

# Shamrocks put clamps on Falcons' star, 61-49

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Redford Catholic Central sophomore guard, Damien Baskerville failed to score in the third quarter Sunday but so did Dearborn Divine Child star guard Dan Geoghegan.

CC used that standoff to its advantage, pulling away in the third quarter en route to a 61-49 win in the first round of the Catholic League playoffs at the University of Detroit-Mercy's Calihan Hall.

Geoghegan didn't score in the second half until 6:08 remained in the fourth quarter and CC ahead 47-35. Geoghegan, who finished with 17 points, missed all five of his shots in the third quarter and was 2-for-9 after halftime with Baskerville guarding him.

CC lost to DC on a last-second shot in last year's first round playoff game.

"Geoghegan couldn't dribble with his left, he was all right handed," said Baskerville, who

scored nine points. "I just forced him to his left."

CC, 10-7 overall, advances to the second round to play undefeated Southgate Aquinas at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Schoolcraft College.

Geoghegan had 11 points in the first half as DC, 10-7 overall, managed to be behind only 25-21 at intermission.

"We had to get Damien on him," CC coach Bernie Holowicki said. "He's quick, smart and very athletic. We knew Geoghegan was their 'go to' guy and (Dave Tanski) was their rugged rebounder. They're well coached and make you play the ball six to seven passes (per possession)."

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wearing No. 41 because his No. 22 jersey was left at the school, led CC with 21 points. Junior guard Andy Kummer might have played his best game, scoring all 13 of his points in the second half on 5-of-7 shooting.

Kummer scored nine in the third quarter when CC outscored DC 18-11 for a 43-32 lead. Kummer also had all five of his rebounds in the second half.

Eight CC players scored, including 6-foot-6 1/2 sophomore center Joe Daly, who had four points on tip-ins in the first quarter and a pair of blocks.

This year's team is beginning to remind Holowicki of the one he had in 1989 that overachieved and won the Catholic League.

"CC is a good team, Paluk is a good player and you know the guy (Holowicki) can coach," DC coach Joe Charney said. "We couldn't guard them going to the basket."

# Borgess loses 1st round playoff versus DePorres

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It was a short stint Sunday for Redford Bishop Borgess in the Catholic League boys basketball playoffs.

Detroit DePorres, a 69-54 loser to Borgess earlier this season, turned the tables at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall with a 60-55 triumph over the Spartans.

DePorres, 13-4 overall, advanced to Thursday's 6 p.m. A-B Division semifinals at Schoolcraft College against University of Detroit Jesuit.

Marino Hughes, a 6-foot-10 senior center who signed with Notre Dame, led the Eagles with 16 points, but more importantly came up with a pair of key blocked shots during the final minute of play to seal the victory.

Hughes broke his previous season game high of 14. He scored 10 consecutive points during thesecond period to give DePorres a 30-25 halftime lead.

"He (Hughes) showed why he has the potential to play at Notre Dame," DePorres first-year coach Derrick Owens said. "Potentially he has all the talent even though people say he's soft and all that other stuff. I challenged him. I told him school's out and he had something to prove to all the doubters. He's only 17 years old and his best basketball is still ahead of him."

Borgess, 11-6 overall, struggled throughout the game, but somehow managed to be in position to win down the stretch.

The Spartans led 14-12 late in the first quarter, but couldn't regain the lead the rest of the way, despite the efforts of Randy Whitfield.

The 6-8 senior, who led all scorers with 22 points, including four tip-in slam dunks, scored a basket with 3:15 remaining to knot the game at 55.

But DePorres answered with five straight points on a pair of free throws by Lindsay Bennett,

another free throw by Robert Hooper and a breakaway layup from Christopher Singletary (12 points) with only 44 seconds left.

Borgess, meanwhile, ruined any chances to getting back by turning the ball over twice during the final 23 seconds of play.

"They (DePorres) got all the loose balls and they out-bounded us," Borgess coach Glen Donahue said. "They knocked a lot of rebounds away when we had the ball. When push came to shove, they out-played us."

Charles Smith, a 5-5 junior, forward, was the only other Borgess player to score in double figures with 15. Perry Robinson, a 6-5 junior, was held to eight on three of eight shooting from the floor before fouling out.

Borgess shot 25-of-51 from the field for 49 percent, compared to the Eagles' 21-of-55 for 38 percent.

# Raiders from page 1C

North's 1988 season was one of the all-time great Cinderella stories in the history of Observerland basketball.

In their last WAAA game, the Raiders upset undefeated Walld Lake Central and won the league title despite being the bottom seed.

"There's not a whole lot of comparison," Negoshian said. "We had a lot of emotion that year with the death of Matt Leiter. This is a different team with different kids, and it's hard to compare the two teams."

After a see-saw first half Friday, the game turned in North's favor in the second half when John Pennala scored 15 of his 18 points.

Matt "Pop Quiz" Quisling was hot in the first half and kept the Raiders in it, scoring 14 points and finishing with a career high 17.

The 6-foot-2, 225-pound Quisling, an all-area tackle and linebacker in football, is usually content to rebound and play post defense, but this night he was an offensive machine. He even nailed a three-pointer in the first half.

"He said 'Coach, that's the best I've played since JV ball' as far as points," Negoshian said. "He was working hard, he was in the right place at the right time and the kids got him the ball."

Farmington guard Scott Menser kept the Falcons in the game in the first half when he scored 19 of his game-high 28 points.

He made five of his career-best eight triples in the first half, but he was scoreless in the second until dropping in three more treys in the final minute as the Falcons tried to catch up.

"You live or die with the (treys)," Farmington coach Donny Mikel said. "We stayed in the game with it, and when we couldn't get the shot any more we struggled."

Doug Dotak added 13 points and Evan Ellis seven for North. Stan Lewis tossed in 14 and John Rudolph 10 for the Falcons.

The 6-7 Ellis and Quisling controlled the boards for the most

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part with nine and seven rebounds, respectively.

Both teams shot well in the first half — Farmington was 12-of-24 and North 15-of-29 — as they traded baskets. The Falcons led 16-11 in the first period, but the Raiders came back to tie the 16-16 at the end and lead 37-36 at halftime.

Menser was out of the game for while in the third quarter and Farmington's shooting dropped to under 25 percent (4-of-17). North stayed hot (7-of-12) and led 51-45 behind Pennala's three field goals.

"In the third quarter, we didn't play with much intensity, and I can't give you a reason why," Mikel said. "We didn't play hard on defense."

The Raiders made their only field-goal attempt in the fourth quarter but sank 15 of 25 free throws. Pennala scored all of his points in the line and was 9-of-11 in the finale.

"The kids stepped up," Negoshian said. "Quiz made some big baskets in the first half, and Pennala made some big free throws in the second half."

Farmington made just five of 17 field goals in the fourth period. Overall, the Falcons were 12-of-18 at the line and 21-of-53 from the floor. The Raiders made 20 of 37 free throws and 23 of 42 field goals.

"When you're behind and the clock is running against you, Tom is going to hold the ball, run some time off the clock and end up getting a layup," Mikel said. "We didn't do aggressive at it. We decided to foul Pennala, but we ended up fouling Pennala."



Shooting touch: North's Matt Quisling displays the shooting touch that netted a career-high 17 points Friday.

# Hawks from page 1C

"(The referee) said that (Pruitt) kicked him," Teachman said. "He became a mind reader. He didn't kick him; he was helping him up. It was horrible officiating both ways the entire game."

With the two fouls, Pruitt fouled out of the game and Canton expanded its lead to 11 behind two free throws by Docka.

The Hawks played without two starters. Forward Don Bryant missed his second game with a

sprained ankle, and guard Jeremy Teachman missed his first game because of an ankle injury suffered in the previous game.

Bryant's status is questionable for Friday, and it's feared Teachman might have suffered torn ligaments.

Harrison trailed early 16-5 and came back to knot the score at 16-16 early in the second quarter, but the Chiefs still led 33-30 at halftime.

# S'craft women win

## COLLEGES

It may have looked more like a Gus Macker Tournament game at the end, but the Schoolcraft Community College women's basketball team will happily accept its 70-50 romp over Henry Ford last Wednesday.

The win, the Lady Ocelots' third in the last four games, most likely earned them a spot in the state tournament for the eighth time in nine years. Unless Mott upset Highland Park Saturday, Schoolcraft will open the tournament at Highland Park tonight (either 5:30 or 7:30 p.m.).

"This was a game of attrition," said Coach Jack Grenan.

To say the least, Henry Ford brought just six players to Schoolcraft and three of them fouled out. Schoolcraft started with seven and lost two to fouls. It was 6-on-3 for the final seven minutes.

Sophomore Dana Hudson scored 20 points to lead the Lady Ocelots. She now averages 18.9 points per game. Alisa Rechter scored 14 points and grabbed 16

rebounds before fouling out with seven minutes left.

The Lady Ocelots (4-9 in the Eastern Conference, 11-12 overall) finished the regular season Saturday at home against Delta.

Henry Ford fell to 1-12, 2-14.

## S'craft men fall

Schoolcraft couldn't figure out how to defuse Chris Ireland: Wednesday and he went off for 36 points, leading host Henry Ford to a 99-84 victory.

Ireland's effort overshadowed a 24-point, eight-rebound performance from Schoolcraft's Jarvis Murray. Mo Abdrabboh scored 19, Lamonte Fonden added 16 and Steve Whitlow 10.

Schoolcraft (2-13 in the Eastern Conference and out of the state playoffs, 6-29 overall) closed out the regular season Saturday at Delta.

The Ocelots will begin Region 12 tournament play Tuesday, March 2 at Macomb Community College. They will play the Michigan state champ or Owens Tech (Ohio) at 1:15 p.m.

# OCC struggles on road

Two weeks ago, the Oakland Community College men's basketball team was at the head of the Eastern Conference title chase. Today, it lies on the side of the road, a victim of road kill.

In a span of seven days, the Raiders were beaten at Delta by a 3-point bomb in the final seconds. They were beaten in overtime at Mott, the eventual conference champion. And last Wednesday they blew an eight-point lead in the final minutes at Highland Park and lost in overtime, 99-94.

"Three very disappointing losses," said OCC coach Lynn Reed. "We had our opportunities and we didn't take advantage of them. This last one was especially frustrating because we just gave the game away."

Not only did the Raiders waste an eight-point lead in the final

five minutes, they also missed two close-range jumpers and a layup in the final seconds of regulation.

Highland Park seized control in overtime with a pair of 3-pointers by Anthony Daniels and kept OCC at bay by hitting eight of 12 free throws.

Kenny Patterson (32 points) and Anthony Gregory (24) paced Highland Park.

For OCC (9-6 in the conference, 13-12 overall), Willie Payne scored 23 and Troy Coleman, 21. Craig Martin contributed 11 points, Bill Knight 12 and Ray Moreland 10.

The Raiders finished the regular season at Henry Ford Saturday. They will host either Alpena or Delta in the first round of the state tournament tonight (7:30 p.m.).



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