurato and Eggert with a second left to end the scoring.

Andrew Godoshian won his first start in goal for CC and stopped 25 of 26 shots, while Ben Trostian made 23 saves for Trenton.

On Friday, the Shamrocks played another tough team, Gates Mills (Ohio) Gilmore Academy, and for the third time this season outside Michigan, went down to defeat.

Gilmour scored two times in the third period to stop CC, 4-3, and drop the Shamrocks to 15-3 overall. "We didn't play with the same intensity as we did with Trenton," said Johnson. "They scored every time we made a mistake."

Naurato opened the scoring on a power-play goal from Giosa and Eggert four minutes into the second period, but Gilmour scored the next two to take the lead.

Reinhardt scored the equalizer with 30 seconds left in the second period from Coldren and Eggert, but Gilmour came back with two more in the third period.

Reinhardt cut the lead to 4-3 with 1:43 left in the game from Coldren and Nathan Perkovich, but could come no closer. The Shamrocks led outshoot Gilmour, 31-18, with CC goalie Jimmy Blanchard making 14 saves.

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North earns important win over Seaholm

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North Farmington overcame some difficult circumstances Friday to defeat visiting Birmingham Seaholm in boys basketball, 40-48.

It was an important game between the first- and second-place teams in the Oakland Activities Association's Division III.

The Raiders, who are 8-0 in the division and 10-4 overall following their 10th straight victory, have a three-game lead over the Maples, who are 5-3 and 7-7.

North was playing without senior point guard and four-year starter Marcus McComb, who suffered an ankle injury in the previous game Tuesday.

Furthermore, the next two leading scorers for the Raiders, junior Gary Kennedy and sophomore Sean Mackler, were in second-half foul trouble.

They stayed in the game, however, and finished with four fouls each, as did teammate Robert White.

"It was a big game with Marcus," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "But we're always playing parts into the system. All we need to worry about is who's going to be there

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and who's going to play." Sophomore Matt Leach started in place of McComb, and Negoshian used a number of players to compensate for McComb's absence and the foul situation.

"It seemed every time we called on someone they came through," Negoshian said. "Greg Shuiter hadn't played in eight games, and he came in and did a great job at the front end of the press."

Seaholm's Kyle Wood hit a three and made a putback to tie the score at 46 with 2:20 remaining.

A teammate's go-ahead basket was wiped out by a charging call, and Kennedy sank two free throws with 22.1 seconds to play.

The Maples missed two more chances. North's Darrin Rawls grabbed the rebound, was fouled and made two insurance free throws with 5.2 seconds left. The Raiders gave up an uncontested layup as time expired.

"We thought (McComb's absence) might be a 10-point swing for us," Seaholm coach Keith Hart said. "They beat us by 12 the last time, so it didn't mean a win for us."

"They have a lot of talented players, and we knew it was going to be

a battle. Coach (Negoshian) wouldn't let them do anything but that." Kennedy scored 15 points, Mackler 14 and Rawls 10 for the Raiders. Wood, who was 4-of-6 shooting threes, had 16 points. Drew Billmeyer 12 and Charlie Billmeyer eight for the Maples.

North was 15-of-39 from the floor and 17-of-26 at the line. Seaholm was 15-of-48 and 14-of-23, respectively. The Maples made four threes and the Raiders three.

"In the first half, we got them in foul trouble and were 6-of-13 at the line," Hart said. "We had really good looks inside and didn't knock them down. If you don't take advantage of opportunities at the time, they come back to haunt you."

FARMINGTON 55, DUNDERO 38: Team defense was the key for the Falcons again Friday as they held the host Oaks to just five points in both the second and third quarters.

Farmington outscored Dundero in the second, 15-5, and moved in front at halftime, 24-17. The Falcons extended their lead to 38-22 after three periods.

Georgio Holt scored 14 points and Marcus Holman 12. Jeff Whizus led Dundero with 12 points. Farmington is 6-2 in the OAA's Division IV and 7-7 overall. Dundero is 2-6 and 3-11.

"It was a big game for us, especially coming off a tough loss the other night," Falcons coach Steve Norgruve said. "Georgio Holt and Marcus Holman responded well offensively."

Joe Green came in and did an excellent job at point guard for us with Tim DePaulis in foul trouble. Joe ran the offense well and got the ball to our scorers."

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 11

H. Farmington at Berkeley, 7 p.m.

Seaholm at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Lumbers at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Clarencville at C.P. Lippitt, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 14

H. Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Stoney Creek at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Catholic crossover at Cville, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Feb. 10

Farmington at Sequim, 8 p.m.

Lake Orion at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Clueson at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Clarencville at Hamtramck, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Farmington at Oakton, 7:30 p.m.

H. Farmington at Fencible, 7:30 p.m.

Ardenover at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Catholic League at Madonna, TBA.

Leith Westland at Clarencville, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15

City tournament at Harrison, 4 p.m.

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Farmington at Royal Oak, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Redford CC at P.H. Northern, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 14

Farmington at Liv. Stevenson, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Clarkston at Farmington, 8 p.m.

Cranbrook at Redford CC, 8 p.m.

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Monday, Feb. 10

Mercy at G.P.U. Lippitt, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Port Huron at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.

ONTARIO POCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, Feb. 13

Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 14

Seagulls at P.H. Whalers, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Mississauga at P.H. Whalers, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Division II team district at Redford Thurston

Farmington Harrison, Oak Park, Redford

Union and Redford Thurston. Semifinal matches begin at 5 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Division I team district tournament, at Walled Lake Western

North Farmington vs. Livonia Stevenson, Farmington vs. Royal Oak Western. Both matches at 6 p.m. Final to follow on television.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Division I individual districts

Farmington at Harland, 9 a.m.

H. Farmington at South Lyon, 9 a.m.

Division I individual district

Harrison at Birm. Groves, 9 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Farmington HHS at Churchill, 7 p.m.

CC vs. Brother Rice at RU, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 14

Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15

MISCA meet at Eastern Michigan University, 1:30 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Farmington at Troy, 6:30 p.m.

PREP SKIING

Thursday, Feb. 13

Regional at Mount Brighton, 9 a.m.

PREP BOWLING

Wednesday, Feb. 12

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- **Editorial:** Write a brief editorial (100 words or less) about something good that is going on in your school or in your community.
- **Photographer:** Take a picture of something in your community or in your school, which reflects community or school pride that would be worthy of placing in a newspaper. Then write a caption to accompany the photo.
- **Reporter:** Look through the classified advertisements for a subject to report on such as a pet for sale and make up a news story about the subject. Be sure to include the 5 W's: who, what, when, where, and why.
- **Editorial Cartoonist:** Express your school spirit through your artistic abilities by drawing and captioning an editorial cartoon about it.

How does the contest work?

1. The contest will have one FIRST PLACE winner per category and one honorable mention per newspaper, in each of our four categories:
 - a. Grades 2-3
 - b. Grades 4-6
 - c. Grades 7-9
 - d. Grades 10-12
2. Judging will be based on, but not limited to the following criteria where applicable:
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 - b. Creativity
 - c. Design
 - d. Grammar
3. All entries must be mailed to The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and received by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers no later than Tuesday, February 25th at:

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First Place Winners in each category will get their winning entries printed in their local newspapers and win 4 movie tickets each.

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Home schoolers are welcome to enter, too! Good Luck!

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