

BIG TIME RIVALRY: Local fans recognize that although it's a non-league game, the rivalry between Bedford and Chestnut Ridge is as big as they come. Although the lay fan may think this is a football only thing, Bisons Coach Mark Anderson assures me this is not the case, "the rivalry does carry over in all the other sports, especially football, wrestling and basketball."

Last Monday on the hardwood, this rivalry showed its true colors as the Bisons held off the Lions to escape with a 60-57 win. In the victory, Coach Anderson was led by Steven Garlock's 17 points but also received double digits from Mark Scott (13), Zach Hess (12) and Jeromy Marshall (10).

Anderson remarked on the win: "The Chestnut Ridge game was an exciting one. The gym was packed and the kids were very excited. You can throw out the records when we play each other. Not only is this a huge football rivalry, but it is also a huge basketball rivalry. Fortunately in basketball we have gotten the better of them the last three years. That has been nice for the seniors to be able to go undefeated against them in basketball. Everytime we play you can expect a packed gym and enthusiastic fans.

The game itself was a close one throughout. We could never put the game away. We would be up 10 and CR would battle right back. Both sides played extremely hard. We missed a lot of free throws. We were 11-of-25 from the foul line. Fortunately we did make them down the stretch when it really counted. It was a great high school basketball game. I think our defense was the key. Zach Hess, Jeromy Marshall and Mark Scott hounded CR's guards all night and forced a lot of turnovers. Especially at the end of the 1st quarter their defensive pressure gave us a nice cushion. It was just a really exciting game and the fans definitely got their money's worth."

NON-LEAGUE DOMINANCE: As was the case a season ago, when LHAC teams face off against non-league opponents, more times than not, the LHAC team comes out on top. Last week, LHAC teams were 4-1 against non-league competition.

Bishop Carroll cruised against Johnstown Christian 67-19. Cosie Aliquo was able to substitute liberally and amazingly didn't have any scorers in double figures. Steve Greene, Curt Panick, Taylor Makin and Luke Paronish all had six points in the win. Forest Hills was able to beat Portage out of the WestPAC 68-47. The Rangers were led by Luke Gallaher's 20 points. He had three teammates in Brett Oswald, Tanner Thomas and Brandon Gdula score 13. Mike Crisafulli's Westmont Hilltop squad was able to defeat another WestPAC school in Windber by 20 (58-38). Josh Swick had 22 while Mike Valcheff dropped 14 on the Ramblers.

The only LHAC team to fall in league play last week was Penn Cambria, they dropped a 63-58 contest to Conemaugh Valley. Nate Stevens and Joe Dziabo had 14 each while Willie McMahon had 12 in the loss to the Blue Jays.

BIG MAN ON CAMPUS: Bishop Carroll's Steve Greene was recently named to the Pennsylvania Roster of the Big 33 Game. This is quite the accomplishment for a player from a Class A school. This is just the latest in a long line of rewards for Greene's football career. Prior to being named to the Big 33 game, Greene picked up first team all state honors from both the Associated Press and the Pennsylvania Football News.

Greene isn't too shabby on the basketball court either, averaging 7.3 points per game and grabbing 6.2 rebounds per game coming off the bench for Cosie Aliquo's Huskies.

He will continue his football career on a Division I scholarship to UConn.

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!: Due to the extreme cold temperatures, all 12 LHAC member schools cancelled classes last Friday. Therefore, all the games scheduled to be played that night were consequently postponed. All 12 schools were scheduled to be on the court that night. None of those games have been rescheduled as of yet.

HOT SHOTS:

- It was a great week for Pat Hollern's Bishop McCort Crimson Crushers as they went 2-0 on the week and picked up two since LHAC wins, one over sectional foe Somerset (73-59), the other over non-section Central Cambria (70-65). In the win over Somerset, Jim Spisak led the way with 19 points while Jack Schrey had 17. In the Central Cambria contest, Bill Dill had 20 while Schrey, Spisak and Zach Freeman had 14 in the victory. The Crushers are now 8-2.
- The Johnstown Trojans rebounded nicely after an 0-2 week, going 2-0 having little trouble taking care of business against Richland (73-62) and Bishop Guilfoyle (48-33). In the win over the Rams, Paul Weatherly had 17 points, Cliff Eddins had 15, Richard Agurs had 12 and Quadir Christian had 11 in a very balanced effort for Dave Roman Jr.'s club. Weatherly had 16 and Agurs had 12 and grabbed 10 boards in the win over BG. JHS is now 8-3.
- Ian Vescovi scored 20 points in a 61-46 win over Westmont. It was the Highlanders' lone game last week and improved Eric Nagle's club's record to 11-1.
- Luke Paronish and Jackie Moschgat each had 12 points as the Bishop Carroll Huskies beat Bedford 54-41. BC was 2-0 on the week and are currently 13-1.
- Coach Tim Koshute's Richland Rams rebounded from their loss to Johnstown with a hard fought 56-50 win over Penn Cambria. Dereck Malzi had 24 points in the win. The Rams are now 5-7 on the season.
- Ryan Fisher (22) and Jeremiah Judy (21) both had 20+ performances in a Golden Eagles' 76-62 win over Forest Hills. Scott Close's team finished the week 1-1 and moved their overall record to 11-3.

ON THE HORIZON: Some top match-ups for the week ahead:

- Somerset (11-3) at Bishop Carroll (13-1) on Friday, 1/23
- Westmont (5-8) at Bishop McCort (8-2) on Friday, 1/23
- Penn Cambria (5-6) at Central Cambria (4-7) on Friday, 1/23

RANKINGS: In the third regular season release of the Harrisburg Patriot-News' state rankings, Bishop Carroll is ranked #8 in Class A. No other LHAC teams are represented in any other classes. There was no change from last week in this regard.