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Local Youth Play at SMC's McKeon Pavilion

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Ryan Cardiff, a St. Perpetua (St. P's) 5th grade CYO basketball player, reaches around the St. Bede (Hayward) defenders John Mondina (#4) and Hunter Schied (#9) to pass the ball in a goodwill rematch of last year's Diocese of Oakland 4th grade championship game. The scrimmage, played in a packed McKeon Pavilion during SMC's first Shamrock Classic game (December 27), was one of several activities coordinated by Diamon Center Nights youth event organizer and St. Bede coach, Chris Major. The St. Bede players are wearing Major's Hayward Youth Academy jerseys. St. P's, coached by Robert McKendall, won the original championship game by a single shot. The scrimmage? That was just for fun.

Half-time youth team scrimmages are popular entertainment at McKeon Pavilion, but they're more often available during women's basketball games.

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