

# OLSM, Rice fall in playoffs

## Local prep cage standings

By C.J. RISAK

The two Catholic League title hopefuls were both disappointed last Sunday in the finals at University of Detroit Calhoun Hall. Birmingham Brother Rice was walloped by Detroit Catholic Central in the A-B division, 60-37. Orchard Lake St. Mary's lost to Wyandotte Mt. Carmel, 50-44, in the C-D league contest.

The losses caused shakeups in the Observer & Eccentric basketball rankings. Rice, last week the unanimous choice as the top team, retained its No. 1 position but received only two of three first-place votes.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser is still rated second on the strength of a pair of overtime victories. The Knights beat a tough Ferndale squad last Tuesday, then clinched the Metro Suburban Association (MSA) title with a 73-67 in over Birmingham Groves Friday.

Lahser got a school-record 36 points

from guard Tim Waun in defeating Groves. The performance prompted Groves' coach Gary Sharpe to say, "He was just ugly."

OLSM, last week rated third, fell to fifth this week because of the loss. The Eagles had beaten Mt. Carmel twice during the regular season but couldn't do it three times in a row. The Eagles led, 37-33, after three quarters but withered in the face of Mt. Carmel's fourth-quarter press defense.

Moving up to third this week is Southfield-Lathrup. The Chargers, 14-9 on the season, came up with a pair of impressive wins on the road last week over Royal Oak Kimball and Troy Athens. They finished second in the MSA behind Lahser.

**SOUTHFIELD IMPROVED** both its ranking and its record with a pair of wins last week. The Blue Jays, in line for a Southeastern Michigan Association co-championship, downed Bloom-

AREA PREP CAGE STATS (As of Feb. 25)		W. Bloomfield	3	7 6%	Southfield	8	1 x
		Miford	8	10 9%	R.O. Kimball	5	4 3
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					Birm. Seaborn	2	7 6
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		W	L	GB	Final Standings		
		W	L	GB	A-B DIVISION- CENTRAL		
		W	L	GB	Bracket		
		W	L	GB	C-D DIVISION		
		W	L	GB	WEST BRACKET		
		W	L	GB	O.L. St. Mary's		
		W	L	GB	Mt. Carmel		
		W	L	GB	Gak. Richard		
		W	L	GB	St. Florian		
		W	L	GB	St. Agatha		
		W	L	GB	Final Standings		
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		W	L	GB	U. Eisenhower		
		W	L	GB	U. Ulica		
		W	L	GB	U. Waterford		
		W	L	GB	U. Mil. Lakeland		
		W	L	GB	U. Farmington		
		W	L	GB	U. Wall. Lake Central		
		W	L	GB	U. Troy		
		W	L	GB	U. MI Laumhere		
		W	L	GB	U. Madison Hls.		
		W	L	GB	U. Chippewa Valley		
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		W	L	GB	U. N. Farmington		
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		W	L	GB	U. Redford Union		
		W	L	GB	U. Westland Glen		
		W	L	GB	U. G.C. East		

# Aquinas beats OLSM college

It's been a long season for Orchard Lake St. Mary's basketball team. But even though the losses far outnumber the victories, Eagle coach Tim Domke is optimistic about the future.

OLSM lost for the 18th time this season (against 10 wins) last Saturday, 74-66, to Grand Rapids Aquinas at Aquinas.

"We got into foul trouble and it hurt us," Domke said. "But we never quit — we were down by 20 (with eight minutes left) and came back to within two, and we had the ball. But we missed our shot."

That miss proved costly to OLSM, as Aquinas got its game together and held on for the victory. Martin Eddy's 22 points paced the Eagles, with Scot Glidden contributing 18.

Despite the loss, Domke feels his program is headed in the right direction. Last year, the first for St. Mary's revived college basketball program, the Eagles surprised everyone by finishing with a winning record.

This season hasn't been as successful, but Domke points to a number of factors as reasons. A much improved schedule, which included several teams that qualified for state tournaments (Siena Heights, Hillsdale, Saginaw Valley, Findlay University of Ohio and Northeast Missouri State), a young team (not a senior on the squad) and 18 road games.

"I KNOW WE'RE on the right track, with the kind of kids we've got," Domke said. "Most players would have given up but they haven't."

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		W	L	GB	U. Waterford	8	3 x
		W	L	GB	U. Mil. Lakeland	5	4 x
		W	L	GB	U. Farmington	4	5 x
		W	L	GB	U. Wall. Lake Central	2	7 x
		W	L	GB	U. Troy	1	8 x
		W	L	GB	U. MI Laumhere	1	8 x
		W	L	GB	U. Madison Hls.	1	8 x
		W	L	GB	U. Chippewa Valley	0	11 x
		W	L	GB	U. Liv. Franklin	6	3 x
		W	L	GB	U. N. Farmington	6	3 x
		W	L	GB	U. Thorstein	5	4 x
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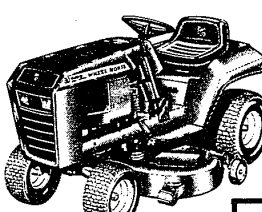
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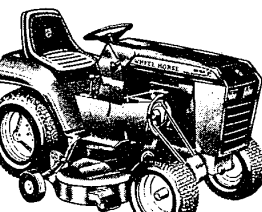
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