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3 Southfield squads survive

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If you're into bad puns, you could say that Southfield-Lathrup's basketball team had the Will to win.

Had you said that last Friday after the finals of the state Class A district at Royal Oak Kimball, you'd certainly be talking about Will Montgomery, Lathrup's 5-foot-9 senior guard, who dropped in two pressure free throws with two seconds left to play to pull the Chargers past Royal Oak Dondero, 52-50.

The district title — Lathrup's first since 1976 — earns the Chargers a berth in their own Class A regional this week. Lathrup, now 17-5, faces Troy at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

"It was a super job by Montgomery, he's been improving with every game," said Lathrup coach Jim Kourtakis, whose voice was reduced to a whisper after a long season of bellowing at players and officials. S-L assistant Bob Herm did most of the talking during the timeouts.

Lathrup used clutch free throw shooting to win two tournament games last week. Last Wednesday, Paul Bobbitt put down four foul shots in the last 32 seconds of play as Lathrup came from way behind to eliminate host Kimball, 58-57.

AGAINST DONDERO, Lathrup came from being four points down (29-25) at halftime to tie the game at 44-44 after three quarters.

The Chargers didn't score a field goal — they went 0 for 11 — in the final quarter, but they did make their free throws. Montgomery, who finished with a game-high 19 points, was the line ace, causing six of seven in the quarter.

The game-winning tosses came after Jerry Bolton, Dondero's outstanding guard, was whistled for fouling Montgomery on an attempted snatch. Dondero, looking for the game-winning shot, had just lost the ball on a turnover.

Herm credited the victory to a change in defense (from zone to man-to-man) in the second half.

"Our man-to-man really helped us," he said. "We played much better defense in the second half. We really got the turnovers when we needed them."

"But I don't think we every played good offense in this game."

Eric Smith and Bobbitt each scored nine points, and Bolton finished with 15 for Dondero, which closed out a 15-6 season.

Friday's game was the third this season between Lathrup and Dondero. They split a pair of regular-season games and ended up sharing the Metro

Suburban Activities Association championship.

**SOUTHFIELD 56
HENRY FORD 54**

Southfield's Mike Priest made two free throws with 24 seconds left and DeVoe Cornell added another in the closing seconds as the Blue Jays overcame a stubborn Detroit Henry Ford team, 56-54, in the finals of the Class A district at Southfield.

Southfield, now 22-1 under coach Greg Sliwka, will finally get a long-awaited shot at powerful Birmingham Brother Rice. Rice, the winner of the Birmingham Groves district, and Southfield will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Lathrup regional.

Southfield stayed ahead of Ford for most of the game, although the De-troilers went up by two points with 5:25 left to play. Southfield got the lead back on Ralph Walker's turnaround jumper with a minute left.

Cornell led the winners with 15 points. Ralph and Jarone Walker added 12 and 10 points, respectively, and each pulled down 10 rebounds.

Henry Ford, which finished at 14-3, got 19 points from Leon Bush and 16 from James Arakko. Eric Jackson, Ford's 6-foot-10 center, had foul problems and scored only two points.

Southfield shot 50 percent from the field, making 24 of 48 attempts. Ford hit on 19 of 41 for 46 percent. The Blue Jays had a 27-22 advantage on the boards.

**CHRISTIAN 54
R.O. ST. MARY'S 39**

Southfield Christian used a big third quarter to erase an eight-point halftime deficit and overcome Royal Oak St. Mary's, 54-39, in the finals of the state Class D district Saturday at Christian.

Coach Dave Sells' Eagles, now 12-11, play next on Tuesday night in the Class D regional at Pontiac Catholic.

Christian trailed by eight (27-19) at the intermission, but came back to score 17 third-quarter points to St. Mary's four. Forward Dan Severn paced the winners with 12 points. Teammates Tom Gervase and John Bosca added 11 and 10, respectively.

Pat Stephenson scored 16 points for St. Mary's, which finished with a 6-12 record.

Christian earned its way into the district finals by beating Detroit St. Andrew, 53-45, Friday. St. Mary's stopped Zion Christian, 49-41.



MINGY SAUNDERS/staff photographer

Kimball's Burge Young knocks the ball away from Lathrup's Paul Bobbitt during a district tournament basketball game last Wednesday.

Kingswood's Helena: the hottest thing on boards

By Jim Hughes
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Although the destination of being selected to an all-area team is considered an honor, for Bloomfield Hills Kingswood skier Helena Stanislavjevic, the designation is an understatement.

Stanislavjevic, the top skier on the Observer & Eccentric All-Area team, has not limited her recognition to Oakland County. The Kingswood junior placed first in the state championship in giant slalom, and second in slalom.

"She's certainly one of the most outstanding skiers in the entire Midwest, if not the country," Kingswood coach Jim Meahan said. "She not only won the state giant slalom championship, she won it by an appreciable margin. She won it by two seconds, and that's an incredible gap at that level of competition."

"HELENA IS a dedicated skier," Meahan added, "and she's always looking to get better."

Stanislavjevic was a regional champion in both the slalom and giant slalom, and a league champ in the slalom. She placed second at the league meet in giant slalom.

"She's like a page out of a book," Bloomfield Hills Andover coach Pat McCullen said.

McCullen had two skiers on the girls' first team, seniors Lynne Boehringer and Karen Boyd.

Boehringer finished fourth in the regionals in slalom competition, and sixth in giant. In the Pine Knob divisional races, she was second in both categories.

Boyd placed ninth in the slalom at the regional meet, and seventh in the league meet. She also finished seventh in the giant slalom at the divisional meet.

ROCHESTER ADAMS Katie McGee is just a sophomore, and after her accomplishments this season, her future looks promising. McGee was eighth in the giant slalom at the regional meet,

and 10th in slalom. In the divisional meet, McGee was fourth in giant and fifth in slalom.

Cindy Leahy, a sophomore from Rochester, and Laurie Shea, a sophomore from Birmingham Marian, round out the girls' first team selections.

Leahy placed in the top 10 in all three major meets this season. Her highest finish was a fourth in the giant slalom at the league meet. In slalom races, she was eighth at the divisional, and seventh in the regional. At the regional meet, McGee was eighth in giant slalom.

Shea, who participated in the state meet but slipped during the giant slalom race, was a second-place finisher in the giant at the divisional meet. The sophomore skier was seventh in the slalom. Shea also finished fifth in the regionals in giant slalom.

BIRMINGHAM GROVES skier Larry Morris leads the boys' All-Area team, as he placed fifth in the state meet in giant slalom.

"He should be ranked as the No. 1

skier next year," Groves coach Pete Granata said. "In addition to his high school skiing, he's looking to make the Olympic team. We think he can go all the way. It looks like a Cinderella story in the making."

Morris was third in the giant slalom in regional and divisional meets. In the slalom, he was fifth at the regional and fourth at the divisional.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, which placed eighth at the state championship, landed two skiers on the honor squad, juniors Howard Brophy and Bill Judy.

Judy was the regional slalom champion, and an eighth-place finisher in the giant slalom at the league meet. Brophy finished fifth in the slalom at the regionals, and sixth in giant slalom. He was sixth in slalom at the league meet.

Bloomfield Hills Andover senior John Arthurs capped off a successful career with a first-place divisional finish in the giant slalom and a fourth-place finish in the slalom. Arthurs, who was fourth (slalom) and seventh (giant

slalom) in the league meet, was undefeated in eight meets.

Steve Ferrari, a senior at Rochester Adams, was the divisional and slalom league champion. He finished second in giant at the divisional meet, and fourth in slalom at the regional race.

Rounding out the boys' team is West Bloomfield's Dave Armstrong. In 10 meets, Armstrong had six first-place finishes. He was second at regionals in the giant slalom and third in the slalom. Armstrong turned in a sixth-place finish at the divisional meet.

Area's top skiers

BOYS' FIRST TEAM

SKIER	SCHOOL	YEAR
Steve Ferrari	Adams	Sr.
John Arthurs	Andover	Sr.
Larry Morris	Groves	Jr.
Dave Armstrong	West Bloomfield	Jr.
Howard Brophy	Cranbrook	Jr.
Bill Judy	Cranbrook	Jr.

BOYS' HONORABLE MENTION — Rick Haga, Pete Pfaff, Bloomfield Hills Andover; George Long, West Bloomfield; Brett Rose, Kurt Gschwind, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; John Zimmerman, Roman Schwartzman, Cranbrook; Doug Roberts, Southfield-Lathrup, Rob Shick, Rochester Adams.

GIRLS' FIRST TEAM

SKIER	SCHOOL	YEAR
Helena Stanislavjevic	Kingswood	Jr.
Lynne Boehringer	Andover	Sr.
Katie McGee	Adams	Soph.
Karen Boyd	Andover	Sr.
Cindy Leahy	Rochester	Soph.
Laurie Shea	Marian	Soph.

GIRLS' HONORABLE MENTION — Kim Buckley, Shannon Smith, Elissa Scherek, Marian; Meg Morrissey, Farmington Our Lady of Mercy; Ellen Sternhill, West Bloomfield; Kari Ruddy, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Julie Kosik, Rochester Adams.



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