

Defense

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"Their pressure defense caused us a lot of problems plus once Katie got into foul trouble, we had no answer underneath for Burks," said South coach Duke McGuire.

Ellie Allen added nine points, eight rebounds and five assists and Coretta Davis had seven points and 14 rebounds for Sweet Home.

"Coretta was our most consistent player in both tournament games," said LaRoach. "I really felt like she gave 110 percent in both games and that was really evident by her efforts on the offensive and defensive boards. She just did a great job for us."

South's Claire Licata had an all-around great game with eight points, six rebounds, four steals and two assists. Sarah Marcus only made three free throws but played excellent defense, said McGuire.

East and North advanced to the finals with tournament victories on Thursday. East trailed Sweet Home but won, 65-41, while North used a red-hot first half from the floor to knock off South, 47-33.

Sweet Home led East, 13-10, after the first quarter, but only hit two baskets in the second quarter to trail, 22-19, at halftime. They were outscored, 43-22, in the second half.

"The most frustrating part of the second half was our defense," said LaRoach. "We just didn't get stops when we needed to. To get outscored, 43-22, is disappointing to me because we know that our defense is better than that."

Steele scored 10 of her 12 points in the third quarter as the Lady Flames, with a tight pressure defense, outscored Sweet Home, 20-9. Steele shot 6-for-7 from the floor along with three assists and two steals.

"She started to get to the basket a couple times and hit a few jump shots in the lane," said Durr. "With the points that we lost last year to graduating players, we've needed everyone to step up. It seems like every game outside of Roseti, we have someone else stepping up."

Roseti led all scorers with 18 points, eight rebounds, five steals, and five blocks. Roseti and Burgio scored 10 of East's 12

points in the second quarter to establish an inside presence. Burgio finished with eight points and nine rebounds.

Klun (eight points), Morgante (seven), Bojanek (five), Bakhai (three) and Scheidemann and Stolzenburg (two each) also chipped in for East.

Davis led Sweet Home with 12 points and five assists. Nadia Durno added eight points. Allen and Burks, two of Sweet Home's usual top scorers, was held to seven and three points, respectively. Amanda Cannizzo chipped in seven points.

"I felt that Coretta Davis stepped up again and played well for us on both ends of the floor," said LaRoach. "She was a huge part of our success especially in the first half. I also am pleased with the efforts of Amanda Cannizzo. She did a nice job on East's guards, playing great on the ball defense, and chipping in seven points."

"As a team, we still struggle with putting four strong quarters of basketball together and that is what we need to work on in practice and make sure we carry into games," he added.

Sweet Home only hit half of their free throws, 13-of-25, to East's 12-of-19 performance. Thirty-five fouls were called between both teams in the game.

Against South, North, led by Genovese and Ahern, scored 12 of the team's first 14 points, jumped out to a 17-7 first quarter lead and were ahead 32-15 by halftime.

"In the first half, we were able to use our speed defensively and get into transition," said DelValle. "They were obviously bigger, especially when Katie Kubala went out (in foul trouble) so we had to use transition and speed. That's why we picked up full court and tried to get them into a 94-foot game, which we did. Every time there was a turnover we tried to push it up before they could set up."

In the first quarter, Genovese had 11 points. Ahern had seven



Williamsville South's Cassiana Hyppolite passes under Williamsville North's Jen Piaggione during first half action. Photos by Joe Eberle



A diving Allie Ahern (21) feeds Corrin Genovese a pass during first round action of the Williamsville East Girls Basketball Tournament held Thursday and Friday at East. Ahern and Genovese scored 12 of the team's first 14 points as North rolled to a 47-33 first round win. North lost to East, 37-19, in the finals. Also pictured is South's Heather Caputi. South fell, 48-32, to Sweet Home in the consolation.

points. Genovese finished with 18 points and two three's.

"The eight graders stepped up defensively and offensively," said DelValle. "They've been the catalyst. They're the scorers."

South outscored North, 10-3, in the third quarter, to cut it to a 10-point deficit, 35-25, but that was as close as they would get.

"They played good defense but nobody on our team was moving without the ball," said McGuire. "We never got into a good flow offensively. In the second half, we started moving the ball little bit, got a few backdoor cuts but made one then missed one. At least we got some good opportunities."

Kubala had eight points. Senior Kaitlyn McNally came off the bench in the second quarter to hit

two three's and finish with eight points.

Ostroot, who was coming off a knee injury, scored 11 points but missed a bunch of easy looks inside and hit only 5-of-10 free throws. She also grabbed nine rebounds.

Licata had eight points and three blocks.

East, North, Sweet Home and South all return to the league schedule at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. East (8-2, 4-1), is at Lake Shore, North (4-7, 2-3) hosts Orchard Park, Sweet Home (4-6, 3-2) travels to Lancaster, and South (3-6, 1-3) goes to West Seneca East. North also plays Maryvale at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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East hockey comes up short in tournaments

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Reporter

Splitting hockey games in two different tournaments in six days wasn't exactly what Williamsville

East head coach Mike Torrillo envisioned but that's what happened to the Flames over the holiday break.

East took second place at the Batavia Tournament held Dec.

22-23 then took third at the Greece Tournament held Dec. 27-28.

A decrease in goal scoring, combined with hot goalie play from the opposition, was East's

downfall, especially against Batavia. East outshot Batavia, 42-8, in the finals, but couldn't beat MVP goalie Mike Battaglia enough in a 3-2 loss.

East outshot Batavia, 16-0, in the first period and was only ahead 1-0 on a goal by Eric Charlton from Jon Toole.

"That was the first time I've ever seen zero shots in a period," said Torrillo.

Batavia scored the next three goals, two coming in the second period. Pat Finnell scored from Doug Zalenski and Tim Walton 28 seconds in and Zalenski added a tally from Finnell at 9:42. Erik Pokornowski made it 3-1 early in the third after another Batavia player slid into East goalie Jay

Hall and left a wide open net.

The Flames' Chris Fabozzi scored late from Jamie Turchiarelli and Kyle Smith. Smith and Andrew Ross made the all-tournament team.

East advanced to the finals after beating Syracuse's New Hartford, 4-1.

New Hartford scored an early first period goal but the Flames finally capitalized on its chances in the third. Fabozzi scored from Smith five minutes in. Four minutes later, Smith made it 2-0 from Fabozzi and Spencer Barrett. Barrett, unassisted, and Jordan Karnath from Mike Terryberry, also tallied for the Flames, in the period.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Amherst Central

Girls Basketball — Mt. St. Mary's Tourn. — def. Alden 67-61, finals — lost to Mt. St. Mary's 52-42
Hockey — Glens Falls Classic — lost to Glens Falls 5-3, tied South Glens Falls 2-2

Sweet Home

Boys Basketball — Ken-Ton Holiday Tourn. — def. Ken. East 50-37, finals — def. Ken. West 73-56
Girls Basketball — Will. East Tourn. — lost to East 65-41, consolation — def. South 48-32
Wrestling — sixth at Akron Tourn. — 102½

Williamsville East

Boys Basketball — Clarence Booster Club Tourn. — lost to Riverside 67-66, consolation — def. Niagara-Wheatfield 63-44
Girls Basketball — Will. East Tourn. — def. Sweet Home 65-41, finals — def. North 37-19
Hockey — def. Ken. East 4-0, Greece Tourn. — lost to Greece 4-1, consolation — def. Irondequoit 3-0

Williamsville North

Boys Basketball — Rotary Club of Williamsville Tourn. — def. Fredonia 72-48, finals — def. North 53-47
Girls Basketball — Will. East Tourn. — def. South 47-33, finals — lost to East 37-19
Fed Hockey — def. Orchard Park 6-1, Morrisville Ice Plex Tourn. — def. Clinton 6-0, finals — def. Shenendehowa 5-2
Club Hockey — tied Grand Island 2-2, Cheek. Tourn. — lost to W.S. West 5-2, def. Niagara Catholic 4-3

Williamsville South

Boys Basketball — Rotary Club of Williamsville Tourn. — def. Starpoint 61-56, finals — lost to North 53-47
Girls Basketball — Will. East Tourn. — lost to North 47-33, consolation — lost to Sweet Home 48-32
Hockey — lost to St. Francis 3-1

Sacred Heart

Girls Basketball — Fredonia Xpress Tourn. — def. Holy Angels 54-28, finals — def. Frontier 44-24

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