

# Cosmos trip Trojans in Metro battle

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It wasn't quite the ghost of Rudy Tomjanovich, but the Hamtramck boys basketball team certainly haunted Livonia Clarenceville.

Led by 6-foot-6 Eli Warren's 23 points and 13 rebounds, the Cosmos left little doubt who is the team to beat in the Metro Conference Tuesday with a convincing 63-30 victory over the host Trojans.

The loss ended Clarenceville's nine-game winning streak and dropped the Trojans to 10-5 overall and 6-1 in the Metro.

Hamtramck, which owns a 63-58 victory over Redford Bishop Borgess, Detroit Kettering and Highland Park.

"They're really good," Clarenceville coach Bill Dyer said of Hamtramck. "They stroked a couple of early shots and some of those didn't even hit the rim. They just went right through."

"These first five or minutes they had all the confidence in the world. We just got down too quick and we were never able to put the fear into them."

Hamtramck made 10 of 15 first-quarter shots to take a 23-9 advantage.

Warren, an all-around player who goes inside and outside, lived up to his season averages (22 points and 16 rebounds) by scoring 15 first-half points to strike the Cosmos to a 30-16 halftime advantage.

He also sparks the interior defense with his shot-blocking. And with former Detroit DePue coach Ed Rachal (four state titles) sitting on the Ham-

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tramck bench as an assistant, the Cosmos also know how to play defense," Dyer said.

"They're not the same defensive team they were a year ago," Dyer said. "They do all the things we like to do — overplay the wings and deny the passing lanes."

Warren wasn't the only Hamtramck player to score in double figures. Jason Gorney had 14, while cat-quick point-guard Aaron Brock and Irman Islamovic chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively.

Nick Dochtery came off the bench to score nine.

"Brock doesn't have to score and he just doesn't turn it over," said Dyer. "He and Warren are just good. They also made 14 of 15 free throws. They had only seven turnovers."

Clarenceville was somewhat handicapped going in. They were missing 6-2 starting forward Tim Shaw, a sophomore who missed his fourth straight game with an

ankle sprain.

"I'm just not ready yet and he's day-to-day," Dyer said.

Rich Barack and Scott Wien each scored nine points to pace the Trojans, who shot 13 of 38 from the floor (34 percent).

The game ended on a somewhat sour note as Hamtramck's 14th-year coach Russ Collins, who also happens to be the school's athletic director, kept Warren in the lineup until 1:46 remaining.

The Cosmos, nursing a 30-point fourth-quarter lead, also ran a semi-delay, spread offense.

"We're just trying to win the game and run some of our offense," Collins said. "I respect all the coaches in this league and I hope they (the Clarenceville coaches) didn't talk that way."

Dyer, apparently disgusted with Hamtramck's tactics, ordered his troops to sit back in a zone for the final 1:30 as Brock stood near mid-court and dribbled out the clock.

values every possession. That's something I preach to my team. That's a credit to (Negoshian)."

The Raiders shot 41 percent (16-of-39) from the floor and were 3-of-16 shooting threes.

The Hawks saw their shooting tail off to 2-of-14 in the last quarter and finished 12-of-46 for 26 percent. They made four of 16 triples.

North was 12-of-20 at the line, Harrison 8-of-16.

"We'll be back in the gym tomorrow to get ready for Friday," Negoshian said. "You can't let up for one day. You have to keep getting after it."

North is 9-5 overall, Harrison 8-6. On the previous three Fridays, the Hawks have lost twice in overtime and once at the buzzer.

"Each of the last two Sundays, coming into practice, I expected to have to do a little re-scheduling of eggs," Turquist said. "But, to the credit of the seniors, they came in ready to play and ready to improve, and we need that to continue. Our pledge is we haven't played our best basketball yet."

# Falcons beat Chargers

Formations made by at 65. Five times in the final quarter Tuesday to beat visiting Lawrence County, 24-6. Wayne County's offense, led by Matt Mitchell and Griffin Gisholt, played in 100 and seven points, respectively. Randall Robinson led

Clayton with 15 points. Avery Drayton added 10.

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back-to-back threes.

The Raiders maintained a 16-point lead well into the second period — the last time at 21-6 — before the Hawks began to come to life offensively.

With the help of pressure defense in the final minute, Harrison scored the last six points of the half to get within nine at halftime.

The Hawks (8-6) outscored the Raiders 19-10 in the third quarter, which ended with the teams tied at 31. Hall had seven points in that quarter, senior Joe Hundley four.

Three by senior Brian Nelson and junior Chris Roberson pulled Harrison even at 25. Hall's steal and layup gave Harrison its first lead, 29-27, and he sank two free throws on a technical foul to make it 31-27.

"The effort with this group is never the problem," Turquist said, regarding the big momentum shift. "Was I happy with the comeback? Absolutely! Was I surprised? Not really, because I know they have a great deal of pride and intensity. But I'm get-

ting tired of morale victories, and I know (the Harrison players) are, too."

Primeau's basket and Medunjanin's free throws tied the score at the end of the third quarter, and North never trailed in the fourth after Bridges made a free throw for the first point.

Primeau had a big basket midway in the last quarter for a five-point lead, 38-33, and Medunjanin pretty much clinched the win with 2 1/2 minutes remaining with a tip-in basket that made it 40-33.

The switch of the momentum back to North again was not that unusual in that situation, according to Turquist.

"You spend so much time and energy to get back in the game there's a natural relaxation at that point, and the next thing you know you're down five again," he said.

"Against the top team in the league, you can't afford to take a breath. Our margin of error is not that big anyway."

Turquist expressed his admiration for North, a team "that



North tops Harrison: Brian Shulman and the Raiders were winners Tuesday.

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