

OLSM's 41-game string stopped

By BOB GROSS

It ended at 41 for Orchard Lake St. Mary's. The team with the state's longest winning streak ran into a fired-up St. Martin DePorres team Tuesday which poured on a 59-38 victory over Orchard Lake. The game was sweet revenge for DePorres.

We let the pressure get to us. DePorres hawked Orchard Lake throughout the game with a zone press, forcing the Eagles into backcourt mistakes. When St. Mary's did get the ball up the court, the smaller Orchard Lake players found a forest between themselves and the hoop.

Defense was the key for DePorres. Their zone forced St. Mary's outside where the Eagles could not buy a basket. "I expected you to shoot better," said Shoemaker. "We missed from the corner early."

DePorres started the second quarter flying, zipping out to the 13-point lead, 24-11. But St. Mary's came back behind Dave Kay and Perez, reeling off six straight points, including a bucket at the buzzer by Kay, to cut the margin to seven, 24-17, going into the half.

Perez pulled his team to within five with two field goals, 26-21. Kurt Coffey hit two free throws for DePorres, Gene O. Johnson turned a steal into a fast break

flying dunk, and the DePorres were off and running again. DePorres outscored St. Mary's in the quarter, 17-12. The story in the fourth quarter was DePorres' defense and St. Mary's inability to score. The Eagles scored only nine points in the final eight minutes, all but two of those points coming from the foul line.

DePorres doubled that total with 18, taking advantage of a series of coaching gambles. At one point Shoemaker had Perez, a 6-8 center, playing out front chasing the ball.

"We did a lot of crazy things at the end," said Shoemaker. "They got a lot of easy baskets."

"But they played well and we didn't do anything to discourage their good play."

Perez led all scorers with 21 points, the only Eagle to break the double figures column. Gene O. Johnson was high for DePorres with 14, followed by Conde Monier with 12 and Karlos Wilson with 10.

Shoemaker reflected on the end of the streak after the game, saying, "It's over with and we've got to go to the next ball game."

"I can't wait for practice tomorrow." The loss brings St. Mary's season record to 14-1. Next game for the Eagles will be Friday at Wyandotte Mc. Carmel.

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Information, plans for this improvement, and an Environmental Assessment are available for public inspection at the Oakland County Road Commission office, 31001 Lahser Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48010.

Under provisions of the Federal Law, any citizen who may be affected by the proposed project may request, in writing, that the Oakland County Road Commission hold a public hearing concerning the social, environmental, and economic effects of such improvement.

Such written request should be mailed to the Oakland County Road Commission office, and such request must be received on or before Tuesday, February 27, 1979.

Project Designation

10 Mile-Grand River Intersection

273014, HHS 2659 (045), 6369, 15233A

Location

City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan

Nature of Improvement

Redesign Grand River-Ten Mile Intersection; widen Ten Mile to five (5) lanes; signalize and sign intersection; paint and sign new lane controls.

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Borgess downs G.C. East, 66-50

REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS played three good quarters to defeat Garden City East, 66-50, in a non-league basketball contest. The victory was Borgess' fourth in a row.

"We don't have the type of team to blow anybody away," said Borgess coach Ron Galski. "We played these three last quarters and then we started substituting people."

"We had good defense during the game and we got our fast break going," the coach continued. "When we didn't fast break, we had a good controlled offense."

Mark Taylor paced Borgess with 29 points and eight rebounds. Dave Agard added 21 points and seven rebounds for the Spartans. Taylor hit on 14 of 17 from the field during the contest.

Mike Kossick was the only East player in double figures with 23 points.

"IT WAS CLOSE UNTIL we got the boys in the lockerroom and talked to them and told them to play their game," said Livonia Franklin coach Jim McIntyre after his squad defeated Northville Tuesday, 69-54, in a non-league basketball game.

"It took a little adrenalin to get the team up after our loss to (Westland John) Glenn. We were emotionally down," continued the coach. "After the half, the kids played very good basketball."

The Patriots lead at the end of the first quarter, 11-9, and 25-21 at the intermission. Franklin then scored 28 points in the third quarter and 16 in the fourth to take the win.

Chris Baker grabbed 21 rebounds and scored 24 points to charge Franklin's offensive attack. Paul Berry added 17 and Jeff Reich 10 for Franklin and Jim Wilson had eight.

CAREY DOWDY SANK The winning basket for Redford Thurston with five seconds remaining to give the Eagles a 73-70 victory over Novi in a non-league basketball game.

Dowdy almost turned out to be the goat when he gave up the ball on a turnover that led to Novi's go-ahead basket. Thurston then brought the ball down with 23 seconds left and Dowdy got it the winnings shot.

"I was pleased with our bench play. We were down by seven points in the third quarter when we put them in and they got us back ahead by one point," said Thurston coach Bill Croteau. "Pete Bradley, Bob Fredericks and Mark Maddock did the job from the bench."

The contest was close all the way, as the Eagles held quarter leads of 22-17, 40-39, 66-59 and the final, 73-70.

Dowdy was high man for the Thurston with 22 points

A 34-POINT fourth quarter carried Dearborn Heights Annapolis to a 77-63 non-conference basketball victory over Garden City West.

Annapolis sank nine field goals and 16 from the free-throw line during the last eight minutes.

Annapolis had 24 chances from the charity stripe during the contest compared with 15 for the Tigers. West was whittled for 24 team fouls, the Cougars 15.

Chris Babler, coach of the Tigers, was not at all pleased with the work of the referees. "The game was very, very poorly officiated," said Babler. "I think what upset my kids is that they were hacked on the way down the court and it wasn't called. I think they were getting frustrated."

Pat Dybas netted 27 points for West, Gary Rago 10 and Gerald Tatro eight.

Oak Park upsets Lahser, 61-58

Using strong bench play, Class B Oak Park upset fourth-ranked Class A team Bloomfield Hills Lahser Tuesday night, 61-58.

"Oak Park simply played hard and shot with confidence," said Lahser coach Nick Conti, whose team slipped to 12-2 overall.

Oak Park is 12-3 overall. The Redskins led by seven at the half, 39-32. They enjoyed a nine-point advantage during the second period. Lahser outscored Oak Park, 17-10, to knot the score at the end of three quarters, 49-49.

The Knights then led 56-53 midway through the final period but were unable to hold off a charging Oak Park five.

"We missed some key free throws down the stretch," said Conti.

Oak Park, which used 10 players, got 36 points from its bench.

"We played with very little emotion. Oak Park was more interested in winning than we were," said Conti.

The Knights hit only 24 of 77 shots from the floor for 32 percent.

Craig Smith had 12 points to lead Oak Park and Marcus Ways added 11.

Tim Waua paced Lahser with 20 points as Rob Fodor followed with 14.

Despite the loss, Lahser held a 38-29 advantage on the boards.

ANDOVER-PONTIAC NORTHERN Playing without leading scorer Tim Meter, Bloomfield Hills Andover

narrowly pulled off the upset of the night but it wasn't to be as Inter-Lakes co-leader Pontiac Northern came away with a tight 51-48 victory Tuesday.

Gregg Rohlin, Andover's 6-8 senior center, scored 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds for the losers. Guard Reed Jackson added 14.

Andover (6-7) hit 19 of 46 shots from the floor for 41 percent. Pontiac Northern hit 20 of 54 shots for 37 percent.

Rob Peterson, a 5-10 junior guard, led the Barons in rebounding with nine.

Milt Carthens, a 6-8 senior forward paced Northern with 12 points.

Andover played the game without Meter who is suffering from an ankle sprain.

Andover meets Waterford Kettering on the road Friday in a Greater Oakland Activities League game.

CRANBROOK-ST. CLEMENT The Hayner brothers were the thorn in Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook's side as they combined for 45 points to give Centerline St. Clement a 66-55 victory Tuesday.

Chris Hayner, a forward, netted 24 points and Neil Hayner, a guard, added 21.

Jim Narens and Dave Tyner led Cranbrook with 15 and 12, respectively. Chris Hayner netted 18 of his points in the first half. Neil dominated the second half with 16.

"It was a good ballgame, and we shot better tonight," said Cranbrook coach Dan Hazen.

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