

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Feb. 16
Life Summit at Agape, 7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 17
Huron Valley vs. Flint Valley at Marshall Middle School, 7 p.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.
Clareville at Luth. North, 7 p.m.
Det. Union at Luth. Western, 7 p.m.
Wayne at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Kennedy, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Salem at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Country Day at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Bellevue, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 18
Stevenson at Lakeland, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 19
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 20
Clareville at Luth. East, 7 p.m.
Luth. Western at Uggitt, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Canton at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Farmington at N. Farm, 7 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Wayne at Inkster, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Bethesda, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Pk. Christian, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Feb. 18
Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 7:30 p.m.
Oakland at Wayne County, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 21
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
Oakland at Flint Mott, 3 p.m.
Madonna at Aquinas, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Feb. 18
Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 21
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
Aquinas at Madonna, 3 p.m.

OUTDOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Sunday, Feb. 15
Whereas at S.S. Marie, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 19
Whereas at Windsor, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 21
Whereas at S.S. Marie, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 22
Whereas at S.S. Marie, 7:30 p.m.
at Compuware Arena, 5:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Monday, Feb. 16
Churchill vs. Redford Union at Redford Ice Arena, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 18
Stevenson vs. Brother Rice, Churchill vs. Troy Unified at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Redford CC at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 19
Franklin vs. D.H. Lusher at Detroit Skating Club, 8 p.m.
Redford Union vs. W.L. Western at Redford Ice Arena, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 20
Stevenson vs. Milford at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 21
Franklin vs. Milford at Lakeland Arena, 5:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Troy, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Feb. 16
Huron Valley at Agape, 4:15 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Fordson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Thurston, 7 p.m.
(Catholic A-B Playoffs at Ladywood)
(A) Mercy vs. (B) Foley, 6 p.m.
Ladywood vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.
(Catholic C-D Playoffs at Borgess)
Gallagher vs. Aquinas, 4:30 p.m.
(C) Borgess vs. (D) Mt. Carmel, 5:30 p.m.
St. Clement vs. C-D winner, 6:30 p.m.
Winners meet at 7:30 p.m.
(C-D Playoffs at Notre Dame Prep)
Notre Dame vs. Mooney, 5:30 p.m.
St. Agathe vs. Im. Concept, 6:30 p.m.
Winners meet at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 17
Huron Valley vs. Eastlark Park at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
Oakland Christian at PCA, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 18
Crestwood at Clareville, 6 p.m.
Salem at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
N. Farm. at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.
Mooney at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 19
Huron Valley vs. Bethesda at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
Luth. North at Clareville, 6 p.m.
New City at Pk. Christian, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Catholic League Championships at Madonna University, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 20
Huron Valley at Agape, 5:45 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 21
Fraser Tournament, 8 a.m.
Ypsilanti Invitational, 8 a.m.
UM Dearborn Tournament, 9 a.m.

CC extends win streak to 9 at expense of Rice

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

BASKETBALL

The top boys basketball seed in the Catholic League's Central Division continued to germinate on Friday.

Host Redford Catholic Central won its ninth straight with a 77-66 victory over rival Birmingham Brother Rice before a capacity crowd.

With the victory, CC improved to 13-2 overall and finished Central Division play at 9-1.

The Shamrocks, who play Tuesday at Belleville in a non-league, open defense of their Catholic League A-B Division crown Sunday against Dearborn Divine Child at the University of Detroit's Colburn Hall.

Rice, which also made the playoffs, is 10-6 and 6-4.

Once again, CC's scoring was

spread around. Four different players notched double figures.

"We're pretty unselfish all the way around, and I think our success comes from that," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "And we're fortunate we have a lot of experience back from last year."

Junior point guard Nick Moore scored eight of his game-high 25 points in the opening quarter to get the Shamrocks off to a 17-12 lead.

"Rick has played like that the last four or five games. He's been stepping up," Coratti said. "He's so unselfish that he could score more."

Joe Jonna, a 6-foot senior guard, contributed 20, including four three-pointers. He quashed Rice's fourth-quarter rally with a

timely three-pointer after the Warriors had cut a 13-point third-quarter deficit to four, 63-59, with just 4:27 remaining on a three-pointer by Gary Littlejohn.

"Joe's been doing that for us all year," Coratti said. "We generally have four players in double figures and sometimes five." CC was sharp from both the field (28-of-53) for 52.8 percent and the free throw line (16-of-18) for 83.3 percent, including 11 of 12 in the final period.

Meanwhile, Rice's downfall was its outside shooting. The Warriors made only 28 of 72 from the floor (38.9 percent) and just nine of 27 in the last period.

Meanwhile, senior center Chris Young contributed 16 points, seven rebounds and five

rejections for the Shamrocks.

"He (Young) is a real factor because he blocks shots," Norton

said. "He has tremendous timing to go along with quickness. He's a Division I, Big Ten player."

"But if you let it go at the right time and in the right place, great shooters don't get their shot blocked."

After a slow first-half start (six points), Young turned it on with 10 points in the third quarter as CC outscored Rice, 19-12.

CC fell behind 8-5 at the start but led the final 27 minutes and 59 seconds.

Rice, trailing by only six at intermission, 37-31, but CC widened that margin to 56-43 after three quarters as 6-3 senior forward Don Slankster came off the bench to score six of his 12 points.

"We like to think we have six starters because Dave Luskey plays hard and gives us rebounding; whereas, Slankster can

come off the bench and score," Coratti said. "Slankster is coming off a great football season, and I think that's helped his confidence."

Rice got a team-high 19 points from 6-6 senior Jon Poyer.

"Jon has to do a little of everything for us," Norton said. "He takes the ball out, rebounds, guards centers and brings the ball up versus pressure. He gets a little tired and maybe I should spell him a little more."

Littlejohn added 14 and Chris Pettit nine. J.P. Sullivan, a 6-7 senior who was saddled by foul trouble, added eight.

"I thought we played them even and got at standoff at the center position," Norton said. "If you had told me that before the game, I'd say we'd have a good shot of coming out of here with a win."

Raiders fight off Spartans for WLAA victory, 57-48

BASKETBALL

points and Brian Schleif added nine for Stevenson.

Senior Ray Louisa led all scorers with 20 for North. Sophomore Emir Medunjanin had 16 points plus 14 rebounds and six blocked shots, while senior Alan Pennala added 10.

North was only ahead by three, 15-10, after one quarter, and Stevenson shaved the margin by a basket to 24-23 at the half.

"We were shooting the ball well enough from the outside in the first half to make believers out of them," Newman said.

"In the third quarter, we hit four threes. But in the fourth we couldn't hit. We had the shots; we just couldn't hit them."

That hot shooting produced the 41-38 lead, but a short way into the fourth quarter the Raiders began pounding the ball inside. It produced inside baskets or drew fouls.

North got to the line 33 times and made 22 shots. Stevenson had 11 free throws and made six.

HARRISON 54, W.L. WESTERN 42: Farmington Harrison made 11 of 14 free throws in the fourth quarter Friday as

the Hawks pulled away from visiting Walley Lake Western to win, 54-42, in boys basketball.

Harrison held a 32-29 lead entering the fourth quarter, but the Hawks were able to improve to 7-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 13-2 overall.

The win proved big for the Hawks as they kept pace with Westland John Glenn for second place in the league. The Rockets pulled off a 56-50, upset victory Friday over league-leading Plymouth Salem (6-1).

Harrison still has an outside chance of winning the league title or gaining a share of the title if it wins both of its remaining two league games and Salem loses to either Livonia Churchill or Livonia Stevenson.

Against the Warriors, the Hawks had their hands full for three quarters. But Harrison dominated the fourth quarter (22-13).

A three-pointer by Zach Burton put Harrison up by seven points in the fourth quarter and put the game away.

Seniors Jared Hopkins (15 points in the fourth quarter), Matt Derocher and Brian Lewis scored eight points each for Harrison. Burton chipped in seven.

Ben Dewar and Wes Hazel scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, for the Warriors, who fell to 8-7 overall and 5-4 in the WLAA.

LUTHERAN NW 69, CLAREVILLE 59: Justin Villanueva's 20 points weren't enough as the Trojans dropped the game to their Metro Conference oppo-

nent.

Host Northwest got 26 points from Dan Chewling, plus 18 points and 10 rebounds from Jack Eliseid.

Clareville is 5-9 overall and 3-9 in the Metro; Lutheran Northwest is 10-6 and 8-6.

GLENN 56, SALEM 50: When the first hour bell rang at Westland John Glenn Friday morning, the school's basketball team met.

"We all got together at the beginning of school and said that we could win tonight," said Stephen Lawson, a guard on the Glenn squad.

But even though they had confidence, the Rockets knew they would encounter a battle against visiting Plymouth Salem, undefeated in eight league games and winners of 12 games in a row — with only one game decided by less than 10 points.

The first-hour prediction proved to be accurate as Glenn upset Salem, 56-50. Salem has won one of its next two games for a share of the regular season title in the WLAA. Wins against Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson would clinch the title for the Rockets.

"Any one can beat anyone in this league as proven tonight," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "Everything has to come to an end sooner or later. Glenn was determined tonight and they came out pumped."

Salem slipped to 12-3 overall and 8-1 in the WLAA. The Rockets kept improved to 9-6 and 7-2.

Lawson led all scorers with 17 points.

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2-of-18. Negotiation and senior Dave Cardinal added seven points apiece, Heitsch five.

Despite its shooting woes, Central was still in the game, trailing 34-33 after three quarters. But Farmington scored the final six of the final period to create a wider margin the Vikings couldn't overcome.

The Falcons were just 1-of-2 from the floor in the fourth quarter but made 11 of 20 free throws to cement the victory.

At the same time, the Vikings went cold again, making just one of 19 shots in the last eight minutes.

"When the big (6-foot-7, 310-pound) Cardinal fouled out, we had better looks," Mikel said.

"He was blocking the middle pretty good. They got a little more athletic (without him), but it took some of the focus away from the middle."

Farmington opened a 12-5 lead in the first quarter, making five of 10 shots while Central was 1-of-18.

But Hall scored 10 points and Cardinal seven in the second quarter as the Vikings rallied to within two at halftime, 23-21.

Gaines picked up his third foul at 4:14 in the second quarter attempting to block at Cardinal hook shot, and he was on the bench for the duration of the half.

The lead changed sides six times in the third quarter. Avery scored with a half minute left to put the Falcons on top to stay, 34-33.

Whereas the Falcons might have faded in a tight game on

the road in past seasons, they had a different attitude Friday, according to Gaines.

"It was like we weren't going to lose; we knew we were going to win," he said. "Everybody put their heart and soul into it."

"I did what I had to do. They tried to rattle me in the first half, but I stayed focused and under control and played my game."

"We were kinda jumpy at the start of the game, but we settled down and played the last five minutes of the fourth quarter with a lot of confidence."

Farmington committed 25 turnovers but overall was able to control the tempo despite Central's aggressive defense, using its collective height advantage to pass over and around the Vikings, who had 11 turnovers.

"Central's game is to get you to do a lot of transition, up and down the floor," Mikel said. "We wanted to do that to some extent, but we wanted to make good decisions, spread the floor and hit the open person instead of running up and down like crazy."

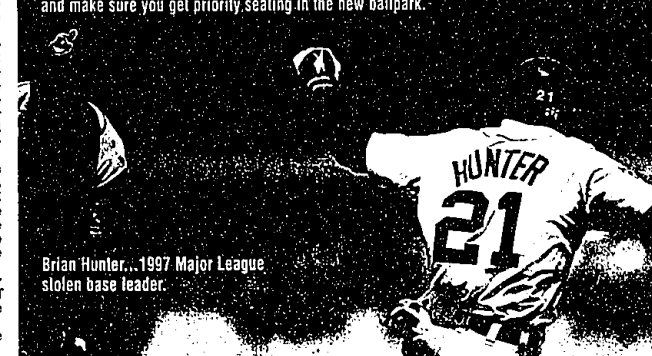
"The last three or four minutes we ran our spread offense with four out and one in. We isolated Trevor on the inside and were able to get the ball to him a little easier. We were also able to take some time off the clock with the ball on the perimeter."

"Central is a hard place to play anyways, and I'm really proud of the way my guys played here tonight."

The Falcons made 15 of 33 free throws, the Vikings eight of 18.

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WRESTLING

FARMINGTON 54
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 38
Feb. 13 at Farmington

103 pounds: Lee Warren (LF) dec. Matt Krueger, 9-5; 132: Mike Pardy (F) won by forfeit, 13-0; 145: Jon Seymour (F) pinned Adam Hughes, 1-43; 158: Chris Audette (F) pinned Don Hughes, 0-47; 170: Dana Atwood (LF) dec. Sean Saloner, 11-4; 182: Tom Hahn (F) won by forfeit, 13-0; 195: Martin Spahn (F) pinned Brian Walker, 0-36; 218: Ryan Shiplett (LF) dec. Sean Saloner, 11-4; 285: Mark Ottach (F) pinned Allen Duff, 1-48; 312: Steve Mylan (LF) won by injury default; 375: Steve Mylan (LF) dec. Dan Lusk, 7-10; 440: Andy Wood (LF) won by forfeit; 550: Kyle Domagala (LF) won by forfeit; 600: Steve Tranchesi (F) won by forfeit.
Punishment record: 9-1 overall, 3-3 Western Lakes.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 33
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 33
Feb. 12 at Livonia Stevenson

103 pounds: Josh Gutierrez (LS) dec. Brian Schweitzer, 2-0; 132: A.J. Lee (WLW) dec. Zach Yaffel, 12-6; 158: Katsunori Sueda (LS) pin. Nick Isako, 1-37; 170: Chris Gons (LS) dec. Brian Smith, 3-1; 182: Ian Bagley (WLW) pin. Chris Cooper, 1-32; 195: Geoff Eilen (WLW) pin. Joe Geleky, 3-42; 218: Dan Smith (LS) won by tech, 11-0; 285: Adam Smith (LS) pin. Pat Clark, 4-22; 312: Dan Thompson (WLW) pin. Mike Radley, 3-30; 330: Warren Haddad (LS) pin. Tim Durniak, 11-28; 375: Tony Morano (WLW) pin. George Tachar, 1-03; 278: Nick Wilson (WLW) won by forfeit.
Stevenson record: 14-3 overall.

PLYMOUTH SALEM 33
NORTHVILLE 24 33
Western Lakes dual meet championship
Feb. 12 at Salem

103 pounds: Rob Aah (S) d. Matt Tarrow, 7-1; 132: Kevin Arbuckle (N) d. John Mervyn, 13-3; 158: Ricky Torres (N) d. Ryan Gilson, 2-30; 170: Dan Morgan (S) d. Reggie Trever, 2-1; 195: Anant Swan (N) d. Josh Henderson, 4-1; 218: Dan Hamilton (S) d. Neuman, 3-1; 240: Dan Scapellato (S) d. Greg Smith, 2-53; 285: James Greene (S) d. Doug Smith, 3-45; 312: James Greene (S) d. Jason Darden, 3-26; 340: Amer Crutfield (S) d. Ryan McCracken, 3-0; 375: Mike Pomey (S) d. Ryan Giles, 7-4; 390: Teono Wilson (S) d. Ryan Giles, 7-4; 440: Mike Wilson (N) by tech, fell over Kevin Von Hatten, 17-2; 278: Charlie Hamilton (S) by decision, 11-4.
Dual meet records: Salem, 10-0 overall.

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