

Trojans Knock Off Milford, 57-52

The Wayne-Oakland conference basketball race is shaping up to be a battle to the finish, with the finish featuring a Feb. 18 clash between Clarkston and Clarenceville.

The Trojans knocked off Milford, 57-52, and remain tied for second with Bloomfield Hills Andover at 4-2. Clarkston is in first with a 5-1 mark. Clarenceville concludes regular season play with Andover on Feb. 25 so the race features a three way dash.

The Trojans invade West Bloomfield Friday.

Clarenceville and Milford fought to a 12-12 tie in the first quarter, and Milford spurred ahead at the half, 21-25.

"They zoned us in and boxed in our leading scorer and rebounder in Chip Meyrelles," said Clarenceville Coach Ralph Weddle.

It was back and forth in the third quarter with Milford again holding a two point margin, 43-41, going into the final quarter.

The Trojans exploded in the early moments of the fourth quarter and with six minutes remaining, Phil Halstead put

Clarenceville up, 51-45, but field goals in the final quarter.

Milford closed the gap to 54-51 with two minutes on the clock but Paul Simons hit a short jumper to put the Trojans up by five.

CLARENCEVILLE hit 50 per cent from the floor on 20 of

40 while Milford scored an amazing 64 per cent but on only 30 of 31 shots.

The margin was at the line with Clarenceville hitting on 17 of 30 and Milford making good 12 of 30.

Halstead led in scoring for the Trojans with 17 points, followed by Meyrelles with 12

and Simons with 10. FRANK MERRIAN paced Milford with 18 points and Randy Shangs added 12.

"We are in good shape now," added Weddle. "We have beaten Clarkston but lost to Andover. We are ready for the second round."

Lightning strikes again. I was just informed that Mrs. Virginia Derray, 16129 Ellen Drive, Livonia, suffered a fracture while skiing at Mt. Brighton three weeks ago.

The reason it wasn't called to my attention was probably because it was the one class that we cancelled due to a snowstorm and left it optional for those that wanted to, to go.

It was her second time on skis and according to one of her friends she was quite enthusiastic and was doing well until she fell late in the day and her bindings failed to release.

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Ski Heil

By

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The turmoil at the Winter Olympic Games has begun. Carl Schranz, veteran Austrian skier, has been declared ineligible by the Eligibility Committee.

This is the first step in the war between Avery Brundage and the F.I.S. (Federation International de Ski) world governing body of the sport of racing. It has been rumored that Schranz is worth about \$50,000 a year through endorsements, etc.

Ostensibly he has remained an amateur and payment of these funds supposedly are "under the table". Watch for the Austrian team to pull out of the Olympics. Followed no doubt by several other nations.

The hypocrisy in the sport has finally been challenged and it will no doubt effect the summer Olympics Games and the whole "Amateur" question in sports.

Snow conditions are great in northern Michigan, Ontario and Colorado. Don't judge skiing by what you see in your backyard. Search for snow.

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Farmington evened its Inter-Lakes Conference basketball record at 3-3 with a 64-49 victory over Waterford. The Falcons stand 5-7 overall and travel to Stevenson Friday.

Stevenson and Farmington are tied for the No. 3 spot and two of the Falcon league triumphs have been over Waterford.

Tom Runyon hit the opening bucket for Waterford but Farmington moved to an 18-10 opening quarter lead with Dan Lekovich directing the play.

The Falcons started to a 10 point margin in the second quarter but Waterford fought back to trail at the half, 32-25. Farmington broke the game open in the third quarter, outscoring Waterford, 17-6.

and carried a 19-31 lead into the final period. Waterford totaled 18 in the final quarter to 15 by Farmington.

FARMINGTON hit on 27 of 71 for 38 per cent from the floor and Waterford was outrebounded 49-40.

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GC West Scores 6th Tri-River Win, 99-62

Six Tiger cagers hit the double figure scoring mark when Garden City West romped to an easy 99-62 win over Crestwood to remain in Tri-River contention.

West stands with a 6-2 league record but Melvindale remains undefeated at 8-0. The Tigers stand 6-4 overall and host Schafer Friday.

THE TIGERS had a six-man balanced attack which accounted for all but 10 of the 99 points. Ken Pawenski paced West with 25 points, hitting on 10 of 10 from the field. Mike Lewis followed with 17 points, Kurt Lewis added 13, Jerry Volas contributed 12 and Tom Jones and Bob Carr each popped in 11 points.

It was nip and tuck in the first eight minutes with West managing a 25-20 first quarter edge. The Tigers exploded for 21 points in the second quarter to lead at the half, 56-36.

"Our game plan was to work a combination defense to cut down on their outside shooting," said West Coach Chris Babbler. "Our shooting was by far the best it has been all season."

WEST hit 10 for 14 in the first quarter and 13 for 20 in the second with Pawenski collecting 15 of his 25 in the second.

Crestwood could not get any closer than 19 points as West totaled 26 in the third quarter to lead 82-43.

"We were beating their press and kept pulling away," added Babbler.

WEST shot a 60 per cent from the field on 26 of 43 while Crestwood hit on 25 of 69 for a 36 per cent. The Tigers collected 21 of 28 at the line and Crestwood popped in 12 of 18.

Kirk Lewis led with 14 rebounds as West outrebounded Crestwood, 43-31.

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