

# Micron Red Sabres win shootout over Blue Sabres

In a game filled with lots of scoring, the Micron Red Sabres defeated the Blue Sabres, 12-11, on Saturday.

The game was filled with lots of scoring as the two teams played incredible offense and the goalies were continually tested. Both teams showing much spirit till the bitter end.

Red Sabre Ben Weppner started the scoring first. Liam

Ivenson countered for the Blue Sabres to tie it at 1-1.

The scoring continued from both sides. Weppner finished with five goals and Jeffrey Cummins had a hat trick and Cameron Briere and Matthew Barbolini scored two goals each for the Red Sabres.

Ivenson, Dante Santora, Liam Gallagher, Eli Utz and Sal Farrauto each scored twice for the Blue Sabres. Alex Scarroza

added a goal.

The Red Sabres finished with 20 shots on goal while the Blue Sabres had 25. Donovan McCann was in net for the Blue Sabres, Michael Floccare tended goal for the Red Sabres.

Both goalies were unbelievable with the amount of shots they faced, as it was like a pinball game on ice.

# SSPP girls hoops win two games last week

The Saint Peter and Paul girls' varsity basketball team increased their record to 6-2 with a resounding 47-28 win against Fourteen Holy Helpers last Thursday.

Both teams played solidly during the first half with the Knights leading by only five points.

In the second half, the Knights came alive and dominated the game. The starting front line of Alyssa Bellus, Julia Collins, and Paige Hanley pulled in rebounds, blocked shots, and forced Fourteen Holy Helpers to rush their shooting. All three girls scored in double figures with Bellus scoring 13 points and Collins and Hanley scoring 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Alexis Parry, Claire Haumesser, and Maury Fields were brought in for relief, giving a

needed rest to the frontline in a fast-paced game.

The six frontline girls almost completely shut down their opponents in the fourth quarter, allowing only two points to be scored. Fields added two points of her own to the front six scoring.

Once again, the SSPP guards had a field day on the court. Olivia Jakson, Samantha Basile, Marla Calabro, and Jessica Lynett harried their opponents on defense, while making a number of fine offensive plays leading to baskets. Jakson's four and Basile's six rounded out the Knights scoring punch. Hope Genco, Kathleen Ruggiero, Victoria Mendiola and Jessica Clarke came in for relief in the second half and

continued the fine defensive abilities of the SSPP guards.

Once again, a solid team effort gave the Knights another win.

## SSPP 26, Infant of Prague 22

The Saint Peter and Paul girls' basketball team faced a strong Infant of Prague squad on Jan. 29.

In a tight first half, the Knights found themselves two points behind a powerful opponent. Alyssa Bellus, playing at center, dropped in eight of her game-high 15 points in the first half to keep the Knights close.

The second half saw a surge by SSPP to take the lead and go on to win, 26-22.

Julia Collins stepped up in the second half, scoring five points. Paige Hanley, Alexis Parry,

and Claire Haumesser kept the IOP squad at bay, pulling down almost all of the defensive rebounds. Jessica Lynett, Samantha Basile, and Marla Calabro, playing at guard, buzzed the opposition during the second half, causing some missed passes and hurried shots. Basile added four points and Calabro added two. Guards Olivia Jakson, Hope Genco, Kathleen Ruggiero, and Victoria Mendiola gave it their all, staying with the IOP team, while Michelle Haumesser and Maury Fields bolstered the front line in yet another team effort for the win.

With two regular season games left, the Knights are gearing up for a tough postseason.

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Markarian, and Connor Keenan were free to run the fast break.

Keenan and Foster made five free throws in the final two minutes of the game to seal the win.

Keenan led all scorers with 22 points. Foster contributed seven points.

## Eighth grade boys Bulls 56, Knicks 55

Both team's offenses started the game in high gear.

The Bulls led, 18-17, at the end of the first quarter. Both teams continued their torrid offensive pace for the next two quarters.

The game was tied at 42 points apiece at the end of the third quarter. The stage was set for a dramatic finish.

The Bulls carved out a three-point lead with 35 seconds on the clock. The Knicks stole a Bulls inbound pass under their own basket and quickly converted the steal into two points, cutting the Bulls' lead to one point.

On the next Bulls' possession, a Bulls' player missed a shot, the Knicks rebounded the ball and drove it up court and called a timeout with 14 seconds left on the game clock. The Knicks inbounded the ball to their ace, Pierce Young. Young was instantly triple-teamed by the Bulls. Young tried a desperation shot at the buzzer that came up short to seal the victory for the Bulls.

The Bulls were led offensively by

Scott Zachau (30 points) and Farhan Hussain (17 points). Other Bulls scoring came from Nicholas Penberthy (six points), Michael DiMichele (two points), and Ryan Wistner (one point).

Zachau, Hussain, and Penberthy controlled the boards for the Bulls. The trio also played great defensively, blocking numerous Knicks' shots. R. Wistner, Zachau, and Hussain played great games at the point guard position for the Bulls. John Janeczko played well defensively for the Bulls.

The Knicks were led offensively by Young, who scored 26 points. Other Knicks scoring were Kevin Hall (10 points), Mansour Mazraany (10 points), Andrew Milbrand (five points), Andrew Pryshlak (two points), and Christoph Kothe (two points).

Sam Guerin, Kyle Black, and Billy Hyland played well defensively for the Knicks.

## Knicks 44, Braves 39

The Knicks avenged a previous loss to the top-rated Braves in a very close and tough game.

Vincent Mazraany got the Knicks off to a good start with eight first quarter points. Nick Corbett countered with six for the Braves and Murad Ali hit a three-pointer as the first quarter ended with the Knicks up 12-9.

Kevin Hall of the Knicks and Aaron Adams of the Braves controlled the

defensive boards for their respective teams, limiting the offenses to one shot per offensive possession.

The second quarter was closer than the first with both teams scoring 11 points. Sam Guerin, Billy Hyland, Christoph Kothe and Andrew Pryshlak led the Knicks defensive pressure while Peter Fiorella, Adam Kalnitz and Karm Mishra did the same for the Braves. Corbett continued his hot shooting with seven second quarter points for the Braves. Mazraany scored five more for the Knicks, while Hall scored four points, as did Kyle Black.

The game got even closer during the third quarter as the defenses of both teams turned it up a notch. Both teams had to work hard on the offensive end to get open shots and struggled to get offensive rebounds.

Tim Hartigan hit two big buckets for the Braves during the quarter and Matt Cohen added two points. Andrew Milbrand scored his first two points for the Knicks during the quarter, which was an indicator of good things to come.

The third quarter buzzer sounded with the Knicks holding a slim 30-28 lead.

Aaron Adams of the Braves had been quiet up this point in the game, but he broke out with seven fourth quarter points to keep the game very close. The Knicks maintained their four to six point lead because of their pressure defense and 10 points from Milbrand during the quarter. Hall hit two free throws with less than a minute to go to build the Knicks lead to five, and after a Braves' miss and a Knicks' rebound, the Knicks were able to hold the ball until the final buzzer sounded.

Corbett led all scorers with 16 points. Adams finished with nine points and 11 rebounds for the Braves. Hartigan contributed six points to the Braves cause. Mazraany had a team-high 15 points for the Knicks. Milbrand scored a season-high 12 points. Hall matched Adams with nine points and 11 rebounds. Black had six points for the Knicks.

The rubber game of their three-game is set for 1:30 Saturday at Sweet Home High School.

## Heat 59, Pistons 54

This game had two evenly matched teams that played a close game throughout.

The Heat scoring was boosted by 10 points from Mike Lupp in the first quarter.

The Heat scoring was led by Edwin Young (20 points), Mike Lupp (19 points), Shane McKay (12 points), Michael Murphy (four points) and Ben Georger (two points). Ivan Tso, Matt Morse and Alex Hong provided strong defense to help the Heat hold

off the Pistons.

The Pistons scoring was led by Jonathan Safir (24 points), Andrew Castilone (18 points), Jack Dengler (six points), and Christopher Schnabel (six points). David Gardner, Jacob Manny, Martin Mann and Connor Weiher provided solid rebounding and strong defense to keep the Pistons in a close battle until the last minute of the game.

## Braves 49, Cavaliers 35

The Braves got back to playing team basketball on Saturday as seven players scored in their victory over the Cavaliers.

Led by Matt Nicosia's 12 points and six rebounds, the Braves got out to a 14-6 lead after the first quarter.

The Cavs came back in the second period. Brett DeLuca got hot and had seven second quarter points as the lead was cut to 18-15 at halftime. Great work by Elias Abou-Jaoude (four points) and Russell Braun got the Cavaliers going.

Matt Radel finished with a team-high 12 points while Andrew Nusall battled on the boards and finished with six points. Jake Garvelli (two points) rounded out the Cavaliers scoring.

The Braves exploded with 14 points in the third quarter as Tim Hartigan, Adam Kalnitz and Matt Cohen each had four points in the quarter. Aaron Adams played his steady game, finishing with a team-high 10 rebounds to go along with nine points.

Murad Ali had his best overall game, finishing with eight rebounds and playing great defense. The third quarter ended with the Braves leading 32-26.

The fourth quarter was more of the same as Nick Corbett scored all six of his points and Karm Mishra had a bucket as the Braves had 17 points in the quarter and blew open a very close game.

## Bulls 40, Cavaliers 39

The Cavaliers stormed out of the gate and beat the Bulls offensively and defensively in the first half to take a commanding 28-19 halftime lead.

Matt Radel led the Cavaliers first half scoring charge with 13 points.

The Bulls changed defensive assignments at the half and put Scott Zachau on Radel for the second half. The Bulls defensive pressure limited the Cavaliers to 11 second half points. The Bulls finally took a one-point lead late in the game.

Radel got off a shot with six seconds on the clock. The shot missed and the Bulls rebounded and killed the clock to earn the win.

The leading scorers for the Bulls were Zachau (13 points), Farhan Hussain (12 points), and Andrew Couche (eight points). Other Bulls scoring were John Janeczko (four points),

Michael Graziano (two points), and Nicholas Penberthy (one point).

Zachau, Hussain, Penberthy, and Michael DiMichele played well defensively for the Bulls. Zachau, Hussain, and Penberthy had strong rebounding games for the Bulls. Graziano and Couche played well at the point guard position for the Bulls.

Radel led the Cavaliers offensively with 17 points. Other Cavaliers scoring were Brett LaDuca (eight points), Steve Tromposch (six points), Andrew Nusall (four points), Jacob Garvelli (two points), and Elias Abou-Joude (two points). Dan Berland, Russell Braun, and Griffin Kramer played well defensively for the Cavaliers.

## Lakers 67, Heat 51

On a very cold afternoon at Clearfield Arena, the Heat squared off to play the red-hot Lakers.

In the first quarter, Edwin Young started the scoring for the Heat by hitting a long three-pointer. Sammy Divita then raced down the court, hitting a key basket for the Lakers.

Young and Divita pretty much traded baskets for the entire first quarter. Young scored a total of eight points and Divita countered with nine.

The Lakers led 12-10 at the end of the quarter.

At the start of the second quarter, the lead changed several times. Michael Lupp and Young continued most of the scoring for the Heat. The Lakers got baskets from six different players making for a much more balanced attack. The Heat lead was 28-25 at halftime.

At the start of the second half, the Lakers exploded for their best quarter of basketball this season. The Lakers applied a full court press. Matt Burke and Sammy Silver were key players in creating so many turnovers. The Lakers outscored the Heat, 25-12, in the quarter, giving them a commanding 50-40 lead.

In the final quarter, the Lakers continued to pour on the press, resulting in three baskets apiece for Ed Shi and Ryan Greenwald. The Lakers outscored the Heat 17-11 in the final quarter to win.

Young led the Heat with 20 points. Lupp (17 points) and Shane McKay, Ben Georger and Matt Morse (four points each) also chipped in.

Shi scored 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Lakers. Divita added 15 points and five assists. Travis Hengerer added 12 points and dished five assists. Greenwald (10 points, six rebounds), Michael Peterson (six points), Evan Martone (three points) and Anthony Martorana (two points) also scored for the Lakers.

This was the most complete game the Lakers have played all season. Everyone contributed on offense and defense.

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