Canton is victim, 60-54

Defense lifts Southfield-Lathrup

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

Southfield-Lathrup's aggressive man-to-man defense was the ingredigent that finally stopped Plymouth Canton's scoring machine.

The Chargers ended the Chiefs' modest three-game win streak with a hard-fought 60-54 boys basketball victory Tuesday night.

It was a rude greeting for Canton's rookie coach Craig Bell and his team, which scored at least 75 points in its first three games at home.

But things were different at Lathrup, as the Chiefs managed to hit on only 18 of 64 shots from the floor (29 per cent) for their first loss of the year.

Lathrup, coached by Jim Kourlakis, never allowed the taller Canton squad to penetrate on offense en route to its second victory in three games this season.

"I was pleased with our defense. Our kids did a nice job," said the Lathrup coach. "We knew Canton had a good shooting ball club, but we thought if we got our hands up we'd be okay.

"If we had made our free throws, we'd have won going away.

"I was extremely pleased. It was a good team effort. It was a good win for us."

Bell felt badly about his squad's first loss but stressed the importance of regrouping against Western Six League opponent Farmington Harrison Friday night.

"We just couldn't get into the flow of our offense," Bell said. "We played a team which was very aggressive.

"They played hard, and I think our kids played hard. We had some breakdowns and couldn't come back and establish tempo."

Karl Taylor led Lathrup's scoring with 21 points. He was followed by Karl Akerman with 13 and Ron Gold with 10. Phil Kontry added eight.

Center Jack Dakesian gave an all-around effort with his eight points, 17 rebounds and seven blocked shots. The Chargers, who face Royal Oak Dondero Friday night at home, shot 23 of 51 from the floor for 45 per cent. They made only 14 of 27 free throws, however, for 48 per cent.

Canton was led by senior guard Butch King, who coverted on eight free throws without a miss en route to 18 points. But he shot only five of 17 from the floor.

Mike Gollnick netted nine points, while Rusty Mandle and Mike Leary added eight each. Junior forward Dave Visser injured an ankle in the second quarter and sat out the rest of the game. He did not score in the contest.

The Chargers took command from the start, demonstrating a lot of patience on offense. They rolloed to a 15-12 first-quarter lead and raised this advantage to 10 points, 36-26, at halftime.

Lathrup had trouble adjusting to Canton's half-court trap defense in the third period, as the Chiefs closed to within three points, 41-38. Lathrup scored the last eight points of the quarter, though, to maintain the upper hand. Canton, once again, pulled to within two points with 1:12 left in the game but couldn't overcome the Charger advantage.

LATHRUP—CANTON

Southfield-Lathrup (60)— Karl Akerman 4, 5-8, 13; Ron Gold 2, 4-4, 10; Karl Taylor 9, 3-8, 21; Phil Kontry 2, 0-1, 4; Dan Kenny 1, 2-3, 4; Jack Dakesian 4, 0-3, 8; Bill Desmond 0, 0-0, 0. Totals: 23, 14-27, 60.

Plymouth Canton (54)— Scott Adler 1, 4-4, 6; Rusty Mandle 3, 2-3, 8; Butch King 5, 8-8, 18; Dave Visser 0, 0-0, 0; Frank LaSota 1, 1-2, 3; Mike Leary 3, 2-5, 8; Jack Carpenter 0, 0-0, 0; Jay McKinley 1, 0-0, 2; Mike Gollnick 4, 1-1, 9. Totals: 18, 18-25, 54.

TOTAL FOULS: Plymouth Canton 22. Southfield-Lathrup 22. FOULED OUT: McKinley (PC). King (PC) and Gold (SL).

Southfield-Lathrup	15	21	12	11	—60
Plymouth Canton	12	14	12	16	—54

North triumphs

By C.J. RISAK

North Farmington started fast and was never threatened, rolling over Walled Lake Central, 80-60, in a non-league basketball contest Tuesday night at Central.

The Raiders, unbeaten and for the most part untested in three games this season, led by four points at the end of the first quarter and increased that margin to 11, 34-23, at the half. Central never threatened in the second half as North outscored them, 46-37, to clinch the win.

For the second straight game, every player saw action and scored for the Raiders. North's Mike Howley was leading scorer in the contest with 20 points.

Rex Baker, a junior starter for North, injured a wrist during the game. The extent of the injury was unknown.

The Raiders travel to Redford Thurston for a league game Friday night, beginning at 8 p.m.

FARMINGTON—NORTHVILLE

Northville jumped out to a quick lead and never trailed as it handed Farmington a 76-51 loss at Northville Tuesday night.

Farmington could do nothing to stay with Northville, as the Falcons were outscored in every period. Northville was ahead, 33-21, at the half and extended that lead to 54-34 after three quarters.

Leading scorer in the contest was Northville's Chris Campbell with 20 points. Myles Caujoumjian chipped in with 15. Greg Suckoie added 13, and Jeff Norton hit for 12. Farmington was led by Greg Kuhnlein's 11 points.

The loss dropped Farmington to 1-4 on the season. The Falcons meet Pontiac Northern at home on Friday night. Game time is 8 p.m.

Southfield Christian made a switch in defensive strategy during the second quarter of its basketball game with Royal Oak St. Mary Tuesday night, and the move paid off as Christian won easily, 88-68, at home.

The Eagles began the game in a man-to-man defense and fell behind after one quarter, 19-16. Coach Dave Seils then switched his team into a 1-3-1 zone before the the second period, and it immediately responded by outscoring St. Mary, 18-7, in the period. Christian built its lead to 18 after three quarters and was never threatened afterwards, as the Eagles evened their season's record at 2-2.

St. Mary's Jeff Kerre was the game's top scorer with 29 points. Rob Vosler led Christian with 18 points, while Jeff Hamlin had 14 and Steve Hall 12. Christian plays next at Huron Valley Lutheran Friday at 8 p.m.

N. FARMINGTON 80—W.L. CENTRAL 60

NORTH FARMINGTON (80)—Rob Henderhan 2, 0-0, 4; Ron Nutter 3, 0-0, 6; Craig Singleton 2, 2-6, 6; Mike Thompson 2, 0-1, 4; Mike Howley 8, 2-3, 20; Rex Baker 2, 2-3, 6; Mark Lavett 0, 5-4, 5; Jeff Cohen 1, 4-6, 6; Rich Nutter 3, 1-2, 7; Ron Fredericks 3, 1-2, 7; Ed Furst 0, 2-2, 2; Mark Biehl 2, 1-2, 7. TOTALS: 30, 20-33, 80.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL (60)—Williams 1, 1-6, 3; Terkio 0, 1-1, 1; Sorlen 4, 1-2, 9; Youngren 1, 2-4, 4; Phelps 3, 6-10, 14; Nichols 2, 0-2 4; Sanders 1, 0-0, 2; Montgomery 3, 0-0, 6; Sheldon 1, 0-2, 2; Alan 2, 0-0, 4; Blessing 1, 0-0, 2; Bristein 2, 3-4, 7. TOTALS: 22, 16-31, 60.

TOTAL FOULS— North 23. Central 28. FOULED OUT: Bernstein (WLC).

NORTH FARMINGTON	14	29	24	22	—80
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL	10	13	18	19	—60

OAK PARK 74—HARRISON 71

OAK PARK (74)—Jerry Stuart 3, 3-5, 9; Bruce Seid 9, 2-2, 20; James Walker 3, 0-0, 6; Craig Smith 5, 0-3, 10; Tom Broaden 7, 2-2, 16; Rod Hill 1, 0-0, 2; Corey Landrum 4, 0-0, 8; Marcus Ways 1, 0-0, 2; James Crowell 0, 1-2, 1. TOTALS: 33, 8-16, 74.

FARMINGTON HARRISON (71)—Brian Burgess 7, 2-4, 16; John Tremonti 4, 0-0, 8; Scott Hendrien 10, 5-7, 25; Dave Turnquist 8, 2-6, 18; Brad Herremans 1, 0-0, 2; Mark Dickman 0, 2-2, 2. TOTALS: 30, 11-20, 71.

TOTAL FOULS—Oak Park 22, Harrison 10. FOULED OUT: None.

OAK PARK	15	19	20	20	—74
FARMINGTON HARRISON	18	17	17	19	—71

NORTHVILLE 76—FARMINGTON 51

NORTHVILLE (76)—Dave Ward 3, 0-2, 6; Greg Suckoie 1, 11-11, 13; Jeff Norton 5, 2-4, 12; Myles Caujoumjian 7, 1-3, 15; Chris Campbell 9, 2-2, 20; Ken Neber 1, 0-0, 2; Dave Hooten 1, 0-0, 2; Rob Ade 3, 0-0, 6; Craig Niebiski 0, 0-2, 0. TOTALS: 30, 16-23, 76.

FARMINGTON (51)—Jim Bobey 1, 3-4, 5; John Dunn 3, 1-1, 5; Tom Harrison 1, 1-2, 3; Jerry Krist 2, 3-4, 7; Greg Kuhnlein 5, 1-1, 11; Bill Lehman 0, 2-4, 2; Jeff McGrath 2, 4-5, 8; Doug Parker 0, 1-2, 1; Steve Rutowski 1, 5-7, 7; Ron Sarcevich 1, 0-0, 2. TOTALS: 15, 21-31, 51.

TOTAL FOULS— Northville 21, Farmington 20. FOULED OUT: None.

NORTHVILLE	18	15	21	22	—76
FARMINGTON	11	10	13	17	—51

Christina wins

Harrison put up a big battle against Oak Park Tuesday night, but in the end it was the little man that killed the Hawks, as they dropped a 74-71 non-league decision.

The contest was close throughout the night. Harrison opened up a three-point lead after one quarter, but Oak Park cut that margin to one at the half, 35-34.

The Redskins then rallied for the lead going into the final stanza, 54-52. Harrison battled back, but Oak Park's Bruce Seid, a 5-10 guard, popped in 10 fourth-quarter points to insure a Redskin victory.

Seid finished the evening with 20 points for Oak Park. Harrison's Scott Hendries was the game's leading scorer with 25 points. Dave Turnquist had 18, and Brian Burgess hit for 16.

CHRISTIAN 88—ST. MARY 68

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN (88)—Steve Hall 3, 6-8, 12; Dan Messner 2, 4-4, 8; Rob Vosler 7, 4-6, 18; Tim Germaine 2, 0-0, 4; Joe Poer 4, 0-1, 8; Jeff Hamlin 6, 2-3, 14; John Mullins 4, 9-1, 8; Bill Mohr 6, 0-1, 8; Kevin Lunn 3, 3-9, 9; Joe Niuowski 3, 1-3, 7. TOTALS: 36, 20-36, 88.

ROYAL OAK ST. MARY (68)—Jeff Kerre 12, 5-6, 29; Tim Howell 2, 0-0, 4; Dave Brundage 7, 2-2, 16; Tom Ledwidge 0, 0-3, 0; Mark Wilson 3, 2-5, 8; John Bell 2, 0-0, 4; Pete Nichol 2, 1-2, 5; Jerry Saechel 1, 0-1, 2; Mike Hargis 0, 0-1, 0. TOTALS: 29, 10-20, 68.

TOTAL FOULS—Christian 22, St. Mary 26. FOULED OUT: Brundage, Wilson (St. Mary).

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN	16	18	25	29	—88
ROYAL OAK ST. MARY	19	7	15	27	—68

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