

Warrior coach relives championship game

By JOHN BOZZO

Of the thousands of moments he could relive from the past basketball season, Brother Rice coach Bill Norton would like one in particular. He'd like to have back those few fleeting seconds following Kevin Smith's spectacular half-court basket, which sent the state championship game into overtime.

Rice lost that game last Saturday at Ann Arbor, 62-56, as Lansing Everett came out strong in the overtime, grabbed a quick lead and held on for the victory.

"I'd like to have those few moments over again between the end of regulation and the start of overtime," Norton said, "to collectively get together and realize we tied and had not won, and had only earned the opportunity to play three more minutes."

Just before Smith's long basket, which went through the hoop as the final buzzer sounded, Everett had taken a lead on a Paul Dawson basket with only three seconds to play.

"WHEN PAUL DAWSON made that shot with only a few seconds to go," Norton said, "several of our players were at the depths of emotion. A few seconds later, following Smith's game-tying shot, they were at the height of emotion."

"I thought Everett came out with better concentration at the start of the overtime," Norton said. "Basketball is an extremely emotional game and the momentum of emotion sometimes gets away from you."

Norton said that there was no exciting moment from the season which saw Rice place second in the state tournament, compile a 23-4 record, and finish in a tie for the Catholic League Central Division title.

"Probably the greatest source of satisfaction came from the tremendous improvement of so many individuals from November 1, the first day of official practice, to March 26, the last day we played," Norton said. "Then the blending of those individual improvements to collective improvement of the entire team."

He characterized the Brother Rice team as one that possessed quickness and good outside shooting, and which made up for a lack of physical strength with its skill, awareness and overall intelligence.

"We'll be physically stronger next year than this year," Norton said. "But we won't have Kevin Smith, (Tim) Schearer and (Mark) Hayden were excellent outside shooters. Someone will have to take up that slack. We'll be quicker and more experienced as far as players who have played in a competitive situation in a starting role."

AMONG THE NUCLEUS of players for next year's squad are nine of the 16 players on the varsity this season. They will be matched with prospects from a junior varsity team, composed of 18 sophomores, which had a 16-1 record this past season.

Possible returners include 6-2 juniors Mike McGowan and Mike Henry, and 5-10 junior Ron Washington.

Henry and Washington both saw duty as varsity starters during the season. Steve Ameli, a 5-11 sophomore, also had experience.

Norton mentioned four more sophomores, 6-7 Ted Williams, and George Duncan, Jon English and Don Pietrowski, who each stand 6-2. Norton said that some of these players will grow before next season.

Although Norton is looking forward to a good performance next season, his expectations are no more or less than any previous year.

"I've been at Rice for 13 years," Norton said, "and felt from the very beginning here when we lost to Southfield in a district at Southfield and they were eventually runner-up in the state, that we could've have beaten Southfield that year."

"I've always felt, since that time, that we had a chance to go all the way," Norton said. "My feelings were affirmed in 1974 when Rice was state champion and I feel in any given year that we have a chance to go all the way."

Even now, the boys that are undergraduates are thinking in terms of doing well next year. I doubt if they're thinking about a specific record. I think they believe that we'll be back in the state finals, or at least have a shot at it.

You have to be lucky to get as far as we did, and if you define luck as we do, as what happens when preparation meets opportunity, we certainly will be prepared next year, and hopefully we'll get the opportunity."



Bill Norton, Brother Rice coach, talks with a referee during a state basketball tournament game. (Photo by Tracy Baker)

Code 4 tournament settled

Graham Snook, professional at the Square Lake Racquet Club in Bloomfield Hills, last weekend took first place in the Code 4 Tennis Classes at the Grand Slam Tennis Club in Livonia.

Snook, the top-seeded competitor, survived a strong challenge from Jeff Etterbeek in the finals to claim a 4-7, 5 and 6-1 victory.

Etterbeek, a resident of Holland, Mich., last year was the top singles player at the University of Michigan and Big Ten singles champion.

Snook advanced through the quarterfinals and semifinals in consecutive games. His first place prize totaled \$300.

In one of the biggest surprises of the tourney, Jack Neinken, a Miami Beach resident and a U-M tennis player, upset second seeded Brian Marcus, from the Franklin Racquet Club in a quarterfinals test, 3-6, 6-2 and 6-2.

Rudy Hernandez (Dearborn Racquet Club) defeated Scott Seeman (Great Neck, N.Y.) 6-2 and 6-1. Jeff Etterbeek (Holland, Mich.) defeated Larry Stark (Southfield), 6-0 and 6-2. Jack Neinken (Miami Beach, Fla.) defeated Brian Marcus (Franklin Racquet Club), 3-6, 6-2 and 6-2.

Snook defeated Etterbeek, 4-6, 7-5 and 6-1.

Finals
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League season ends

SQUARE LAKE RACQUET CLUB'S singles and doubles leagues ended the week of March 21 with the presentation of awards and a small party for each group.

It was the third session of the leagues, which are run in eight-week sessions. Square Lake reports a great deal of interest and enthusiasm among its members as they have seen themselves gradually improve in ability and move up into stronger and more competitive groups.

The fourth and last session of this in-door season began this week and will end in May with a play-off and a party for all participants. Summer leagues will be offered beginning June 5.

Following are the results of the third session of league play at Square Lake:

B Singles: winner, Margaret Sellure of Birmingham; runner-up, Arvilla Vikstrom of Bloomfield Hills.

B Doubles: winner, Diane Allen of Bloomfield Hills; Kathy Camus of Royal Oak.

Village Womens Club: winner, Jean Juet of Birmingham; runner-up, Thelma Riccardo of Birmingham.

D Doubles: winner, Maxine Sheets of Bloomfield Hills; runner-up, Elaine Whiting of Bloomfield Hills.

B Doubles: winner, Sandy Jones of Pontiac; runner-up, Kristin Turner of Bloomfield Hills.

B Doubles: winner, Ann Katz; runner-up, Lou Clark of Bloomfield Hills.

C Doubles: winner, Betty Latunen of Orchard Lake; runner-up, Harriet Flynn of Birmingham.

Mens B Singles: winner, Vent Rao; runner-up, Charles Moore of Birmingham.

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Hills player wins tournament

Capt. Britton Mistele, a 27-year-old native of Farmington Hills, has little trouble filling his spare time while serving at Little Rock (Ark.) Air Force Base.

Mistele has taken up racquetball and has developed a winning form if the results of the Arkansas Open Tournament are any indication. Mistele won the singles competition by beating Jack Wrenn, a Marine Corps sergeant, 21-11, 10-21, 11-9, in the finals, which were played March 12 at Burns Park Racquet Center in Little Rock.

Mistele is a 1967 graduate of North Farmington High School.

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