

St. Mary's advances in tourney

The best of the East will battle the best from the West Sunday when favored Orchard Lake St. Mary's faces Detroit St. Hedwig for the Catholic League C-D Division basketball crown. St. Mary's (West Bracket champions) reached the finals with a convincing 80-59 victory over Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes in semifinal action Tuesday night at U-D's Calihan Hall. Hedwig (East Bracket victory) struggled against Hamtramck St. Florian before winning 53-31 on a last-second shot in the other semifinal battle. Hedwig and St. Mary's, both 10-0 in

league action and 16-2 overall, battle for the Catholic C-D title at 2 p.m. Sunday at U-D.

AGAINST OUR LADY OF THE LAKES, St. Mary's raced to a 43-32 halftime advantage and was never in danger in this semifinal game.

The Eagles had defeated Waterford, 83-56, in the season opener for both teams back in December.

Ed Okuniewski, St. Mary's 6-foot-7 senior center, scored 21 points and led down 11 rebounds. Hiram Harris added 14 points.

Waterford's one-man scoring machine, Jerry Cirns, scored 32 points — 11 field goals and 10 of 14 from the line — to pace the Lakers. Cirns hit 21 of Waterford's 32 first-half points.

The Lakers finish the season at 9-9 overall.

St. Mary's hit 34 of 73 shots from the floor for 45 percent, while Waterford hit 21 of 48 for 43 percent. The Eagles outscored Waterford, 36-26.

COUNTRY DAY 73 LUTHERAN EAST 78

Scoring balance was the key to Detroit Country Day School's 78-73 Metro Conference basketball victory over Lutheran East last Tuesday. The Yellow Jackets are 13-4 overall and 6-4 in Metro play.

All five starters scored in double figures. Damon Jones led with 17 points in three quarters of play, Richard Gold-

berg had 15, Troy Hudson 14, Chuck Adams 12 and Doug Howell 10. Ernie Murphy led East with 20 points, and Jim Collier had 18.

Normally a poor free-throw shooting team, Country Day hit on 20 of 25 for 80 percent against Lutheran East. The victory was Country Day's first in seven years over the Harper Woods school. County Day plays next on Friday at 8 p.m. at Lutheran North.

HAMTRAMCK 68 CRANBROOK 35

The struggling Cranes never led in this Metro Conference game Tuesday evening.

Cranbrook was outscored 16-4 in the first quarter, and trailed 31-13 at halftime. Cranbrook's only double-digit team scoring was in the third quarter when the Cranes mustered 13 points.

Farmington boxscores

HARRISON 72 — FARMINGTON 69

FARMINGTON HARRISON (72) — Dale Sklar 1, 3-4, 17; Ray Dillon 0, 0-1; 0; Goran Vazovski 4, 8-11, 17; Dave Tremonti 1, 0-0, 2; Mike Turnquist 1, 0-0, 2; Steve Shambo 4, 3-11; Steve Holm 8, 2-3, 18; Gus Kehagias 0, 2-2, 2; Art Wilkins 0, 2-2, 2; Bruce Yeager 0, 1-2, 1. TOTALS: 25, 22-30, 72.

FARMINGTON HIGH (69) — Paul Kober 2, 0-4, 4; Jerry Lipinski 10, 0-1, 20; Kevin Nichols 2, 0-0, 6; Mike Waniak 1, 4-4, 6; Mark Orlento 1, 0-0, 2; Ken Faulkner 1, 1-3, 3. TOTALS: 25, 10-11, 69.

TOTAL FOULS — Farmington 22, Harrison 13. FOULED OUT: Kober (7), Nichols (7). FARMINGTON 12 23 11 14 — 60

KETTERING 66 — N. FARMINGTON 61

WATERFORD KETTERING (66) — Tom Lloyd 12, 3-4, 29; Gonzales 3, 1-2, 7; Meyer 2, 0-0, 4; Gates 2, 0-0, 2; Hines 4, 4-5, 12; Anderson 2, 0-0, 4; Gates 2, 0-0, 4; Malvich 2, 0-0, 4. TOTALS: 29, 8-11, 66.

NORTH FARMINGTON (61) — Jim Franco 2, 0-0, 4; Jeff Labelle 1, 3-4, 5; Steve Young 0, 2-2, 2; Matt Reed 5, 0-0, 4; Tom Bernard 5, 4-4, 16; Bill Graves 6, 0-0, 16; Mark Bowditch 6, 2-3, 14. TOTALS: 23, 15-21, 61.

TOTAL FOULS — Kettering 15, North 12. FOULED OUT: None. KETTERING 12 15 19 20 — 66

N. FARMINGTON 14 13 15 10 — 61

Brother Rice soars to finale

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

Birmingham Brother Rice, the Observer & Eccentric's number-one ranked basketball team, advanced to the Catholic League finals with a breathtaking 62-60 overtime victory over Detroit East Catholic last night.

The Warriors (17-2) face University of Detroit High School in the 4 p.m. Sunday championship game at U-D's Calihan Hall.

Rice handed East Catholic, the number-one Class B state-ranked team, its first loss in 18 games thanks to two key buckets by reserve forward Rodney Brown in the overtime period.

Brown's two baskets, the results of two East Catholic turnovers, broke a 56-56 deadlock, giving Rice control the rest of the way.

The Warriors forced the game into the extra session on a three-point play by 6-7 junior forward

Paul Jokisch with 1:23 left in the game.

Ironically, Jokisch missed a 10-foot jump shot with two seconds left in regulation that would have won the game for Rice.

Jokisch led all scorers with 22 points — 16 in the second half. John Shasky, a 6-10 junior center, netted 15, and Dennis Kozak added 13.

East Catholic was led by Anthony Grier's 17-point performance. James Ross added 10.

Rice played the game with limited action from the number-one guard Les Duggs, who suffered a groin injury in the regular-season league finale against Detroit DeLaSalle. Dagg's, a U-D transfer, is expected to play against his former teammates on Sunday.

In first-round action Sunday Brother Rice defeated Detroit DePores, 53-42. Jokisch scored 11 of his game-high 24 points in the fourth quarter to pad the Warrior victory.

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North Farmington's Cotter and Magary both finished third.

Cotter, a 122-pounder with a 24-16 record, lost to Belleville's O'Keefe on a referee's decision following an 8-all stalemate. Cotter beat Salem's Rob McDonald, 6-0, to finish third.

Magary, who sports a 31-10 record, lost to Salem's Seelie, 5-4, and then beat Belleville's Terry Calhoun, 6-0, to finish third at the 167 bracket. In the opening match, Magary pinned Kurt Funk of Adrain in 3:52.

"THEY BOTH have a shot at going to state," said North coach Jim

O'Leary. "They're wrestling as well as they've wrestled all year. They're beating kids who beat them earlier in the season."

Two other North wrestlers, Dan Orr (138) and Shawn Cotter (185), were eliminated, even though they finished fourth in their weights.

Harrison's Kopko raised his individual record to 27-7 with an 11-1 decision over Robichaud's Tony Bisker, the No. 1 seed of the 185-pound group, in the finals.

Kopko had decided Warren Fitzgerald's Rob Hawing (18-7) and pinned Clawson's Leon Cuckovich (3:28) earlier in the district.

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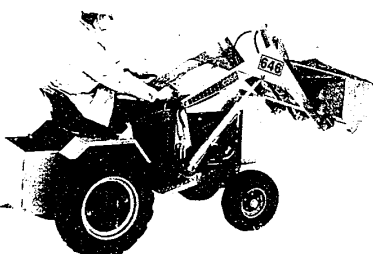
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