



Boys Basketball



St. Ignace Posts Come-from-behind SAC Win Over Cheboygan

By David Latva

St. Ignace junior Anthony Lester scored a career-high 26 points, including shooting 15 of 16 (93 percent) from the free throw line to help gain a come-from-behind 70-64 victory against the Straits Area Conference (SAC) foe Cheboygan Chiefs Friday, January 11.

The Saints trailed 21-6 at 2:37 of the first quarter before scoring 18 unanswered points and making 25-of-32 (78%) from the free throw line, carrying St. Ignace to the SAC win.

St. Ignace, 6-3 overall and 4-1 in the league, scored the final eight points of the first eight minutes to slice the Chiefs' lead to 21-14, and opened the second quarter with a 10-0 scoring run during the first two minutes for a 24-21 advantage as Lester scored eight points, while James Peterson added four, and Kyle Smock and Nick Montie chipped in two each.

The Saints led 34-29 at half-time, but Cheboygan established a 19-15 scoring edge in the third quarter to cut the Saints' lead to 49-48 going into the final eight minutes, as Gerrit Mortensen drained three triples to boost the Saints offense.

Cheboygan tied the score at 51 early in the fourth quarter, but the Saints' 17 of 21 points came from free throws, that included Lester's 11 of 12 free throw shooting performance, lifting St. Ignace to a 21-16 margin for a six-point win.

Team scoring: St. Ignace, 20 field goals made, five triples (45 points), and 25 of 32 free throws; Cheboygan: 25 field goals made, seven triples (57 points), and 7 of 14 free throws.

Saints statistics: Anthony Lester, 26 points, eight assists, six steals; Gerrit Mortensen, 21 points, four treys, seven rebounds, four assists, three steals; Nick Montie, nine points, four rebounds; James Peterson, six points, four rebounds, three steals; Kyle Smock, three points, 10 rebounds; Austin St. Louis, three points, six rebounds; Tyler Mapes, two points.

Chiefs statistics: Nick Hancock, 21 points; Tom Wolf, 18 points; John Lafreniere, 13 points; Jordan Spohn, five points; Trey Crongeyer, five points; Nate Schotte, two points.

St. Ignace will travel to Sault Ste. Marie to battle the Blue Devils in a Straits Area Conference contest Friday, January 18.

Trojans Remain Perfect After Wins Over Saints, Raiders

By David Latva

The Cedarville Trojans continue to be perfect during the season after defeating the St. Ignace Saints 85-57 during a non-league contest Wednesday, January 9. The Trojans also knocked off the conference foe DeTour Raiders 63-30 Friday, January 11.

Cedarville is ranked number one in the Upper Peninsula Class D boys basketball poll and second in the state, remaining undefeated on the season with a 9-0 overall record, posting a 4-0 record in the Eastern Upper Peninsula Conference.

10 Trojans Score With Win Over Saints

Ten players scored for Coach David Duncan as the Trojans took control in the first quarter en route to a 28-point non-conference win over the Saints.

Cedarville took a 22-12 lead after the first eight minutes and outscored St. Ignace 23-11 in the second quarter, for a 45-23 half-time margin, as C.J. Paquin scored 16 points and Sheldon Tassier added 13 for the Trojans. Gerrit Mortensen scored 10 points for the Saints.

The Trojans held a 14-8 scoring edge in the third quarter to increase their lead to 59-31 before both offenses reached high gear, scoring 26 points each in the final eight minutes.

Team scoring: Cedarville, 35 field goals made, six triples, and 9 of 15 free throws; St. Ignace, 21 field goals made, three triples, and 12 of 21 free throws.

Trojans statistics: C.J. Paquin, 18 points; Sheldon Tassier, 15



Kyle Smock (42), who led the Saints with 10 rebounds, drives to the hoop for two points against John Lafreniere (33) during the first half of the Saints' SAC win over Cheboygan.



Anthony Lester (14) scores two of his career-high 26 points for St. Ignace, which included 15 of 16 free throws during the Saints' win over Cheboygan Friday, January 11.

points; Taylor Smith, 14 points; Kevin Thompson, 10 points; Jordan Duncan, nine points; Jason Duncan, eight points; Luke Murray, four points; James Mitchell, three points; Scott McGreevy, Matt Nelson, two points.

Saints statistics: Gerrit Mortensen, 19 points; James Peterson, 14 points; Austin St. Louis, 12 points; Tyler Mapes, six points; Nick Montie, four points; Anthony Lester, two points.

Trojans Defeat Raiders by 33
Cedarville led 21-8 after the first eight minutes, held a 15-7 margin in the second quarter for a 36-15 halftime lead, and outscored DeTour 27-15 in the second half.

Trojans statistics: Jason Duncan, 18 points, eight rebounds; Sheldon Tassier, 12 points; C.J. Paquin, 11 points, five assists, five steals; Kevin Thompson, nine points; Jordan Duncan, seven points, five assists, four steals; Taylor Smith, five points; Scott McGreevy, one

point.

Raiders statistics: Nathan Klamerus, 10 points, nine rebounds; Andy Dyal, nine points, four rebounds; Josh Wilson, four points; Kaleb Barbeaux, three points; Ian Burton, two points, four rebounds.

Trojans Win JV Contest

Cedarville won the junior varsity contest against St. Ignace 69-43, Wednesday, January 9.

Trojans statistics: Andrew Jaroche, 24 points; Jordan Baker, 10 points; Jeremy Sherlund, eight points; Tyler Kanitz, Michael Kenney, six points; Matthew Schlosser, Connor McLeod, five points; Charlie Nelson, three points; Zach McFarlane, one point.

Saints statistics: Evan Everson, 13 points; Kevin Guillard, Gunnar Zipp, eight points; Grant Simmons, six points; Mike Marthelemy, four points; Jacob Gustafson, Landon Oliver, two points.

Panthers Hit .500 With Wins Over Indians, Bays

The Pickford Panthers boys basketball team improved to 4-4 on the season, and 3-1 in the Eastern Upper Peninsula Conference (EUPC), after a 71-60 win over the Brimley Bays Friday, January 11. The Panthers also defeated the Newberry Indians 70-48 in a non-conference contest Tuesday, January 8.

Panthers Overcome "Flu Bug," Fouls

"The flu bug and fouls hit our team, but we had some people step up," said Panthers Head Coach Shawn Bennin. The flu bug affected two players and two starters were in foul trouble.

Pickford trailed by 11 points at one point in the first half, as the Bays held a 13-8 lead after the first eight minutes, however, the Panthers established a 19-13 advantage in the second quarter for a 27-26-half-time edge.

The Panthers outscored Brimley 19-14 in the third quarter and completed the non-league win

with a 25-20 margin in the final eight minutes.

Panthers statistics: Chris Turner, 22 points, seven rebounds; Pat Savoie, 18 points, 15 rebounds; Mickael Cantin, 10 points, six rebounds; Preston Hunter, McKinley Portice, seven points; Jamie Nettleton, five points, seven assists; Josh Kibble, two points.

Bays statistics: Jeremy Daniels, 19 points; Corie Quinn, 12 points; Beven Thomas, nine points; Brent Aikens, six points; Ryan Freedman, five points; Mike Phillips, four points; Nate Mills, three points; Martz Drechsel, two points.

Panthers Cruise Past Indians

Pickford outscored Newberry 40-19 in the first half against and held a 30-29-scoring edge in the second half.

Panthers statistics: McKinley Portice, 26 points; Chris Turner, nine points; Jamie Nettleton, seven points; Mickael Cantin, Pat Savoie, Burton Gough, six points; Zach Mortensen, four points; Preston Hunter, three points; Kurt Barras, two points; Josh Kibble, one point.

Rudyard Posts SAC Win Over Sault 52-45

The Rudyard Bulldogs boys basketball team improved to 3-2 in the Straits Area Conference (SAC), and 7-2 overall on the season, after a 52-45 league win over the Sault Ste. Marie Blue Devils Friday, January 11.

The Bulldogs led 24-19 at half-time and held a 28-26 scoring edge in the second half.

Bulldogs statistics: Arik Hesselink, 17 points; Jeff Briggs, 12 points; Chastin McKelvie, seven points; Craig Wallis, Kiefer McCollum, six points; Isiah Otten, four points.

Blue Devils available statistics: Nick Kibble, 14 points; Jared Dillon, Ryan Bailey, nine points.

Engadine Falls to Rapid River

The Engadine Eagles boys basketball team fell to the Rapid River Rockets 61-50 in a non-conference contest Monday, January 7.

The Eagles trailed 11-9 after the first eight minutes and 23-20 at halftime, following a 12-11 Rockets scoring edge in the second quarter. The Rockets outscored Engadine 38-30 in the second half.

Eagles statistics: Daren Emery, 12 points, five rebounds, four assists; Nathan Butkovich, eight points, seven rebounds; Killian Frisch, eight points; Joel VanHise, seven points, five rebounds; Phillip Hood, six points, 11 rebounds, three assists, three steals; Michael Bennett, five points, three steals; John Troyer, four points, six rebounds.



**Pat Savoie
Pickford**



The Saints' James Peterson (24) steals and scores against Cedarville.



Trojans guard C.J. Paquin (30) goes above the rim for a two-pointer against St. Ignace Wednesday, January 9.

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