

# Denby rips Harrison, 66-46

By RON GARBERSKI

Shiofield Hills Lathrup and Southfield Lathrup are the teams to watch at the Lathrup Franklin basketball regional this week. Detroit Denby, with 6-10 Stuart House also will be at Franklin, and Denby could be a contender if its play at the Farmington Harrison district is any indication.

Denby won the district title by beating Farmington Harrison, 66-46, last Friday. Denby made the district finals by defeating Detroit Cody. Harrison topped North Farmington and Farmington High, 66-43, to gain the finals.

Denby took a 23-20 halftime lead, and then outscored the Hawks 32-20 in the second half.

"We were outized and they were just

too hot from the floor," said Harrison coach Bob Sutter, whose team finished the season with a 13-10 record. "Our game plan was to make Denby hustle and work for their points, but they played a good game. There was no way we could keep the ball from them."

House led all scorers with 23 points on 10 field goals and three of four free throws. Teammate James Newman added 20 points.

Harrison didn't have a good shooting night, making just 10 of 42 field goal attempts and eight of 16 free throws. Harrison couldn't take advantage of Denby's 20 turnovers.

Denby outscored Harrison 48-23 with House grabbing 24.

"We wanted Denby to shoot from outside. They did and they made most of

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their shots. We went inside a lot in the fourth quarter, but it didn't help. They were blocked most of our shots and kept us from getting many good shots."

Harrison made 15 turnovers, the lowest this season.

Rob Stotnick scored 18 points to lead Har-

ron. Mark Brown added nine points, and Paul Chartier had six.

"There was no way we could stop Denby," Sutter said. "They let the boards really well. They could really jump. We tried to keep Newman and House outside, but they kept getting inside and scoring points. Their guards did a fine job and hurt us with their outside shooting."

"Our team played a good game, and I'm happy with the way we came back at the end of the second to make it the last."

Harrison's Jeff Otto scored 27 points to lead the Hawks past Farmington High. Mike Styles added 20. Rick Malbauer scored 18 points for Farmington and Bob Farnell added 12.

Farmington was leading, 19-15, after one quarter, but the Hawks got outscored, 19-8 in the second and just couldn't recover. Coach Bruce Brown's Farmington squad finished with a 7-13 overall record.

### Denby-Harrison

Detroit Denby (66): Ted Brown 12, 7; Bernard Goss 4, 4-10; Stuart House 16, 5-23; James Newman 20, 2-20; Rudolph Watley 2, 0-4; 4 Totals: 66, 16-18, 46. Farmington Harrison (46): Mark Brown 9, 3-14; Paul Buttsman 1, 0-0; 2; Paul Chartier 2, 2-2; Larry Pump 2, 0-4; 4; Bryant Gilbert 1, 0-1; 2; Greg Mathias 0, 0; 0; Jeff Otto 27, 2-2; 6; Rob Stotnick 18, 6-8; Mike Styles 2, 1-1; 5; Lou Velez 1, 0-4; 2.

Total Fouls: Harrison 13, Denby 10. Fouled Out: None. 16 17 12 21 —48 Denby 15 11 8 12 —46

### Harrison-Farmington

Farmington Harrison (46): Mark Brown 9, 3-14; 6; Paul Chartier 2, 0-4; 10; Jeff Otto 11, 5-23; 27; Rob Stotnick 1, 0-4; 6; Mike Styles 2, 1-1; 5; 20 Totals: 46, 15-18, 46.

Farmington High (43): Mike Danna 1, 0-1; 2; Bob Farnell 3, 7-13; 13; Tom Harmon 1, 1-1; 2; Randy Meyer 3, 2-12; Rick Malbauer 8, 3-10; Jeff Sorenson 2, 0-4; 4; Brian Stenholm 5, 1-3; 11 Totals: 25, 13-18, 43.

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Stuart House and James Newman (10) combined for 43 points to lead Denby past Harrison in the district final.

# Lathrup wins district

By TOM BAER

Southfield Lathrup reaffirmed its role as one of the state's top Class A basketball teams by crushing previously unbeaten Garden City West, 64-41, before nearly 3,000 fans last Friday in the district showdown at Lathrup.

Coach Jim Kourtakos' Lathrup team, now 21-0 overall, advances to the Livonia Franklin regional this week to meet the winner of the Southfield High School district.

Lathrup's victory overshadowed an outstanding performance by West's Dave Niles, a 6-4 guard, who led all scorers with 20 points. Niles saved West from elimination with some clutch shooting in two earlier district games.

Lathrup couldn't stop Niles scoring, but it dominated every other part of the game. The Chargers raced to a 20-7 halftime lead, and then ripped off eight straight points early in the third quarter to put it away for good.

"These kids are capable of playing super basketball," Kourtakos said. "I thought they played great ball tonight. They played consistent ball over four quarters."

Four Lathrup starters scored in double figures: Bill Phillips, Lathrup's 6-4 center, and teammate Gary Hawthorne, a 6-4 senior forward, took team scoring leaders with 23 points each. Mark Johnston and Tom O'Rourke chipped in with 16 and 10 points respectively.

"LATHRUP JUST had too many cars out there," said West coach Chris

Babler, whose team compiled a 22-0 record, including a come-from-behind victory over Wayne Memorial before falling to Lathrup. "They have five very talented ball players, and they all can put it in the hoop."

"Lathrup likes to press and run a lot, and that's just not our game," Babler continued. "We like to control the tempo of the game, but we were forced to play it their way. But we tried, and that's all I can ask of our kids. I'm disappointed with the loss, but not with our season."

Lathrup combined a man-to-man defense—with 5-11 Gary Forward guarding Niles—with a tight, half-court press which helped West into 14 turnovers.

"I used the press to get us going," Kourtakos said. "We didn't press to get the ball away from them. We pressed to make Niles give up the ball. Niles ended up with a bundle, but you can't stop Niles. He's just a super ball player."

"I didn't want to double-team Niles. In the first two games West played here, the other teams doubled him, and he killed them with his passes. We just wanted Niles to work for every point he got."

Michael Susho, West's 6-4 center, scored 10 points, and Terry Bradley had seven. West shot just 30 per cent from the field making 23 of 77 field goal attempts. Lathrup enjoyed another fine shooting night, hitting on 37 of 71 for 52 per cent. The Chargers were 12 of 22 from the free throw line.

Lathrup outscored West, 40-20, with Phillips grabbing 20, Hawthorne 16 and O'Rourke 10.

The Livonia Franklin regional could match Lathrup and Bloomfield Hills Lathrup, if Lathrup makes it out of the Southfield High district. Lathrup and Lathrup share the Metro Suburban Association title with 8-1 top records. Lathrup beat Lathrup by two points on Dec. 12, and then Lathrup beat the Chargers by one point on Jan. 30.

"How far can Lathrup go in the state tournament?" Kourtakos isn't making any predictions.

"We're happy to get this far, and we'd like to go a lot farther," he said, "but you need a lot of breaks along the way."

### Lathrup-GC West

Southfield-Lathrup (66): Tom O'Rourke 5, 2-10; Bill Phillips 16, 5-23; Gary Hawthorne 16, 5-23; Mark Johnston 8, 0-6; 16; Gary Forward 2, 2-7; 7; Roger Aowers 0, 0-2; 0; Bruce Beers 0, 1-3; 1; Joe Wasing 1, 0-2; 2; Steve Merril 1, 0-2; 2; Bob Nathan 0, 0-0 Totals: 37, 13-22, 61.

Garden City West (41): Dave Niles 10, 0-9; 20; Michael Susho 4, 3-5; 10; Terry Bradley 3, 1-1; 7; Tom Poole 3, 0-4; 6; Dan Frank 1, 0-2; 2; Craig Bradley 1, 0-4; 2; Gordon Fawcett 1, 0-4; 2; Jeff Sorenson 0, 0-0; 0; William Adams 0, 0-0; 0; Mark Presney 0, 0-0 Totals: 23, 15-20, 41.

Total Fouls: Garden City West 17, Lathrup 15. Fouled Out: None.

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House towers over a Harrison player. (Staff photos by Harry Maute)

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