

Saints Split Pair; Varsity Team Honors Military Veterans with Dinner

By David Latva

St. Ignace split the final two games before the holiday break, defeating Newberry 72-71 during a Straits Area Conference (SAC) road contest Tuesday, December 20, but falling to Escanaba 74-65 in a non-league game Thursday, December 22.

Garrett Becker scored 22 points with nine assists, Dan Olsen chipped in 18 points, and Zac Pierson added 10 points and seven rebounds to lead the Saints against the Indians.

Kyle O'Boyle notched nine points and eight rebounds, Jake Weiss tallied seven, James Peterson charted four, and Brad Silet marked three.

Andrew Schultz scored 29 points and Matt Payment chipped in 13 for the Indians.

St. Ignace, 1-1 in the SAC, led 51-45 going into the final period and increased the margin to 59-51 with six minutes remaining in the game.

Newberry outscored St. Ignace 10-4 during the next two minutes for a 63-61 score, but Olsen and Pierson answered to extend the Saints lead to 67-61.

The Indians closed the margin to 67-64 in the final two minutes, while the Saints could have put the game away, but had to hang on for a one-point win after connecting on just six of 16 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter.

The Saints led 16-13 after the first quarter and held a 30-29 halftime edge after Newberry closed the score with a 16-14 second quarter advantage.

St. Ignace outscored Newberry 21-16 in the third quarter to take a five-point lead into the final eight minutes.

Third Quarter Offense, Free Throws Key to Eskymos Win Over Saints

Third quarter offensive margin and free throws down the stretch



St. Ignace basketball players honored military veterans with a lasagna dinner before the Saints basketball game Thursday, December 22. Veterans included John Ruegg, Art Pechta, Jack Riness, Shirley Bentgen, Ray Walker, Walt North, Gary Olsen, Rick Litzner, Al Lester, Doug Kivet, Don McKinnon, John Monville, Ron Dahms, Norm Smith, and Marv Winkelman, along with Saints head coach Doug Ingalls, assistant coach Steve MacDonald, and players Garrett Becker, Justin Emery, James Peterson, Dan Olsen, Kyle O'Boyle, Zach Pierson, Ben Matelski, Jake Weiss, Lewis Mullins, and Brad Silet.

Veterans, Alumni Night at LaSalle

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Military veterans and their spouses were honored before the St. Ignace basketball game Thursday, December 22, and it was alumni night at LaSalle High School as former Saints athletes and band members returned home for the holiday break.

The Saints varsity basketball players served 15 veterans and nine spouses a lasagna dinner and the team joined the group for their meal prior to the Escanaba game.

Veterans included John Ruegg, Art Pechta, Jack Riness, Gary Olsen, Don McKinnon, John Monville, Norm Smith, and Ron Dahms, Shirley Bentgen, Walt North, Rick Litzner, Al Lester, Doug Kivet, and Marv Winkelman.

"It was a pleasure for the team to host this event and we were pleased with the turnout," said Saints Coach Doug Ingalls, who pointed out it was the first time they had hosted the meal. "We will make this an annual event."

Former LaSalle athletes and band members were in attendance and alumni musicians joined in with the present band to perform pre-game and halftime music.

"This is a special game this close to the holiday break that brings alumni back," said Athletic Director Marty Spencer.

by Escanaba made the difference as the Eskymos outscored the Saints 30-20 in the third period and connected on six of 10 from the charity stripe in the final 50 seconds of the game to seal the win.

Jake Weiss led the Saints with 23 points that included five triples, James Peterson added 17 points and seven rebounds, and Zac Pierson chipped in 11 points and seven boards.

Dan Olsen notched seven points and five boards, Garrett Becker tallied six points and eight assists, and Kyle O'Boyle marked one point, nine rebounds, and four assists.

"We continue to play hard and

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Left Photograph: Saints basketball players (from left) Kyle O'Boyle, Brad Silet, Assistant Coach Steve MacDonald, and Jake Weiss introduce themselves and serve dinner to Jack Riness and Mae Riness during a dinner to honor military veterans. This will be an annual event sponsored by St. Ignace varsity basketball program.



Zac Pierson drives to the hoop during the second half of the Saints game with Escanaba.

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