

Garrant leads Trojans past Eagles, 57-32

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A spate of turnovers, poor shooting and inability to rebound made Monday night's game against Livonia Clarenceville one to forget for Southfield Christian head basketball coach Ernie Taber and his Eagles.

Host Clarenceville easily defeated Southfield Christian, 57-32. Now Taber can only work his team a little harder to get ready for Friday night's homecoming game at Lawrence Technological University against Birmingham-Rooper.

"They were more physical than we were, and we're just going to have to work harder in practice," Taber said.

"We didn't finish well when we did break their press, and I give him (6-foot-7 forward Glenn Garrant) a ton of credit for that."

BASKETBALL

Garrant scored 12 points, pulled down eight rebounds and made seven demoralizing blocks around the Trojan basket. It actually seemed like he could have been in double digits in the blocked shot category. Taber said he challenged his team after the non-conference game, to come out harder on homecoming night.

"We can't overlook anybody," he said. "We have to play hard every night, every possession. And we can't afford turnovers." Bright spots Monday were few for the Eagles, now 2-2. Senior Aaron Bauer led the team with 12 points and six rebounds. Adding six points was senior Geoff Davis while senior Tim Martin contributed four.

Clarenceville (4-1) led 24-19 at halftime, despite the Trojans

benefiting from numerous Eagle turnovers. One factor was at the free throw line, where Clarenceville hit just one of nine tries.

In the second half, however, the Trojans came out more intense and began hitting on all cylinders, leading 39-25 after three frames. The smothering defense by Clarenceville resulted in many rushed shots by Southfield Christian, with the Eagles making just five of 25 field-goal attempts after the intermission.

"They (Eagles) played with us very well in the first half," said Clarenceville coach Kevin Murphy. "We just continued to press and they struggled with the pressure."

Whereas the game wasn't fun to watch for Taber, it probably was quite enjoyable for Clarenceville superstar grad Tim Shaw. The former Trojan football star sat in the stands

watching his twin brothers play well down on the basketball court.

Senior forward Pete Shaw scored 16 points to lead all scorers, and came through with eight rebounds. Andrew Shaw, a senior guard, chipped in seven points.

There was one play in particular that undoubtedly made Tim Shaw proud of his brothers.

In the fourth quarter, Pete made a crisp pass to Andrew at the left side of the key, and the recipient niftily laid the ball into the basket, to increase Clarenceville's lead to 48-28 with just 4:18 left.

Clarenceville also received eight points and six assists from senior guard Josh Silvernail and seven points from sophomore forward Allen Garrant.

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Nationally-ranked OCC women end Schoolcraft streak

Oakland Community College did what no other school had done to Schoolcraft in nearly a year - defeat the Lady Ocelots in a league game.

Schoolcraft outscored the Lady Raiders in the second half on Saturday, 32-31, but host OCC wound up with the 57-54 win.

It was the Lady Ocelots' first Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference women's basketball loss since Feb. 10, 2001 - a 16-game streak.

The Lady Ocelots (8-6, 0-1 MCAA) didn't help themselves in the first half, shooting just 7-of-28 from the floor or committing 24 turnovers in all for the game to just 16 for the Lady Raiders (10-4, 1-0).

OCC, ranked No. 10 in the NJCAA Division II national poll, made the difference at the free throw line, hitting 10 of 13 to just three of 15 for Schoolcraft.

Larissa Taylor led OCC with 20 points, while Meagan Thornberry had 14 points and Tiffany Burt had 11.

Thornberry also had 15 rebounds and three assists; Burt had two blocks and three

assists, and Jillian Stork had eight rebounds.

Tara Charles (Redford Bishop Borgessa) led Schoolcraft with 20 points, while Tiffany Alexander had 14 points and Pam Wingate had 13.

Mia Henderson led the way on the boards with 15, while Jazmyne Forster had six.

Natalie Shaw had five assists and Wingate had seven of the team's nine blocks.

MADONNA 83, CONCORDIA 51: Madonna University used scoring for 11 different players on Saturday to roll to an 83-51 win over Concordia University Ann Arbor in the Wolverine Hooper Athletic Conference opener for both schools.

The Lady Crusaders (13-1) led early and often, taking a 48-29 lead at half and padding it further in the second. MU helped its own cause with a 50-27 advantage on the boards. That translated to 30 second-chance points for Madonna, while the Cardinals mustered just three.

Lindsey Simon paced MU with 22 points and added six rebounds. Courtney Rebbins had 11 points and eight boards. Sarah Thompson had 10 points and six rebounds and Kelli Blazek (eight points) and Wanda Ayoub had seven rebounds each. Lauren Juchasz added five assists and Bazzaz and Rebbins had four steals each.

Jenna Ansel had 16 points to lead Concordia, while Carey Wanko had 12 points and Melissa Bartlett had 10.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

CC INVITE SATURDAY

Some of the state's elite wrestling teams will converge Saturday on Redford Catholic Central High School for the 39th Annual CC Invitational. Action begins at 10:30 a.m. with the finals slated for 6:30 p.m. The cost for an all-day ticket is \$5.

Defending Division I team Davison leads the field along with Anchor Bay, Armada, Birmingham Brother Rice, Canton, Fowlerville, Harper Woods, Holt, Hudsonville, Wenland John Glenn, Oxford, Plainwell, Romeo, Livonia Stevenson, Utica Ford and host CC.

Eighteen times the Catholic Central Invitational team champion has gone on to win a state title.

Last year, six CC Invitational champion won state individual crowns, while 10 others placed. Nineteen state medalists placed at the CC Invitational.

MERCY SOFTBALL CAMP

The Annual Mercy High School Softball Camp will take place 9 a.m. to noon on six Saturdays in early 2003. The

camp dates are Jan. 11, 18 and 25, Feb. 1 and 15 and March 1.

The camp is for girls in grades 5-12. The cost is \$50 for six sessions. For more information or to register call Sue Graves at (734) 981-5455.

SPORT SHOW AT FORD FIELD

The 20th Annual Michigan Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will take place Jan. 29 to Feb. 2 at Ford Field in downtown Detroit.

More than 300 trailerable boats from 60 manufacturers will blanket the playing field. The extra-wide concourse will house the largest exhibition of fishing tackle and boating accessories of any show in Michigan.

Kevin Van Dam, 2001 BassMaster Classic Champion and three-time B.A.S.S. Angler of the Year, will make a special appearance on Thursday, Jan. 29.

New features include a live river otter show, an MSU Museum exhibition of ancient hunting and fishing boats, The "Reel Deal Fishing Tackle Giveaway Gameshow" with \$5,000 in prizes and a special Shipwreck Museum display

from Whitefish Point.

YOUTH LACROSSE SIGN-UP

Farmington Hills Recreation invites all interested seventh and eighth graders to join its new Middle School Lacrosse Travel League, which has separate leagues for boys and girls.

The emphasis is on learning the fundamentals of the game and promoting sportsmanship. Practices will take place two to four times a week starting in March. Games will be played in April and May.

Parents must provide transportation. The fee is \$100 per player for residents and \$105 for non-residents. The fee includes the cost of a team jersey, balls, field time and goals. Registration continues through Jan. 27. Coaches are needed, too.

For more information call the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Division at (248) 473-1800 or stop by the Cortick Community Center on 11 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster.

MERCY NEEDS COACH

Mercy High School is looking

for a varsity lacrosse coach. Anyone interested in the position should contact the athletic department at (248) 476-2836.

VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS WANTED

The Motor City Volleyball Club is seeking players to fill teams at 12-, 13- and 14-and-under levels for the upcoming spring season.

All teams are pay to play. For more information, call Larry or Amber Wyatt at (734) 522-1680 or e-mail MCVBC@nol.com.

YMCA YOUTH BASKETBALL

The Livonia Family YMCA is accepting registration for its winter youth basketball leagues for ages 6-11 (instructional, non-competitive) and 12-14 (competitive).

The season runs Jan. 6 through March 15. For more information, call (734) 261-2161.

WSU BASEBALL CAMP

The Wayne State University Baseball Fundamental Camp for grades 5-12 will be Saturdays, Jan. 11, 18, 25; and

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 10

Berkley at N. Farmington 7 p.m.

Harrison at Lamphere 7:30 p.m.

Farmington at Lamphere 7:30 p.m.

Redford CC at U.D. Jesuit 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 9

Seaholm at Farmington 7 p.m.

N. Farmington at Lake Orion 7 p.m.

Farmington at Clawson 7 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Jan. 9

Rochester at N. Farmington 6:30 p.m.

Alhambra at Farmington/Harrison 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11

N. Farmington at W.B. Wright 1:30 a.m.

WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 9

Redford CC, Southgate at Romulus 6 p.m.

Duane meet at Clarenceville 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Farmington at Ann Arbor Invitational 9 a.m.

N. Farmington at Lakeland Invitational 8 a.m.

Shamrock Invitational at CC 10 a.m.

PREP SKIING

Thursday, Jan. 9

Mercy vs. E. Lansing at Mt. Brighton 4:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Jan. 10

Redford CC at Park Tudor Invitational 8 p.m.


Saturday, Jan. 11

Lamphere at Farm. Unified 8 p.m.

Redford CC at Park Tudor Invitational 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 12

Redford CC at Culver Military Invitational 12 p.m.



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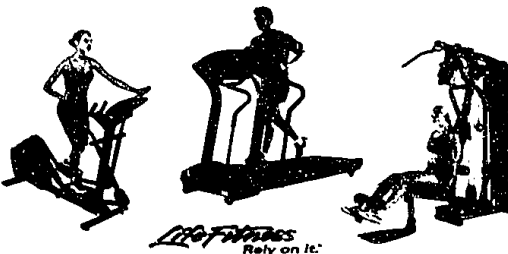
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