Prep pucksters 'buck' system in Southfield

Checks are part of high school bock-ey strategy both on and off the ice in Southfield this writer.
Walle the players may be throwing body checks into the opposition, their parents have aiready written the checks which make the game possible. Play high school bockey in Southfield, and you'll pay for it — something like \$200, as a matter of fact.

and you'll pay for it — something like \$200, as a matter of fact. \$200, as a matter of fact. \$200, as a matter of fact. \$200, as a matter of fact seam, turned out for the first practices last fall. Coach John MacFarlan key fail 17, and each player (or more likely his parents) came up with \$200 to cover lee time for practices and games at Southfield's Beechwoods Arena.

A similar pay-to-play altuation crists at Southfield-Lathrup, where 16 players pay more than \$200 each for their tee time.

"If an activity takes place off school property — like golf, sking or hockey — they make the participants pay to use the facilities," MacFarlan explained. "In past years, this was not so. But last year the (Southfield) board of education said that the boys had to come up with \$200. A lot of them didn't have it to be a second to the control that the light school team and the story cult the high school team and so as a second of the second that the total culture of the second that the second that the second that the second to the continued to offer the aport. This season, both schools are back

with teams on the ice, continuing a sport started in 1972. Both Southfield and Lathrup are members of the nine-school Suburban Hockey League.

SCHOOL STURIED WAS sporting a 6-5-1 record as of Jan. 17 and was the with bounded in the bounded state of the state of the

tary School, "so we have nowhere to go but up."

Southfield has been counting on the excellent play of Ken Chaput, a small-ish (\$-foot.2, 130-pound) junior center. As of Jan. 17, Chaput led the team in scoring with 26 points — 13 goals and 13 assists.

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"He's the smallest guy on the team, but he has the biggest beart," MacFarlan said. "He's aggressive and very smart. He's tenecious, too. He just never gives up on the puck.

John Galuard, another junior center, is the Bluc Jays' next-best secure with seven goals and 13 assists. Two other seven goals and 13 assists. Two other lenseman Durin Porter and junior centers thos Sorge. Starting goalle Sean Rose, a junior, didn't play hockey at all last year.

"We've been scoring quite well," said MacFarlan, who played anateur hockey in Canada, but our defense has been a little lax, and our goaltending hasn't been the greatest. Rose laid off from bockey last year, and 't's hard to come back."

Southfield's return to hockey has been accomplished on-the-cheap. The team uses car pools instead of buses to travel, and the players often use their own equipment when the school's is lacking.

"Were trying to save this program solid. "Let's face lit. We're catering to 17 kids here. It's not like football where you have 133, and you're getting money all the time."

"This is an assessment year for me. I'm really looking forward to next season."

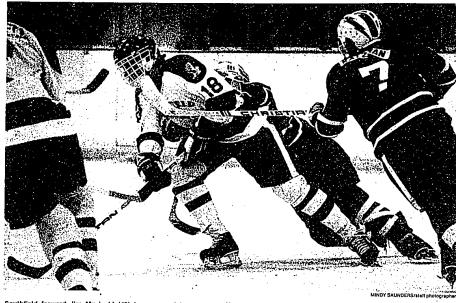
Lathrup's top scorer this season has been senior center Dan Lorigan, who

had accumulated 14 points as of Jan.

17. Berko also counts on center Mark
Katzman, defensemen Mark Herschelman, Adam Harris and Phil Greenbiat
and goalle Mark Wolchkowski. All are
seniors.

"Most of our players are good skaters, and we have kids who can put the
puck in the net," Berke said. "Our goaltending has been outstanding. Experience and depth are our big problems
right now."

Southfield holds daily practices 4am. at Beechwoods. Lathrup practices
afternoons in the Civic Center Arena.



Southfield forward Jim Myeinski (18) is pressured by Lathrup's Mark Herschelman and Mark Katzman during last Wednesday's prep hockey game.

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Lathrup tankers cream Dondero

Mike Schuler and Doug Johnston cach won two events Thursday to help Southfield-Lathrup gain its first awimming victory in four tries with a 90-34 decision over Royal Oak Dondero in the Motro Suburban Activities Association. Schuler won the 200-yard freestyle (200-5) and the 500 free (523.1), and Johnston linished first in the 50 freestyle (24.1) and the 100 breaststroke (1:09.5). Lathrup's 200 medley relay (Mike Lafferty, Tom Grubba Dave Finzel and Johnston) won with a time of 1:51.3, and its 400 freestyle relay (Schuler, Jay Berlin, Sam Poguts and Finzel) won in 3443. Finzel won the 100 freestyle (53.7), Laiferty took the 100 bock (1:03.1), and blike Kenny finished first in dving (12:54) points).

Ferndale. The non-league meet has a 7 p.m. start.

p.m. start.

SOUTHFIELD LOST to Royal Oak Kimball, 74-52, Thuraday In a Southeastern Michigan Association swimming meet. Southfield is 4-3 overall and 1-2 in the SMA.

Southfield had first-place swimmers in Rich Lampear (1:58.7 in the 200-yard freestyle) and Frank Jewett (209.40 points, diving). Southfield's Jeff Landgraf placed second in the 100 breaststocke (1:08.4), and teammate Bill Salo was runner-up in the 200 individually in the 100 process of the southfield policy records in the 50 rece (22.12) and the 100 freestyle (48.8).

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