

Lamm Post baseball holding meeting

Lamm Post will unveil its 2007 baseball program, cost of participation and tryout dates at an open informational meeting at 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Post clubhouse, 962 Wehrle Dr. Williamsville. Interested players and their parents are invited to attend.

Poor shooting costs Sharks MMA lead

by PATRICK J. NAGY
Reporter

It took a terrible offensive performance from Sacred Heart combined with some clutch shots from Nardin to end the Gators' five-game losing skid against the Sharks.

Sacred Heart made seven field goals in the first three quarters, missed at least a dozen inside shots and failed to sink a three-pointer in a 44-38 loss last Wednesday at Canisius High School.

Before the game, Sacred Heart was ranked No. 2 in Western New York large schools. Nardin was ranked third. The teams switched rankings this week.

"We had a million inside shots that we didn't make," said Sacred Heart coach Sister Maria Pares. "And we missed nine free throws (10-of-19). They made them, we missed them."

Coming into the game, Sacred Heart hadn't lost a Monsignor Martin Association game since losing, 56-37, to Nardin in the 2005 MMA finals. Sacred Heart had won its last five meetings over Nardin, including a win in the 2006 MMA finals and this past December in the Al & Rose Pastor Tournament finals.

"People forget we had won the championship two years ago,"

said Nardin coach Jake Herlihy. "In the Monsignor Martin, there are a lot of swings. Holy Angels had their time. Mt. Mercy beat us I think 11 in a row. We've had our time and Sacred Heart has had their time with us. The one constant you can count on are good

hard games between both (Sacred Heart and Nardin) teams."

That was certainly the case this time around. Neither team scored until the Sharks' Krystal Watson laid in an offensive rebound about 2½ minutes

in. Nardin played tough and led by Kendra Brimm's 10 points, took a 27-21 lead through three quarters.

The Sharks' offense finally came to life in the fourth. Watson scored the first five points of the quarter to cut the deficit to 27-26. Later, Gina Ricotta (eight points) hit a layup and Devon Horning (five points) stole the inbounds pass and laid in another two to tie it at 32-32.

Nardin answered Sacred Heart every time in the fourth. A Ricotta free throw pushed the Sharks ahead, 33-32, with 3:26 remaining but Nardin's Claire Hourihan knocked down a three. After the Sharks' Katie Keller stole the ball and laid in two, Nardin Leila Gentile hit a trey and her teammates hit 7-of-8 free throws to seal the win.



Sacred Heart's Devon Horning drives past Nardin's Caroline Hourihan during first half action last Wednesday at Canisius High School. Nardin won 44-38, handing the Sharks their first Monsignor Martin Association loss since the 2005 MMA finals.

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"I think we played with a little more poise," said Herlihy. "There were certain periods in the third and fourth that we lost our poise but calmed down."

Brim finished with 13 points

and 14 rebounds. Hourihan had 11 points and six assists.

Watson finished with 15 points and eight rebounds for the Sharks. Keller has four points and five steals. Liz Tramosch scored four

points and grabbed five rebounds.

Sacred Heart opened and closed the week with home wins at Villa Maria College. The Sharks outscored Holy Angels, 20-5, in the fourth quarter to defeat Holy Angels, 41-22, on Jan. 29 and used a matchup zone defense to hold Nichols scoreless in the first quarter en route to a 44-19 victory on Friday.

"We decided we were going to play in your face defense and that's what we did (against Nichols)," said Pares. "Everybody off the bench was committed to playing terrific defense and once we got thatback, we were the Sacred Heart team I know we're capable of."

Keller led all scorers against Nichols with 13 points. Watson had seven points and seven rebounds. Ricotta added five points and six of her team's 17 steals.

Ricotta scored eight of her ten points in the second half and grabbed nine rebounds against Holy Angels.

Sacred Heart (15-1) hosts O'Hara and Holy Angels at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, respectively. On Sunday, the Sharks travel to Timon to face Mt. Mercy at 2:30 p.m. then play at St. Mary's of Lancaster at 7:30 p.m. on Monday. The Nardin rematch will be on Feb. 23.

Liz Subjeck, who was out since spraining her ankle in gym class on Dec. 15, practiced on Saturday and will be in the lineup this week.

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Mistakes plague East girls hoops at Hamburg

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Everything that could have gone wrong for Williamsville East at Hamburg last Thursday did.

The Lady Flames turned the ball over 33 times, including its first four possessions, shot 10-for-39 from the floor, two second half free throws, and had only eight rebounds, eight steals, and four assists in a disappointing 49-30 loss.

The defeat more than likely ensured the ECIC Division II title for Hamburg (10-1). East fell to 8-2. Its other league loss came to Hamburg, 38-36, on Dec. 14.

"They showed up and we didn't that night," said Durr. "I don't know what it was. It's disappointing because I think we were ready. The girls knew the game basically was for the division title. We had a good day of practice the day before."

Durr said a key to the game was limiting Hamburg's Katie Medina (17 points) and Alyssa Zemla (12 points). The two combined for 11 of Hamburg's 13 first quarter points and 19 of the team's 23 first half points.

East trailed, 13-5, after the first quarter and, 23-14, at halftime.

"Hamburg was playing with confidence," said Durr. "They're shots were going down. In the second quarter, we were getting



Williamsville East's Bridget Steele, right, battles with a Hamburg player during the Lady Flames' 49-30 road loss last Thursday. It was the second time Hamburg has

beaten East this season.

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open shots but not knocking them down. We missed 17 empties (shots in the lane, short jumpers). When you miss that many easy shots, it's almost de-

flating."

Hamburg led 35-20 after the third quarter.

Molly Bojanek and Kaitlin Roseti each led East with seven

points. Taylor Klun (six points), Courtney Hawkins, Bridget Steele, Pooja Bakhai and Meghan Scheidemann (two points each) and Jessica Kowalski and Christa

Morgante (one point each) also tallied for the Lady Flames.

Everything went better for East in its 47-38 road win at Clarence two days earlier.

East shot 20-for-44 from the floor and led after each quarter. The Lady Flames outscored Clarence 17-9 in the fourth quarter to pick up the non-league win.

Bojanek dropped a career-high 18 points, including two three-pointers and 4-of-4 free throws in an eight-point fourth quarter to lead East.

"Clarence plays an aggressive 2-3 zone that doesn't allow the ball in the lane too much so we knew it was important to shoot well from the outside," said Durr. "Players on the wing and at the top of the key took advantage, like Molly."

Roseti added 10 points, 12 rebounds, five steals and four blocks. Morgante scored four points and distributed six assists. Kowalski and Anna Stolzenburg (six points each), Aleece Burgio (two points) and Scheidemann (one point) also tallied for the Lady Flames.

Katie Lancellotti led Clarence with 13 points.

East, 13-3 overall, hosts Lake Shore at 7:30 p.m. Friday. It is East's senior night.

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