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Boys: Roundup

Rice is fine from the line

Clutch shooting, including seven straight free throws, is enough to beat Divine Child.

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BIRMINGHAM -- Poor free-throw shooting has cost Birmingham Brother Rice a couple of games this season. On Tuesday against Dearborn Divine Child, it again was the deciding factor.

Only this time Brother Rice turned the tables and turned the race in the Central Division of the Catholic League topsy-turvy.

Brother Rice (11-4) was 25-of-29 from the free-throw line and it scored its last nine points from the line as it pulled away from visiting Divine Child (11-4) to claim a 62-55 victory.

Brother Rice finished the regular season in a first-place tie with Divine Child at 6-4. Victories by Warren DeLaSalle and Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Tuesday created a four-way tie. A tiebreaker formula, based on head-to-head play and total points, will be used to determine the seeding for the league playoffs that begin Saturday. The first and second-place teams receive a bye.

Kevonte Martin led Brother Rice with 18 points, 12 in the first half as Rice grabbed a 22-19 lead.

Austin Fowler had 15 points, all in the second half, and Ronnie Dorsey-Austin had 14.

"Our free-throw shooting has been awful this year," Brother Rice coach Ed Shaffer said. "We have been working a lot on it in practice. We got good guard play (Martin and Dorsey-Austin) Ronnie has been sick lately. I had to give him two-minute breaks during the game just to get him through."

Dorsey-Austin made perhaps the biggest play of the game with two minutes to play. Rice led 53-49 and had the ball when Dorsey-Austin snuck behind Divine Child point guard Patrick Biondi, stole the ball and was fouled going to the basket. He made both free throws for a six-point lead and 16 seconds later, Devin Peurach (10 rebounds) made both of his free-throw attempts for a 57-49 lead.

"Biondi likes to dribble in and dish the ball out," Dorsey-Austin said. "I just looked for him to make his turn and went after it."

Anthony Manno scored 21 and Matt Esters 10 to lead Divine Child. Esters took a shot to the nose midway through the third quarter.

He was ineffective throughout much of the remainder of the game as trainers had difficulty stopping the bleeding.

"They seemed to do everything a little better than us tonight," Divine Child coach Andy Dold said.

"They might be the best defensive team in the league."

Blue Water

• **Imlay City 64, Capac 63 (OT): IC**, Chris Coleman 13, Ben Deppong 12; **C**, Joe Frazier 15

Catholic

• **Cabrini 74, Urban Lutheran 56: C**, Joe Page 26, Justin Hairston 13; **UL**, Jordan Jefferson 22

• **DeLaSalle 68, U-D Jesuit 61 (OT): D**, Alex Marcotullio 21, Alex Harville 17; **U-D**, Mike Wenderski 19

• **O.L. St Mary's 44, Catholic Central 42: O**, Dion Sims 15, Jake Shockey 13; **CC**, Tim Dezeleski

15

- **Riv. Richard 59, Loyola 55: R**, Ryan Walsh 12, Bobby Stackpool 11; **L**, Kevin Logan 15, Desmond Hill 12
 - **Shrine 63, Notre Dame Prep 43: S**, Dan Boylan 23, James Stibich 15; **N**, Danny Demartis 15
- Charter
- **Cesar Chavez 77, Weston Academy 31: CC**, Justin Reyes 15 points, 12 ast., Antwain Cleary 14
 - **Summit Academy 55, Eaton Academy 50 (OT): S**, Darion Randolph 21, Cameron Potts 16, 10 reb.

Huron

- **NB Huron 51, Riverview 48: NB**, Mike Clark 22, Zack Richardson 13; **R**, Steve Dibrano 12
- Kensington Valley
- **Brighton 60, Milford 58: B**, Bryan Bollin 23; **M**, Chad Cox 16
 - **Hartland 60, South Lyon 54: H**, Vonn Jones 15, Jon Stevens 13; **S**, Zach Short 29
 - **Lakeland 59, Novi 46: L**, Mike Fugate 25, Brett Burmeister 14; **N**, Caleb Dean 21

Michigan Athletic League

- **Allen Academy 46, Lundy Academy 45: A**, Emanuel Lee 18, Maurice Dillard 12, 10 reb.
- **Cherryhill 80, Academy for Excellence 60: C**, Keith Staley 16, Tariq Sharrieif 16, 10 reb; **A**, Doricy Jacobs 18

Mega

- **Robichaud 52, Ypsilanti 33: R**, Alfonzo Lewis 15, Antonio Green 14, Winthrop Collins 14
- **Fordson 52, Gibraltar 49: F**, Baquer Sayed 21; **C**, Eric Byers 14
- **Inkster 51, Highland Park 43: I**, Josh Howard 17, Renty Rollins 10; **HP**, Ian Thomas 14
- **Kennedy 51, Thurston 48: K**, Bryant Robertson 11; **T**, Del Michael Youngblood 12
- **Melvindale 60, Ecorse 39: M**, Daniel McKinney 12; **E**, Bertrim Brintley 11
- **Robichaud 52, Ypsilanti 33: R**, Alfonzo Lewis 15, Antonio Green 14, Winthrop Collins 14
- **Romulus 63, Willow Run 49: R**, Dominique Buckley 20; **WR**, Mark Cook 21
- **Southgate 57, Allen Park 44: SA**, Terry Butler 19, Phil Carr 15; **AP**, Tom Zimnicki 14
- **Trenton 64, Annapolis 47: T**, Grant Abraham 26, Dan Pena 21; **A**, Dylan Cawley 15
- **Union 47, River Rouge 39: U**, Terrell Beard 22, Anthony Wash 11; **RR**, William White 13
- **Wyandotte 50, Dearborn 48: W**, Andrew VanDierenDonck 19, Andrew Matt 12; **D**, Mahmoud Bazzi 12

Metro

- **Clarenceville 53, Lutheran Northwest 27: C**, Jamie Stewart 23
- **Cranbrook 59, Lutheran North 48: C**, Eric Fishman 21, Xander Streck 20; **LN**, Jordan Buuck 25
- **Liggett 66, Hamtramck 59: L**, Patrick Gustine 22, Jeremiah Manning 20; **H**, Joshua Dewalt 22
- **Lutheran Westland 57, Harper Woods 55: L**, Josh Kruger 27, Rob Seltz 16; **H**, Vincent Bright 23

MIAC

- **Franklin Road Christian 50, Baptist Park 45: F**, David Mansfield 16, 14 reb., Ryan Carlson 14; **B**, Josh Rooker 15
- **Oakland Christian 58, Plymouth Christian 42: OC**, Derek Zwier 14, Kurt Schneider 14; **PC**, Trevor Zinn 11
- **Parkway Christian 79, Inter-City Baptist 62: PC**, Larry Houser II 20, Zurlon Tipton 18, 10 reb.; **IC**, Nick Packwood 36

- **Roeper 69, Southfield Christian 66: R**, Joel Kimpson 22, Ryan Zinser 14; **S**, Michael Solt 22

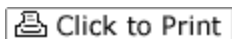
OAA

- **Adams 49, Avondale 48: R**, J.D. Osborne 24, John Zekaj 11; **A**, Jeff Hines 15, Henry Smith 14
- **Andover 49, Ferndale 41: A**, Joe Prepolec 16, Lloyd Pradell 10; **F**, DeAndre Houston 13
- **Oak Park 65, Berkley 59: OP**, Martez Hall 10, Davon Jones 10; **B**, Damacious White 33
- **Pont. Central 57, Southfield-Lathrup 51: P**, Spencer Galloway 23; **L**, Richard Hill 14, Roy Marble 14
- **Rochester 43, Athens 37: R**, Nick Jordin 21; **A**, Bob Rodgers, 14 reb.
- **Royal Oak 53, Lahser 42: R**, Nick West 20, 11 reb., Joe Banyai 15; **L**, Alan Hardy 17

- **Troy 48, Stoney Creek 30: T** , Vance Kirkwood 20, Larry Lindsey 13; **SC** , Mike Schnurr 12
- **West Bloomfield 73, Pont. Northern 63: W**, Rod Hurst 28, Josh Eichelberger 19; **P** , DeAndre Davis 23
- Southeastern**
- **Pioneer 61, Dexter 42: P**, Will Courtney 15, Matt Johnson 12; **D**, Dave Pisano 11
- Western Lakes**
- **John Glenn 70, W.L. Western 56: JG**, Austen Anderson 24, Earl Hardison 18; **WL**, Edison Vushaj 16
- Others**
- **Academy of Business & Tech 65, Saginaw Buena Vista 53: ABT**, Michael Talley 22, Lawrence Danner 14, 10 reb.; **BV**, Demarcus McCormick 16
- **Academy of Oak Park 76, Redford Covenant 64: O** , Dennis Mason 19, 17 reb., 10 blk., Cimorone Porter 16, 20 reb., Kraig Amerson 16, 15 ast.
- **Advanced Tech 66, Mt. Carmel 46; AT** , Ricco Hill 14, T Hill 11; **MC** , Gabe Huerta 21
- **Albion 69, Marshall 40: A** , Durant Crum 20, Charles Lawler 13; **M** , Bobby Feight 11
- **Conner Creek Academy West 66, Mt. Zion Christian 36: C** , Julius Howell 16, Hasain Bunnell 10; **M** , Damian Smith 23
- **DeWitt 80, Williamston 53: D** , Brandon Binkley 20; **W** , Kevin Donovan 14
- **Frankenmuth 83, Caro 55: F** , Brad Redford 52, (17-17 FT, 92-straight FT, No. 2 all-time nationally), Jeremy Warnemuende 11; **C**, Colton Oedy 19
- **Fowlerville 75, Portland 69 (OT): F**, Joe Lane 20, 11 reb., Sean Romsek 17; **P**, Nikola Mihajiovic 20
- HOCKEY**
- **Brother Rice 2, DeLaSalle 1: B** , Brandon Fadel 1, Andrew Szutka 1; **W** , Joe Arena 1
- **Farmington 8, Clarkston 2: F**, Matt Scott 1, 2 ast., Chris Schaefer 1, 1 ast., Andy Hall 1, 1 ast., Topher Gendron 1, 1 ast.

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