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COLLEGE SPORTS

Wagner women fall to Manhattan, 95-86

■ Susan Wagner HS product Tonya Obey scores 19 to help Jaspers to win

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Wagner College sophomore Susan Moffat tossed in a career-high 31 points, but the Seahawks fell to Manhattan College 95-86 in the opening round of the Sheraton Big Apple Classic yesterday at the winner's Draddy Gymnasium, Riverdale.

The Lady Jaspers (1-2) will face Georgia Tech (3-0), a 90-72 winner over New Hampshire in yesterday's opener, in the championship game today at 3.

Wagner (0-3) and New Hampshire (0-2) will square off in the consolation game at 1.

While Manhattan had its hands full in trying to stop Moffat, who is averaging 26.7 points per game, it countered with a balanced scoring attack led by senior center Gina Somma (22 points and a game-high 13 rebounds), sophomore point guard Wanda Camps (20 points and 7 assists) and senior forward Tonya Obey who tied a career-high scoring mark by pouring in 19 points.

Obey, the Susan Wagner HS product who is second on Staten Island's all-time career scoring list with 2,059 points and is currently averaging 15.3 per game, had 17 of her points in the second half as the Lady Jaspers were challenged by the Seahawks, but hung on for the victory.

"This was the first time we played Wagner in my four years at Manhattan and it was a real big game for me, especially since my father (Arnold) and my sister (Celisse) both played for Wagner," Obey said. "I really wanted to win and just hoped that I would play well.

"We had a big lead a few times, but Wagner kept coming back. I think the difference was that we got our running game going in the second half and Wanda (Camps) had a big game."

"If anyone had told me we would score 86 points against Manhattan, I would naturally assume it would be in a win," Wagner coach Pam Roecker said. "I was pleased with our effort on offense. Moffat had another outstanding game, freshman Amanda Young scored well (15 points, all in the first half) and Jenny Frasier (12 points, 10 rebounds) gave us a big lift off the bench even though she's only about 50-percent healthy because of a muscle problem in her back.

"But we didn't win because we didn't play defense. We let them penetrate for too many easy layups against our halfcourt defense and we allowed them too many easy baskets in the transition game."

Sparked by the scoring of Somma, Camps and junior forward Nikki Sanders, the Lady Jaspers led by 16 points (38-23) with only 4:32 left in the first half, but Wagner battled back to outscore Manhattan 15-5 (including nine points by Young) and sliced the margin to 44-38 by the intermission.

"We shot well all game (37 for 73, 50.7 percent) and had our chances to put it away early, but we let them back in it because we weren't boxing out on rebounds (Wagner outrebounded Manhattan 47-46) and not getting back on defense," Manhattan coach Michele Sharp said.

While Wagner never got any closer than four points in the second half, it never let the Jaspers get away. Paced by the outside shooting of Moffat and the inside scoring and rebounding of Frasier and sophomore forward Alicia Conquest, the Seahawks still had a shot when it closed to 88-83 on two foul shots by Moffat with only 1:26 left.

However, Camps, who was 1 for 22 from the floor in Manhattan's first two games, but 8 for 10 yesterday, tossed in a long jumper from the left corner to make it 90-83.

After Camps and Conquest traded free throws, Obey banked in a driving layup off the break to make it 93-84.

Wagner's Erica Minter canned a layup before Obey and Somma closed out the scoring with free throws.

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NOTES: Although limited to just 22 minutes because of foul problems, Conquest finished with nine rebounds and 12 points ... Over the first three games, Moffat is shooting 43.8 percent from the floor (28-64) ... Wagner's first home game is Saturday afternoon at 3 when it entertains Central Connecticut.

WAGNER (86)
Shotta 2-8 0-0 4, Moffat 10-27 8-8 31, Conquest 5-11 2-5 12, Young 5-11 4-4 15, Nuamann 0-0 4-6 4, White 0-0 0-0 0, Minter 4-8 0-0 8, Whalen 0-0 0-0 0, Snyder 0-0 0-0, Sager 0-1 0-0 0, Fraser 6-16 0-0 12.
Totals: 32-80 18-23 86.

MANHATTAN (95)
Obey 7-14 5-8 19, Somma 8-19 6-8 22, Morrell 1-3 1-2 3, Camps 8-10 3-4 20, Sims 3-6 0-0 7, Gottschalk 1-4 2-2 5, Lavender 4-9 0-0 8, Sanders 5-8 1-1 11, Cropley 0-0 0-0 0.
Totals: 37-73 17-25 95.

Halftime: Manhattan 44, Wagner 38. Three-point goals: Wagner 4-11 (Shotta 0-1, Moffat 3-7, Young 1-2, Frasier 0-1); Manhattan 4-8 (Obey 0-2, Camps 2-2, Sims 1-2, Gottschalk 1-2). Rebounds -- Wagner 47 (Frasier 10); Manhattan 46 (Somma 13). Assists -- Wagner 14 (Minter 5); Manhattan 23 (Camps 7). Total fouls - Wagner 19, Manhattan 21. Fouled out - Sims. Turnovers - Wagner 23, Manhattan 24. A - 510.

Stockton women rout CSI, 61-22

ADVANCE STAFF REPORT

POMONA, N.J. — Lucana Troia scored eight points and Emens LaRoche added six but the College of Staten Island dropped a 61-22 decision to Stockton College of New Jersey yesterday at the winner's court.

Troia also led the Dolphins with seven rebounds.

CSI (22)
Troia 4-14 0-0 8, O'Brien 0-7 0-3 0, Dodd 1-3 0-4 2, Pusey 0-0 0-1 0, Sciametta 1-3 1-1 3, Lewis 1-6 1-4 3, Laroche 2-8 2-2 6.
Totals: 9-41 4-16 22.

STOCKTON (61)
Mohlhauser 1-2 1-2 2, Elias 1-6 3-4 6, Wain 0-2 2-4 2, Musselman 4-7 2-2 10, Garrity 0-6 0-2 0, Caprio 3-3 0-0 6, Rifting 0-7 1-2 1, Sink 2-4 5-7 9, Carr 4-10 3-4 11, Embarth 2-3 1-1 6, Shorr 0-1 0-2 2, Mulder 0-2 0-0 0, Werner 1-3 2-2 4.
Totals: 18-62 22-32 61.

CSI				12 10—22
Stockton				29 32—61

Three-point goals: CSI 0-3 (O'Brien 0-3); Stockton 3-10 (Mohrhauser 1-3, Elias 1-3, Wain 0-1, Musselman 0-1, Garrity 0-1, Embarth 1-1). Rebounds: CSI 28 (Troia 7, Pusey 6, Dodd 5); Stockton 39 (Wain 7, Sink 7). Assists: CSI 7 (Sciametta 2); Stockton 14 (Elias 4). Steals: CSI 18 (Lewis 4); Stockton 20 (Mohrhauser 5). Total fouls: CSI 22; Stockton 23. Fouled out: Lewis.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Junior guard Jacqui Mahoney scored 11 points in Fairleigh Dickinson's 97-86 loss to Canisius in the Carrier Classic Tournament yesterday at Manley Fieldhouse.

The Notre Dame Academy product also had two rebounds and four assists, before fouling out with 2:01 remaining.

Amy Thornton, also of NDA, had two points in five minutes for FDU.

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. — Danielle Fiorello (NDA) notched 17 points and four steals as LIU recorded its first victory of the season, a 74-68 decision over Iona (0-3). Fiorello was 3 for 4 from three-point range. LIU is 1-2.

Dot Guerriero (Curtis) scored 10 points with six rebounds and six assists as St. Francis, N.Y., defeated Bucknell 86-67 in a non-conference game in Brooklyn. Christine Taps (NDA) added 14 points for the Terriers.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

St. Peter's girls win hoop opener

■ Eagles down Burnt Hills, 40-34; New Dorp rolls over Tilden

ADVANCE STAFF REPORT

CLIFTON PARK, N.Y. — St. Peter's won its opening game of the season, a 40-34 decision over Burnt Hills HS from Saratoga Springs yesterday at Shenendehowa HS.

"We beat a good team on the road," SP coach Bob Daggett said. "And that's not a bad way to start the season."

Joette Fiorello scored nine of her game-high 13 points in the first quarter as the Eagles sprinted to a 17-10 lead.

St. Peter's center Keisha Elliott got in early foul trouble and the Eagles fell behind in the third quarter.

However, Debra Pasquale came off the bench to score four points in the and Jen Sgro (six steals) and Fiorello caused numerous turnovers to hold Burnt Hills to two points in the fourth quarter to record the victory.

ST. PETER'S (40)
R. Sgro 2 0-0 5, Fiorello 5 2-2 13, Teixeira 2 0-0 5, Elder 2 1-2 5, J. Sgro 0 0-0 0, Gagliardo 2 0-0 4, Lisi 1 1-4 3, Pasquale 2 0-0 4, Elliott 2 2-2 6.
Totals: 16 6-10 40.

BURNT HILLS (34)
Thomas 4 3-2 10, Kostyniak 3 1-2 7, Mikkic 6 0-0 12, Culpepper 3 0-0 4, Pease 0 1-2 1.
Totals: 15 4-6 34.

St. Peter's	17	8	9	9—40
Burnt Hills	10	7	15	2—34

Three-point goals: Fiorello, Teixeira.
Fouled out: Elliott.

New Dorp 51, Tilden 23

Katie Morreale scored all 11 of her points in a 23-point second quarter that gave ND the non-league home-court win.

"That 23 points put them away," said New Dorp coach Peggy Brunda.

Kiesha Cooke added 11 points, and Tameka Gee nine — seven in the explosive second stanza.

Tilden's Niasha Wingster had two treys and 16 points — more than two thirds her team's total.

New Dorp was without star Robin Shields, who was taking the SAT.

The Centrals (5-0) open league play against Curtis on Tuesday.

TILDEN (23)
Barfim 1 0-0 2, Sherman 2 0-0 5, Wingster 6 2-0 16, Pringle 0 3-0 0, Spence 0 3-0 0, Irvin 0 0-0 0, Rubinson 0 0-0 0.
Totals: 9 2-8 23.

NEW DORP (51)
Wall 2 0-0 4, Mondolo 0 0-0 0, Torricelli 0 0-0 0, Morreale 5 1-2 11, Gee 4 1-1 9, Diaz 3 2-4 8, Cooke 3 4-3 11, Moro 0 0-0 0, Gormley 1 2-4 4, Nukho 0 0-2 0, Vadora 2 0-0 4.
Totals: 20 10-18 51.

Tilden	6	3	9	5—23
New Dorp (5-0)	14	23	10	4—51

Three-point goals: Cooke, Sherman, Wingster 2.

Junior varsity

St. Peter's 57, Burnt Hills 29

CLIFTON PARK, N.Y. — Trish Doyle scored 18 points, Tracy Sheeran added 14 and Melissa Schubert came off the bench to register 13 in the Eagles' season opener.

The Eagles, who meet host Shenendehowa today at 1:30 p.m., took an early lead and were never headed.

ST. PETER'S (57)
Doyle 8 3-1 18, Leigh 0 0-0 0, Urollo 0 0-0 0, Whelan 1 0-0 2, LaMarco 2 0-0 6, Sheeran 5 4-7 14, Abkarowicz 2 0-0 4, Schubert 5 3-5 13, Simms 0 0-0 0, Whinnerl 0 0-0 0.
Totals: 23 7-13 57.

BURNT HILLS (29)
Culpepper 1 0-0 3, Petrocarlo 7 1-3 15, Heinen 0 1-2 1, Farrell 1 0-0 2, Marchitto 1 0-0 2, Stort 1 0-0 2, Van Patten 1 0-0 2, Haberbush 1 0-0 2.
Totals: 12 2-5 29.

St. Peter's	13	12	12	22—57
Burnt Hills	7	5	12	5—29

Three-point goals: Culpepper, Doyle 2, LaMarco 2.

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BOWLING

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Rab Wilkinson, his wife, Dee (left); and Naz Laursen, manager of Rab's Country Lanes, are all smiles at the Dongan Hills establishment's grand opening.

Rab's opening was well worth waiting for

JOE D'AMODIO
SPARE TIME

The celebration last Saturday at Rab's Country Lanes lasted well into the night.

More than 200 packed the Dongan Hills center to celebrate the grand opening of the Dongan Hills center under new owner Rab Wilkinson, one of the biggest bowling names on Staten Island.

Wilkinson became proprietor of the center nine months ago, and the Grant City resident still hasn't come down from cloud nine.

"It's still hard to believe it's mine," he said. "I never thought I would own a place on my own, but things happen."

Wilkinson waited to have the grand opening until he gave the place an interior facelift that included a new carpet, tables and chairs, masking units and bar.

"It looks great," understated Wilkinson of Country's new plushness. "Everybody is happy. I took it slow because there were a lot of repairs that had to be done. I just took my time doing it. The people are great. The bowlers see I'm putting something back into place and they appreciate it."

Wilkinson also purchased the latest oil and stripping machine for the lanes.

"It seems to be working out very well," he said. "It does a lane a minute so we can basically get the whole place done in less than an hour. It takes a little longer than that when we strip."

The computerized machine makes for a more consistent shot on the lanes.

"It's impossible to have the lanes consistent from day to day, but we try our best," said Rab. "We have a nice shot. We try to keep the bowlers happy."

Wilkinson said he plans to begin work on the exterior soon.

"I've got some ideas on what I want to do on the outside," he said. "It doesn't look like much of a bowling center right now from the outside. If you didn't know where it is you might go right by it."

Everyone seemed to find the place all right last Saturday as a who's who in the local bowling and business world showed up to party.

"It was a terrific party," said Wilkinson. "Some of us stayed until 4 or 5 a.m. It was that good."

The guests feasted on catered Italian and Chinese cuisine and were entertained by a live band.

"I'm happy to be here with good friends, good food, music and drinks. What more could we ask for?" said Bob Gullery, a Great Kills resident, who bowls in the Wednesday mixed loop.

"Rab really knows how to throw a party," said another party-goer.

The revelers took time to remember Helene Burnside, the desk clerk at Country, who was recovering from a cerebral aneurysm at Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze.

"She really wanted to be at the grand opening," said Wilkinson of Burnside, who married husband Wayne on the lanes at Country in May. "She was going to be a big part of it, but she's coming along nicely and we expect her to be back soon."

Wilkinson hopes the festive atmosphere at Country lasts for a long time to come.

"I want to fill the house every night," said Wilkinson, who celebrated the evening with wife Dee and children Anthony, Thomas and Frankie at his side. "We conduct some kind of tournament almost every weekend. Our aim is to accommodate the kids because they are our future bowlers."

Although he has a little over nine years remaining on his lease, Wilkinson expects to be at Country longer than that.

"I put so much into the place that I have to get more than 10 years out of it," he said.

Mixed doubles event under way at Green

A mixed doubles no-tap tournament, which began yesterday at Bowling on the Green, will resume Saturday and next Sunday and Dec. 16-17. Squad times are 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m. each day.

Entry fee is $40 per team. Those who bowl in the 1 p.m. squad may bowl in another at half price. Maximum team average is 400.

The event, sponsored by Snapple, offers a guaranteed first prize of $1,000.

To reserve a slot call the center at 351-4000.

Showplace to hold adult/child no-tap tourney

Showplace Bowling Center will conduct an adult/child no-tap tournament Saturday and next Sunday with squads at 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m. each day.

Competition will take place in four divisions — Ages 6-8, 9-11, 12-14 and 15-and-older. Nine pins down on the first ball equals a strike in all but 6-8 division, where 8 pins knocked over on the first ball counts as a strike.

Entry fee is $20 per team and includes a hotdog and soda. The top five teams in each division will receive trophies.

To reserve a spot, contact the Travis center at 698-BOWL.

Also, Showplace holds a weekly Tuesday night doubles (any combination) no-tap event at 10 p.m. Maximum team average is 390. Entry fee is $35 per team.

300 watch

Joe Kotowicz's perfecto Monday night at Country Lanes was the 38th 300 rolled by an Islander this year. That's three shy of last year's record number of 41 with less than a month left in the year.

The 300 was also the ninth of the 1995-96 season, which began in early September.

SOCCER

S.I. United Eagles post 2-1 triumph

ADVANCE STAFF REPORT

Cristina Fulgencio and Rachel Armenia scored goals to lift the Staten Island United Eagles over Clarkstown 2-1 in a Northern County Soccer League division 2 game played at Miller Field.

Northern County Soccer
S.I. United Eagles 2, Clarkstown 1

Cosmopolitan Junior

The Silver Lake Kickers spread their offense around to tie the first-place Zafiro Inc. Soccer Club 3-3 in Under-16 B play at Flushing Meadows, Queens.

Al Cardona scored first on an assist by Paul Sabater, the Steve Dazzo scored off Debran Tebista's assist, and Thomas Consolmagno scored the Kickers' final goal on a pass from Ivan Henson.

Anthony Imbriano's two goals highlighted the Silver Lake Tassos B's 6-0 under-12 win over Manhattan United at Randalls Island.

Geoffrey Wolyniec scored two goals, Teddy Ceasar added one and Peter DiBenedetto recorded the shutout in net as the Silver Lake Rams ousted Croatia 3-0 in Under-12 play at Miller Field.

Cosmopolitan Jr.
Under-16 B
Silver Lake Kickers 3, Zafiro Inc. 3
S.I. America 1, Gjaa 1
Under-12 A
Silver Lake Tasso A 7, Elefteria 2
B
Silver Lake Tasso B 6, Manhattan United 0
Silver Lake Rams 3, Croatia 0

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