



Rob Fodor of Bloomfield Hills Lahser streaks down the floor with the ball under pressure by Groves' Ted Williams. Lahser won the district semifinal game 71-56. (Staff photo by Dick Kelley)

Lahser tops Andover

By BRAD EMONS

Patience was a key factor in Bloomfield Hills Lahser's 71-56 Class A district semifinal victory over Birmingham Groves in a basketball game played at Birmingham Seaholm Thursday night.

The Knights (20-2) put their usual fast-break style of play on the shelf for one evening. Instead, Lahser coach Nick Conti ordered his troops to work for the high percentage shot.

It took a while for Lahser to get loose against the hustling Falcons, but it resulted in a convincing victory and a berth in the district finals.

"We've been a little impatient recently and have been missing shots off our fast break," said the Lahser coach Nick Conti.

"We weren't in a hurry to bring the ball down," he explained.

Conti's club had little trouble adjusting to their new style of play but forgot how to rebound much of the first half.

Senior forward Ted Williams of Groves gave Lahser fits in the first half.

The 6-4 Falconer stand-out scored Groves' first seven points, two baskets coming on offensive rebounds, giving his team a 7-6 lead midway through the first quarter.

Hitting the boards aggressively, Groves enjoyed a 13-11 first quarter lead.

"THEY (GROVES) knew we weren't in a hurry so they sent more men to the boards," said Conti.

Williams, who had 14 first-half points, kept Groves close in the second quarter as Lahser forward Shawn Santa hit three straight shots to put his team up by four, 23-19, with just over three minutes to go.

Lahser led at intermission, 25-21.

Groves stayed close to the Knights most of the third quarter and trailed only by three, 35-32, when 6-6 senior Naim Peress hit a free throw at 2:04 of the period.

Lahser then ripped off six straight points to close out the quarter to take a 41-32 lead.

Starting the final quarter, Lahser worked its offense methodically, looking for cutters wheeling toward the basket.

Lahser held onto the ball two successive times, resulting in easy layups.

Reserve forward Rick Dauch broke Groves for good when he scored a layup at 5:04, propelling the Knights into a 47-36 lead.

It was the final straw for Groves, which then resorted to a full-court press.

"They (Lahser) got into their pattern real well," said Groves coach Jay Schwalm.

"We needed the ball and didn't want to get into press situation," Schwalm said.

St. Mary's tops Capac in 'C' final

Orchard Lake St. Mary's weekend in the north paid off Saturday as the Eagles easily took a state Class C district crown, defeating Capac on its home court, 74-42.

"We did the three things it takes to win a championship," said Eagles Coach Bob Shoemaker. "We played good defense. We had good shot selection and we didn't turn the ball over." The Eagles' sticky zone defense held Capac to just 19 baskets for the game. None of the Chiefs scored in double figures.

St. Mary's had three men in double figures. Evaristo Perez was high with 16 points, followed by Dave Kay with 14 and Nita Vucinaj with 11.

The Eagles shot 61 percent from the floor in the first half enroute to a 46 percent clip for the game.

Capac enjoyed a short-lived 2-0 lead in the first quarter. Perez came back to tie the score at 2-2 and Vucinaj broke the deadlock at 5:16 of the first period when he cut across the lane and hit a quick jumpshot. Eight seconds later, St. Mary's was up by four, 6-2.

The Eagles never looked back, racing to a 26-19 first quarter lead.

The second quarter was more of the same. St. Mary's scored eight straight points, six by Perez. Eagles outscored Capac, 22-6, in the quarter, taking a 44-16 half-time lead.

Shoemaker called it "one of the best halves of basketball we've played all year."

"We ran the passing game and we ran it well. We don't go to just one player. Whoever cuts well, whoever screens well, he gets the basket."

The Chiefs stayed with St. Mary's early in the third quarter, answering the Eagles bucket for bucket. But, after four minutes in the quarter remaining, Dave Kay proceeded to bury Capac scoring six unanswered points to give St. Mary's a 32-point lead, 54-22.

St. Mary's, playing mainly with substitutes, outscored the Chiefs in the final quarter, 18-13.

Shoemaker said he's looking forward to a possible meeting with either Royal Oak Shrine or Redford St. Mary's in the Troy Athens regional this week.

GROVES' PRESS midway through the final quarter caused numerous two-one situations for the Knights.

Lahser capitalized by scoring 30 points in the final quarter. Scott Pritchett, who scored six of those, finished the game with an alley-oop slam dunk. He led Lahser for the evening with 24 points.

Other Lahser players in double figures included Santa (16) and junior guard Tim Wynn (17).

Williams paced all scorers with 25 points, capping a fine season. Peress, also graduating, added 12.

"We missed some layups inside which hurt," said Schwalm. "We may have been a little intimidated by Pritchett inside."

It was the third time this season Lahser has beaten Groves. The Falcons ended the year at 13-8.

"It's tough psychologically playing a team for the third time," said Conti. "Being in the state tourney kind of evens it out."

ROK nips Southfield

By TOM BAER

The Cardiac Kids of 1979. That's what they're calling Royal Oak Kimball's basketball team these days.

Coach Chuck Jones Kimball squad likes to win the close ones with exciting finishes — especially when the opponent is a Southfield school.

That was the case last Tuesday when the Knights held off Southfield-Lathrup for a thrilling 56-55 victory in the opening round of the state Class A district at Kimball.

And then last Thursday, with Southfield High the opponent, Kimball won in a similar fashion: It wasted a good lead but hung on to eliminate the Blue Jays, 54-52.

"This isn't the most talented team I've ever had, and it sure isn't the tallest," said Jones, whose Knights climbed to 17-5, including two regular-season victories over Southfield in the Southeastern Michigan Association.

"But they really hustle. And I'll tell you another thing about these kids: they've got it right here," said Jones, pointing the left side of his chest. "They're all heart. They really believe they can beat any team."

On the other side of the floor, Southfield coach Greg Sliwka pondered his rookie season (12-9 overall) and a Southeastern Michigan Association

title despite those two losses to Kimball, and the game just completed.

Sliwka had the time to talk: Thanks to a faulty lock, his team players were standing around waiting to get into their locker room.

"WE DIDN'T PLAY our game; we played their game," Sliwka said. "We were satisfied with just exchanging field goals with them, and walking the ball up the floor on offense. We let them get their momentum up."

Momentum was the key, Kimball had it for the first three quarters. Southfield set the tempo for all but the final 28 seconds of the fourth.

Southfield, which trailed by eight points (38-22) at halftime and by as many as 11 in the third quarter, surged back to come to within two (50-48) with 28 seconds left.

Then, in what had to be the turning point of the game, Southfield's Vincent Bean stole the ball from Kimball's Bob Brueckman. Bean, a 6-foot-3 junior who transferred in from Romulus High at midseason, drove in for slam dunk and what looked like the tying bucket.

But the officials waved off the basket, claiming that Bean had fouled Brueckman on the steal. After a couple of time outs, the Kimball forward went to the line and dropped in both free throws to secure the victory.

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PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 29, 1979

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31555 Eleven Mile Road
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All interested citizens are invited to attend and participate in that hearing. Copies of the Master Plan and of the map in connection therewith are available for inspection by the public at the Farmington Hills City Hall during any business day between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

FRED HUGHES, Chairman
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
NOTICE OF 1979 BOARD REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment in the City of Farmington Hills, that said assessment for the year 1979 will be subject to inspection at the city offices located in the city hall at 31555 Eleven Mile Road.

The 1979 Board of Review will be in session:

Thursday, March 15, 1979	9-11 A.M. and 2-4 P.M.
Friday, March 16, 1979	9-12 A.M. and 2-4 P.M.
Monday, March 19, 1979	9-11 A.M. and 2-4 P.M.

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