

Ostroot eclipses 1,000 points

Senior becomes only second South girls hoops player to reach milestone

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Reporter

As soon as Williamsville South's Katie Ostroot cut to the basket and hit a jump shot in the middle of the lane late in the third quarter of her team's home game with West Seneca East last Friday, she knew she had become part of history.

Ostroot scored 23 points in the Lady Billies' 56-23 win to go over 1,000 points for her high school career. The game was halted after the basket and the senior was awarded a basketball inscribed with her name and the milestone. Her parents, Carol and John, came down from the stands and gave her flowers and balloons.

"Everyone went crazy," said Ostroot, who now has 1,003 career points. "It sunk in pretty quickly but I couldn't breathe for a second."

"I was hoping to do it on Friday," she added. "The Lake Shore game got cancelled because of the weather (a few days earlier but was rescheduled) so I was nervous because I didn't want to get it at an away game."

Ostroot is the first girl basketball from South to go over 1,000 points since Lynn Meusgeier scored 1,521 20 years ago.

"It's an incredible feeling," said Ostroot. "It's strange to think no one's been able to do it since 1987."



Katie Ostroot, center, became the second Williamsville South girls basketball player to go over 1,000 career points on Friday. Also pictured are her parents, Carol and John, and Williamsville South coach Duke McGuire.

"When we get her the ball on time, she's hard to stop," said South coach Duke McGuire. "We have some young guards this year so it's a little tougher for her to score."

Ostroot, who also grabbed 14

rebounds against West Seneca East, fought through a knee injury in the middle of the season but says she's at 100 percent now.

The 5-foot-11 center was introduced to basketball in the fifth

grade by Jeff Marcus, father of South freshman guard Sarah, who was recruiting for an Amherst Youth Basketball team. She played modified basketball for South in seventh grade and JV in eighth grade.

She has also played AAU travel basketball for Queen City Classics and Niagara Rapids.

Ostroot is undecided on a college but would like to continue playing basketball at some level. She wants to study math.

Ostroot was the leading scorer against West Seneca East. Casiana Hyppolite added 12 points, five steals and five assists for the Lady Billies, who led 27-9 at halftime and 46-15, after three. Heather Caputi, subbing in for an injured Marcus, scored seven.

Marcus suffered an ankle injury in the team's 45-19 win over Lake Shore last Thursday, although its severity is unknown.

South opened a 16-14 halftime lead in the second half, outscoring the Lady Eagles, 16-0, in the third quarter. McGuire said Lake Shore didn't score a second half basket until midway through the fourth quarter.

Ostroot scored 11 of her 13 in the second half, including seven points in the third. Hyppolite took over at the point and led with 16 points. Caputi chipped in five second half points.

South opened the week with a 60-43 non-league home loss over Lancaster. The Lady Billies played poor defensively early, trailing, 36-18, at halftime, but played the Lady Redskins even in the second half. Lancaster shot four threes in the first quarter.

Marcus and Ostroot were each in double figures with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

South hosts Iroquois at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

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East comes back to beat Iroquois

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Williamsville East changed up its defense from a man to 3-2 zone in the second quarter against Iroquois on Monday en route to a come from behind 39-32 road win.

Down 13-6 after the first quarter, East girls basketball coach Chris Durr made the switch and his team trailed, 22-19, at halftime.

East held Iroquois to three baskets and one free throw in the second half.

"I told the girls before the game that a win would possibly give us a home game for the playoffs so we really had something to play for," said Durr. "And we didn't start well. We were playing man for man and they were getting too many opportunities so I changed it in the second quarter to a 3-2 zone."

Anna Stolzenburg had a career-night, scoring 12 points on 5 of 9 shooting.

"She was the difference," said Durr. "They were double teaming Kaitlin (Roseti) so Anna had an opportunity and her and Taylor Klun had good opportunities to score because sometimes they were wide open."

Roseti added 12 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks. Bridget Steele scored six points, grabbed a season-high nine rebounds, and dished five assists.

Molly Bojanek (nine points), Klun and Krista Morgante (three points each) and Neha Bakhai and Jessica Kowalski (two points each) also chipped in.

East closed out its home schedule with a 61-21 senior night win over Lake Shore on Friday.

Seniors Roseti, Morgante, Bojanek, Meghan Scheidemann, and Pooja Bakahi held Lake Shore scoreless in the first quarter, 20-0, and were ahead 33-7 at halftime.

"I was pretty impressed with the way we started," said Durr. "We kind of put Lake Shore back on their heels right away. It was 7-0 in the first minute and a half. We played a full court 1-3-1 trap and caused a few turnovers quickly."

The five also helped East to an 18-point third quarter.

Bojanek led all scorers with 11 points, six rebounds, two steals and two assists. Roseti scored 10 points and chipped in eight rebounds. Morgante had eight points and four assists. Schiedemann scored six points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Aleece Burgio (eight points), Courtney Hawkins (six points), Klun (five points, six rebounds), Kowalski and Steele (three points each) and Stolzenburg (two points) also contributed.

East shot 21 for 52 from the floor, hit three three-pointers, and made 16 of 22 free throws, including 4 of 4 each from Bojanek and Roseti. The Lady Flames turned the ball over a season-low seven times. East's bench scored 25 points. Sixteen of the team's 21 baskets had an assist.

East (15-3, 10-2), ranked tenth among Western New York large schools, closes out its regular season this weekend in the Lockport Tournament. East plays third-ranked Western New York large school Nardin at 6 p.m. on Friday. The winner plays Olean or Lockport on Saturday at either 6 or 7:30 p.m. It's the first time East has played in the tournament since the 1998-99 season.

Sacred Heart

The Sharks (20-1, 10-1) concluded nine games in 17 days with wins last week over Mt. St. Mary's, 59-36, O'Hara, 61-11, Holy Angels, 41-37, Mt. Mercy, 60-51, in overtime, and 70-27 over St. Mary's of Lancaster.

All victories were team wins as multiple players scored. Natalie Coppola led 11 Sharks in scoring against Mt. St. Mary's with 15 points. Katie Keller added 10. Another 11 scored against O'Hara. Liz Subjeck led with 10.

Eight players scored against Holy Angels. Keller and Devon Hornung each scored eight. Krystal Watson added eight points and nine rebounds.

Another eight Sharks scored in the overtime win over Mercy. Keller (13), Coppola (12) and Subjeck (12) scored in double figures.

"I think Mercy is a scrappy team," said Sister Maria Pares. "They played us well. We could not hit a foul shot to save our souls."

"At the end I was pleased with our poise," he added. "We didn't get rattled. We played our game."

Sacred Heart led St. Mary's, 42-12, at halftime. Thirteen Sharks scored, led by Liz Trampusch's 13.

The Sharks, ranked second among Western New York large schools, return to action at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Villa Maria Athletic Center against Mt. Mercy. The rematch with Nardin is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, also at Villa.

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