

Smithville

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nice pass from Corey Caldwell to start the final push. Bates, Drew Frizell and Kenny Kornowski hit free throws from there to close it out, while the Smithies came up with the stops they needed on defense.

Despite a spirited effort from the Bobcats and a boisterous rooting section, the Smithies' big guns were too much in the end.

The 6-foot-8 Kornowski scored 13 points and pulled down a whopping 24 rebounds, although several were putback attempts off his own misses.

Bates played an all-around solid floor game with 15 points and seven assists. The 6-4 Caldwell posted a double-double with 15 points and 15 rebounds, while Beau Carpenter (11 points, three treys) and Frizell (six fourth-quarter pointers) were also clutch.

"Any time you come to Norwayne it's going to be a tough game," Smithies coach Michael Snowbarger said. "This is a small gym and extremely tough to play in and is a definite home-court advantage for them."

"They're well-coached and play extremely hard, so you combine all that and they're a team you have to be ready for. It was tough out there for a while, but I give a lot of credit to Tyler Bates for being a great team leader for us at the end. He got the ball and slowed it down and made sure we took good shots or got to the foul line at the end."

Smithville did have a big edge in fouls called in its favor (25-14) and free throws made and attempted (14-for-30, compared to 5-for-8) as the disgruntled Norwayne fan pointed out. The Smithies said their height and being hacked under the basket were the big reasons.

Norwayne received big games from the 6-3 Dawson (career-high 16 points, seven rebounds), Nate Gasser (13 points), Tim Chaffin (10 points) and Josh Besancon (nine points, 14 rebounds, five



Dan Starcher photo

Smithville's Corey Caldwell gets inside for two of his 15 points in the Smithies' 62-54 win over Norwayne Saturday night in Creston.

assists).

Dawson used his big frame to get right at Kornowski for several buckets, while the Bobcats swarmed the Smithies' reigning Daily Record Player of the Year with double, triple and even quadruple team defenses at the other end.

"I missed some layups, but they were tough on defense, too," said Kornowski, who was 5-for-12 at the foul line. "The most important thing is we won."

The Smithies never trailed after building an 18-16 first-quarter lead and pushing it out to 31-28 at the half, although the Bobcats tied it several times.

Smithville got some breathing room with a 46-40 lead after three quarters, but Norwayne came right back. The Smithies missed six shots on one trip down the floor when Kornowski and Caldwell both came up empty twice inside, Bates missed a

runner and Carpenter missed a layup and two free throws with 6:09 left to play.

The Bobcats tied it at 46-all after consecutive buckets by freshman Adam Wallace, but that's when the Smithies made their winning run.

"We have no reason to hang our heads, that's for darn sure," Norwayne coach Brian West said. "That was two communities who care about and support their teams and a real good basketball game. ...

I think we took a big step in the right direction tonight. "I'm not one for moral victories, but we jelled for the first time this season. It took us seven games, but that's the first time we looked fluid on offense and that means more to me than anything."

The Smithies certainly knew they got a test. They probably didn't completely rest easy until they were back on the team bus.

H.S. boys basketball

Hiland holds on in OT

In boys basketball games that went down to the wire Saturday night, Hiland pulled out an overtime non-league win over visiting Toledo Christian, while Orrville wasn't as fortunate in an Ohio Cardinal Conference home contest vs. Mansfield Senior.

Hiland 60 Toledo Christian 55 OT
Regulation wasn't enough for Hiland and Toledo Christian as the locals took flight in overtime to snatch up the victory.

The Hawks saw four different players reach double figures in the narrow win. Pacing the locals was Colten Hostetler with 18 points, while Noah Boyd (14), Colton Troyer (13) and Dylan Kaufman (11) also finished in twin digits.

The difference in the game was foul shooting, as the Hawks, led by Hostetler's 6-of-7 effort, were 17-of-21 as a team, compared to TC's 4-of-16 effort.

Mansfield 64, Orrville 62
A desperate heave by Jacob Bolyard at the buzzer missed and Orrville found itself on the wrong end of this OCC matchup with Mansfield (5-2, 3-1 OCC).

The Red Riders (4-2, 3-1 OCC) outbounded the Tygers 36-32 as Zach Wasson led the locals with six caroms and netted a team-leading 17 points. Bolyard tossed in 14 points and Joey Besancon finished with nine points.

Waynedale 59, Chippewa 45
Brett Hawkins went for a game-high 20 points and Waynedale downed Chippewa in Wayne County Athletic League action. He tied with teammate Clay Hicks to pull down a team-high four boards as the Golden Bears grabbed a 21-13 edge on the glass.

Helping Waynedale and Hawkins was Travis Suppes with 17 points, three caroms and a team-leading five assists, while Jordan Welsh finished with 10 points.

Leading the Chipps was Justin Vilers with 11 points.
West Holmes 45, Clear Fork 34
Using a team effort, West Holmes (3-4, 2-2 OCC) went on the road to Bellville and dispatched Clear Fork (3-4, 0-4 OCC) in a defensive struggle.

Ethan Holt led the locals with 13 points, while Jon Leighty showed his all-around game with 10 points, eight rebounds and five assists. Netting 11 points was Andy Fox and Cory Acker finished with nine for the Knights.

Tallmadge 65, Loudonville 48
Some struggles in the middle two quarters proved to be Loudonville's (7-1) undoing as it fell to visiting Tallmadge (3-3) as the Redbirds were outscored 39-20 in the second and third quarters combined.

Tyler Mowery paced Loudonville with 14 points and Dakota Zickefoose was good for a team-high 11 rebounds and added five points.

Manchester 50, Tuslaw 35
Tuslaw's offense went south when

it mattered the most as it fell to Manchester by being outscored 31-15 in the second and third quarters.

Alex Martin led the Mustangs with seven points and Kyle Krug finished with a team-high five rebounds.

Triway 63, Tusky Valley 53
The Titans (6-2, 4-0 PAC) rallied from a 26-21 halftime deficit by outscoring the Trojans 23-15 in the third quarter. Triway kept the momentum up in the fourth quarter to send the hosts to 0-6 on the year and 0-4 in the PAC.

Kenny Goldstein led three Titans in twin digits with a game-high 18 points, while Cody Kelly chipped in 15 and Zach Houmard 10.

The two teams combined for 54 turnovers, with the Titans getting 27 points off the Trojans' miscues.

Mansfield St. Peter 75 Central Christian 47

Making buckets became a chore for Central Christian as it couldn't overcome visiting Mansfield St. Peter (3-4) in dropping to 2-7 on the year. The Comets finally connected for their first field goal with five minutes left in the second quarter.

Andrew Geiser led the locals with 16 points and Isaiah Phaphouvaninh added 14.

Lake Center Christian 70 Kingsway Christian 37

It was rough night for Kingsway Christian (3-5) as it fell to host Lake Center Christian (8-2).

The Eagles were led by Andrew Lowe with 14 points and seven boards and Andy Komara finished with 10 points and three assists.

Beat up

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it was runners in the lane or step-back jumpers, the shooting guard was firing on all cylinders.

Avery finished the night going 9-for-18 from the field and was 6-for-7 at charity stripe, to go with four assists and a pair of steals.

"I give credit to Avery, he hit some tough shots," Martin said. "We knew coming in that we wanted to take away his ability to penetrate, because he's so dangerous that way. But he's a good shooter and just hit some tough, contested shots."

Lexington pushed its advan-

tage out to as much as 13 in the second half, before Wooster made a run. Down 45-35 early in the fourth, Wooster went on an 8-0 run to cut the lead to 45-43 with 4:18 left.

After that, the Minutemen responded with back-to-back jumpers by Jason Guth (12 points, 6 rebounds) and Avery to get some breathing room and then a technical foul on a Wooster player resulted in three free throws to ice the game.

"I thought the difference tonight was the two minutes at the end of the half and the final 2-3 minutes of the game," Martin said. "We didn't keep our composure. I was pleased with the first half and how we executed on offense, but we lost our composure and they

made a little run. "We fought back and started sharing the basketball, but then we made some bad decisions and dug a hole that we couldn't get out of."

Spittle finished the night with a team-high 13 points, while Markette Ray added 11 and pulled down eight boards.

Wooster got to the charity stripe just three times (1-for-3) and shot 20-for-55 from the floor. On the other end, the Minutemen were 21-for-40 from the field and 7-for-9 in the freebies.

"We're never satisfied with a loss and we're capable of getting over the hump," Martin said. "We just need to learn how to close games out and not have a 2-3 minute lapse."

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