

# Angry coach shoves referee

Blomfield Hills Roper's Feb. 22 contest against Flint School of Choice at the Auburn Heights Boys' Club had to be suspended after the Flint coach shoved a referee.

Roper coach Dave McDonald said he has never seen anything like it in the six years he has been coaching varsity basketball. He was at Clarkston the previous five years.

"He lost his cool," McDonald said of the Flint coach. "Through him, the players lost their cool."

Roper was called for only seven fouls in the game, while the visiting Flint team committed 28 fouls.

"We play a tight zone and don't foul much," McDonald said. "Not because we're a good defensive team, we're just not aggressive. They were all over the court pressing us."

"With 1:22 left in the game he (the Flint coach) got upset at a call," McDonald recalled. "He got two technical fouls. You know how these shoving before a fight, well he went up to the referee, said something, put two hands on his chest and shoved."

Following the incident time was called and the gymnasium was cleared. Roper held a five-point lead before the technical fouls were called. The incident upset Roper as the Roughriders threw the ball away twice and almost lost the game.

"I was scared," said McDonald, who doesn't remember how his team held on to win.

McDonald said the Flint Choice coach was charging the referee with racial prejudice against the black players on his team. McDonald added that there are also black players on the Roper team.

Once the shooting was over and basketball statistics were counted, Roper's John Jones emerged as the games leading scorer with 20 points. Karl Anderson added 15 for the Roughriders.

Steve Richards scored 19 for Flint Choice and Larry Poe added 10.

Roper travels to Flint, Feb. 25, where it will face the Flint Academy in the final regular season game prior to district tournaments.

## SHRINE-COUNTRY DAY

Detroit Country Day School jumped out to an early lead, but worsened as the game went on before finally dropping a 65-51 loss, Feb. 22, to Royal Oak Shrine.

The Yellow Jackets even held a two-point halftime lead. However, they were out-scored by eight and 10 points respectively in the final two quarters.


The non-league loss dropped Country Day to a 9-8 record overall. They are 8-4 against Metro Conference opposition. Country Day travels to Hamtramck for a Feb. 25 league game.

Jeff Johnston led Country Day with 15 points against Royal Oak tied for the Yellow Jacket rebounding lead with eight caroms off the backboard apiece.

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## Christian falls

Pontiac Oakland Christian nipped Southfield Christian, 57-49, last Tuesday night on Oakland's court. The loss dropped the Southfield Christian Eagles to 13-4 for the season.

Despite Bill Barclay scoring a game high 24 points, the Eagles couldn't keep up with Oakland. The victors shot 54 per cent from the field and 75 per cent from the line. Southfield Christian only hit 32 per cent from the field and 50 per cent from the free-throw line.

"The shooting hurt us," said Eagles coach Bruce Calderwood. "When we shoot 25 per cent in the first half, it's hard to make that up."

Gordie Lindsay was team high for Oakland Christian with 21 points. Teammate John Garner added 20 points.

Southfield Christian plays next against Hamtramck, Immuculate Conception on Friday (Feb. 25). The game at Hamtramck begins at 8 p.m.

**OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 57 - SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 49**  
Pontiac Oakland Christian (57): Gordie Lindsay 8, 21; Jeff Nance 5, 10; John Garner 10, 20; Paul Spots 1, 5, 1, 2; Ted Courtney 8, 14.  
Teahy 24, 8-15, 32.  
Southfield Christian (49): Ben Lamp 3, 1, 2, 7; Bill Barclay 12, 24, 24; John King 8, 10, 8; Tom Marks 3, 2, 4, 6; Craig Oakland 1, 4, 2, 3; Bob Suttman 1, 3, 2, 2; Teddie 11, 12, 49; Total Points: Southfield Christian 17, Oakland Christian 9.  
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