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High schools: Roundup

Big crowd enjoys Brother Rice's victory

Meet had football-like atmosphere in duel of Catholic League swim rivals before 400-plus.

Karl Henkel / Special to The Detroit News

LIVONIA -- A typical Catholic League matchup between Birmingham Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central might spark thoughts of a late-season football game packed with raucous fans.

But for one night the attention was turned to rather unfamiliar territory -- the swimming pool, that is -- as Brother Rice beat Catholic Central, 115-70 Thursday night before a capacity crowd at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

"I have never seen this many people at a swim meet before," Brother Rice swimmer Robbie Biskup said.

The atmosphere was that of a football game confined to a venue one-quarter its size and the 400-plus fans maintained the ear-deafening decibel levels from start to finish.

"It's great," Catholic Central (and Mercy coach) coach Shannon Dunworth said of the crowd. "Usually the only attention swimming gets is from other swimmers."

Biskup, a junior, noted that although it was a different kind of atmosphere, he had no trouble focusing on the task at hand.

"Not too much ... I just tried to zone it out and just keep everything under control in my head.

As for the actual contest, it started with a victory in the 200 medley relay for the Brother Rice unit of Chris Wloch, Brian Deaver, Michael Wick and Robert Kamenec, who finished in 1:45.04.

The marquee matchup of the night, however, came in the 400 free relay. With the outcome already decided, the Catholic Central team of Tony Thibodeau, Derek Turowski, Joe Brinkman and Brady Small edged Brother Rice by 1.01 seconds in yet another close finish, the final one of the evening.

"Anytime that you can get a dual meet to simulate a state championship," Brother Rice coach Mike Venos said. "They don't come along very often."

Dunworth added that although his team didn't come out on top, it was finishes like the one in the 400 free relay that have him optimistic.

"We wanted to swim well and we wanted to compete," Dunworth said. "We haven't competed with Brother Rice in a long time, so I think our expectations were fulfilled."

GIRLS BASKETBALL CATHOLIC LEAGUE

- **Lady of the Lakes 44, Cardinal Mooney 43:** L , Lauren Robak 24, 6 ast, winning 3-pointer; C , Allie Theut 14
- **Ladywood 58, Regina 46:** L , Caitlin Szczyпка 20, Cara Miller 15
- **Wyandotte Mount Carmel 37, Jewish Academy 29, W** , Christiana Craft 14; J , Lauren Garelik 15

HURON LEAGUE

- **N.B. Huron 67, Airport 59:** H , McKenzie Kudron 33, 13 reb, 10 blk, Kiara Kudron 24; A , Janelle Nagy 12
- **Riverview 35, Flat Rock 33:** R , Sarah Pantanella 14; F , Kate Theisen 12
- **St. Mary's C.C. 66, Jefferson 54:** S , Ashley Strauss 26, Nichole Broggs 15, 9 ast; J , Arielle Cox 17

KLAA

- **South Lyon 45, Liv. Stevenson 31:** SL , Kristin Short 14; LS , Kaylee McGrath 10, 12 reb

MAC

- **East Detroit 49, Clawson 43:** E , Caitlin Carter 29
- **Fitzgerald 56, War. Mott 36:** F , Courtney Dyer 26, 6 stl, Kristian Hines 11, 11 ast; M , Sara Webber 11
- **Fraser 71, Tower 33:** F , Becka McHenry 20, Kelsey Irwin 15
- **Lakeview 36, Port Huron 33:** P , Adriana Jordan 12
- **Madison Heights 40, Center Line 19:** M , Autumn Cantrell 12, Jasmine Lipford 10, 12 reb; C , Stephanie Lee 10
- **Marine City 49, L'Anse Creuse 44:** M , Lesley Kucharski 19, Kassie Snyder 17; L , Carlay Stahl 20
- **Romeo 55, Utica Ford 37:** R , Ashley Flinn 26; U , Kelsey Raczak 13
- **South Lake 42, New Haven 27:** S , Ally Charrette 12; N , Alexis Taylor 14
- **St. Clair 40, Chippewa Valley 24:** SC , Gina Vito 15, Kelsey Rood 13
- **Sterling Heights 40, Lamphere 26:** S , Aisha Anderson 18; L , Samantha Antonie 13
- **War. Lincoln 47, Clintondale 37:** L , Kirsten Rude 14

MEGA

- **Annapolis 69, River Rouge 34:** A , Justina Williams 20, Kelly Sapikowski 15, 12 reb; R , Katie McDonald 15
- **Carlson 49, Willow Run 36:** C , Val Carlson 19, 10 reb; W , Kierra Rolax 20
- **Crestwood 53, Kennedy 37:** C , Courtney Redding 14
- **Dearborn 49, Woodhaven 25:** D , Laura Inch 18, Jill Fimbinger 10
- **Edsel Ford 65, Inkster 60:** E , Charisse Carr 18; I , Janae Jackson 20
- **Garden City 46, Truman 40:** G , Amanda Quartz 11, Alex Johnson 11; T , Holly Wade 11, Diana Wilson 11
- **Highland Park 34, Melvindale 31:** H , Tiyuanna Davis 12

- **Lincoln Park 36, Trenton 34 (OT): L** , Brittany Teets 20; **T** , Becky Lesko 12
- **Monroe 49, Belleville 43: M** , Staci Stadler 17; **B** , Jessica Green 16
- **Romulus 55, Allen Park 50: R** , Jasmine Knowles 20; **A** , Kallie Vernier 14, Monica Rowland 14, 14 reb
- **Thurston 58, Fordson 33: T** , Rennica Merida 14; **F** , Zaina Makled 14
- **Union 61, Ecorse 58: U** , Jasmine Johnson 27, Nakia McKinney 10, 10 reb, 5 stl; **E** , Melakyra Vauhan 20

METRO

- **Lutheran North 53, Harper Woods 18: N** , Allisen Kuppe 9

MIAC

- **Inter-City Baptist 37, Parkway Christian 19: I** , Amanda Ison 13, 13 reb

OAA

- **Adams 44, Harrison 35: A** , Whitney Newsom 14; **H** , Chelsea Gaddis 14
- **Andover 41, Seaholm 27: A** , Alex Fields 15, Carly Shocron 13
- **Athens 48, Avondale 39: At** , Sinclair Russell 17, 14 reb, 8 blk; **Av** , Jailynn Hamilton 20
- **Berkley 35, Royal Oak 31: B** , Brandee Hart 14; **R** , Annie Banyai 12
- **Groves 60, Hazel Park 25: G** , Paige Robnett 15
- **North Farmington 48, Rochester 39: N** , Jasmine Harris 18; **R** , Christine Meier 12
- **Troy 49, Stoney Creek 47: T** , Madeline Young 15; **S** , Kara Kovak 16, Janelle Maryanski 16

OTHERS

- **Community 74, Ypsilanti 28: C** , Nya Jordan 23, 10 reb, 5 ast, 5 stl
- **Consortium 72, Finney 45: C** , Ashara Maxie 21, 7 stl; **F** , Anen Smith 26
- **Mercy 62, Flint Northwestern 23: M** , Bridget Hickey 10, LaRae Prater 10

BOYS BASKETBALL CATHOLIC LEAGUE

- **Jewish Academy 36, Lady of the Lakes 32: J** , Basil Williams 15

MIAC

- **Parkway Christian 76, Inter-City Baptist 47: P** , Zurlon Tipton 22, 14 reb, Matt Cooper 16, 10 reb; **I** , Daniel Gozalka 11
- **Macomb Christian 56, Calvary Christian 33: M** , Joel Battjes 25, 15 reb, 4 blk, Andy Roush 15 reb; **C** , Kendal Hunley 15

KLAA

- **Northville 72, Salem 70 (3 OT): N** , Bryce Groshek 23; **S** , Anthony Mullins 22

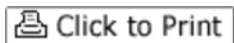
- **Novi 78, South Lyon East 50: N** , Chris Bellamy 21
- **South Lyon 45, Liv. Stevenson 26: SL** , Mike Fenner 18

OTHERS

- **Old Redford 51, University Prep 37: R** , Anthony Pankey 17, 16 reb; **P** , Antonio Williams 10

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