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"Obviously, she's a short post (5-4), but she can hold her ground," Sheltown said. "I like the fact she's mature and makes smart decisions on the floor."

"She seems to be one of those persons who knows exactly what I'm thinking. She keeps pretty good tabs on what the situation calls for."

Marx will start at center and has the most basketball experience of any player on the team.

"She is a potential threat but is still working on some things she needs to work on in her game," Sheltown said. "She hasn't tapped her potential yet, but she'll be our main go-to person inside."

Jakacki (5-5) and Davis (5-6) are forwards. Jakacki is Farmington's most aggressive player and Davis is improved, according to Sheltown.

"Jamie is my animal on the floor in the sense that she dives for loose balls, scrapes her knees and gets after the ball," she said.

"She's our hustler on the floor. Nikki is more confident. She's taking shots when she's open and making nice decisions."

Also playing forward and post positions are 5-8 juniors Megan O'Rear, Aleks Palmer and

Christa Doot and 5-5 junior Dana Wantin, who is Farmington's goalkeeper in soccer.

"Megan steps into the open areas and helps free up Stephanie down low, so teams don't concentrate on her," Sheltown said. "and she works to get rebounds as well."

The 13-player varsity roster also includes junior guards Jessica Brown, Ji-Hyun Hong and Kim Livingston, who is still working her way back from surgery last year to repair a broken leg.

"Jessica is a smart player like Katie in knowing what has to happen in various situations," Sheltown said. "If we get stuck, she'll make the effort to come back and get the ball and set (the offense) up again."

"Ji-Hyun was in one of my classes and I liked her aggressiveness and the fact she's a quick learner. Last year was the first year she touched a basketball, but she has made tremendous strides."

"With the juniors from the JV, I think we've inherited more aggressiveness. They won't let someone take the ball away from them, and that's been beneficial to us."



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Leading scorer: Senior Ari Ault goes to the basket for two of her game-high 18 points Tuesday for Harrison.

S-Lathrup prevails vs. Churchill in OT

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Southfield-Lathrup earned rights to the nickname Chargers, at least for Tuesday's girls basketball opener.

Erasing an 11-point deficit during the final four minutes, Lathrup rallied to stun host Livonia Churchill, also nicknamed the Chargers, 51-41, in overtime.

A 10-0 run by Lathrup in the four-minute OT session gave coach Michele Jackson's team the win.

Senior forward Michelle Maxwell led Lathrup with 17 points and 10 rebounds, while guard Nicole Randolph and reserve forward Carla Saxton each added 12 points.

Senior guard Kersten Conklin, who took a blow to the eye just before halftime and sat out the third quarter before returning, paced Churchill with 13 points.

Senior point-guard Stacey Supanich, who buried a three-pointer from the left wing at the buzzer to send it to overtime, added nine points.

But Churchill played short-handed in the OT as Conklin and senior Lauren Ruprecht (eight points) each fouled out at the end of regulation.

Incidentally, Lathrup overcame a dismal third quarter showing when the Chargers were

outscored 8-1.

"Churchill played well, they came to play," said Jackson, Lathrup's fourth-year coach. "It took us well beyond halftime to wake up."

Conklin's basket with 4:08 remaining gave Churchill what appeared to be a safe 37-26 advantage.

Then it was desperation time as Jackson elected to ditch her 2-3 zone defense in favor of a full-court press.

Churchill, which had committed only 11 turnovers through three quarters, became unraveled at that point.

The host Chargers made 12 turnovers in the final 12 minutes.

Sparking the surge for Lathrup was pint-sized, but cat-quick guard Tiffany Edwards, a junior transfer from Redford Bishop Borgess.

Edwards' steal, her third down the stretch, and subsequent layup with 1:33 to go in OT pushed Lathrup ahead by six and all but secured the win. She scored five of her seven points in OT.

Randolph's 10-foot baseline shot with 1:14 to go in regulation gave Lathrup its first lead since late in the second quarter, 39-38.

A steal by Supanich and a desperation shot at the horn sent the game into OT.

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Thurston was only eight of 20 at the free throw line but made them when it counted, sinking five of six in the fourth quarter.

Junior forward Tera Morrill led Franklin with 15 points, and sophomore center Korstin Marshall added eight.

"I think we learned a lot from it," Franklin coach Gary Warner said. "They controlled the boards in what happened, and we didn't get after it."

The Eagles and RU were to meet in the championship game Wednesday night.

Laura Hillson, a senior guard, led the Panthers with 13 points, and her sister Karen, a sophomore guard, had 10 points, including two three-point baskets.

A total of nine Panthers scored, including senior center Ericka Walker with six points. RU led 8-5 after one quarter and 31-9 at halftime.

Sonia Lousia led the Aggies with 11 points, including two three-point baskets. Kristen Rodgers added eight.

RU was 12-for 25 at the free throw line; St. Agatha was 2-of-6.

S. Farmington to have tryout

South Farmington Baseball Inc. will have another tryout session Saturday, Aug. 29, for anyone who was unable to attend the first time.

The tryout will take place 9 a.m. to noon at Founders Park. Tryouts are open to ages 9 through 16. For more information call Greg Anderson at (248) 477-5096.

STEVENSON 43, FORDSON 34: A balanced scoring attack carried Livonia Stevenson to a non-league victory Tuesday over visiting Dearborn Fordson in the season opener for both teams.

Senior forward Stephanie Dutz led the Spartans with nine points and 10 rebounds despite playing less than a half because of foul trouble.

Junior forward Katie King and senior guard Jen Pelletier added seven points each for the Spartans, who led 8-6 after one quarter and 23-15 at halftime.

Senior forward Becky Smith had six points and six rebounds and senior forward Cassia Elendit had five points and five rebounds.

Seven different Spartans scored at least four points apiece.



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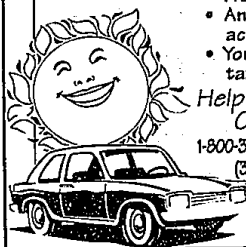
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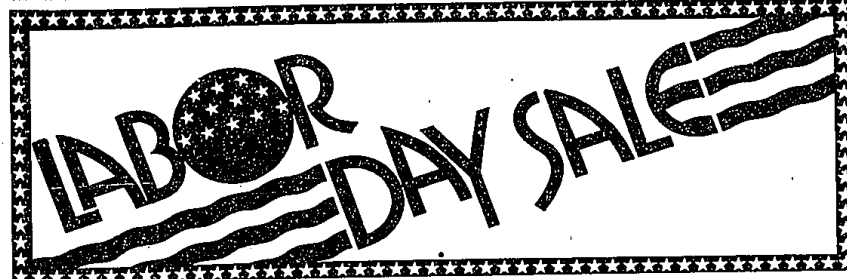
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