

Eggert earns Mr. Hockey award

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Redford-Detroit Catholic Central's Andrew Eggert has had a pretty good senior year. For starters, he was named a Michigan High School Athletic Association scholar-athlete last month, juggling his time playing hockey with his 4.6 grade point average.

Saturday night, he capped off four years on the varsity hockey team with his fourth-straight state championship as the Shamrocks won their fifth-straight crown with a 4-0 win over Clarkston.

During the on-ice celebration, Eggert's day got even better.

"We were celebrating and (CC co-coach Todd Johnson) turned to me and said 'Four titles in four years is special,



Eggert

huh? The only thing better would be being named Mr. Hockey," said Eggert. "I looked at him and he said 'yep, you won it.' I was just stunned."

Regardless if he was stunned or pleased or excited, being named the fourth CC player to be named by the state's hockey coaches as the state's best hockey player was an honor for the Livonia senior.

"It's a great honor," said Eggert, who now joins Jared Ross (2001), Keith Rowe (1999) and Mark Curtin (1997) in what seems to be CC's award in odd years.

"I think winning the state championships are a greater thrill because it's a team goal. But this is great."

Eggert - on the small side at 5-foot-9 and 175 pounds - had six goals and 30 assists this season, and he also carries a 4.6 grade point average.

He's been accepted academically to Michigan, and he's still waiting to hear from other schools.

But hockey is still very much in Eggert's future, and he's shooting to go the junior hockey route, perhaps to follow former teammates Dave Moss and Brandon Kaleniecki on the Wolverines.

"But I'll have to wait and see what happens after the (USAHL) draft this year," Eggert said. "I want to keep playing hockey."

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Redford cagers romp past CC, 86-43

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BASKETBALL

If Redford-Detroit Catholic Central didn't get eliminated from the state tournament by the best prep team in Michigan, then coach Rick Coratti probably doesn't want to see it.

"That," Coratti said Saturday night, "was a buzzsaw."

Detroit Redford hit 12 of its first 16 shots - then it got serious. "I thought we played a pretty good first quarter," Coratti said, "and we were down by 11."

The Huskies led, 26-15, after one period and by 20 at the half, 44-24, on their way to an 86-43 shredding of the Shamrocks in the Class A District championship at Livonia Stevenson.

Detroit Redford (17-2) was beaten by Detroit Mumford in a regional game Tuesday at East Detroit High School, 57-54. Dion Harris, a contender for the state's Mr. Basketball award, must have decided the game was going to be decided early, because he took control from the outset.

The 6-foot-6 future Michigan guard scored 11 points in the opening quarter, 19 in the first half and ended with a game-best 32. He made floaters, runners, jumpers from the baseline and wings, layups, tip-ins and even put back his own miss.

"Dion was focused," Redford coach Derrick McDowell said. "But, then, he's been focused."

"We've played them three years in a row in the districts," Coratti said. "This is the best Harris has played."

Junior Dan Waterstradt led CC (11-8) with 19 points, but only six Shamrocks scored and only three of them had more than five points. Junior guard Dave Herberholz was second with nine points, all in the first half. Nine Huskies scored, with freshman Ramon Pettus second at 17 points, 13 in the second half. Pettus had five steals in the game. Redford opened with a 6-2 lead but CC bounced back to take a 7-6 lead, its only one of the game.

Harris floated in a runner, Pettus nailed a layup and junior Ronnie Cranford scored to complete a 6-0 run that made it 12-7. The Huskies pulled out to a 21-12 lead and closed the quarter with a 5-3 margin.

"I thought it was decided late in the second quarter," Coratti said. "We made three turnovers and they scored six points to go up by 20 instead of us cutting into (their lead)."

The Shamrocks scored on two straight possessions to reduce the margin to 28-20 in the first minute of the second quarter but the Huskies slowly stretched it out to 44-24 at the half.

"There's not much to say," Coratti shrugged after his team was outscored, 21-8 and 21-11 in the last two quarters. Coratti played a lot of his juniors, especially in the second half.

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