

Indians put halt to Rice's streak

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Two high school basketball teams streaking in opposite directions collided on Tuesday. Flint Central had lost two straight after winning its first three games, while Birmingham Brother Rice had won three straight after an opening-game loss at Oak Park. But the teams reversed themselves on Tuesday, as the visiting Indians beat the Warriors, 55-48.

Flint switched to a taller lineup following its two defeats. The Indians played a zone the whole game and concentrated on rebounding with no thought of fast-breaking. That, combined with their ability to put pressure on Rice's perimeter shooters, kept the Warriors behind almost all the way.

"We tried hard, we fought to the end," said Rice coach Frank Carrico. "I thought that some of our players got frustrated with the way the game was going."

Carrico said he also felt his players were frustrated by the officiating, although he did not blame the officials for the loss.

"WE DIDN'T make the mental mistakes we've made," said Indians coach Stan Gooch. "We hit the boards hard and we did a great job on defense."

Central emerged from the first quarter with a 12-11 lead, led by All Fisher's nine points. David Washington tallied six first-quarter points for the Warriors.

Both teams looked for three-point shots in the second quarter. Flint, which sank 9-9 two-pointers, added a pair of triples by Jay Greene. P.J. Potter helped Rice remain close by sinking two three-pointers while Washington added one as the Warriors went into halftime trailing 30-26.

The frustration Carrico mentioned was evident in the third quarter when Central did not allow Rice to score on consecutive trips down the court. For every Rice attack, Central had an answer.

"We didn't shoot the ball well," said Carrico. "The kids that have to shoot the ball well didn't."

AND RICE HAD no substitute for its stalled perimeter attack.

"We don't have a real strong inside game," said Carrico.

Flint's Ross Richardson, scoreless in the first half, opened the second half with a three-pointer from the corner for a seven-point lead.

Washington scored Rice's first two baskets in the quarter, but failed to score the rest of the game.

Peter Duggan's three-point shot trimmed the Indians margin to 37-35 midway through the period, but Tony Smiley responded with a three-pointer for Flint. Duggan's second triple of the quarter brought the Warriors within one, 41-40, with 2:54 left in the quarter. But Central scored the final six points of the period for a 47-40 lead.

Rice crashed the boards and scored the first two baskets of the fourth quarter, both on offensive rebounds, and trailed 48-44. But that was the Warriors' last hurrah. Central won 55-48.

Raiders beat AA Pioneer

Heather Kahn led the North Farmington gymnastics team to its fourth straight dual meet victory last Wednesday, as she won three of the four individual events.

The host Raiders (4-0) outscored Ann Arbor Pioneer 127.45 to 121.6. The win was the second for North over Pioneer in the young season.

Kahn's wins came on the uneven bars (8.9), the beam (8.8) and floor exercise (9.05). She also finished second to Pioneer's Carrie Coleman on the vault, scoring 8.75, only .10 shy of Coleman's mark.

Coleman was Pioneer's standout performer. She was second on both the beam (8.55) and floor (8.8) and third on the bars (7.75).

Jameelah Gater contributed fine performances for North on the vault (8.5) and the bars (8.1), where she finished third and second, respectively. Kristeen Sussman's score of 8.15 earned a third place showing for the Raiders in the floor exercise.

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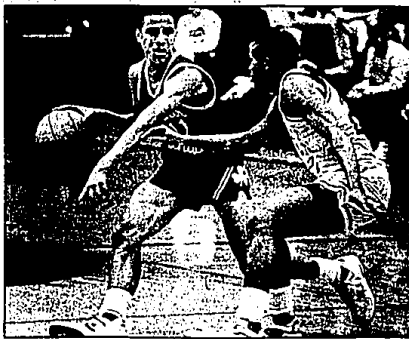
tral scored the next five points and Rice failed to mount a serious threat the rest of the game.

CARRICO SAID he was "a little bit" surprised at Central's tactics, but maintained that the Warriors were hurt most by their mood.

"I think most high school kids, when they start to play poorly, they continue to play poorly. . . . We've got to improve on that because things don't always go your way."

Washington led Rice with 16 points, seven assists and five steals. Potter added 13 points.

Greene scored 18 for Flint. Fisher had 14 and Richardson 10. Rice visits Harper Woods Notre Dame next Tuesday.



Terry Boykin provides directions for a teammate while being pursued by DePorres defender Terrell Thornton.

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ed until Brian Tolbert, the freshman brother of the DePorres star, missed a three-point try with seconds to go which could have sent the game into overtime.

Boykin then tied it with a pair of free throws.

"We got behind early and had to chase them all night long," said DePorres coach Ed Rachel. "It seemed like when we needed that last shot, we didn't get a break. On Tony's tip (the foul) it turned out to be a four-point turn-around."

"But even though we got behind early, we came back and didn't embarrass ourselves."

Rachel said the technical foul on Tolbert didn't upset him.

"TONY WANTS to win because he's such a competitor," said the DePorres coach. "I'd rather have him that way than a complacent puppy dog. When he gets quiet, then I'll worry. It just kills him to lose."

Tolbert has broken the school scoring record twice already this season with games of 52 and 48 points.

"He's an offensive talent that can't be denied," said Rachel. "CC finally showed it has the potential to be a contender for the Catholic League's Central Division title."

"It (the win) helps us because our confidence had been shaken," Holowicki said.

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