

Girls Basketball

East girls hoops open league schedule 3-0, Durr picks up 200th coaching win

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Reporter

Williamsville East's 60-29 road win at Williamsville South also marked a milestone for coach Chris Durr.

The victory was Durr's 200th with the Lady Flames.

"It's a tribute to the kids who've I had over the past 12 years," said Durr. "It's great for the program and school."

The East players did not let their coach down, jumping out to a 15-5 first quarter advantage and 29-14 halftime lead. They were ahead 48-23 after the third quarter.

"The first time down the floor we had four chances to score and couldn't put the ball in the basket," said South coach Duke McGuire.

The biggest discrepancy in the game was at the free throw line. East made 22-of-35 free throws to South's 3-of-14.

"We were in the one-and-one in the first quarter," said Durr.

Kaitlin Roseti led East with 14 points, nine rebounds and six steals. Molly Bojanek had eight points. Taylor Klun scored seven points and grabbed eight rebounds. Neha Bakhai added six points. Bridget Steele had eight steals to go along with five points. Meghan Scheidemann had six rebounds.

Katie Ostroot had nine points and 19 rebounds to lead South.

East's other league wins came at home over Amherst, 53-35, on Dec. 1 and West Seneca East, 64-11, last Friday.



Williamsville East's Bridget Steele lays in a basket during the Lady Flames' 64-11 ECIC Division II home win last Friday over West Seneca East. East is 3-0, 4-1 overall.

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Amherst led East 11-9 after the first quarter thanks to 5-of-7 free throws and three baskets.

Durr said in the second quarter, his team caused more turnovers and shot the ball better.

"Christa Morgante and Jessica Kowalski both hit three-pointers and we got a few steals with our press and they committed a few more

turnovers," said Durr.

Roseti finished with 22 points and 13 rebounds. Klun had six points and nine rebounds. Morgante and Kowalski had five points each. Bojanek and Pooja Bakhai added four points each. Steele dished out five assists.

East dominated West Seneca East, leading 35-9 by halftime. They outscored the Lady Trojans 13-0 in the fourth quarter.

Roseti scored 14 of her 16 points in the first quarter on 8-of-12 shooting. She also grabbed nine rebounds and blocked five shots. Aleece Burgio (10 points), Klun (nine), Bojanek (five) and Neha Bakhai, Steele, Scheidemann and Anna Stolzenburg (four each) also contributed. East shot 29-for-60 from the floor.

East (4-1, 3-0) hosts Hamburg at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

"For us to be 4-1 and 3-0 at this point, when we're not in pre-season mode but a few games behind where we need to be, is really positive," said Durr.

Williamsville South

South played a much better game at home Friday against Hamburg, losing 52-43.

Hamburg had a 31-19 halftime advantage but by the end of the third, the lead was 37-30.

Sarah Marcus led South with 15 points and five assists. Ostroot added 14 points, 14 rebounds, three assists and two blocks.

Claire Licata chipped in eight points on 4-of-5 shooting. Sophomore guard Allison Couche only scored two points but did a great job handling the ball against Hamburg's pressure, McGuire said.

"She had four rebounds and a couple of assists," said McGuire. "An all-around good game."

The Lady Billies opened with a 36-33 non-league loss at Starpoint on Nov. 29.

South trailed the entire game but outscored Starpoint 13-6 in the fourth. Down one, the Lady Billies turned over the ball and had to foul with a second to play. Starpoint hit both free throws to seal the win.

Ostroot led South with 15 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Cassiana Hyppolite added 10 points.

South's only game this week is a non-league home contest with City Honors at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The Amherst road game, previously scheduled for Thursday, has been moved to Monday, Dec. 18.

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— Chris Durr on 200th coaching win

Sacred Heart beats Nardin in tournament final

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A few of the faces have changed from last year's roster but Sacred Heart still has Nardin's number in girls basketball.

For the fifth straight time, the Sharks were victorious over the Gators, this time a 44-41 win Friday in the finals of the 21st Al & Rose Pastor Tournament at Daemen College. Sacred Heart won all four meetings over Nardin last year, including a 40-36 decision to win the Monsignor Martin Association title.

Trailing 16-13 at halftime, the Sharks adjusted their defensive philosophy in the third quarter which enabled Sacred Heart to outscore Nardin 18-10.

"They were getting the shot from the baseline wing," said Sacred Heart coach Sister Maria Pares. "We were bringing one of

our two low players outside and by doing that we gave up the inside rebound and a shot from the outer corner. We made an adjustment there and then we started to take some shots."

Up 40-38 with under 1:30 left, Sacred Heart's Katie Keller (nine points) hit a jumper off a screen from Krystal Watson. Watson also set a great screen in the third for Gina Ricotta (13 points), who dished it to MVP Meaghan Daley. Daley finished with 16 points.

Pares said all 11 of her players saw action.

"This game was good for us, especially for the younger kids who've never played under pressure like that," said Pares.

Sacred Heart beat Niagara Falls, 66-33, on Dec. 5 to play Nardin. The Sharks led 33-12 at halftime. Every Sacred Heart player scored. Liz Subject led the team with 11 points.

"Niagara Falls is very quick, gets up and down the floor and can penetrate so I think the game was good for us because we hadn't seen a team like that before this season," said Pares.

Sacred Heart, 4-0, faced Hutch-Tech in a non-league game on Monday then plays at Canisius High School at 4:30 p.m. Friday against St. Francis Prep of New York City in the inaugural Tom Keenan Memorial Tournament.

Williamsville North

Eighth graders Corrin Genovese, Allie Ahern and Jen Piaggione came off the bench to score 26 points in North's 36-25 home win over Frontier on Dec. 5.

Genovese scored a team-high 13 points in her first game of the season. She had been out with a broken finger. Piaggione scored

seven. Ahern had six.

North led 6-4 after the first quarter, 19-8 at halftime and 32-17 after the third quarter.

Eight Lady Spartans scored.

Two days later, North outscored Clarence 18-12 in the second half, including 13-3 in the fourth, but a poor first half resulted in a 44-30 road loss.

Clarence outscored North 17-7 in the first quarter and were ahead 32-12 by halftime.

Katie Kubala, North's only tall player, picked up two quick fouls in the first quarter and a third a minute into the second quarter.

"Once Katie went out, we didn't make any adjustments fast enough," said North coach Mike DelValle. "They were getting two, three or four shots on the rebounds. When you take that many

shots, eventually they're going to go in."

With Kubala out, Katie Lancelotti (11 points) was tough inside for Clarence. Holly Trabis led all scorers with 14 points.

Kubala had six points. Genovese led North with nine points. Nine of ten North players scored.

DelValle said his team's pressure defense and bench were stronger than Clarence's in the fourth.

North (2-3) played Orchard Park on Tuesday but results were unavailable before The Bee went to press. They host West Seneca West at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

"They're doing everything we've asked them," said DelValle. "They've been improving every game."

Sweet Home rebounds, doubles up WS West

Sweet Home rebounded from a 74-42 defeat at Jamestown on Dec. 5 to double up West Seneca West, 64-32, at home on Friday.

Sweet Home coach Matt LaRoach said defense was the key against West Seneca West. The Lady Panthers led after every quarter (15-9 after first, 25-20 at halftime and 52-22 after three).

"These girls stepped it up on the defensive end of the floor," said LaRoach. "We started a little slow in the first half, but after halftime, we came out with a lot of defensive intensity which caused us to get a lot of transition points. Our third quarter was huge. We were able to outscore West Seneca West 27-2 and it was all because of what we did on the defensive end of floor. The girls just got after it."

Ellie Allen led all scorers with 26 points. She also

grabbed 10 rebounds and five assists.

"She was a force on both sides of the ball and stepped up as a leader on both ends," said LaRoach. Coretta Davis added a career-high 18 points. Amanda Cannizzo and Kiaya Burks added six points each.

"I liked the fact that we had balance in the score book as we had seven people scoring and two in double digits," said LaRoach.

Jessica Cristiano led West Seneca West with eight points.

Sweet Home's loss to Jamestown is a game LaRoach felt his team got better from.

Jamestown was ahead 23-7 after the first quarter, 38-17 at halftime and 52-30 by the end of the third

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to work on getting their averages higher.

North finished 1-11 last year.

North 2006-07 Schedule

12-13 W.S. West..... 3:30 p.m.
12-18 Clarence 3:30 p.m.
1-3 Orchard Park..... 3:30 p.m.
1-9 at Lancaster (Lan) 3:30 p.m.
1-11 at W.S. West (Wimbledon) 3:30 p.m.
1-16 Frontier..... 3:30 p.m.
1-18 at Clarence (Clarence Bowling Academy)..... 3:30 p.m.

1-30 at Orchard Park.. 3:30 p.m.
2-1 Lancaster..... 3:30 p.m.
2-5 at Frontier..... 3:30 p.m.
2-7 Will. Cup (date tentative, at Transit)..... TBA
2-13 at ECIC Rolloffs (Thruway).....TBA
2-16 at Section VI Championships (Thruway).....TBA
*All home matches are at Transit Lanes.

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