

Brother Rice nips arch rival

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

For Birmingham Brother Rice, it's time to chant "Catholic League playoffs, here we come."

The Warrior cagers earned the right to cheer after nipping archrival Detroit Catholic Central, 63-67, in an important Central Division battle Tuesday night at the Rice gym.

The two-point triumph, before and overflowing and enthusiastic crowd, moved Rice within one victory of a berth in the Catholic League playoffs. The Warriors (13-1 overall and 7-1 in the conference) must beat Redford Bishop Borgess tomorrow night at home to clinch that berth. Borgess hasn't won a game in the Central Division this season.

CONVERSELY, the setback was devastating to CC, the defending Catholic League champions. The Shamrocks are 10-4 overall and 5-3 in the conference. One more league setback will erase any chance of CC gaining a playoff spot.

The Shamrocks had their chances to tie the score late in the game. They had the ball with 10 seconds left and the 67 score, but missed two shots which would have sent the game into overtime.

Rice junior Paul Jokisch, a 6-foot-7 forward, scored 20 of his team high 28 points in the first half to pace coach Bill Norton's squad. Jokisch added 15 rebounds.

Guard Les Daggs aided Jokisch with 17 points and 10 assists. Those 10 assists are a team-high total in one game for Rice this season.

Wendt, CC's senior All-State candidate, pumped in 38 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for the losers. He scored 23 points in the first half. Wendt pumped in 43 points against Rice in the first meeting between these two squads. CC won that game, 73-56, for the Warriors' lone setback of the year.

RICE, RANKED NO.1 by the Observer & Eccentric, jumped out to a 20-14 first-quarter advantage. It netted 27 second-quarter points for a 47-38 lead at intermission. The Warriors held a 10-point margin early in the final period, before CC rallied to take the game down to the wire.

Rice hit 27 of 49 shots from the floor (55 percent), while the Shamrocks scored on 25 of 53 shots (47 percent). Rice outrebounded CC, 30-22.

The Warrior junior varsity also defeated CC, 40-36. Jeff Kohler and John Henry scored 11 points each to pace the Rice reserves in the preliminary game.

ST. MARY'S 62
ST. FLORIAN 47

Once-beaten Orchard Lake St. Mary's, ranked No. 2 by the Observer & Eccentric, built up a big (18-4) lead after the first quarter and went on to slaughter Hamtramck St. Florian, 62-47, in Catholic League C-D Division West Bracket basketball Tuesday.



Harrison's Ted Rudel churns up the pool in the 500-yard freestyle event at the Oakland County Swimming Meet. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Rice cops county swim title

By TOM BAER

Birmingham Brother Rice, with Rob Mackle winning two individual events, unseated Birmingham Groves as Oakland County's top prep swimming squad by winning the eighth-annual county swimming and diving championships last Saturday at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus.

Groves had won the first seven county swimming meets.

But coach George O'Brien's Rice

team finished first in four events and showed good depth in scoring 216 points in last Saturday's meet. Birmingham Seaholm compiled 168 points for second place, and Bloomfield Hills Andover was third with 152.

GROVES LANDED fourth with 151 points, Rochester High had 88, Bloomfield Hills Lahser 69, Southfield-Lathrup 45, Rochester Adams 44, Farmington High 42. The field included 20 county high schools.

Rice's Mackle doubled with wins in

the 200-yard freestyle (1:46.1) and the 100-yard butterfly (54.7). Teammate Rich Kramer won the 500 freestyle (4:53.4).

Rice's 400-yard freestyle relay (Mackle, Dave Bowser, Robert Papp and Kevin McJoynt) won with a time of 3:22.9.

Two other swimmers were double winners. Groves' Scott Hesskamp won the 50 freestyle (22.6) and the 100 free (49.6), and Rochester's Jim Bruzese established a meet record in the 100 breaststroke (1:02.1) and also won the 200 individual medley (2:02.9).

The meet's only other record came in the 200 medley relay. Seaholm's team of Mike Hanahan, Jeff Landy, Kip Kimble and Keith Gardner turned in a 1:42.30, eclipsing the old standard of 1:42.9 set by Groves in 1979.

MIKE KOWALSKI of Lahser won the 100 backstroke with a 57.1 clocking, and Andover's Mike Wantuck compiled 480.50 points to win the one-meter diving event. Troy Athens' Andy Welsh was a close second with 462.50 points.

Lathrup's best swimmer was Brian Michalik, who placed third in the 50 freestyle with a time of 22.1.

North Farmington's Jim Gasser finished third in the breaststroke (1:04.6), and teammate Steve Manderfield took fifth in the 200 freestyle (1:31.8). Harrison's Ted Rudel and Farmington's Alec Campbell placed fifth (5:04.8) and sixth (5:05.3), respectively, in the 500 freestyle.

Gymnast hurt as North wins

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"She usually competes on the beam with gymnastics shoes on, but she didn't wear them that night," Johnese said. "She just wore her cloth footies. The shoes have a firmer bottom."

"I feel that that's the reason she slid, and I know she agrees after talking with her."

Temple, a senior, had won two events before her fall on the beam. She helped North Farmington defeat Farmington, 93.9-80.95. The win was North's seventh straight this season.

Temple won vaulting with a score of 8.75 and then took uneven parallel bars with an 8.55.

Farmington sophomore Jo Smith finished first on the beam (7.45) and floor exercise (8.25) and placed second on bars (8.15) and third in vaulting (8.15).

North's Sharon Shifra placed second

in vaulting (8.3) and beam (7.65) and third on bars (8.0). Teammate Dona Kebrde finished second floor exercise (7.85).

North Farmington competes next on Thursday at home against Walled Lake Western. On the following Monday, Farmington meets Western at home. Both meets begin at 7 p.m.

In another meet Monday, Walled Lake Central stopped Farmington Harrison, 93.9-80.95. Harrison fell to 1-4.

Barb Burke of Central won vaulting (7.8), beam (7.05) and floor exercise (7.6). Teammate Connie McDermain won bars (7.0), and Harrison's Ann Gildardone, landed second on beam (6.3).

Harrison gymnasts Janine Glaus and Dorene Kenan tied for second in floor exercise with scores of 6.7.

Harrison travels to Northville for a 7 p.m. game on Feb. 16.

Cotton to be honored

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winningest basketball coach in WSU history, George "Baby" Duncan, former WSU basketball standout who played during Mason's era and who now coaches Detroit Murray Wright High School; Jack Schlesinger, three-time

tennis letterman; Victor F. Spathelf, former track and cross country standout and a past president of Ferris State College; and Guy Lumsden, a three-time All-American swimmer (1940-44) who won a national championship in the 50-yard freestyle.

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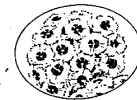
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