

Southfield Christian wins

Ferndale slips by Lathrup

By BOB GROSS

A basketball game is 32 minutes long.

That's what hurt Southfield-Lathrup Tuesday against Ferndale. If the game had been 24 minutes long, excluding the second quarter, the Chargers would have won. If the game had been one minute longer, the Chargers might have won.

Had the dog hadn't stopped to eat, he might have caught the rabbit.

As it was, Lathrup lost by two points, 52-50.

The Chargers came out smoking against Ferndale, scoring nine points before the Eagles could convert at 4:28. They kept up the hot pace through the first quarter, taking an 18-8 lead at the buzzer.

Then the Chargers fell apart in the second quarter. They turned the ball over eight times. They scored five points. And they let Ferndale pour in 14 points.

Lathrup managed to keep a 23-22 lead at the half when Mel Tucker canned the top half of a one-and-one with five seconds showing on the clock.

"We probably got a little too impatient," said Lathrup coach Jim Kourakis about the second quarter, "because we had nice lead instead of the other way around, instead of settling down."

Lathrup took command in the third quarter, building a 43-34 lead with 41 seconds left. But Ferndale's James Harris cut into that margin by first scoring with 18 seconds left, then stealing the ball and setting up a bucket by

Jeff Bleedworth at the buzzer.

Harris and Mike Weir were the story in the fourth quarter. Ferndale got the ball inside to Weir for eight points in the final period.

"WE WEREN'T doing a good job on the baseline," Kourakis explained. "We didn't front him low the way we were supposed to."

Harris sank four straight bonus free throws with less than a minute left in overtime to give the Eagles a 52-49 lead. Lathrup came back with field goals by Rob and with 13 seconds left, but it was too little too late.

Harris led all scorers with 21 points.

SOUTHFIELD MANOOGIAN 60,
BAPTIST ACADEMY 33

Southfield Manoogian had no trouble disposing of Taylor Center Baptist Academy Tuesday. The Southfield team took a 10-5 first-quarter lead, then built on it with 13, 16 and 22-point quarters.

Roy Misirlian led Manoogian with 21 points and 17 rebounds. Teammate Mark Karabakjian had 11 points.

Manoogian is 2-0. The team's next game is Tuesday against Oakland Christian.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 75,
LUTHERAN NORTH 54

Southfield Christian came on strong in the second half Tuesday to win going away.

Rob Vosler paced the Eagles with 17 points. Steve Hall had 14 and Mike Kaiser had 11.

The score was no indication of the closeness of the game, according to Christian coach Dale Sells.

"They (Lutheran North) made a good comeback," said Sells, noting that North had been down 24-11 in the first quarter, but managed to cut the lead to 37-31 at the half.

"We changed our defense," said Sells, "and concentrated on three things: executing on the offense, stopping (Marty) Seaman, and rebounding."

Seaman led all scorers with 27 points for Lutheran North. Teammate Tom Roudabush had 10.

The Eagles are 2-0 for the year. They play on Friday at Oakland Christian.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 75,
BAPTIST PARK 34

Four players hit double figures as Christian ran away and hid from Baptist Park on Saturday.

Rob Vosler led Christian with 14 points. Steve Hall had 13, Kevin Lunn had 12, and Dan Messner and Joe Novoski had 11 each.

Baptist Park's Randy Coleman led all scorers with 20 points.

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