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At Seneca

Seneca 57, Plano 37

Plano (37) – Johnson 2 0-0 5, Wallace 1 3-3 5, Cochran 0 0-0 0, McDermott 0 0-0 0, Willis 0 0-0 0, Wambugu 0 0-0 0, Romano 1 0-0 2, Martinez 0 0-0 0, Agomo 5 5-5 15, Rhotan 3 2-3 8, Williams 0 0-0 0, Chavez 1 0-0 2.
Totals 13-50 10-11 37.

Seneca (57) – Bott 4 4-4 12, Gallick 2 3-5 7, Barnett 1 2-2 4, McCormick 1 0-0 3, Miller 0 0-0 0, Rohder 0 1-2 1, Viken 0 0-0 0, Applebee 4 1-1 9, Callahan 3 2-2 9, Pasdertz 0 0-0 0, Leo 3 4-5 10, Wyss 1 0-0 2.
Totals 19-43 17-21 57

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Plano (14-11, 4-4)	10	8	7	12	- 37
Seneca (21-4, 9-0)	13	15	9	20	- 57

3-point goals – Plano 1 (Johnson); Seneca 2 (McCormick, Callahan).

Rebounds – Plano 30 (Agomo 6, Wallace 6);

Seneca 33 (Applebee 8, Wyss 6, Callahan 5).

Turnovers – Plano 15; Seneca 10.

Total fouls (none fouled out) – Plano 23; Seneca 12.



Seneca's Carter Gallick gets open and makes a layup during the first quarter against Plano Friday night at SHS. **Doug Larson**

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SENECA — Three weeks ago today, Seneca opened the annual Interstate Eight Boys Basketball Tournament with a resounding 20-point victory over Plano.

The Fighting Irish equaled that accomplishment in almost every way, shape, and form — including on the scoreboard — after an identical 57-37 pasting of the Reapers Friday evening during an I-8 regular-season matchup this time around. Seneca used the same recipe for success to achieve the same final tally, combining balanced scoring and suffocating defense to keep a very athletic Plano squad at bay.

The Irish saw nine players etch the scoring column, as Alex Bott led the way with 12 points. Devin Leo came off the bench to register ten markers, while Conlan Callahan and Austin Applebee each chipped in with nine tallies apiece.

Applebee also hauled down a game-high total of eight rebounds as Seneca (21-4, 9-0) stayed perfect on the current I-8 regular-season grind. Plano (14-11, 4-4) fell despite a game-high 15 points from Udo Agomo and eight from Justin Rhotan.

With two games left to contest on the 2013-14 league ledger, Seneca has now assured itself at least a tie for the regular-season I-8 title after winning the team crown last year.

"If we can continue to play this hard and continue to play defense the way we've been playing, I like our chances to win the outright regular-season championship next week," said Seneca coach Russ Witte. "This game was very similar to the last time we went up against Plano at the tournament. Credit them, because I think they played much harder tonight than they did a few weeks ago. But our balance offensively and our defensive approach was excellent again tonight.

"Now, we've got at least a share of the conference title come Tuesday at Lisle, and we're going to try to get the whole thing for ourselves."

"After last time at the I-8 Tournament, we just couldn't get anything going against Seneca's great defense," said Plano coach Kyle Kee. "Tonight it was the same type of thing for us. They are just so good defensively, and we knew we'd have to hit a lot of shots to win, and we didn't again. They just don't allow you to do a lot on the offensive end, and they're so steady when they have the ball.

"It was a different day, but unfortunately the same result for us."

Both clubs battled through a hard-fought first period, with the Irish ahead 13-10 after eight minutes of play. From there, Seneca raced out to a 20-12 lead at 5:10 of the second stanza on a Ben Barnett layup and closed the half with a 28-18 advantage. Bott posted four tallies during the Irish surge and eight points at the break.

"I knew I had to attack the middle, score some points, and draw some fouls," Bott said. "I was able to do that in the first half, and my teammates took over from there."

During a low-scoring third frame, Leo tallied an old-fashioned three-point play at 2:55 and netted a pair of charity tosses after that to give Seneca a 37-25 lead with only eight minutes to play.

"We were in charge, and I was glad I could contribute tonight, especially in the third quarter," Leo said. "All that was left from there was to go into our spread offense in the fourth quarter and build the lead and hold on."

Seneca outscored Plano 20-12 down the stretch, hitting on 9 of 11 free throws and 17 of 21 on the game.