

## Girls basketball

# East's defense, depth holds off South

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Reporter

Williamsville East outscored Williamsville South, 17-5, in the fourth quarter to earn a 50-37 home victory last Thursday.

South outscored East, 11-5, in the third quarter to cut a 27-21 halftime deficit to 33-32.

South coach Duke McGuire said his team was in the game with four minutes remaining in regulation but East's depth was too much to overcome.

"On any given night, we can play," said McGuire. "It's just a matter of how long we can. I was very satisfied with the effort."

East coach Chris Durr said a

lack of defensive intensity led to South's comeback.

"In the third quarter, we made a couple of mistakes defensively in transition," added East coach Chris Durr. "In the first half, we were not getting a lot of rebounds so in the second half we started to crash the boards. They had a couple of guards who got past our guards and got some fastbreak layups. In the fourth, we only allowed one shot down the floor and were more patient."

Kaitlin Roseti led East with nine points but did not play much of the second half because of foul trouble. Anna Stolzenburg and Neha and Pooja Bakhai combined for five points in the fourth quarter

when East only had a one-point lead.

Stolzenburg finished with eight points. Neha Bakhai had six points. Pooja added four.

Molly Bojanek (six points), Bridget Steele (four points, six assists), Meghan Scheidemann (four points), Christa Morgante (three points), Taylor Klun and Aleece Burgio (two points each) also chipped in for East.

South's Sarah Marcus led all scorers with 15 points as well as two steals, two rebounds and two assists.

Katie Ostrout (eight points, 12 rebounds) was held to three baskets and 2-of-4 free throws in the first half.

Claire Licata (six points) and Heather Caputi (4-of-4 free throws) also excelled for the Lady Billies.

South (2-5, 4-8) play at St. Mary's of Lancaster on Wednesday and at Hamburg on Friday. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

East (11-2, 7-1), ranked fifth among Western New York large schools, plays at West Seneca East at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

### Williamsville North

North coach Mike DelValle has said his team usually plays one bad quarter in each game this season and that certainly was the case early at Frontier last Thursday.

The Lady Spartans trailed 17-2 after the first quarter and never recovered, losing 52-42.

"Early on, we didn't match their intensity," said DelValle.

Subtracting the first quarter, North would have won, 40-35. The Lady Spartans outscored Frontier, 13-4, in the second quarter and trailed, 31-28, after the third. North held Frontier to one field goal in the fourth quarter.

The biggest discrepancy came at the free throw line. Frontier made 17-of-34 attempts; North was 6-of-11. Frontier's Jordan Eckman made 11-of-17 free throws.

"Because we were behind we

gambled more and picked up a lot of reach-on fouls," said DelValle. "If the games are called tight, we have a lot of problems because we're young and move our hands more than our feet."

Katie Kubala led the Lady Spartans with 12 points. Allie Ahern (seven points) and Corrin Genovese and Jill Piaggione (six points each) also scored for North.

North (4-11, 2-7) hosts Clarence at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

### Sacred Heart

The Sharks improved to 12-0 overall and 3-0 in the Monsignor Martin Association with a convincing 68-12 home win last Friday over Niagara Catholic.

Sacred Heart led, 22-6, at halftime. Gina Ricotta (15 points), Katie Keller (13 points) and Krystal Watson (12 points) scored in double figures.

Last Tuesday, Sacred Heart won at Starpoint, 58-25. Liz Trampusch (12 points) and Keller (11 points) scored in double figures.

The Sharks host Section V's Nazareth at 3 p.m. Saturday at Villa Maria Athletic Center then start a busy league schedule the following week with games against Holy Angels, Nardin, and Nichols.

## Sweet Home almost upsets Jamestown

Sweet Home only had one girls basketball last week but made it pretty memorable.

The Lady Panthers had a three-point lead over ECIC Division I leader and top Western New York large school Jamestown with one minute to play at home last Thursday but came up short, 57-53.

"This was a game that truly was a up for the taking and we just couldn't put it away," said Sweet Home coach Matt LaRoach. "I am proud of our kids. They stepped up big and gave 110 percent for four quarters. As a team, we need to understand that this is the type of basketball that we are capable of playing and that we can not settle for anything less."

Ellie Allen pushed Sweet Home's lead to three with a minute to play. After that, Jamestown came down and scored to cut the lead to one. Sweet Home had a good look at the basket on its next possession but unfortunately, the shot didn't fall and they came down and scored to take a one-point lead. On the next possession, Jamestown was able to steal the inbounds and score. Sweet Home had to foul and they sealed the game going up by four.

Jamestown led, 17-10, after the first quarter, 34-28 at halftime and, 48-40, after the third.

Sweet Home took its first lead with about 1:10 left in regulation.

"Going into the fourth quarter, I said to the girls, 'where else would you rather be than right here, right now, in this position against Jamestown?' said LaRoach. "They responded extremely well. Unfortunately, our run was 1:10 seconds too early as Jamestown hung tough and made the plays to pull out their closest victory of the season."

Allen led all scorers with 21 points. She also grabbed seven rebounds and handed out six assists.

"She is really doing a nice job of playing consistent basketball for us and is doing it against tough competition," said LaRoach. "I am pleased with her progress so far."

LaRoach commends the efforts of his team's forwards. "Kiaya Burks (12 points and 12 rebounds), Nadia Durno, Coretta Davis, and Maygan Voros all contributed to a strong defense effort inside," said LaRoach.

LaRoach was also pleased with his team's defense throughout the game.

"Our defense was pretty good as we packed the middle and took away a lot of their inside game," said LaRoach. "In practice this week, we prepared for Jamestown's motion offense and high-low game inside."

Jamestown was led by Nikki Frederickson's 15 points.

Sweet Home (5-9, 4-5) is back in action at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at West Seneca West.

## Mite Black Sabres edge out White Sabres

The Mite Black Sabres came out charging after a defeat and a bye to shade the White Sabres, 2-0, on Sunday.

Spencer Maranto was in net and played an outstanding game, shutting down every attempt the White Sabres managed to get past the Black Sabres defense. At one point, he caught an air born puck that came hurtling towards him. The game puck went to Maranto.

The first period saw a lot of hustle and shuffling of the puck up and down the rink, but was marked by a beautiful shot from out of nowhere

by Joey Lupica that found its way straight past Brady Kyle of the White Sabres and into the net.

The Black Sabres continued with some beautiful team plays, but in particular by Dan Mosher, Nick Pieri, Lupica, Noah Bachwitz and Tyler Roberto in the Black Sabres "blue line". Time after time, Bachwitz or Roberto made great saves at the blue line and sent the puck back down to one of the other three members of their lineup only to be thwarted in the net by Kyle. Pieri, Mosher and Lupica battled valiantly to keep the puck in the scoring zone and continually

made shots on goal.

Equally the "red line" kept up a strong offense, but despite great defense by Jacob Ostrowski and Zachary Gannon to keep the puck in the Black Sabre scoring zone, many shots at the net were blocked each time by Kyle.

In the third period during a "yellow line play", Elliot Whittaker managed to shoot the puck out from a pack of players to the boards, from where it gracefully slid back towards the goal and through the feet of Kyle to score the second and final goal of the game.



**EN GARDE** — Sacred Heart Academy is running through February a three-month pilot fencing program at the Fencing Center of Buffalo. The team practices every Monday night. Kevin McMahon, owner and head instructor at the Fencing Center of Buffalo, supplies the students with the required fencing equipment. It will

become an official sport at Sacred Heart next year and will be funded by the school. Members of the team, pictured - kneeling - Brighid St. Pierre; standing first row - Katie Ostrander, Lindsay Macaluso, Rebecca Vu; back row - Jenna Wegrzyn, Rebecca Sanders, Carly Hall, Emma Rutkowski, Jennifer Cannon and Mary Canty.



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