

# Lathrup girls race past Dondero, 51-25

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

The Missy Thomas-Pat Corfield show added another member to its Southfield-Lathrup girls' basketball

cast, as Janet Smith also reached double figures in the Chargers' 51-25 district basketball victory over Royal Oak Dondero Tuesday night.

The heart of the Chargers' offense

has been Thomas and Corfield, and they responded with 15 and 14 points, respectively, as coach Bob Harding's squad won their 11th game in 20 starts this season. But the 12 points by Smith

was an added surprise that Harding was happy to expect.

"Janet Smith gives us that little extra ingredient that can help us beat

(Birmingham) Seaholm," the Charger coach said.

Lathrup's district victory on its home court advances the Chargers to the semifinals at 7:30 p.m. tonight against Seaholm — a squad it beat just last week, 69-62, to close out the regular season.

"We aren't looking beyond Seaholm," Harding said. "To us, Seaholm is the championship (game). We beat them once, and we'll beat them again."

The Chargers drew a first-round bye and will see their first state tournament action against Lathrup.

In the other bracket, Berkley defeated Royal Oak Kimball, 46-43, to win the rubber game between these two Southeastern Michigan Association foes. The Berkley victory, which preceded the Lathrup triumph, sets up the other semifinal game between the Bears and Birmingham Groves at 6 p.m. tonight, also at the Lathrup court.

THE CHARGERS started very slowly against Dondero, trailing 8-7 after the first quarter. Lathrup then outscored its Metro Suburban Association foe 20-7 in the second quarter to take a commanding 27-14 advantage at halftime.

Thomas scored eight of her 11 first half points in the second quarter, while

Corfield and Smith added six each in the second stanza.

"We were going to press until we broke the game open — that was our pre-game strategy," Harding said. "Then we just played our game."

Lathrup defeated Dondero 38-24 and 44-33 in the two previous league meetings, so this victory came as no surprise.

Harding was quick to give praise to Thomas and Corfield for their outstanding play in the district game and all season long.

## LATHRUP — DONDERO

SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP (31) — Missy Thomas 17, 1, 12, 15; Pat Corfield 7, 0, 0, 14; Janet Smith 5, 0, 0, 12; Wendy Frankel 0, 0, 0, 0; Diane Freeman 0, 0, 0, 0; Donna DeBorja 0, 0, 0, 0; Debby Gullman 1, 0, 4, 2; Mae Mansoura 1, 0, 0, 2; Nancy Moore 6, 0, 0, 0; Kelly Hunt 0, 0, 0, 0; Lori Currie 1, 0, 0, 2; Sandy Murasaki 1, 0, 0, 2; Lata Harding 1, 0, 0, 2; Bing Cassandra 0, 0, 0, 0; Amy Sklar 0, 0, 0, 0. Totals — 51, 14, 31.

ROYAL OAK DONDERO (25) — Mena Reymann 2, 2, 4, 6; Karen Hoevry 0, 0, 0, 2; Vickie Benar 0, 0, 0, 2; Karen Wilson 0, 0, 0, 2; Nancy Ketter 3, 0, 0, 2; Tina Benia 2, 0, 0, 4; Mary Kay Hart 1, 0, 0, 2; Loreen Miller 0, 0, 0, 2; Brenda Cochran 0, 1, 2, 1; Mary Kelley 1, 1, 1, 1. Totals — 25, 14, 25.

TOTAL FOULS — Lathrup 13, Dondero 9. FOULED OUT — None.

LATHRUP DONDERO 7 2 0 19 — 51 8 6 2 9 — 25

## Bishop Foley stops Marian, 57-43

By BOB GROSS

Birmingham Marian ended its girls' basketball season Tuesday by losing to Madison Heights Bishop Foley 57-43.

The game was the opener for both teams in the District 43 Class B tournament hosted by Marian.

Marian trailed throughout the game. The Mustangs pulled to within four points, 36-32, early in the fourth quarter, but that was as close as they got.

"In the second half," said Marian coach Karen Lafata, "our outside

shooting started to come along, but it was a little too late. We cut down to four, they put on a full-court press and scored twice, and that popped it back up to eight, and we just couldn't recover."

The game started slowly for both teams. Marian took its only lead of the night at 7:29 of the first quarter when Beth Carson hit from the side to make it 2-0.

Foley came right back, scratching out a 9-8 first-quarter lead.

Foley increased that lead behind the

hot hand of senior guard Cindy Baumgart. Baumgart scored 12 of her game high 26 points in the second quarter to give Foley a 26-14 lead at the half.

Most of Baumgart's second quarter points came on fast breaks off of Marian turnovers.

Lafata credited the second-quarter surge mainly to Marian's inability to score. She did admit that Foley's zone defense had a little bit to do with that.

"I don't know if it was so much that their defense was that good," said Lafata, "rather than we just missed shots."

Our shooting was horrible that first half."

She said she felt that her players were perhaps setting up too far from the basket for their shots: "In the first half the kids were taking 25-footers, and usually we're a little more patient than that."

Some of the fast breaks were also set up by Marian trying to pass through the zone.

"Our wings were trying to force the pass in," said Lafata, "and that's not what we want them to do."

OVERALL, Lafata said she thought her team was very impatient on offense.

Sue Flood was high for Marian with 13 points. Jean Olshefsky had 12, mainly on set shots from the outside, and Cathy Chisholm had 10.

Mary McDaniels had 13 for Foley.

## Christian eagles clobber foe

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

Southfield Christian warmed up for its Class D girls' basketball district championship against Royal Oak St. Mary's by breezing past Birmingham Lutheran Northwest, 69-14, in district semifinal action Tuesday night.

It was an effortless victory for coach Dave Seils and his squad, who defeated the Birmingham foe 51-18 and 73-11 in two previous meetings this season.

The Eagles will be favored against St. Mary's as the two squads battle for the district title at 5 p.m. today.

The Royal Oak squad defeated Southfield Alex Manooogian, 56-28, in the second-half of the Tuesday district double-header at Christian.

The Eagles, 17-3 overall and ranked sixth in the Observer & Eccentric cage poll, overcame 11 first-quarter turnovers to mount a 14-3 lead. Northwest had 15 turnovers of its own in the first quarter and 25 in the first half, as it slumped to a 24-4 halftime deficit.

"We haven't played in a week, but I think we were looking ahead," said Seils. "I felt we started to play well (in the second quarter), but then I was faced with not trying to run up the score. We had played this team twice before."

Connie Jokisch dominated both the offensive and defensive rebounds, scoring on numerous second shots to pace the Christian offensive attack with 21 points. Cathie Holliday, the starting point-guard, added 12 points, senior reserve Jennifer Dace scored 11, Robin Dennis netted nine, and Julie Butler added eight, as all 11 Eagle players saw action.

Seils gave special credit to Holliday for waking up the sluggish Eagle cagers.

"I think when Cathie started feeling her outs, we started going," the Christian coach said, complimenting Holliday's effectiveness in running the offense.

LUTHERAN NORTHWEST, coached by Deb Fitzpatrick, scored only five field goals, as it finished the season with a 5-13 record. Laura Gabab and Debbie Lutzke both scored four points. Lutzke played most of the game, despite an ankle injury.

## CHRISTIAN — L. NORTHWEST

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN (69) — Cathie Holliday 6, 0, 0, 2; Sandy Sanders 0, 0, 0, 0; Julie Butler 4, 0, 4, 0; Connie Jokisch 10, 1, 1, 21; Robin Dennis 4, 1, 4, 9; Laurie Lynn 2, 0, 0, 4; Jennifer Hamilton 1, 0, 0, 2; Jennifer Dace 4, 2, 4, 11; Kerry Turner 1, 0, 0, 2; Cindy Sanders 0, 0, 0, 0; Patrice Preece 0, 0, 0, 0. Totals — 69, 14, 69.

BIRMINGHAM LUTHERAN NORTHWEST (14) — Deborah Letze 1, 2, 4, 0; Laurie Koch 1, 0, 0, 2; Donna Roberts 1, 0, 0, 2; Robin Williams 1, 0, 0, 2; Laura Gabab 1, 2, 4, 0; Deborah Roberts 0, 0, 0, 0; Linda Barboot 0, 0, 0, 0; Kathleen Gadsden 1, 0, 0, 2; Michelle Warren 0, 0, 0, 0. Totals — 14, 11, 14.

TOTAL FOULS — Northwest 10, Christian 12. FOULED OUT — None.

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