

Coaches comments



JANUARY 8, 2008 ST. CHARLES VS DUBLIN SCIOTO

Overview... Tonight's game features the Scioto Irish playing host to the Cardinals of St. Charles HS. Scioto (10-0, 3-0 OCC) is coming off two non-league victories last week over Watterson (58-46) and Mt. Vernon (60-46). The Irish were in command for the most part in each game. Mt. Vernon did cut Scioto's 10 point halftime lead down the three in the 3rd quarter. However the Green & Silver went on a 6-0 run to finish the quarter. Ben Ashwill then went 11-12 from the charity stripe in the 4th quarter to salt away the win. Leading the way for the Irish against the Yellow Jackets was Blair Gorniak with a career high of 20 pts (also 8 rebounds). Ashwill added 14 pts while distributing 10 assists. Marco St. John tied a career high with 14 pts (also 6 rebounds). In the Watterson game, Ben Ashwill scored a career high 21 pts while adding 5 assists and 7 rebounds to the cause. Marco St. John was the only other double figure scorer with 11-pts.

St. Charles (6-5, 0-4 CCL) is a member of the Central Catholic League. The Cards are coached by Pat Dimmick, who is in his 4th season at the helm. The Red & Black are averaging 60.4 ppg on offense and giving up 56.3 ppg on defense. Leading the way will be 6'4 senior wing Phil Keiser (15.9 ppg) and 6'2 junior guard Jeff Sobecki (14.4 ppg). Other anticipated starters for SC are 6'0 junior guard Jacob Byorth (7.2 ppg), 6'0 junior guard Brian Luciano (4.2 ppg) and 6'4 freshman post Dane McLaughlin (3.0 ppg). St. Charles enters this game after losing a close one at DeSales last Friday (66-65) and defeating Centennial on Saturday (75-46).

Coach B's Comments on St. Charles.. St. Charles is a fairly young team with only three seniors. They are much improved from last year and playing with a ton of confidence right now. Coach Dimmick has this team getting better each time out. Keiser is one of leading rebounders in Central Ohio to go along with his double figure scoring average. We will have to keep him off the glass at their offensive end. The Cardinals' Princeton style of half court offense is very crafty. We will have to be aware of defending the backdoor cut. However, they can shoot it also so we will have to defend honestly. At the offensive end for us, it will be imperative we recognize SC's changing defenses and be prepared to penetrate their matchup zone when they go to it.

Notes and Nuggets... This is the 4th meeting between the two schools, with Scioto holding a 3-0 advantage. Last year the Irish won by a score of 38-26Scioto's win over Watterson last week marks the 200th win in school history...Scioto is ranked #8 in the Division I AP State Poll and ranked #2 in the Central Ohio District Poll... Several Irish players are among the statistical leaders in Central Ohio at this point. They include Ben Ashwill in assists, free throw %, total field goal %, 3 pt field goal %; Bradley McDougald in total field goal %, 3 pt field goal %; Blair Gorinak leads Central Ohio with a total field goal % of 71.1.

Upcoming Schedule... Scioto will head back into OCC action as they host New Albany this Friday, January 11th.