

Dondero is easy victim
Chargers romp

By TOM BAER

Southfield Lathrup had it all together. Royal Oak Dondero fell apart early. That was the story last Friday night as Lathrup dumped Dondero 91-56 in a Metro Suburban Association basketball game on the Chargers court.

Lathrup shot 17 overall and 8-16 the MSA record of 15 straight points at the beginning of the game. Lathrup (Dondero finally scored) a basket. The Chargers led 23-11 after one quarter. 43-24 at halftime and 67-42 at the three-quarter mark.

Dondero didn't give a match of a ball game, but I think we played real well and was... said Lathrup coach Jim Kourtakos. We shot well, we had balanced scoring and rebounding and we played some good defense. Can't ask for much more than that.

Lathrup's 64 senior center played almost three quarters of the game and finished with 21 points to lead all scorers. Teammate Tom O'Rourke scored 10 baskets and didn't miss from the free-throw line in eight chances.

Gary Hawthorne, Lathrup's other front court star, also had 18 points on nine baskets. Mark Johnson, a 6-2 guard, added 17 points, 11 coming in the first half.

Hawthorne, a 6-4 senior, drew praise for his overall play.

In a two-way game, Kourtakos said, "The game from a little town down South where he played very little basketball. In just two years he's improved to match us in ability."

Maybe we'll get it next Friday with Royal Oak Adams.

Lathrup swept Adams on Friday, Feb. 20 at home. The MSA game begins at 8 p.m.

Lathrup-Dondero

Lathrup (81): Tom O'Rourke 5, 8-16; Bill Phillips 9, 14-21; Gary Hawthorne 9, 6-8; 18; Gary Forward 2, 0-4; Mark Johnson 6, 5-8; 17; Mark Kover 0, 0-1; Roger Kover 1, 0-2; Bruce Beers 1, 0-4; Joe Wenzel 1, 0-2; 4; Mike York 0, 0-1; Steve Harwood 0, 0-0. Totals: 91-56.

Royal Oak Dondero (56): Roger O'Rourke 4, 12-9; Tom Carr 1, 2-4; 3; (10); 4, 0-0; Tom Carr 1, 2-4; Jim Caldwell 1, 3-4; 11; Gary Franks 4, 2-10; Lee Ashcraft 1, 0-2; Jim Gravelin 1, 2-4; John Wenzel 1, 0-2; Bruce Beers 0, 0-1; Joe Seis 1, 0-2; Scott Fisher 0, 0-0. Totals: 56-91.

Total Points: Lathrup 91, Dondero 56.

Fielded Out: Bill Phillips, Lathrup; Terrence Paul, Jerry Harris, Dondero.

Lathrup: 22, 20, 21, 31, 31.

Dondero: 11, 11, 11, 11, 14.



Lathrup's Bill Phillips drops in a shot to put his team ahead.



Gary Hawthorne strains to grab a rebound in Lathrup's encounter with Royal Oak Dondero last Friday. Hawthorne, a 6-4 senior forward, grabbed 10 rebounds and scored 18 points to help Lathrup beat Dondero 91-56. The victory lifted Lathrup to 17-1 overall and 8-1 in the Metro Suburban Association. (Photo by Dan Hughson)

Jays top Hazel Park; Christian falls again

Southfield High defeated Hazel Park 56-42 last Friday night in a Southeastern Michigan Association basketball game at Hazel Park. Coach Don Kump's Southfield team was 24 overall and 14-0 in the SMA. Hazel Park is winless in 12 starts.

Elsewhere, Bloomington Christian scored 22-12 over the defending Southfield Spartans in a Class 2 game played in Bloomington. Southfield Christian had beaten Bloomington in two previous encounters.

Southfield Christian grabbed a 21-0 lead after one quarter, but that lead slipped to three points. 34-17 at halftime. Oakland Christian came out in the second quarter with a 12-0 run and led 46-17 at the end of the third quarter.

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LATHRUP DOMINATED the rebounding battle. Phillips and O'Rourke each grabbed 11 rebounds, and Hawthorne had 10.

Lathrup tried 48 shots and made 31 for a 65 percent shooting percentage. The Chargers were 21 of 27 from the free-throw line. And the Chargers had some time on the clock for themselves. Three quarters of the game, which helped Dondero into 23 turnovers.

I thought our press worked real well," said Kourtakos. "They got quite a few easy baskets."

Tom Carr, a 5-10 guard, scored 11 points for Dondero. Gary Franks, who entered the game in the second quarter, added 10 points and Bruce Beers (11) had nine. Dondero shot 37 percent, 27 of 40, from the field and went 12 of 22 from the line.

The line dropped Dondero to 7-10 overall this season.

Lathrup has played two thrilling games. Southfield High, Lathrup, winning at home and losing at Lathrup. But otherwise the Chargers are having a tough time finding a rhythm in their regular schedule. In six home games, Lathrup has outscored the opposition 337-309.

We could probably stand a little press here now and then," Kourtakos said.

home against Bloomfield Hills. Another game begins at 8 p.m.

Oak Christian-SM Christian

Oakland Christian 47: Gordie Landry 5, 7-12; Jeff Nance 4, 3-15; John Garner 9, 6-11; 24; Bill Luke 7, 11-15; Greg Kildias 1, 0-2; Dan Hargrave 0, 2-2; Phil Johnson 1, 0-2. Totals: 79, 15-23, 27.

Southfield Christian 65: Eric Larson 4, 2-10; Bill Barclay 4, 0-4; 10; John King 8, 2-14; 10; Tom Marks 6, 0-1; 12; Ben Lampi 4, 0-4. Totals: 50, 37, 25.

Total Points: Southfield Christian 11, Oakland Christian 10. Fielded Out: Tom Marks (Southfield), Christian.

Oakland Christian: 17, 14, 22, 16 - 72.

Southfield Christian: 23, 11, 15, 16 - 65.

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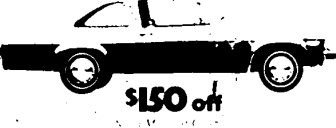
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Sports coming up

- Basketball**
- Tuesday, Feb. 17: Bloomfield Hills vs. Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lathrup, 8 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Feb. 17: Livonia Franklin vs. Farmington Harrison, 2995 Twelve Mile, 8 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Feb. 17: Southfield Christian at Lansing Capital City Christian, 8:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Feb. 17: Farmington High at Livonia Churchill, 400 Newburgh, 8 p.m.
- Volleyball**
- Monday, Feb. 16: Birmingham Cross at Southfield Lathrup, 1930 Twelve Mile, 7 p.m.
 - Monday, Feb. 16: Berkley High at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lathrup, 4:15 p.m.
 - Monday, Feb. 16: Farmington Harrison at Walled Lake Western, 400 Beek, 7 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Feb. 17: North Farmington at Walled Lake Glenn, 3150 Marquette, 7 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Feb. 18: Bedford Thurston at North Farmington, 1200 Thirteen Mile, 7 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Feb. 18: Southfield Lathrup at Royal Oak Dondero, 520 N. Washington, 6:30 p.m.
- Boys' Gymnastics**
- Wednesday, Feb. 18: Farmington Harrison at Clarendonville High, 2015 Middlebelt, 7:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Feb. 18: North Farmington at Ann Arbor Huron, 2727 Fuller, 7:30 p.m.
- Girls' Gymnastics**
- Wednesday, Feb. 18: North Farmington at Oak Park High, Oak Park Blvd and Gwidge Highway, 7:30 p.m.
- Hockey**
- Tuesday, Feb. 17: Southfield High at Taylor Center, Taylor Community Center, 1151 Fardee, 8 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Feb. 17: Southfield Lathrup at Taylor Kennedy, Taylor Community Center, 1151 Fardee, 8 p.m.

Baltimore bound

Three members of the Southfield Judo and Karate Club have qualified for the National Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Judo Championships to be held in Baltimore April 23-24.

Patricia North, qualified by taking first place in the 130-pound division at the Michigan Senior Judo AAU tournament held in Jackson recently. The team of Freya Sato and Marjell Lyerema finished first in the bronze-fight tournament to qualify for the nationals.

Umpires to meet

The Southfield Athletic Officials Association which trains the umpires for sandlot baseball games in Southfield, has scheduled a meeting for 8 p.m. on March 4 in the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, 2000 Evergreen. Prospective umpires are asked to attend.