

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.

But if the dog hadn't stopped to eat, he'd 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.

Clutch FTs lift Laker '5'

Steve Swanson hit seven of eight free throws in overtime to boost West Bloomfield to a 69-57 win in a thriller at West Bloomfield Tuesday.

All nine of the Lakers points in the overtime came at the free-throw line. Al Morris earned a pair of free throws, his only points of the game, with two seconds left to insure the victory for West Bloomfield.

Mott dominated the contest in the early going, jumping out to a 17-2 lead in the opening quarter and leading by 20, 26-6, early in the second.

But the Lakers rallied behind the hot hand of Paul Shinske to outscore Mott 23-9 in the remainder of the half and trailed by only five at intermission.

Shinske, a 6-foot-5 junior forward, came off the bench to spark the Lakers with 19 points. He finished the game with eight field goals in nine attempts and three of five free throws. He also collected seven rebounds.

"This is the first time the kid has played with intensity," West Bloomfield coach John Cvergros said of Shinske. "He was fired up and playing hard."

"I knew he had it in him." But it wasn't just Shinske who led the Laker comeback. Swanson, a 5-7 senior point guard, turned in an outstanding performance at both ends of the court.

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 came out 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 a nice lead instead of the other way around, instead of setting down."

Lathrup took command in the third quarter, building a 42-34 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 Bloodworth 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 52-46 lead. Lathrup came back with field goals by Ron Gold with 13 seconds left and by McKnight with five seconds left, but it was too little too late.

Harris led all scorers with 21 points.

SOUTHFIELD MANOGOGIAN 60, BAPTIST ACADEMY 33

Southfield Manogogian had no trouble disposing of Taylor Center Baptist Academy on Tuesday. The Southfield team took a 10-6 first-quarter lead, then built on it with 13, 16 and 22-point quarters.

Roy Misirigian led Manogogian with 21 points and 17 rebounds. Teammate Mark Karabadjian had 11 points.

Baptist Academy's John Morrow led all scorers with 23 points. Manogogian 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 Dave Seils.

"They (Lutheran North) made a good comeback," said Seils, 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 Seils, "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 Roudelush 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 Niowski had 11 each.

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

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