

Big second lifts Florida State over Clemson

Florida State doubled up the Tigers from Clemson, outscoring them 18-9 in the second quarter to break an 11-11 first quarter tie and post a 46-37 victory in recent Amherst Youth Basketball seventh grade boys' action.

Peter Moran led a balanced scoring attack for the Seminoles with 16 points. Brett Butler and Nick Konotopskyj each scored nine points and Tommy Kline followed with eight points. Zach Hopper and Sam Zierchowski split four points while Caleb Saathoff added six rebounds and Mark Roustum led the defense.

Guards Peter O'Conner and Colin Downing led the attack for Clemson with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Coulter added five points, Luke Service chipped in three points, and Zach Stone and Baum each finished with two points apiece.

Florida State 45, Virginia Tech 27

Florida State evened their series with the Hookies from Virginia Tech. The fast breaking Seminoles ran off to a 27-15 lead at halftime.

The rebounding of Tony Mauro, Zach Hopper, Caleb Saathoff and Brett Butler helped FSU get their break going. Pushing the ball up court for quick strikes were Peter Moran (eight points), Nick Konotopskyj (six points) and Tommy Kline (four points). Mark Roustum scored two points and teamed with Sam Zierchowski in defending the tough Virginia Tech guards.

Butler shot 11 of 15 from the free throw line and took game scoring honors with 23 points.

Ryan Winkler led a balanced attack for the Hookies with seven points followed by Mike Kyrunts with six. David Berkun and Adam Panfil each scored five points and Dan Schlein finished with four points for Virginia Tech.

Florida State 42, Virginia 19

Florida State earned a lopsided victory over the undermanned Virginia squad.

Virginia was missing many key players in this one and the Seminoles took advantage.

Brett Butler and Peter Moran each scored 14 points while Tommy Kline added a dozen to lead FSU. Nick Konotopskyj, Mark Roustum, Zach Hopper and Caleb Saathoff each added two points and Sam Zierchowski led the way defensively for Florida State.

Jack Fitzpatrick took scoring honors for the Cavaliers with six followed by four points from Ed Doherty.

Florida State 47, Wake Forest 24

The Seminoles used a strong second half to break open a close game in defeating Wake Forest.

Peter Moran scored 13 of his game high 19 points in the second stanza to lead FSU. Backcourt mates Tom Kline and Nick Konotopskyj led the fast break for the Seminoles with Kline scoring 10 points and Konotopskyj finishing with nine points.

Zach Hopper and Sam Zierchowski split eight points and Caleb Saathoff added one point and snared seven rebounds. Mark Roustum and Tony Mauro had solid games rebounding and defending.

Brian Dobmeier led Wake Forest with 11 points followed by Zach Rodems with seven and Justin Bangert with six.

Virginia 41, North Carolina 25

The Virginia Cavaliers were able to pull out a hard fought victory, even with key contributors Billy Doherty and Lemoine Joseph on the shelf. Extra effort was required by all to gain the win.

The team's fastbreaking style was keyed by Stephen Parry's quick outlet passes on his four defensive rebounds and Kevin Doherty's five steals from his help side defensive position.

Several breakout baskets were scored due to the quick pace set by point guard Jack Fitzpatrick (eight assists, seven points) and the hard running effort of Nate Jacobs (18 points), Ed Doherty (11 points) and Jack Rinaldo (nine points).

Zack Rodems led the visitors with nine points.

Virginia Tech 20,

North Carolina State 20

The end to a real nail-biter came with David Berkun's amazing three-point shot at the final buzzer to tie the score at 20-20.

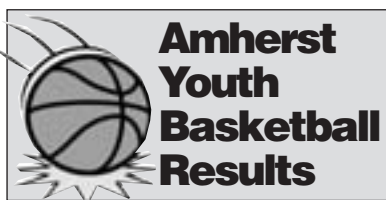
North Carolina State took off to an early lead with baskets by Landin Murphy and Jimmy Caputi. Answering the call on behalf of Virginia Tech were Ryan Winkler, Mike Kyrunts and Andrew Poturalski. Strong defense was provided for NC State by Ted Langlois and Adam Panfil and Danny Schlein for Virginia Tech.

Oregon State had six different scorers and were led by Marci Tirone's 14 points.

Sixth grade boys

Wisconsin 30, Michigan 18

In the final game of the regular season, the Wisconsin Badgers de-



feated the hard-fighting Michigan Wolverines.

In the first quarter, the Badgers' Hank Ransom was on fire with ten points and Nick Kiener and Evan Poole each added a basket. Ezra Steinfeld was able to get his quick hands in and breakup a couple of Wolverine charges.

Mike Kuebler led the scoring for the Wolverines with four points. Fellow teammate Andrew Weinberg also added two points. Zack Siva was able to set up a couple of picks which opened the zone for his team.

The second quarter found Poole taking advantage of four offensive rebounds for eight points. Kiener took a pass from Matthew Shank and drove in for a basket. Shank played a great defensive game. Chris Caulfield was fed the ball by Luke Wheeler for a Michigan basket.

Coming out after halftime, each team played stronger. Both teams held the other to only one basket. Kiener is credited for the Badgers' basket and Weinberg for the Wolverines.

In the final quarter, Wisconsin's Evan Haskins took a pass from Todd Huber and sank his shot. Huber played strong defense and contributed offensively with good passing. Kiener again found his way through the zone and landed a layup.

The Wolverines continued their attack on the Badgers with Kuebler and Weinberg hitting two more baskets. Pat Stasiak played a strong game with leading his team in steals.

Eighth grade boys

Nuggets 64, Pistons 53

Eric Wilczynski had his best game of the season, scoring 27 points in the Nuggets' victory over the Pistons in eighth grade basketball.

Wilczynski hit three three-pointers and was unstoppable on drives to the basket as the Nuggets broke up a tight game in the third quarter. Max Pergament added 14 points and almost as many rebounds.

James Dryden had nine points and several pretty assists. Max Klansky added eight points, Joe Bennett had five points, Anthony Castronova hit a key late free throw and Alex Kosmows-

ki contributed some timely rebounds.

The Pistons were led by Jonathan Safir's 18 points on several drives and pretty step back shots that were unstoppable. Christopher Schnabel scored 10 points, Connor Weiher added six, Andrew Castilone chipped in five, and Jack Dengler tossed in four points.

The two teams, which split in the regular season, will likely play each other again in the playoffs.

Cavaliers 39, Celtics 14

Elias Abou-Jaude scored six of his game-high 12 points in the fourth quarter as the Cavs, behind a well balanced attack, cruised to victory.

Abou-Jaude created many turnovers, secured many rebounds and displayed his usual all around hustle to lead the Cavs.

Jacob Garvelli and Steven Trampusch played strong games for the Cavs as well.

Joey Mason showed a nice shooting touch to lead the Celtics with six points.

Braves 61, Heat 49

The Braves used a 34-point third quarter to rally and defeat the Heat.

Led by Edwin Young's game-high 26 points, the Heat raced out to a 24-14 lead at halftime. Shane McKay had 16 while Ivan Tso had three. Michael Murphy and Jeffrey DiLuca finished with a bucket each.

Aaron Adams led a balanced attack finishing with 15 points while Matt Cohen had 14 and several assists. Nick Corbett played a strong second half scoring all of his 11 points after halftime.

The threesome of Matt Nicosia, Tim Hartigan and Murad Ali each finished with seven points. Peter Fiorella, Karn Mishra and Adam Kalnitz although held off the scoring sheet showed that playing great defense and moving the ball around which resulted in easy baskets.

Fourth-fifth grade boys

Notre Dame 26, Rutgers 13

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish notched a hard fought victory over Rutgers on Feb. 13.

The first half was a tight defensive battle with Notre Dame leading 12-5 at the intermission. The game opened up in the second half when Notre Dame used a fast break offense led by speedy guards Mitch Fors and Joseph Adcock.

The Fighting Irish were led in scoring by Joseph Sanford (10 points) and Mitch Fors (six points). Alexander Grano chipped in with five rebounds

and two assists. Notre Dame forward Sean McLean had four points and four rebounds.

Rutgers were led by Davontae Bailey with six points. Nikolaus Castilone led the team in rebounding and Luca Perna played a strong defensive game.

Georgia Tech 20, NC State 20

The Clearfield Center hosted a close, hard fought struggle on Saturday that at times resembled a chess match.

Georgia employed a spread offense hoping to capitalize on the adept ball handling and speed of Ryan Winkler, Andy Poduralski and David Berkun.

The Wolfpack countered with fine defensive play from Mark Fleming, Justin Meyer and Nick Iannarelli. Wolfpack offensive firepower was provided by sharpshooter Jimmy Caputi and Nathan Christantello.

Providing muscle in the front court were Adam Panfil and Mike Kyrunts for Georgia. Landin Murphy and Ted Langlois for the Wolfpack.

Georgia, down by three, regained the ball with two seconds left. Adam Panfil inbounded the ball to David Berkun who sank the three-pointer at the buzzer.

Connecticut 37, Marquette 34

The Connecticut Huskies played their best game of the year in an upset win over Marquette.

Connecticut was led by Jailin Marong (19 points) and Ryan Berkun (14 points, 13 rebounds).

The Huskies also had great contributions from Kevin Perelstein, Kyle Sims, Greg Langlois and Michael Doucette.

Marquette was led by Joe Brady (19 points) and Jeffrey Calderon (six points).

Seventh-eighth grade girls

UCLA 37, Oregon State 32

UCLA made it two wins in a row in another high scoring game. Playing on the bigger court at Sweet Home High School, both teams spread it out and passed the ball around very well.

UCLA had five scorers, led by Inbal Fischer's 16 points and Ivy Timlin's 11. Lisa Harb and Kristen Scime each scored four points and Allison Leonard contributed two points. Jenna Cleland, Cassidy Malough and Allison Leet played tough under the basket and kept Oregon State at bay. Oregon State, playing the second game of a double header, kept the contest close to the finish.

Micron Gold Sabres defeat Black Sabres, 6-1

The Feature Rink of the Amherst Pepsi Center was the site of the full-ice contest between the Micron Gold Sabres and Black Sabres on Sunday. The Gold Sabres prevailed, 6-1.

The contest began with both teams battling back and forth for control of the puck. The Gold Sabres' hard-working John Courtney took a shot on Black's net that bounced off the pads of Black Sabre goalie Kevin Halpern. However, with a mere nine seconds remaining in the first period, Gold Sabre Alex Pronobis was positioned to shoot in the rebound goal and put his team on the board first.

Much like the first, the second period was also give and take for both teams. Gold Sabre Ray Faran had two shots on net that were denied by Halpern. Gold Sabre Thomas Peers served well as goalie as he was called upon to make several saves throughout the period.

The Gold Sabres dominated the third period, earning five goals. With only one second left in his first shift of the period, Anthony Trigilio earned his first breakaway goal. Linemate Jake Wehr made some great plays, both offensively and defensively throughout the game, but his shining moment came as he skated full-throttle on a breakaway to earn his team's third goal of the contest.

The Black Sabres crowd celebrated as Jack Smith earned Black's solitary goal on a solid breakaway. Throughout the game, the Black Sabres had solid defensive efforts from Tyler Rossi and Eric Metz.

Offensively, Black Sabres Eric Cretella, Derek Andrews, Jon Kubiak, Will Redding, Ethan Barnes, and Ryan Chambers, and Nick Smith each made smart plays to help their team.

In the last 1:47 in play, Gold Sabre Anthony Trigilio impressed the crowd as he showcased his threat potential by skating effortlessly around the Black defenders to earn three quick unassisted breakaway goals. The time on the clock read 1:47, 1:27 and 21 seconds for Trigilio's goals.

Gold Sabre Elisabeth Sidorski played strong defensively, aiding linemates Trigilio and Wehr in their quest for the puck. Alex Dane also played strong defense, using his rocket shot to clear the zone. Victoria Pitman also put in a solid two-way effort for the Gold Sabres.

BISON Fund extends services into Eggertsville, Snyder

The BISON Scholarship Fund will be offering economically disadvantaged families in Eggertsville and Snyder the opportunity to apply for scholarships beginning in the 2007-2008 school year.

"We realize there are needy families throughout Western New York and our organization has come to the point where we can raise the resources and work with our philanthropic partnerships to expand scholarship opportunities to even more students throughout the region," said Kathleen Christy, executive director for the BISON Fund. "This is a historic milestone for our organization as we can expand educational options and choices for low income families in a significantly larger geography."

Since the BISON Fund was founded in 1995, more than 11,300 scholarships have been awarded to students in the City of Buffalo with an economic value of nearly \$7.5 million. There currently are 1,151 children who receive a BISON scholarship who are attending more than 63 different private grammar schools.

The BISON Fund is a privately funded scholarship program that focuses on economically disadvantaged children from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Previously, only students in the City of Buffalo were eligible to submit a scholarship application. The BISON Fund is designed to give low-income

families a full range of choices for their children's education. Families awarded a BISON scholarship are able to enroll their child in a private or Catholic grammar school of their choice.

"The BISON Fund simply is expanding our network so that more families have opportunities to secure scholarships to give their child the best chance for success in obtaining a quality education which is so critically important for their future success," she said.

The scholarship amount is based on household size and income. The amounts generally cover 25 percent to 75 percent of a student's tuition, up to \$1,300 per child. Ten years ago, the average value of a BISON scholarship was a little over \$500 and today it's just over \$800.

Through a partnership with the Children's Scholarship Fund of New York and various Western New York donors, BISON has been able to maintain more than 1,000 children in the program each year.

Scholarship winners will be selected in May through a computerized lottery. The application deadline is April 30. Families interested in receiving an application can contact the BISON Scholarship Fund office at 854-0869 or by visiting the BISON Fund Web site at www.bisonfund.com. Applications also are available at all private or Catholic grammar schools in the greater Buffalo area.

Scholarship information

The application deadline is Monday, April 30. For information, call 854-0869 or by visiting the BISON Fund Web site at www.bisonfund.com.