

IU-South Bend wins Madonna hoops tourney

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Indiana University-South Bend wouldn't break a Friday's Madonna Holiday Hoops 2000 women's basketball final.

The Titans made a 39-23 halftime advantage hold up on their way to a 75-65 triumph over the host Lady Crusaders.

IU-South Bend, which has won two of the last three MU Holiday Hoops tourney titles, improved to 9-8 overall with the victory.

Meanwhile, MU will take a 5-8 record into Wednesday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener at home against defending regular season champion Cornerstone.

Despite the loss, MU coach Maryla Jensen remains upbeat entering her team's first WHAC test.

"We've had a tough season, we've seen just about everything teams will throw at you," Jensen said. "I think we know what it takes to win."

"Today we played some great minutes, but we were not chipping into the lead. We played only 30 minutes of basketball, but not the full 40. It was hard because we dug too big a hole. You can't get away with that against a good team."

MU shot only 10 of 29 from the field in the opening half (34.5 percent), while IU-South Bend hit 19 of 28 shots (64.3 percent).

"We know they (Madonna) were a big team and we had to keep them off the boards and keep their point guard (Mahogany Fletcher) from penetrating," IU-South Bend coach Mary Wisienski said. "We had to control the boards and kick it inside."

"We also had good ball movement and got some five foot shots because we were setting good screens."

MU, which outscored IU-South Bend 42-36 in the second half, pulled to within two, 60-48 with 10:28 left in the game on a putback by all-tournament choice Jackie Kocis.

The Lady Crusaders were also within six, 63-57, with 4:10 to go on a basket by Kristi Fiorenti. But IU-South Bend's Mary Magner answered with a fallaway three-pointer with the 36-second shot clock running down on the next possession to push the lead back to nine.

MU never got closer than six the rest of the way.

IU-South Bend is an NAIA Division II school and member of the Chicagoland Conference.

"They (South Bend) are a good team," Jensen said. "I told their coach I'm not going to invite them back to our tourney. They play hard. They play intense defense. They put ball pressure on you, so nothing comes easy. They out-worked us."

Five IU-South Bend players scored in double figures led by Nan Kogge's 16 points. Abby Williams added 14 off the bench, while Billie Bonner and Keaton Brumm added 13 each. Magner, the point-guard, contributed 10 points and six assists.

All-Tourney pick Scholley Stahl and Brumm each grabbed 10 rebounds.

Fiorienti, a 5-foot-10 senior forward from Plymouth Canton, had 16 points to pace MU. Senior center Lori Enfield added 14 points, while all-tourney selection Kathy Pangania scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Guard Carissa Giziaki, battling the flu, played just 16 minutes.

"She's been sick for a week and could tell Carissa was a step behind, so we just used her sparingly," Jensen said. "But going into the conference



Rough game: Farmington's Amanda Porter had an existing shoulder injury and needed to ice a knee, too.

this year are injuries are nil. We're healthy for the most part.

It will take everything to beat them (Cornerstone), all of their starters are back. But I think we're close."

MARIAN (INDIANA) 78, CEDARVILLE (OHIO) 70: In the consolation game Friday, all-tourney picks Lori Warmoth and Amanda McIntosh scored 20 and 19 points, respectively, to lead the Knights (7-4) past the Yellow Jackets (4-8).

Julie Steuffer and Patty Schiryer scored 20 and 19, respectively, for Cedarville, which trailed 41-33 at the half. Farmington High grad Amanda Porter, bothered by a shoulder injury, added nine points.

MADONNA 74, MARIAN 59: Kocis, a Schoolcraft College product, came off the bench to score in 17 points in 19 minutes Thursday as the Crusaders took the opening round victory.

Pangania added 13 points and nine rebounds, while Fletcher and point-guard Michelle Miele added 11 each.

McIntosh and Warmoth combined for 34 of Marian's 59 points.

IU-SOUTH BEND 63, CEDARVILLE 58: Stahl's 19 points and nine rebounds was the difference as the Titans held off the Yellow Jackets in the other first-round game on Thursday.

Julie Nourse had a game-high 20 points and 11 rebounds for Cedarville, which trailed 29-27 at the half.

Shamrocks coast to easy win over Spartans, 78-38

Depending on which team's perspective you were using, the drinking glass that was the second half of Friday's basketball game between Catholic Central and Bishop Borgess was either half full or half empty.

But the bottom line was CC outscored the Spartans, 41-10, in the second half and wound up with a 78-38 win in the fifth-place game of the Motor City Roundball Classic at University of Detroit-Jesuit High School.

"I didn't believe it until someone told me they only scored 10 points in the second half," said CC coach Rick Coratti after his team improved to 4-2 overall.

"We played fairly well defensively in the third quarter and hit some shots. We changed up with the pressing and got some turnovers and scored off them."

Borgess coach Chuck Albright knew exactly what happened.

"We fell apart," said Albright, whose team gets a rematch with the Shamrocks on Jan. 12 at home. "We couldn't hit the shots. I haven't looked at the film yet, but I know our shooting was atrocious."

"They outrebounded us offensively and defensively. And we had no type of defense — team, individual or anything."

CC's Ryan Celeskey led all scorers with 21 points, while Mark Willoughby had 18 and Anthony Coratti had 14. Clyde Kincaide and Mario Peoples paced Borgess (1-3) with 10 points each.

Borgess lost to Detroit Kettering, 60-49, on Thursday but beat Pooec (Ontario) Catholic on Friday, 67-53.

CC opened with an 85-71 loss to Detroit Country Day on Thursday but used a 34-point performance, which included seven three-pointers, from Celeskey to beat Detroit Pershing on Friday, 97-73.

"We shot the ball really well and actually played good

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defense," Coratti said. "We got out to a lead early and kept increasing it. Hitting 15 threes as a team will do that."

Anthony Coratti and Ryan Murphy had 10 points each, while Ryan Clark added nine.

Free throws were the problem in the loss to Country Day as the Yellow Jackets made 28 of 39 free throws in the game and 16 of 22 in the fourth quarter.

Celeskey again led the way with 26 points; Willoughby had 14 and Steve Larkin 13. Andre Heister led Country Day with 24 points, while Kevin Nelson had 17 and Joe Nwankwo had 14.

"I felt we could have won but just didn't," Coratti said. "We'll be all right down the road, especially if we shoot like we did today."

Borgess had a solid opportunity in Thursday's opener against the Pioneers, but missed four free throws in the final 20 seconds as well as ringing out a desperation three at the buzzer.

"We were down by 13 in the first half and fought back to take a lead with four minutes left in the game," Albright said. "We had chances to win, but we just didn't do it."

George Toles hit four triples and wound up with 15 points. Isaac Wright had 13 points, 17 rebounds and six blocks. DeShawn King had 14 points to lead Kettering and Tony Davis added 10.

The Spartans had an 11-point lead against Pooec with two minutes to play but started to squander the lead. Toles led the way with 17 points and Clyde Kincaide had seven. Sham Gill led Pooec with 16.

"We applied better pressure and executed better," Albright said. "But we let them cut into the lead, and I was disappointed about that."

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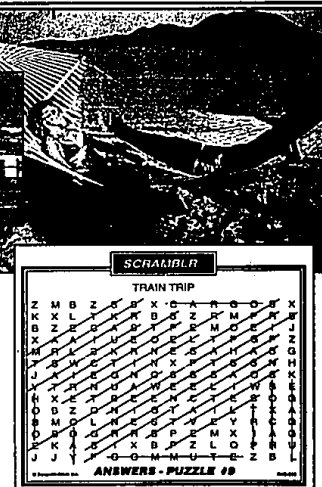
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