# **SMCC** falls to unbeaten **New Riegel**

From staff reports

#### **NEW RIEGEL**

St. Mary Central Catholic couldn't dig out of a big early hole on the road and lost to New Riegel in a boys basketball league matchup, 56-37. SMCC fell to 1-2 on the season, 1-1 in SBC River Division play. New Riegel is now 4-0 (2-0 River).

Brock Gill did the heavy lifting offensively for SMCC, pouring in 22 points and making eight of the Panthers' 13 field goals. SMCC struggled to stop New Riegel's Brandon Gillig, who finished with 29.

ST. MARY CENTRAL CATHOLIC (1-2, 1-1) Lance Powell 0-0-0; Kyle West 0-0-0; Andrew Fullam 1-0-2; Jackson Rutger 0-0-0; Charlie Kaftan 2-0-6; Brock Gill 8-5-22; Ayden Kresser 1-2-4; Casey Crooks 1-1-3. TOTALS: 13-8-37

NEW RIEGEL (4-0, 2-0) NEW MILEGEL (4-0, 2-0)
Joe Tiell 7-0-16; Carson Whipple 0-0: Grant
Reinhart 1-0-2; Drew Hohman 0-0: Logan
Schalk 2-0-5; Brody Hohman 1-0-2; Brandon
Gillig 9-8-2; Shane Hohman 1-0-3; Reese
Goshe 1-0-2. TOTALS 21-8-56

SMCC 5 7 817 – 37

New Riegel 1716 15 8 – 56

3-point goals — St. Mary 3 (Kaftan 2, Gill); New Riegel 6 (Tiell 2, Gillig 2, S. Hohman, Schalk) Oak Harbor 59, Edison 45

#### MILAN — T.J. Hallett led

Oak Harbor with 30 points in a road win. He's now scored 57 points across the Rockets' last two games.

The Rockets are now 3-1 on the season and 1-0 in SBC Bay Division play. Edison fell to 1-2 (0-2).

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** 

#### Western Reserve 58,

#### Plymouth 29 COLLINS — The

Roughriders had eight different players score in a balanced offensive win at home to move to 3-2 on the season and 2-0 in Firelands Conference play. Isabelle Duchette led

Western Reserve with 12 points, and Lillian White was also in double figures with

Plymouth (0-6, 0-2) senior Erin Stevens led the way in defeat with 14 points.

#### PLYMOUTH (0-6, 0-2)

Branham 1 3-4 6, Stevens 5 2-3 14, Hoak 2 0-0 5, Patton 1 0-0 2, Horne 1 0-0 2. TOTALS 10 5-7 29

## WESTERN RESERVE (3-2, 2-0)

Madison Pfanner 2.0-0 4, Isabelle Duchette 5 1-2 12, Madelyn Kolb 3 1-2 7, Anna Woodrum 2 0-2 5, Grace French 1 3-3 5, Lillian White 4 1-2 10, Bella Thorburg 4 0-2 8, Kathleen Woodruff 2 3-4 7, TOTALS 23 9-17 58 Woodrum 13-47. TOTALS 25-17-95 Plymouth 9 11 6 3 — 29 Western Reserve 17 11 13 17 — 58 Three-point goals — Plymouth 4 (Stevens 2, Branham 1, Hoak 1); Western 3 (Duchette 1, Woodrum 1, White 1)

Monroeville 43.

#### New London 34

MONROEVILLE — The Eagles moved to 2-0 on the season with their win over New London. It was a Firelands Conference opener for Monroeville, which had a delayed start to the season after a deep

volleyball postseason run. New London falls to 0-6 and 0-2 in FC play with the loss.

Monroeville 67,

## **New London 27**

MONROEVILLE — The Eagles improved to 5-0 for the first time since the 1969-70 season with Thursday's rout of visiting New London in a Firelands Conference matchup.

Aidan Goodwin scored a game-high 22 points for Monroeville. Jimmy Clingman added 20. Isaac Roeder added 12 points for the Eagles, who are 3-0 in the FC and are off until a Dec. 17 game at Plymouth.

#### NEW LONDON (0-4, 0-2)

Anthony Springfield 1-0—2; Logan Girton 1-0—2; Logan Wallace 2-0—4; Denatrich Dawson 0-1—2; Jacob Bilton 3-0—7; Jamil Arnold 0-3—3; Conner Byrd 3-1—8. TOTALS MONROEVILLE (5-0, 3-0)

Aidan Goodwin 9:1—22; Josh Burrows 1:2—4; Isaac Roeder 5:1—12; Aaron Allen 3:0—6; Jimmy Clingman 8:3—20; Ian Schafer 1:0—3. TOTALS 27:7—67

New London 12 4 10 1—27

Monroeville 15 20 19 13—67

Three-point goals – (NL) Bilton, Byrd; (M) Goodwin 3, Roeder, Clingman, Schafer Crestview 66, St. Paul 37

OLIVESBURG — The Flyers fell to 0-3 overall and 0-2 in the FC with Thursday's road loss to the unbeaten Cougars.

Kaden Maxwell led St. Paul with nine points, while Eli Fisher scored eight and Thomas Bocock had seven.

St. Paul will entertain New London on Saturday.

#### ST. PAUL (0-3, 0-2)

Thomas Bocock 3·1—7; Eli Fisher 3·2—8; Kaden Maxwell 3·3—9; Ben Burger 0·1—1; Jayden Hipp 1·0—2; Ian Dieter 2·0—4; Travis Herner 1·4—6. TOTALS 13·11—37

#### **CRESTVIEW (4-0, 2-0)**

M. Baith 2-0—5; M. Spoerr 3-1—7; H. Kash 5-0—3; A. Wells 1-0—2; A. Reymer 1-0—2; N. Stuart 2-1—5; O. Barker 11-4—26; J. Ringler 3-0—6. TOTALS 28-6—66 St. Paul 5-1014 8—37 Crestview 16-23-12-15—66 Three-point goals—(CV) Kash 3, Baith

## Norwalk 42, Lexington 35

LEXINGTON — Behind a massive game from Brooklyn Davis, the Norwalk girls basketball team is 6-0 for the first time in five seasons with Thursday's 42-35 non-league road win over host Lexington.

Davis finished with 20 points and 20 rebounds (10 offensive and 10 defensive) in the game, which Norwalk led throughout at the end of all four quarters. The junior also had four steals and blocked a pair of shots.

Abby Koenig added six points, while Kenzie Smith and Emily Koenig each scored five points. Kylie Moser (four points) and Joscey Thomas (two points) rounded out the Norwalk scoring, and Moser also grabbed four rebounds.

Norwalk (2-0 SBC Lake) has a key league road test on Saturday at Perkins (2-3,



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Perkins' Drake Venerucci blocks the shot from Bellevue's Ryan Mohr during a game at Perkins High School on Friday night.

# REDMEN

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"You've just gotta have that same confidence every time," Ray said. "We just came out ready to go." Horn hit an early 3, too, curling off a

screen and firing from the top of the key. But then he went into attack mode. One drive got Horn to the line, where he split a pair of foul shots. And then twice he

got all the way to the rim to finish off glass, the first a hop step culminating in a lefty layup before he scooped a right-handed shot off glass soon after.
"(Horn) is the best guy to play with," Ray said. "He is so explosive and athletic. He

makes everything easier. Every aspect of the game, he makes easier for me. It's awesome when I look down the court and see number 14 standing there. Perkins trailed 29-18 late in the first half,

but the Pirates scored the final nine points before the break. Senior point guard Sam Oddo hit a couple free throws, then nailed a 3-pointer from the right wing to pull within

Soon after, Drake Venerucci followed up a miss for a putback and Venerucci broke out a spin move before finishing with 10 seconds left in the half to send the Pirates to the break down just two. Venerucci had a game-high 10 points in the first half and finished with 17

Rich didn't have some major message for his team at halftime after the Pirates' late half run, but he apparently didn't need one. "We just talked about our offense was

working," Rich said. "When we were patient, we were getting what we wanted." Bellevue scored the first 10 points of

the half and held Perkins scoreless for six minutes, 53 seconds. Ashton Martin made a 3-pointer from the

right wing for the half's first bucket, then a traditional three-noint Mason Bova and Ray each followed with a pull-up jumper make to go up 39-27. Perkins scored the third quarter's final

six points, sparked by an and-1 from Gavin Hemphill to stop the drought.

"Offensively, for the better part of five and a half minutes in the third, we stood around," McVeigh said. "... The last minute and a half, we were attack-minded, we were moving and we made things happen." Ray was left open in the left corner early

in the final quarter and nailed his fourth 3-pointer to put Bellevue back in control, a 42-33 lead. Perkins would score 13 of the game's

final 18 points, though. Bellevue looked to control the clock, and Perkins upped its defensive pressure.

"That was like the normal Perkins defense you usually see," Rich said. "They get after it, get up in the passing lanes." Venerucci hit a 3 to pull within five, then

had a putback to get within four. Hemphill hit a 3 to get within 45-44. Jackson Martin answered with Bellevue's bucket on a drive to go up three. Venerucci

pulled Perkins back within one. And then after a front-end miss on a one-and-one, Oddo pushed the ball up the left side of the floor and let fly on a 30 footer

from the left wing. 'We had a shot to win," McVeigh said. "Ultimately, what do we ask these kids to do? Put us in a position to win the game, and they did."

For a moment, it looked like it could be good. Two teams looking for their first wins of the season had their Friday night fates hanging in the balance. But the shot missed, barely, and fell into Jackson Martin's arms. He chucked the ball down the floor to run the remaining clock, and Horn and Ryan Mohr hrew their arms in the air.

Bellevue's student section soon joined the Redmen on the floor, and Bellevue had ensured a happy bus ride home.
"It's very key," Ray said. "Especially

because it's a league win, it's a huge win for us. Sandusky was a close game, sucks to lose, but it was great to come out here and

#### BELLEVUE (1-2, 1-1)

. Tyler Ray 5 0-0 14. Deegan Horn 3 1-2 8, Ryan Stombaugh 2 0-0 5, Ryan Mohr 2 3-5 7, Mason Bova 1 1-2 3. TOTALS 17 6-11 47

PERKINS (0-2, 0-1)

Sam Oddo 2 2·3 8, Gavin Hemphill 4 0·1 10, Drake Venerucci 6 4·4 17, Logan Lesch 1 2·3 4, Kale Cox 1 0·0 2, Jayden Rowe 2 1·2 5. TOTALS 16 9·13 46

Bellevue 17 12 10 8 — 47
Perkins 14 13 6 13 — 46
Three-point goals — Bellevue 7 (Ray 4, A. Martin 1, Horn 1,
Stombaugh 1); Perkins 5 (Oddo 2, Hemphill 2, Venerucci 1)

#### **FLIERS**

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a 40-38 lead - their first since the 42-second mark of the third quarter. But Clyde's Andrew Kauble converted a three-point play with 47 seconds left to give the Fliers

Norwalk came up empty on its next possession, and Olson was fouled with 7 seconds left. He missed the first attempt, then Norwalk called timeout to set up a final play pending his second attempt. Olson made the second

free throw for a 42-40 lead, but the Truckers were called for an offensive foul with just 0.7 seconds left to seal the Clyde got 13 points from Wilson and five points from

Jaden Cook. The two top scorers for the Fliers from last season both fouled out but the Fliers still found a way to improve to 1-1 (1-0 'When those two went down it was a 'next man' mentality," said Olson, who

finished with eight points and 10 rebounds. "We had to do what we could to hang in there. We know we can all score and those guys knew exactly what roles they had Norwalk (1-3, 1-1) didn't

score for the first 5:27 of the game and trailed 8-0, yet led 12-11 after the end of the quarter. Traczek made a three-quarter court shot at the guarter buzzer. The Truckers were just

1-of-10 shooting and had six turnovers in the second quarter as they trailed 18-15. "But give Clyde credit

for that as well," Norwalk coach Steve Gray said of the offensive struggles. "They have three really quick guards. They put great pressure on us. We didn't turn it over a ton, but we couldn't get into our sets.

"We lost our composure at times just being patient. That hurt us."

Sommers led Norwalk with 12 points and Traczek scored 11. Minor had six points and 10 rebounds, and Coe scored seven points.

Clyde hosts Ashland Saturday in a non-league game, while the Truckers entertain Willard on Tuesday.

This was a big win for Clyde," Gray said. "We've had their number for a while. Everyone talks about Norwalk and our tradition, and it's a real thing. A lot of teams would have never been in position at the end of the game."

#### NORWALK (1-3, 0-2)

Daniel Traczek 5-0-11, Ian Minor 2-0-6, Caleb Sommers 3-3-12, Ashton Coe 3-1-7, Ben

#### Rathhaar 2-0-4. TOTALS 15-4—40.

**CLYDE (1-1, 1-0)** Jaden Cook 1-2-5, Andrew Kauble 2-2-6, Brady Wilson 3-7-13, Kaiden Olson 2-3-8, Kyle Flewelling 3-2-8, Grant McMaster 1-0-2. TOTALS 12-16—42.

Norwalk 12 15 10 12 3 — 40 Clyde 11 7 5 14 5 — 42 Three-point goals – (N) Sommers 3, Minor 2, Traczek; (C) Cook, Olson

# TIGERS

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he shows up with 28 and 10. I saw that look in his eyes. He was ready to go." A 7-0 run midway

through the fourth quarter

gave the Bears (3-1, 1-1) their only lead, 48-46, but Hohler sealed the game at the free throw line. With Huron up 55-48 and Leibacher going to the line, Margaretta coach Steve Keller got a technical

foul that had been in the making for the entire game. Moments later, a few Margaretta students were ejected from the gym. "Hohler is a player," Keller said. "It was a good

high school basketball

a few more plays. It's two undefeated teams going at

Both teams shot the ball

well in the first half, each

going 11 for 21 from the field with four 3-pointers apiece. Hohler grabbed a rebound and went coast to coast to give Huron a 17-7

lead with 57 seconds left in the first quarter. Margaretta bounced back and a 9-0 run capped by a Leibacher layup following a Tigers turnover tied the game at 26-26.

Two Tait Fischer 3-pointers early in the third quarter gave Huron a 36-28 lead, but the Bears kept it close as Leibacher scored 10 points in the quarter and scoring just four in the first half while being guarded junior Luke Rager. "Leibacher is one of the

made him earn everything," James said. "Luke Rager busted his butt." Huron's lead shrank to one point late in the third

best players we'll see and we

quarter, guaranteeing an eventful fourth quarter. A Leibacher drive to the rim tied it at 41 with 7:15 to play. Hohler responded with a basket and a strong move on the block and

a free throw after being

fouled. Margaretta trailed 46-41, but again the Bears responded, taking a brief lead before Hohler's clutch free throws in the final minute.

Fischer and Joey Schade each had 11 points for the Tigers, who connected on

Cameron Sosa and Nathan Schaefer (three 3s)

each had nine points for Margaretta. "I thought we handled the atmosphere and played well in a big game," James said. "We played very good team defense. We

communicated better than we have all year." Both student bodies stared each other down as

the gym emptied. The rematch in Castalia is

#### MARGARETTA (3-1)

Jan. 21.

Cameron Sosa 4 0-0 9, Nathan Schaefer 3 0-0 9, Jake Leibacher 7 9-9 23, Ben Palomo 3 0-0 7, Hayden Wiley 0 0-0 0, Gage Bodey 1 0-0 2. TOTALS 18 9-9 50

HURON (3-0) Luke Rager 1 0-0 2, Tait Fischer 4 0-0 11, Dylan Hohler 8 12-14 28, Marc Hurst 1 0-0 2, Joey Schade 3 3-4 11, Adam Murray 1 0-0 2, Nick Babka 1 0-0 3, Jake Lagando 1 0-0 2

TOTALS 20 15-18 61

Margaretta 9171311-50

Huron 17111320-61

Three-point goals - Margaretta 5 (Schaefer 3, Sosa 1, Palomo 1); Huron 6 (Fischer 3, Schade 2, Babka 1)

#### game. We just didn't have enough runs. Huron made almost exclusively by Huron 20 of 37 shots from the field.

STREAKS ■ FROM PAGE B1

"I just box out and crash the glass hard," the 6-4 senior said. "We just push hard on the glass. We work on box-out drills every day in practice and it really helps us in games." Sandusky is now 2-2 after winning

two straight Lake Division games after dropping two nonconference games. 'We're heading in the right

direction," Durham said. "We're getting better and better each day. We just have to practice on our mistakes from each game and we'll keep getting better and better."

Both teams started slow, with Sandusky holding a 2-0 lead after four minutes of play. The Streaks began to pick up the

pace after that, establishing their

inside game to take a 13-7 lead after

one period and pushing the marking to 31-13 at the half. The visitors connected on 5-of-8 shots from inside the arc in the first quarter and 9-of-13 in the second. In the meantime, a relentless

Sandusky defense forced Vermilion into 13 first-half turnovers and 5-of-17 The Streaks continued the attack

after the intermission, pulling out to a 50-19 lead heading into the fourth quarter and getting a running clock started less than two minutes later. We just wanted to keep the

pressure on, try to wear them down and, hopefully, by the third and fourth quarters we've worn them down a little and we can open it up," Moore said. "Guys just played hard tonight. A lot of balls fell our way and we got our hands on a lot of balls. A lot of deflections and we were just aggressive defensively."

The Sailors (0-4, 0-1) were held

three quarters, and scored 10 over the final eight minutes. Senior Ben Rini led the way with seven points and five rebounds. "Credit to Sandusky," said Vermilion

under double digits in each of the first

coach Kurt Habermehl. "DeMar has them playing really hard, he does a great job with them. They know how to attack us. There's not a lot of ways to get around this until you're confident with the basketball."

# SANDUSKY (2-2)

Daylen Green 3 1.1 7; Kye Scott 1 0.2 2; Jarrein Alexander 4 0.0 9; Israel Fletcher 1 0.1 2; Darrion Durham 4 0.1 8; DeMa Moore 4 1.1 10; Patrick Brown 2 0.2 4; Malaky Johnson 5 1.1 11; Josh Garrett 1 0.0 2; Nate' Abbott 2 0.0 4. TOTALS

# **VERMILION (0-4)**

Andrew Hendershot 1 0-0 2 Gus Matheson 1 0-0 3; Ben Rini 3 1-27; Wyatt German 1 0-0 3, Donevan Lewis 1 0-0 2; Ethan Hendrickson 1 0-0 3; Cam Logue 0 0-4 0; Thomas Ngure 1 0-0 3; Jacha Borlaug 1 0-0 2; Riley Kearns 2 0-0 4. TOTALS 12.18.29 Sandusky 13 19 19 11 — 61

Vermilion 7 6 610 — 29
Three-point goals: Sandusky 3 (Green 1, Alexander 1, Moore 1);
Vermillion 4 (Matheson 1, German 1, Hendrickson 1, Ngure 1)

Western Reserve's Lillian White drives to the basket against Plymouth.