# Bratcher paces Shamrocks to 5-3 hockey victory over Spartans

Eric Bratcher's hat trick carried Redford Catholic Central to a 5-3 non-league hockey win Wednesday over host Livonia Stevenson at Edgar Arena.

The win improved CC's overall record to 2-1; Stevenson is 1-1. The score was deadlocked 2-2 after one period.

Bratcher opened the scoring from Mike Sharpe and Scott Curtin at 7:59, but Stevenson came back on a breakaway goal at 8:46 by Mike Radakovich from Mike Schmidt.

CC's Nick Lewurne scored at 11:03 from Dan McLellan and Mike Davis, but Darin Fawkes countered unassisted for Stevenson at 12:50.

At 12:20 of the second period, Stevenson took a 3-2 edge on Fawkes' goal from Johnny May and Mike McCowan, but Bratcher tied it 24 seconds later on an assist from Mike Porter.

With only eight seconds to go in the second period, Joe Beaudoin scored what proved to be the game-winner from Curtin.

Bratcher added an empty netter with a minute left in the game.

Doug Peacock made 31 saves in goal for the Spartans, while Rickey Marmon turned away 21 for CC.

"It was a hard-fought battle between two disciplined teams," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "It was a great game, and our guys never quit. We look forward to seeing them again at their rink."

"Bratcher was outstanding," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "The second goal of his was a major-league shot. He smacked that puck and it was in the net. You don't see them any better than that. He tends to be an offensive player, but he played better in the defensive zone tonight, and that will make him an outstanding player if he continues to do that. Defensively, we were ineffective. We gave up three clear breakaways and you just can't do that."

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42 and scored the winning TD in nine plays. Quarterback Dick Morton scrambled 16 yards on a busted play to the 10 and scored on a 1-yard keeper at 6:38 in the fourth quarter.

"I faked (a handoff) to Chris (Key), and their corner didn't bite on it," Morton said of his run. "There was no one open, so I just ran."

"Some think we're boring to watch, but we know how to block — bodies on bodies," Throop said. "Our backs ran hard, and we didn't turn ball over except for the interception (by Adam Smerecki at the end of the first half). It was a matter of doing what we do best, coming right at you with tough hard-nosed football."

Harrison scored on its first two possessions to take a quick lead. A penalty for pass interference moved the ball to the Grandville 20; Bambenek passed 19 yards to Sarsfield and carried the final yard.

On second down after a Grandville punt, Bryant got a step on Kirby Jackson and hauled in a pass from Bambenek along the sideline for a 72-yard touchdown. Cornwell's PAT made it 14-0 midway in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs answered with a 75-yard, 10-play scoring drive that ended with Key's 1-yard run. Morton's only completion of the game was a 22-yarder Bryan Pinder to the Harrison 25.

*Harrison forced Grandville to* settle for a 26-yard field by Zach Elbert. The Hawks had a 56-yard touchdown pass to Smerecki nullified by holding but still led 14-10 at halftime.

"We knew once they got the ball we were going to have trouble stopping them," Herrington said. "They got hold of the ball and kept pounding it at us. We have a lot of guys going both ways, and they wore us down."

"They had a few more weapons (than most teams), because all three backs are very good. Truthfully, (the no-huddle offense) had no effect on the game. They might have got a few more plays in, but their backs bothered us more than that."

Junior halfback Jimmy Le added 64 yards on seven carries for the Bulldogs.

Sarsfield led the hawks with 54 yards on 11 attempts; senior Nick Shaieb had five carries for 10 yards.

Bambenek's passing enabled Harrison to outgain Grandville overall, 340-325

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"I saw their safety way over (toward the sideline) and thought I could hit the slant to Ricky," Bambenek said. "You go with your instincts.

"This year we had no stars, and we needed someone to make the big play. I felt I could bring the team back, but we came up a little short."

Sarsfield led the Hawks with five catches for 67 yards. Hoad was especially effective on deep routes up the middle, finishing with 86 yards on four grabs; Bryant also had four catches for 106 yards and fullback Nick Shaieb two for 23.

Throop described the Harrison passing attack as "awesome. Lapeer West had a great passing attack to the wide receiver," he said, referring to Grandville's 20-14 win over the defending state champion in the semifinals.

"This week was similar except the primary receivers were backs out of the backfield. They put that No. 9 (Sarsfield) anywhere. They did a great job running us off deep and bringing somebody underneath."

Bambenek, who finished the season 94-of-184 passing for 1,717 yards and 10 touchdowns, was sacked three times and under pressure most of the game.

"If we left him alone, I think he would've picked us apart," Throop said. "He could hit 'em; most of the time he put it right in there."

"I was more worried about what was going to happen after I threw the ball," Bambenek said, regarding the rush. "The offensive line did a good job today and all year."

Bambenek has come a long way since his sophomore year when his job was primarily to hand off to standouts Nick Williams and Jason Granger.

"Kevin has done a great job," Herrington said. "He had to step in as a sophomore when our starter (Jake Lawson) got hurt and has matured well.

"Going into this year, we didn't know if we were going to have a great tailback. Sarsfield came on, and Shaieb at fullback took off some of the pressure."

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FH — Bambenek 1 run, Cornwell kick (7-0).

FH — Bryant 72 pass from Bambenek, Cornwell kick (14-0).

GV — Key 1 run, Elbert kick (14-7).

GV — Elbert 26 field goal (14-10).

GV — Key 6 run, Elbert kick (14-17).

FH — Cornwell 29 field goal (17-17).

GV — Morton 1 run, Elbert kick (17-24).

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