

RU's Late Rally Falls Short; Drops Opener To Southfield

Coach Dave Mattingly, of Redford Union, is devoting plenty of basketball practice time this week to foul shooting.

Mattingly wasn't altogether disappointed with his young club's 74-72 defeat at the hands of a good Southfield team in the team's opener but he wasn't exactly happy over the Panthers' foul line performance.

"We could have salted the game away with any kind of a free throw average," Mattingly admitted. "What did we hit - 16 of 39? That's terrible."

"But we didn't give up when they took a big lead after three periods. And we nearly caught them at the end. I'm quite pleased."

REDFORD UNION led 20-14 after one quarter but a Southfield spurt in the second period netted a 33-33 deadlock at intermission. The Bluejays really went to town in the third

quarter, outscoring Redford Union, 28-13, and took a 61-46 edge into the final eight minutes.

The clock ran out in time to prevent a Southfield defeat, but the Jays got a real scare in the last quarter when the Panthers doubled the output of Southfield, 26-13, and nearly turned the tide of the game.

Gary Bevington hit five of his 15 points in the final period, and Randy Taylor came up with seven of his 14 over the same stretch. Gary Zagack also saved his best for the end, with eight of 11 in the final eight minutes.

Kirk Taylor (13) and Dennis Genge (11) rounded out a well-balanced Redford Union scoring punch with five men in double figures.

Scott Miller (21) and Brad Allen (15) each scored eight points in the third quarter. For Southfield to build up what proved to be a sufficient edge.

Ridge Rally Nets Second Win In Row

Led by the brilliant 30-point performance of Fred Street, Orchard Ridge basketballers pulled away from the Highland Lakers in the final three minutes to record their second straight victory, 103-92.

Orchard Ridge and Highland Lakes are two of the three campuses of the Oakland County Community College.

Playing on the Clifford Smart Junior High court at Union Lake, the Ridgers battled their cross country rivals all the way and pulled out the victory after the three tallest members of the Highland crew were ousted on personal fouls.

Highland was even with the Ridgers in the seesaw scrap when Danny Raschke, Chuck Granger and Joe O'Connor fouled out and that was the end.

IN THE REMAINING time, Alex Agee fired in six of seven free throws and Street and Gary Waters hit from the field to clinch the victory for Orchard Ridge.

The Ridgers held a 46-43 margin at halftime and neither team held more than a five point lead at any time.

Street was the big gunner for the victors with 13 fielders and four free throws for his 30 points. Guard Gary Waters contributed 28 with 11 buckets and five charity tosses and Agee wound up with 16 on eight from the foul line and four double dunks.

Rachel, the 6-8 Highland center, topped his club with 23 points before fouling out. Granger had 19 when he left via the same route.

The Ridgers will bid for another triumph Friday when they entertain St. Clair CC at Power Junior High in Farmington.



NOT THIS TIME. Redford Union's Randy Taylor (22) tried a hook shot but it was batted aside by Southfield's Bob Minter (31). Watching the ball are Kirk Taylor (32) of RU and Southfield's Chuck Petrillo (21). Southfield nipped the Panthers in the opener for both clubs. (Observer photo by Craig Gaffield)

Thurston Wins 4 Mat Events

Thurston High wrestlers won four events in a quadrangular meet with Berkeley, Port Huron and Warren Lincoln.

The Thurston winners were: 107 pounds - Mark Miller; 115 pounds - Scott Clemens; 130 pounds - Brian McGrevery; and 137 pounds - Dave Kroll.

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Lakers End Sorrows Win Streak

Our Lady of Sorrows basketball team in Farmington doesn't need a patent on the expression "wait till next year" when it comes to its games against perennial Northwest Catholic League power Orchard Lake St. Mary.

The Lakers, by now, own exclusive rights to the regretful phrase.

The Farmington squad went to Orchard Lake Friday in search of its fourth straight victory of the young season but instead walked off the court an 82-56 loser in what has become an all too familiar tale.

The Eagles of Orchard Lake, who have won five consecutive Northwest crowns, performed their usual hex against Our Lady in chalking up No. 4 without defeat.

In the longtime rivalry, the two teams have met 16 times and the outcome has been unfortunately consistent - Sorrows has always come up on the short end of the score.

THE LANCERS' problem Friday was their bench - a lack of the same. Three starters fouled out for Sorrows, two in the third quarter. Center Mike Hart, expected to carry a rebounding and scoring load, exited in the third period after scoring eight points.

"There was just no one to put in," Sorrows coach Bob Morris said. "We were only down 35-27 at the half, but they just killed us in the third quarter."

St. Mary put 25 points on the scoreboard in the third period to 13 for the Lakers and the fourth quarter was a mere formality.

Dan McGrath had a fine night for Sorrows with 23 points but had very little help. Ross Patton scored 10 and Bill Robertson finished with eight.

RU Matmen Bowl Over Two Rivals

Redford Union's wrestlers defeated two foes this past week to run their season record to 4-0. On Tuesday they defeated Farmington 23-20 and Thursday beat Garden City West 29-19.

Following are the winners of the Redford Union-Farmington match:

90 pounds - Mark Lindberg (R.U.), pin; 100 pounds - Hans Schaller (R.U.), pin; 115 pounds - Dennis Campbell (R.U.), decision; 130 pounds - Steve Fries (F.U.), decision.
130 pounds - Steve Mares (R.U.), decision; 145 pounds - Bob Reay (R.U.), decision; 160 pounds - Dave Kenneress (F.U.), decision; 165 pounds - Rick Hagopian (R.U.), decision; 180 pounds - Bill Curtis (F.U.), disqualification; and heavyweight - Bruce Thayer (F.U.), decision.

Winners of the RU-Garden City West match:

90 pounds - Mark Lindberg (R.U.), pin; 100 pounds - Scott Harris (G.C.W.), pin; 115 pounds - Dennis Campbell (R.U.), pin; 130 pounds - Bill McCarry (R.U.), decision; 130 pounds - Rick Stevens (G.C.W.), decision; 137 pounds - Tom Tyler (G.C.W.), decision; 145 pounds - Bob Hess (R.U.), decision; 165 pounds - Dennis Wolf (G.C.W.), decision; 185 pounds - Rick Hagopian (R.U.), decision; 175 pounds - Bill Curtis (R.U.), pin; 180 pounds - John Ford (R.U.), pin; and heavyweight - Evan Sachlisch (G.C.W.), pin.

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