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HIGH SCHOOLS

No. 1 Simeon stumbles against Dunbar in OT

That rumble coming from the Illinois Institute of Technology was No. 1 Simeon falling to Dunbar 72-71 Friday in overtime.

Robert Johnson, a 6-foot-1-inch junior guard, sank a driving layup with seven seconds left in regulation to sent the game into overtime tied at 64. He finished with 13 points.

Maurice Brewer, who had 20 points, scored with 1 minute 31 seconds left in overtime to give Dunbar (6-3) a 72-68 lead. Cody Butler sank a three-pointer for Simeon with 2 seconds left.

James Jones finished with 16 points for Dunbar. Butler had 25 and Deon Thomas 21 for Simeon (6-1).

"It was a sweet victory for us," said Dunbar coach Fate Mickel. "The kids gave it their all and never gave up. The key to winning was not getting rattled when we trailed by 18 at the half."

Thornridge 62, Homewood-Flossmoor 57 (OT)-Derrick Dennis scored 16 points as No. 3 Thornridge (8-0, 2-0) survived a SICA East scare from host H-F (4-3, 0-3) and Scott Jackson (20 points).

HIGHLIGHTS

2, 1-2) in the SICA East.

Bloom 84, Thornwood 75-Sophomore Brandon Cole scored 25 points, including six three-pointers as Bloom (8-1, 3-0) belted Thornwood (4-4, 1-1) in the SICA East despite 28 points from Ron Wilson.

Benet Academy 72, St. Francis 62—In the West Suburban Catholic, Bill McCarthy (17 points) led the way as Benet (5-2, 4-0) won its 84th consecutive conference home game.

Morton 62, Downers Grove North 54-Gary Zahara scored 30 points as Morton (7-1) coasted past Downers North (5-2) in nonconference play.

Oak Park 58, Lyons 56-Sean Fleming scored 19 points to lift Oak Park (6-1, 2-0) in the West Suburban Silver.



T.F. North tops Tinley Park with free throws

By Jerry Shnay

Disregard all this commotion about the effect of the three-point play. Thornton Fractional North's best offense in its 57-46 victory over Tinley Park Friday was the one-and-one free throw.

Making 37 of 48 from the line, North's Meteors (9-2) opened play in SICA-Central by handing the visiting Titans their first defeat of the season after seven victories.

There was no way the bigger, slower Meteors could stay with Tinley Park's up-tempo game, so North coach Dennis Smith de fused Tinley Park's pocket rockets with a slowdown game with guard Don Sobczak controlling things and coupled that with a stifling man-to-man defense led by forward Pete Vasili.

It was Vasili's job to control Tinley Park senior Chris Dillard, the Titans' top scorer for the last three years. Granted Dillard was playing with a broken wrist and a turned ankle, but Vasili, who played navel-to-navel with Dillard all night, still had his work cut out for him.

East Aurora 71, Elgin 51-Sophomore Thomas Wyatt scored 23 points and Durrell Williams 17 as No. 4 East Aurora (8-0, 3-0) outscored Elgin 23-6 in the first quarter in the Upstate Eight.

King 73, Chicago Vocational 52-Sophomore Jamie Brandon scored 33 points, including 10 in the third quarter when sixth-ranked King (8-0) went on a 21-3 scoring binge. Brandon, who also had 10 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals, collaborated with sophomore Johnny Selvie (17 points, 14 rebounds, 4 blocked shots) to help King.

St. Francis de Sales 62, Loyola 33—Eric Anderson scored 22 points to pace The Tribune's No. 7 team (4-1, 3-0) to the Catholic League victory. Loyola (5-2, 2-1) trailed 20-14 at halftime.

Fenwick 73, St. Laurence 57-Jerry Sutton scored 28 points to lead eighth-ranked Fenwick (8-1, 3-0) in the Catholic League.

St. Rita 56, Mendel 55-Curtis Price sank two free throws with 6 seconds left to lift St. Rita (6-2, 2-1) over No. 12 Mendel (0-9, 0-3) in a Catholic League thriller. Mendel earlier this week forfeited seven victories for using an ineligible player.

Thornton 78, Bloom Trail 61-John Portis and Terry Crawford had 16 points apiece as No. 18 Thornton (7-1, 2-1) raced past No. 20 Bloom Trail (5-

Romeoville 48, Bolingbrook 45-Arte Preston scored 20 points and Darrell Owens added 12 to spark Romeoville (7-1, 2-0) to a SICA West victory.

Leyden 67, Addison Trail 43-No. 13 Leyden (7-1, 3-0), with Chris Hmielewski hitting for 26 points, cruised in the West Suburban Gold.

Lockport 50, Joliet Central 43-Mike Allen and Curtis Travis scored 11 points each to lift Lockport (7-2, 3-0) to the SICA West victory.

St. Benedict 76, Holy Trinity 60— Maurice Hawks and Ed Gregory scored 16 points each as St. Benedict (8-1, 4-0), The Tribune's No. 1 Class A team, took sole possession of first place in the Chicago Prep Conference. Holy Trinity fell to 7-5, 3-1.

Gordon Tech 70, Hales Franciscan 69—Cory Oliver scored 21 points and Chuck Rombout added 15 to lift Gordon (4-2, 1-2) in the Catholic League game.

St. Charles 66, De Kalb 39-Lee Filbert scored 14 points to power No. 19 St. Charles (5-1, 3-0) in the Upstate Eight.

Collins 61, Carver 56—Chuck Turner (22 points, 9 rebounds) and Antoine Davison (11 points, 9 rebounds) led Collins (5-1) in nonconference action.

New Trier 56, Maine South 55— Sean Dobbins had 16 points as New Trier (5-3, 2-0) outscored Maine South (4-2, 1-2) 21-8 in the fourth quarter of the Central Suburban South game.

Joliet West 64, Lincoln-Way 47-Kordi Williams scored 21 points as

Tinley Park's Jerome Carson grabs a rebound away from Thornton Fractional North's Mirko Jurkovic during North's 57-46 upset Friday.

Joliet West (5-2, 2-0) won in the SICA West.

Evanston 57, Glenbrook North 42—Tyrone Bell and Juvon McGarry scored 14 points apiece to lead Evanston (6-1, 2-0) in the Central Suburban South.

St. Joseph 85, St. Patrick 53-St. Joseph (6-2, 4-0) won in the East Suburban Catholic Conference behind Carl Hayes (24 points, 9 rebounds) and Deryl Cunningham (23 points, 16 rebounds).

Marist 66, Carmel 44—Dave Kunka scored 19 points as Marist (6-1, 3-1) built a 30-21 halftime lead in the East Suburban Catholic.

Walther Lutheran 89, Aurora Central 72—Andy Amaya had 27 points and 17 rebounds to lead Walther (7-2, 5-0) in the Private School League.

Glenbrook South 71, Maine East 58—Lars Anderson scored 25 points to

pace Glenbrook (6-1, 2-0) in the Central Suburban South.

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Lisle 55, Lemont 40—Tom Denklau scored 19 points to help Lisle (5-1, 3-0) in the Northeast Conference.

Naperville Central 63, Glenbard North 42—Chip Reavley had 24 points and 10 rebounds and Mark Batterson added 21 points and 7 rebounds as Naperville Central (4-4, 3-0) won in the Du Page Valley.

Waukegan East 58, Waukegan West 47—In the Central Suburban North, balanced scoring by John Hillary (15 points), Otis Muftaquee (14 points, 11 rebounds) and James Friar (12 points) gave East (4-3, 2-0) neighborhood bragging rights.

Taft 55, Cregier 53 (OT)-Raymond Bady and Defonda Louie scored 14 points apiece as Taft (5-4) rallied from a 29-24 halftime deficit to spill Cregier (3-4).

Dillard led both teams with 17 points, but time and again Vasili was able to force the pass instead of the shot and even batted away a couple of shot attempts.

"He brings the ball up, right into you," Vasili explained. "I remember last year he burned us twice doing that."

Tinley Park coach Roger Voels was forced to move into a man-to-man from a half-court trap because of North's tempo tactics. "But I don't think there is anyone who can stay with us in a man-to-man," insisted Smith. "Not with someone like Sobczak, who is our key."

Despite picking up three fouls in the first quarter, Sobczak wound up with 12 points and five assists as North showed ballanced scoring. Six-foot-4-inch, 245pound Mirko Jurkovic tallied 11, and both 6-3 forward Steve Mecha and Vasili got 10 points.

Tinley Parl committed 28 fouls. "And that," said Voels, "was because we were in poor defensive position most of the game."

At one point in the second and third quarters, North made 14 consecutive free throws, and early in the fourth period, Tinley Park doubled the field goal total against North, 16 to 8 but still trailed by 10 points.

That free-throw statistic was a dramatic turnaround from a nine for 21 non-effort at the line in a loss to. Phillips Tuesday. No, Smith, didn't put his team through extra practice. "All free throw shooting is, is concentration," he said.

North led 27-21 at halftime and 42-34 going into the fourth quarter and never allowed tinley Park to' get closer than six points in the final going.

"We'd been looking toward this game all season," Sobczak said. "This was our first league game. We knew if we won it, we'd be on top."

"We've been struggling all season," Voels said. "Dillard has been able to practice twice the last two weeks. We couldn't play their cat-and-mouse game and in the end we weren't able to guard them."

BRIEFS

Ex-champion George Foreman continued his comeback Friday with a technical knockout of journeyman heavyweight Rocky Sekorski 2 minutes 48 seconds into the third round in Las Vegas. Foreman, 39, is 5-0, all by knockout, since he began his comeback in March after a 10year layoff. Sekorski is 20-8. Foreman is 50-2 with 47 knockouts.

Jack Kent Cooke, owner of the Washington Redskins, is seeking a divorce from his pregnant wife whom he married last summer. Cooke, 75, married Suzanne Martin, 31, on July 24. She is his third wife. "It is a very sad thing," said a relative of Mrs. Cooke's.

The owner of a trendy Covington, Ky., bar said Cincinnati Bengals players have been involved in two fights in the bar in the last three weeks and he has had enough. "All I know is that the hardest hits the Bengals have made all year are at my bar," said Jeff Ruby, managing partner of the Waterfront. Linemen Brian Blados and Joe Walter squared off a few weeks ago, and backup quarterback Mike Norseth was in a fight Monday. Ruby fears the bar may lose its liquor license.

Mossy Cade, the Green Bay Packer defensive back convicted of sexual assault, has been denied parole on a unanimous vote by the Wisconsin parole board. Acting Chairman Don Bach said the board did not believe the six months Cade has served in prison was enough in view of the nature of the crime. Cade was sentenced to two years in prison after he was found him guilty of sexually assaulting a 44-year-old Houston woman in his home during November, 1985. Tulane has hired assistant football coach Greg Davis to replace Mack Brown, the new coach at North Carolina. Wright Waters was named interim athletic director; Brown also held that spot. An NCAA investigation has led to 18 allegations of misconduct against the West Texas State men's basketball program, including free plane travel, recruiting violations and illegal use of telephone credit cards. Athletic Director Bruce Grimes released the NCAA report, saying of the charges, "Yes, they are serious." Jay Edwards, a freshman guard at Indiana, is academically ineligible to play basketball and probably will miss the entire Big 10 season, coach Bob Knight said. Memphis State has declared basketball players Marvin Alexander and Sylvester Gray ineligible for the rest of the season. They

have admitted to signing contracts with an agent. Memphis State officials said they will the await the outcome of an appeal to the NCAA's Eligibility Committee before deciding what to do about the 1988-89 season. Athletic Director Charles Cavagnaro said in a statement, "No doubt these two young men committed a very serious error."

Members of Southern Methodist's board of trustees will donate about \$1.7 million to cover expenses from its football scandal. About \$600,000 will be put into escrow to pay off coaches' contracts, including former coach Bobby Collins. The NCAA suspended SMU's football program for 1987.

A federal judge in White Plains, N.Y., has thrown out agent Norby Walters' \$500,000 lawsuit against runningback Brent Fullwood. District Judge Charles Brieant ruled invalid a contract Fullwood signed with Walters while Fullwood was at Auburn. "We decline to serve as paymaster of the wages of crime, or referee between thieves," Brieant wrote in his ruling.

Paul Molitor and his agent have decided to refuse a salary ar-

bitration offer from the Milwaukee Brewers. Ron Simon, Molitor's agent, said: "I'd have to say at this point that negotiations have reached an impasse." Molitor batted .353 last season and had a 39-game hitting streak. He wants a three-year deal from the Brewers; they're offering two years. "I think we have some problems but I don't see it as a roadblock yet," Brewers General Manager Harry Dalton said. The Brewers must sign Molitor by Jan. 8 or lose negotiating rights with him until May 1. "Of course I'm concerned," Dalton said. "I want to get Paul signed. ... We'll use every day."

Joe Klein has resigned as vice president of baseball operations 6 for the Cleveland Indians. No reason was given.

Dave Palmer, a free agent who pitched for the Atlanta Braves last season, has signed a one-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Butch Baird, a member of the PGA Seniors Tour, and Chris Johnson of the LPGA shot a 7under-par 64 and a one-shot lead after the first round of the Mazda Champions team tournament at Montego Bay, Jamaica.

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