Shamrocks dusted by red-hot DeLaSalle

With the Winter Olympics upon us, Warren DeLaSalle and Redford Catholic Central put on a demonstration of how hard it is

Rediord Catholic Central put on a demonstration of how hard it is to stop an avalanche.

The Shamrocks had the Pilots buried by 20 points early in the third quarter Tuesday night but DeLaSalle dug itself out, started its own snowalide and inundated CC in the remainder of the half to earn a 87-80 victory.

DeLaSalle is 12-3 overall and 5-2 in the Central Division of the Catholic Lengue. CC is 9-4 overall and 4-3 in the division.

Once the Pilots got rolling, they were impossible to stop. They scored an autounding 31 points in the fourth quarter and 51 in the second half while the Shamrocks looked on in amazement at what was happening to them.

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"I don't know if I'd call it an avalanche," CC coach Rid. Coratti said. "I don't think we played that well in the first half." They were missing shots, but they were playing well. In the second half those shots they were missing started to fall." Coach Greg Ealer of DeLaSalle acknowledged he gave his lods a halftime chat that was potent enough to start an avalanche.

DeLaSalle made exactly five baskets in the first half, shooting 32 times. In the second, it went 19-for-34.

CC was 15-for-27 in the first two quarters, 6-for-25 in the last two. Without free throws, it might have been worse.

The Shamrocks shot 15 free throws in the second half and and a 11, after going 1-for-3 in the first half, DeLaSalle was 6-for-10 from the line in the first half and 5-for-12 in the second. But it was the hot shooting in the second half that started the snowball downhill for the Pilots— and right on top of that snowslid dwas Tony Lamerato

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snowslide was Tony Lamerato
giving a performance worthy of a
gold medal in the downhill.
Lamerato led all scorers with
31 points while Jeff Grauzer contributed 12 and Joe Novak added

11.
"I got after them at halftime,"
Ester said. "I was doing a lot of
yelling. I told them they took it

'Romanian Reaper' in Toughman bout

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Joson Gabor plans to climb in
the boxing ring this weekend to
slug it out along with a lot of
other tough guys.
Nicknamed the "Romanian
Resper," Gabor will participate
Fridny and Saturday in the Original Toughman Contest at Cobo
Arena. The event starts at 8 p.m.
each night.
The 20-year-old Gabor, formerly of Farmington Hills and now
living in Troy, will be a first-time
contestant, probably like a lot of
its fellow puglists.
"Have you ever done anything
like this?" he was asked. "Nope,
he said matter of factly, "nothing
like an organized fight."
The 5-foot-10, 210-pound
Gabor wrested in high schol at
Troy Athens, but the fight game
— at least the organized sort — is
a challenge new to him.
"I've been in many fights, but
that's about it," he said, adding
he decided to enter after secing
he contest on TV. 'I thought it
louked cool, and I thought it
would be fun."
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He has "no idea" whom his opponent will be and doesn't consider it a big deal that he doesn't.

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"It's just another sport, he said. "You go in the ring and fight, so it doesn't matter who you're going to fight."

Gabor said he has been training for three months for the bout, which will consist of three, one-minute rounds.

"I've been looking forward to it for a long time," he said, "but as it gets closer to game day I'm more nervous. But that's all right."

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Danny "The Bully" Baske, 23, of Farmington also is entered in the Toughman Contest.

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from the right wing. And a second from the right baseline. And a third back on the right wing.

And when Novak added a fourth straight triple with 4:15 to play in the period, that once formidable mountain had been turned into a 44:25 hill.

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"But while I was ranting, my assistants did all the coaching. They made the adjustments.
"Tony Lamerato was spectacular in the second half. He really opened it up for us. And the kids never quit."
CC got out to a 17-6 lead after the first period, was up, 35-16, at halftime and held a 40-20 edge with 6:02 left in the third period.
Then Lamerato hit a triple

starting heating up.
"They hit some shots early and suddenly it was a game," Coratti

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Coratti opened the game with Tom Jakacki guarding Lamera-to, but the Pilots' leading scorer was so hot he could have hit shots in a gym with the lights

out.

Eric Rouls put the Pilots ahead for the first time in the game, 51-49, with a rebound basket with 5:19 left.

CC steadled itself and clawed

CC steadied itself and clawed its way back from a 63-49 deficit into a 53-53 tie when Jeff Niemiec banked in a baseline shot with 3:27 to play. "I thought we had stemmed the tide," Coratti said, "but then Lamerato nailed another three." He put in this last triple from

the left baseline and DeLaSalle went on a 9-0 run to build a 62-53 lead with 1:07 to play. Ryan Wrobleski led the Sham-rocks with 22 points and Jakacki added 12.

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"Our defense and offense picked up," Esler said. "My hats are off to my players. We've got eight seniors and this is the first time they've ever beaten CC at CC."

It couldn't have happened without the avalanche.



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