

Aggies In Playoffs

OL St. Mary Tips St. Agatha

By TOM DONOGHUE Observer Sports Editor

St. Agatha concluded its regular season basketball action with a 59-44 loss to state ranked Orchard Lake St. Mary.

The Aggies ended up in third place in the Catholic League Second Division West behind St. Alphonsus and OL St. Mary with an 8-6 mark. St. Hedwig captured the fourth and final playoff berth with a win over Ann Arbor St. Thomas.

The playoffs start Sunday, (Feb. 6) at U-D Memorial Building and St. Agatha is pitted against St. Florian in the 8 p.m. clash.

If the Aggies win Sunday, they will continue their championship quest next Saturday with the championship battle being played on Feb. 20.

ST. FLORIAN finished second in the east side second division with a 12-2 record. Aggie Coach Tom Sankovic was not impressed by Orchard Lake St. Mary but the Eagles concluded their season with a 13-1 mark.

"A sort of interesting occurrence took place in our gym before the game," said Sankovic. "Brand new rims were installed.

"The ball just wasn't dropping in for us," added Sankovic. "It was really bouncing off the rims."

St. Agatha won the opening tip but St. Mary popped in the first basket with the two squads battling to a 11-11 first quarter score.

Brown, but this was the closest St. Agatha got to St. Mary.

The Eagles jumped to a seven point halftime advantage, 28-21, and it was easy sailing the second half for the basketball.

St. Agatha shot 33 per cent from the floor on 22 of 66 shots and hit on only four of 14 from the line.

"We stayed with them on the defensive boards," said Sankovic. "But they were getting two to three shots on their basket."

St. Agatha dropped a 70-54 edge decision to Ann Arbor St. Thomas in a game that Coach Tom Sankovic found very difficult to get his players "up."

"We clinched third place in the Second Division West and are guaranteed a spot in the Catholic League playoffs."

added Sankovic. "St. Thomas is fighting for the No. 4 position which is the last playoff spot and we just couldn't get up for the battle."

THE AGGIES stand 8-5, losing to St. Alphonsus twice, Orchard Lake St. Mary, St. Hedwig and St. Thomas.

Mark Miron popped in eight points and led St. Agatha to a 16-14 first quarter edge but St. Thomas came back in the second quarter to tie it at the half, 34-34.

St. Thomas exploded for 20 points in the third while St. Agatha mustered only 10 and the Aggies trailed going into the fourth quarter, 53-44.

"St. Thomas just came out and blitzed us in the third quarter," added Sankovic.

Each squad substituted freely in the final quarter and

the Aggies dropped a 16 point class.

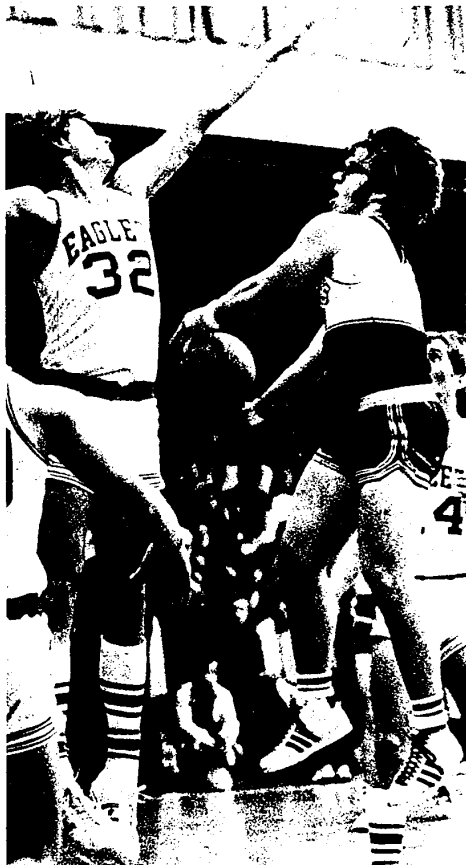
THE AGGIES scored 46 per cent from the field on 24 of 52 with Miron collecting 20 points and Tom Nemes adding 11.

Len Lillard paced St. Thomas with 28 points, followed by Ken Richard and Gene Hadley with 10 apiece.

Table with 3 columns: Player, FG, FT, PTS. Lists stats for Miron, Churches, Brown, Nemes, Hickey, Fesler, Totals for St. Agatha.

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Some by quarters: ST. AGATHA 11 10 10 13-44; ORCHARD LAKE 11 17 17 14-59



DANCING THROUGH THE AIR -- St. Agatha's Pat Brown (45) appears to be suspended in the air on a drive against Orchard Lake St. Mary. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Southfield Upsets Bentley In 'First' 5-3 Hockey Clash

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It was a first in Observerland hockey ...

The Southfield High pucksters finally defeated a Livonia school and the "goal" turned out to be the Bentley Bulldogs who fell, 5-3.

"It's really tough being the first to fall to Southfield," said Bentley Coach Mike Dudley. "They have been improving and they are really starting to skate, but why did it have to be us?"

Bentley had toppled Southfield twice before, 5-2 and 8-1, and the closest the Jays came to beating a Livonia team was in a 4-3 loss to Franklin Bentley outshot Southfield in the first period, 15-6, but the Blue Jays outscored the Bulldogs, 3-1. Half of the Southfield shots slipped by goalie, Mark Reid.

Score summary table: BENTLEY 1, SOUTHFIELD 3. Lists goalscorers and times.

FIRST PERIOD: Southfield - Sydowicz (Mead), 0:20; Southfield - Feldman (Mead), 0:24; Bentley - Manchech (Lussanstad), 8:55; Bentley - Coombe (Evick), 12:55; Penalties - Monson (B), 6:31; Nemish (S), 8:31; Heim (S), 11:01; Stevens (S), 15:30.

SECOND PERIOD: Bentley - McKinnon (Wasson), 1:54; Penalties - Nemish (S), 4:41; Jahn (B), 8:44; Rakowicz (B), 9:25; Sydowicz (S), 9:25; Jahn (B), 10:50; Atwey (S), 11:30.

THIRD PERIOD: Southfield - Dugas (Mead), 6:23; Southfield - Mead (Lussanstad), 7:47; Bentley - Evasic (Mullholland), 10:24; Penalties - Ward (B), 1:28; Monson (B), 4:17; Coombe (B), 6:53; Fiah (S), 12:35; Jappon (B), 12:35.

SHOTS ON GOAL table: BENTLEY 15 17 9 41; SOUTHFIELD 8 7 16 29

JOESZYDLOWSKI opened the Southfield scoring with only 20 seconds elapsed and Steve Feldman and Bruce Manchech followed suit to give the Blue Jays a 3-0 lead.

Don Coombe got Bentley on the scoreboard with a goal at

the 13:55 mark but the Jays led 4-1.

Greg McKernan put Bentley one down in the second on a powerplay goal at 1:54 and the Bulldogs trailed 3-2 going into the final 15 minutes. Bentley again outshot Southfield, 17-7, but once again Craig Soubriere shut the door with the help of

the goal posts on more than one occasion.

BRUCE DIGUE and Bob Mead put "the icing on the cake" for the first Southfield win with power play goals in the third giving the Blue Jays a 5-2 advantage. Mark Evasic scored for Bentley in the closing minutes but the damage was done.

Southfield travels to Ford Ice Rink Wednesday for a 3:30 p.m. clash with Stevenson and hosts Franklin on Thursday.

Bentley and Stevenson go at it Friday in a 7 p.m. contest at Ford.

Trojans Bounce From Behind To Edge Northville, 66-64

CHIP MEYRELLES hit four times in the opening minutes and Clarenceville jumped to a 10-2 lead, however Northville bounced back to take an 18-14 first quarter edge.

Northville went up by as much as 11 in the second quarter but Clarenceville fought back to trail by one at the half, 29-28. The score seasawed in the third with

the eight Trojan points. His 12 footer with 16 seconds remaining was the margin of victory. Northville missed on its opportunity to knot the score when it failed to make good a one-and-one situation with three seconds left on the clock.

Clarenceville scored 50 per cent from the floor, hitting on 26 of 62, while Northville connected on 25 of 49 for 51 per cent. Northville hit on 14 of 25 from the line and Clarenceville made good 14 of 25.

Halstead led in scoring with 34 points and hauled in 16 rebounds along with six assists. Meyrelles added 17 to the Trojan scoring attack.

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With 36 seconds remaining, Northville was up by five but Trojan Jim Hover made good on a three-point play.

Meyrelles stole a pass and passed to Phil Halstead who was fouled. Halstead made good twice from the line and the score was tied 58-58, at the end of regulation time.

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First Time Out, Youth Bags Buck

Jim Lake, 14, of 8960 Parent, Livonia, bagged a 13 - point deer on his first deer hunting expedition with his father recently.

The Lowell Junior High ninth grader dropped the

about 250 - buck on his first shot. The animal had an antler spread of 24 inches.

Young Lake shot the deer near Afton, Wyoming, about 100 miles south of Yellowstone Park. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lake.



OPEN NET -- Bentley's Gordon Mullholland (13) takes a whack at the puck with an open net in front, with team mate Mark Evasic looking on. Southfield goalie Craig Soubriere was looking the wrong way, but the shot failed to go in. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

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Thurston Swimmers Splash Over Hazel Park, 55-50

Thurston scored a 55-50 swim victory over Hazel Park with Kim Kietzka taking firsts in the 200 and 400 freestyle.

The Eagles swimmers captured the 200 medley relay and 400 free relay and play host to North Farmington Thursday in a Northwest Suburban league meet.

MEET RESULTS table listing various swimming events and winners. Includes 200 medley relay, 400 free relay, 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke, 400 freestyle relay, 200 individual medley, 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke, 400 freestyle relay, 200 individual medley, 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle.