

Schoolcraft capitalizes on foe's collapse

It didn't seem possible. Only 1:38 remained Saturday when Schoolcraft College's Tressa Farkas looped a three-point attempt at the basket defended by Adrian's junior varsity. The shot went in, but it didn't figure to make much difference. It sliced a 10-point lead to seven; still, there just didn't seem to be enough time.

But then Adrian put up a quick shot that missed, and SC answered with a Tricia Lucas field goal. With 1:10 left, the 10-point margin had been halved.

The tide had turned. Adrian missed three-of-four free throws in the final minute — including the front end of two one-and-ones — while Lucas hit a triple and Ann Hardy made one-of-two free throws. With :10 left, SC had the ball, trailing 57-55.

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of foul shots.

Lisa DePlamche popped in 10 first-half points to keep the Lady Ocelots close. They trailed 31-22 at halftime, thanks to Adrian's free-throw advantage — 11-of-16 compared to SC's 0-of-2. For the game, Adrian was 21-of-35; SC hit 14-of-22.

DePlamche finished with 16 points. Lucas had 15, while Krug clipped in 14 and 14 rebounds. Adrian got 11 points from Teri King and 10 from Lisa Ruhl.

THEIR PLAY broke down, but Hardy was fouled as the buzzer sounded. She calmly swished both ends of a one-and-one, forcing an overtime that SC dominated in collecting a 65-61 triumph at Adrian.

"There was no question who was going to win (in OT), after what we had done," said SC coach Jack Greman, whose team improved to 11-4. "I said, 'Just go ahead and do it.'"

The Lady Ocelots listened well. After Adrian scored two free throws to start the OT, Hardy and Barb Krug scored baskets and Adrian made two more free throws to put SC ahead by four. Two Adrian free throws cut the deficit to two, but Carletta Davey iced it for SC a pair

SC MEN: They may be crippled, but there's still a lot of fight left in the Ocelots.

They showed it Saturday against Siena Heights' junior varsity. Already decimated by academic losses, SC played without Ed Hudson, who suffered a fractured shin. His status was uncertain.

With just eight players available, the Ocelots still prevailed, routing the Saints 77-59. SC led at the half, 44-45.

Ad Hudson was a big reason for the victory, which improved SC's record to 9-14. He totalled 23 points, 13 rebounds and three blocked shots. Ken Foster, playing with a cast on his injured ankle, added 19 points and seven assists, while Randy Waters poured in 16 points — 14 in the second half.

Eagles survive rally by Saints

A few missed opportunities nearly cost St. Mary's College Saturday against visiting Aquinas. The Eagles had a 16-point lead with 11 minutes remaining in the game before high-scoring Saints — who eliminated St. Mary's from last year's NAIA District 23 basketball playoffs — rallied.

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But the Eagles withstood the comeback, thanks to six free throws in the final two minutes by freshman forward Joachim Jerichow, to beat Aquinas 94-90.

The win improved St. Mary's record to 16-9 overall, 2-1 in the district. Aquinas is 1-3 in district play, 4-16 overall.

The Eagles cushioned their 46-40 halftime advantage in the first nine minutes of the second half before Aquinas battled back to eventually take a 76-74 lead with six minutes left. A James Lakes bucket knotted the score for the Eagles, and they never again trailed.

Not that it didn't get close. The Saints were within 92-90 with :14 to play, but Jerichow drained two free throws to ensure the win. He finished with 11 makes in 14 attempts from the line, scoring 21 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Lakes had identical numbers in both categories. Terry Koerner added 18 points and Denny Butcher had 13.

Kris Leslie's 22 points topped Aquinas. Paul Lauer had 20 and Ed Yeo got 16.

They're an awfully good team," said St. Mary's coach Glen Donohue of the defending district champions. "It's going to take a heckuva effort to beat them. They're a strong rebounding team — that's their strength."

Siena, which improved to 4-0 in the district (16-6 overall) with a win over Northwood Monday, outboarded St. Mary's 34-28. Coach Howard scored 16 and Loudernill netted 10.

St. Mary's now embarks on the toughest stretch of its district season. The Eagles play four consecutive road games, beginning at Spring Arbor at 7:30 p.m. today. They then travel to Northwood for a 3 p.m. game Saturday. Spring Arbor is tied with St. Mary's for second in the district at 2-1; Northwood is 2-2.

Salem's height too much for Pats

Plymouth Salem's front line was too much Tuesday for host Livonia Franklin. The Hawks overpowered Franklin underneath the boards, 68-58, and improved to 8-1 overall. The Patriots dropped to 4-5.

Junior forward K.C. Kirkpatrick scored 19 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the way. Junior center Jake Baker and senior center Ryan Johnson added 11 each. (Baker also grabbed 12 rebounds.)

"They (Salem) had nice production from their front line," said Franklin coach Rod Hanna. "Craig Overalls, a senior guard for the Patriots, scored 23 to lead all scorers. Junior center Steve McCool added 10 points and seven rebounds. John Santl had eight rebounds and three assists."

"They (Franklin) did a good job of penetrating our defense," said Salem coach Bob Broderick. "They pressed us, but we got it inside enough to score."

The Patriots shot 22 of 32 from the line (69 percent) but made just 30 percent from the field.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN Academy, behind 22 points from Manish Nandani, defeated visiting Taylor Light and Life 47-44 Tuesday.

Nandani and Dave Fox connected on four free throws with just seconds remaining to secure the victory.

Plymouth Christian led 28-18 at halftime, but Light and Life fought back, outscoring the Eagles 16-15 in the third and 10-6 in the fourth.

Jason Landingham led Light and Life with 12

points. Markell Wells added 11 and Mark Garcia 10.

Plymouth Christian's record is 3-6, Light and Life's is 0-9.

RICE 62, BORGESS 56: Paul Arthur, a 6-foot-4 sharpshooter, headed next fall to George Mason (Va.) University, scored a game-high 26 points Tuesday, leading host Birmingham Brother Rice to an upset win over Bedford Bishop Burgess.

Arthur, coming off a 42-point game last week against Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, sparked the Warriors to their seventh win of the season in 10 games.

Rice is now 3-2 in the Central Division of the Catholic League, while Burgess remains in first place at 4-1.

The Spartans (8-2 overall) got 25 points from Michigan State-bound Shawn Hester. Kevin Riser added 12. Pole Duggan scored 12 for Rice.

WAYNE WYANDOTTE 34: Wayne Memuri-ah, the Wolverine A League leaders, overcame a sluggish first half Tuesday to win at Wyandotte Roosevelt.

The Zebras, who led by just two at the half, 17-15, took control with a 15-4 scoring spread over the Bears in the third period.

Senior forward Pierre Hixon led the winners, now 1-1 overall and 8-0 in league play, with 14 points. Senior center Kevin Harkness added 12.

Senior guard Reggie Brandon scored seven of his eight points in the decisive third quarter.

Dan Yates led all scorers with 18 points.

The Bears fell to 3-6 overall and 2-6 in league play.

DeLaSALLE 55, REDFORD CC 50: Redford Catholic Central put up a good fight Tuesday but couldn't overcome the host Warren DeLaSalle Pilots.

Junior guard Steve Whitlow scored 15 points in a losing cause. The Shamrocks, who dressed just nine

players, played again without sophomore center Bob Kummer, the team's leading scorer, who sat out his second straight game with a viral infection.

Jeff Prylow scored 14 for the Pilots, who improved their record to 7-3 overall and 3-2 in the Central Division of the Catholic League.

CC, which slipped to 2-8 overall and 1-4 in the division, stayed close throughout game — trailing 18-16 after one quarter, 36-34 at intermission, and 41-38 after three quarters.

NORTVILLE 60, JOHN GLENN 78: On Tuesday, the host Mustangs paraded to the free throw line, making an incredible 34 of 39 shots (87 percent) to beat Westland John Glenn.

Both teams have identical 6-3 records.

Five Mustangs scored in double figures: Bill Kelly (16), Mike Lang (12), Joe Kaley (11), Ryan Husayk (10) and Scott Meredith (10).

Eric Spletzer and Bobby Lawrence scored 19 and 16, respectively, for the Rockets. Glenn hit 15 of 21 free throws.

HARPER WOODS 63, CLARENCEVILLE 62 (OT): In a Metro Conference thriller Tuesday, the host Panthers (2-6, 1-4) came away with the victory against Lavonia Clarenceville (3-6, 0-4).

Clarenceville's Frank Juncay, who finished with eight points, hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. He added another buzzer shot in the overtime period but couldn't save the Trojans.

It was just a two-point win.

Derrick Hiler scored 17 in a losing cause, while Gary Lay added 11.

Jason Youngblood led Harper Woods with 22. Clarenceville hit 16 of 54 from the floor (28 percent) and 22 of 32 from the free-throw line (69 percent).

Harper Woods was 21 of 39 from the floor and 15 of 32 from the line.

COLLEGE HOOP

Ken George of Farmington Hills passed the 1,000-point mark in his basketball career at Albion College Saturday.

George, a guard who graduated from Harrison High School in 1986, scored 23 points in Albion's 76-73 victory over Kalamazoo College. He was 9-of-11 from the floor and 4-of-4 shooting free throws.

While becoming only the 11th player in the 150-year history of the school to score more than 1,000 points, George made no turnovers in 37 minutes of play.

George, averaging 13 points and five assists, has 1,009 career points and needs another 57 to catch Scott Clement (1970-74) and move into the top 10. Mike Wilson (1967-70) holds the career scoring record with 1,547 points.

GYMNASTICS MEET

The Farmington Gymnastics Center will sponsor its annual Winter Fest Meet this weekend. Competition will take place Friday.

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HOCKEY NEWS

Rob LaChance of Farmington Hills was recently named Little Caesars Player of Tomorrow for his hockey achievements.

LaChance, 16, plays right wing for his Little Caesars Midget Travel hockey team. He has been playing the sport since he was 4 and last year was chosen to be a member of the Olympia 16 Select team.

One of LaChance's greatest hockey moments occurred in 1987 when he scored the winning goal in triple overtime, enabling his Art Van Pee Wee team to win a tournament in Quebec.

WINGS PRACTICE

Hockey fans are invited to attend

a Red Wings practice session 1-2 p.m. Sunday at Joe Louis Arena.

The price of admission is a minimum of two cans or boxes of nonperishable food per person. The proceeds will go to the Gleaner's Community Food Bank of Detroit.

The arena doors open at 12:30 p.m., and fans can watch coach Jacques Demers put his players through their paces while TV announcer Dave Strader narrates each drill.

COACH NEEDED

Farmington Hills Mercy High School is searching for a JV soccer coach. Candidates should call athletic director Suzanne Brown at 476-2836 or write to her at 29300 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, 48018.

PISTONS AT S'CRAFT

Players Dennis Rodman and

Gerald Henderson, along with assistant coach Brendan Suhr, will conduct a free Detroit Pistons basketball clinic for boys and girls ages 5-14, beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Schoolcraft Community College gym, 18500 Haggerty Road, in Livonia. The clinic is sponsored by Health Alliance Plan.

Each clinic participant and their family members will be eligible for prizes, including tickets to see a Pistons game at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Free Piston pennants, photos of the players and other prizes will be awarded.

To register for the clinic, eligible youngsters must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (parental permission is required). Registration will be begin at 6 p.m. in the Schoolcraft gym.

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