

Lathrup's hustling defense provides win

By C.J. RISAK

Southfield-Lathrup's quick-handed defense stymied Southfield for the first three quarters of their basketball game Tuesday night. But the Chargers had to pull out all the stops in the last period to enable them to beat their crosstown rival, 45-37.

Lathrup had one object in mind on defense—to keep the ball away from Southfield's big scorer, Leslie Fink. They were successful, as Fink was held to seven points and other members of the team were unable to pick up the scoring slack.

"We didn't do anything in the first half," Burt Hurshe, Southfield coach, said. "They were overloading their zone defense against Leslie (Fink) and we weren't hitting from the outside. We made some adjustments at half-

time and started hitting some outside shots in the second half. We got our press working, too.

"But it took us too long to get going. You have to play four quarters if you are going to win."

Lathrup jumped out to an early lead, scoring the first three baskets of the game. Three and a half minutes of the first period were over before Southfield scored its first point, as Lathrup's ballhawking defense allowed few passes to get inside. By the end of the first period, Lathrup had opened up a 13-3 lead. Sue Owens sparked the early surge with six points.

The Chargers continued their domination in the second stanza, opening up a 21-7 lead with 3:46 remaining in the half. Missy Thomas was the scoring leader in the quarter for Lathrup, as she pegged in eight points. Southfield stayed in the contest thanks to some fine outside shooting by Karen Blumerstein, who also hit for eight points in the quarter. But Lathrup held a 14-point lead at half, 27-13.

SOUTHFIELD RALLIED in the second half behind the shooting of Pam Berhendt. Berhendt had been held scoreless in the first half as she picked up three early fouls. But she started hitting in the second half, scoring six points in both the third and fourth quarters.

Trailing, 32-22, at the end of the third period, Southfield quickly narrowed the margin, scoring eight unanswered points in the first minute of the final quarter to pull within one, 32-31.

Berhendt scored two of the baskets, while Fink and Blumerstein added one each. But Lathrup countered with buckets by Pat Corfield and Julie Pavlon and

some clutch free throw shooting by Missy Thomas. The Chargers then went to a stall and successfully ran out most of the time on the clock.

"It was nip and tuck there at the end," Lathrup coach Chuck Daniel said afterwards. "Our girls did well on

the boards, considering they were so much smaller. And Michelle Thomas did a fantastic job on Fink defensively. I think that made a big difference."

Five girls tied for game scoring honors. Corfield, Owens, and Missy Thomas each had 12 points for Lath-

rup, while Berhendt and Blumerstein had a dozen each for Southfield.

The victory raised Lathrup's record to 11-7 overall. They finished their Metro Suburban Association season with a 7-3 mark, good for second in the league. Southfield fell to 10-8; their

Southeastern Michigan Association league mark is 5-4.

Southfield's next game will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Hazel Park. Lathrup travels to Kimball on Tuesday for a nonconference game, beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Andover wins soccer title

Sam Oates had "no inkling" of the success his Andover soccer team would have this season when he took over coaching duties early September.

Andover's Barons clinched the State Cup, equivalent to a state championship, Saturday with a 1-0 triumph over Detroit Country Day School.

"After seeing the kids during the first few weeks," Oates said, "I felt we could have a good season if we put into practice what we learned. I never thought we would be so good."

Sam Oates is a star player with the Detroit Express professional soc-

cer team. He took over the Andover coaching duties at the last minute before the season began.

He was accepted as coach even though the Andover staff knew Oates would miss about one month of the prep season when he would go on tour with the Detroit Express.

"When we got into the state tournament," Oates said, "there was one team we thought could beat us—Lahser (defending State Cup winner). Fortunately, we beat Lahser. Having got that one over, the kids felt no other team would be as good as Lathrup."

Tom Sakorafas scored the only goal of the

game. It came in the second half, a long shot over the goalie's head.

"THE GOALKEEPER had committed himself," Oates said. "Tom (Sakorafas) said he saw the goalkeeper come out. He tried to chip it in and that's what he did."

Shortly after that Andover goal, Country Day charged down the field to create a scoring threat of its own.

Baron goalie Joel Brown came out of the net quickly and partially blocked a Yellow Jacket shot on goal. The ball was still heading toward the goal until Andover center-forward Tony Ferreyra kicked it away

from the goal, ending the threat.

"Apart from that," Oates said, "most of the play was in the midfield rather than at the goal. The play was hard, but our kids were determined to do well."

Oates commended team captain Mike Holmes, who was the squad's most valuable player this season.

"He was a magnificent team leader," Oates said. "Certain players seemed to really improve as the season got on. Our fullback, who broke his wrist in the territorial, Mark Flessland, seemed to take in everything I said and put it into practice."

The Andover coach

admitted that he also learned a few things in his first season as a coach.

"I got some insight into how difficult it is being a coach for a pro soccer team," Oates said. "It certainly was an eye opener."

Passing game lifts grid champs

Quarterback Gary Shuzastak threw four touchdown passes and ran for a two-point conversion last Sunday to lift the Hashshashins past Lake Forest Homes, 26-6, in the Farmington Hills Men's Touch Football League's playoff championship game at East Junior High.

Coach Bruce Blint's Hashshashins finished with an 11-1 record.

Shuzastak hit Larry Obeay with a pair of TD passes. Kevin McElroy and Bill Kelly each grabbed a scoring pass.

In the semifinal games, also played last Sunday at East, the Hashshashins defeated Dumlavy's Pub & Grub, 22-16, and Lake Forest Homes stopped F.R.A., 26-6.

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Notice is further given that a determination of the legal heirs of said deceased will be made on said date at 3 A.M. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned to the persons appearing of record entitled thereto. Dated: October 26, 1978. Petitioner: Joan M. Kuzinski, 30700 Peasridge Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334. Notary Public: Farmington Observer & Recorder. Published: November 16, 1978.

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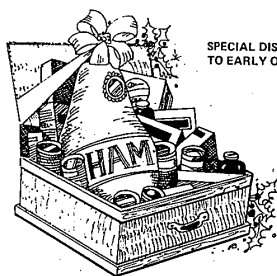
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