

Another upset!

# Lathrup blanks Lahser

By TOM SCHRAM

It was a game of firsts when Southfield Lathrup played Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

It was the first game Lahser played on its new field behind the high school.

It was the first in-clement Friday night of the 1974 season.

And it was the first time in the football histories of the two schools that Lahser lost to Lathrup as the Chargers took a 13-0 victory on the rain-swept, virgin field.

LATHRUP TOOK advantage of a Knight miscue to score midway through the first period and then mounted a long drive late in the game which ate up most of the fourth quarter and insured the victory.

Senior Charger fullback Keith Otterbein scored both tallies on runs of one and five yards. Otterbein led all rushers for the night, picking up 114 yards in 23 carries.

It was Lathrup's night right from the start as Lahser dropped the ball the first time it got its hands on it. Tom Deery booted a Charger punt after Lathrup's initial drive had stalled and Mike Clancy dropped on the bouncing ball to give Lathrup possession on the Lahser 26 yard line.

Lathrup drove to the Knight 11 yard line but Charger coach Darrell Harper distained a field goal and the drive fizzled.

Lahser had not even begun to play giveaway yet, though and things became ludicrous after the next series when the Knights punted.

It was Deery again who was having his worst quarter as a prep, who took the snap from center and, with all the time in the world, kicked the ball straight up in the air.

The ball fell on the line of scrimmage, took a couple of Lathrup bounces and ended up on the Lahser eight yard line for a punt of minus nine yards.

The Lahser defense, which had not given up a point yet this season, was not up to the task of stopping Lathrup twice that close to the goal line and on the second play following the wayward punt, Otterbein cracked up the middle, shrugged off two tackles and went in standing up from five yards out.

The Lathrup line caved in on the conversion attempt and it was blocked, leaving the Chargers in front 13-0.

LASHER MOVED the ball into Lathrup territory on the ensuing kickoff with the big play of the drive coming

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on a 19 yard Jon Campian to Chuck Herbst pass.

But following that play, Campian called his own number twice and was dropped for a total of 11 yards.

With third and long yardage, the play which perhaps turned the game towards Lathrup occurred. Lahser pulled the old flea flicker play out of the bag and the resulting confusion saw a Knight receiver standing on the Lathrup 20 yard line about as alone as one can get on a field with 21 other persons on it.

The pass was a little low and it fell from the receiver's hands to his chest to his knees and to the ground, losing an audible groan from the pro-Lahser crowd.

The ensuing rain dampened the grounds and both teams' offensive movement and neither team did much of anything but punt until Lahser drove from their own one yard line to within the Charter 40 late in the third quarter. The drive fizzled but an exchange of possession gave the Knights even better field position on the Lathrup 30 yard line.

Lahser carried the ball straight up the middle time and again and Knight back Mike Munson finally put Lahser within threatening distance when he carried the ball 10 yards to the Lathrup seven yard line to set up a third and two situation.

And again the Knights erred in the clutch as junior and Kelly Wren missed the count and jumped off-sides, making it third and seven. Campian was the next Knight to botch a play as he lost the handle on the ensuing play and lost another four yards.

Steve Watts' five yards on a reverse was too little and too late and Lathrup took over on its own 10 yard line with the issue far from settled.

WHAT REMAINED to be settled got taken care of there and then. The Chargers marched up the field, giving the 90 yards in 13 plays for the touch-

down in what Harper was later to describe as "the best drive any team of mine has ever made."

As he had been all night, Otterbein was the workhorse of the scoring drive picking up 50 of the 90 yards on slashing runs up the middle. The senior fullback consistently broke tackles to pick up crucial yardage and fittingly got the call for the final one yard plunge that erased any doubt as to who the victors would be that night.

Gerry Wichman's conversion made it 13-0 with 17 seconds remaining and Lahser never bothered to get another play off.

Harper was ecstatic over his club's performance, calling it one of the best efforts a team of his had ever made.

He admitted he had used the fact that a Lathrup football team had never beaten Lahser to get his players up for the game.

"I mentioned that fact to them a little bit in the locker room. The game plan worked exactly as we thought it would. We decided to send Otterbein up the middle and (quarterback) Wichman around end," he said.

Harper said that for its size and ability, his team was one of his best.

IN THE KNIGHTS' locker room, Lahser coach Ted Guthard urged his team to "take this loss like men."

"We're going to bounce back," he said. Later Guthard stated that his team's mistakes made the difference in the game.

"But we were beaten by a real fine team and they deserve the victory," he said.

Guthard made no excuses about the weather being a factor in the outcome of the game, either.

"The rain went both ways. If anything, it helped us because they have a real fine passing game," he said. Both Lahser and Lathrup now possess 2-1 records. Next Friday Lathrup will host Birmingham Groves while Lahser will entertain Royal Oak Dondoro.



Lathrup coach Darrell Harper with QB Gerry Wichman.

## Blue Jays jolt Seaholm, 6-0

# Southfield's defense does the trick

By TOM BAER

Southfield High basketball coach Calvin Fletcher has a simple philosophy about high school sports.

"Winning's better than losing, and you can quote me on that," said a happy Fletcher as rock music blared in the Southfield locker room last Friday night. Southfield had just finished off Birmingham Seaholm, 6-0, in a Southeastern Michigan Association football game.

Most of the 29 Blue Jays were feeling like winners, and the coaches were more than willing to be quoted about the defensive battle which was played in a steady downpour.

Southfield's defense, a mixture of seniors and sophomores, limited the normally-potent Seaholm runners to just 36 yards rushing and 10 more through the air.

Linebacker Steve Loewy was the undisputed leader of the defensive unit. Loewy, a senior, didn't play in Southfield's first two games because of a broken right hand. But he was ready for Seaholm with a flexible pad protecting the injured paw.

Loewy made up for lost time by recording 16 tackles, by being a general nuisance on enemy pass plays, and by recovering a fumble which set up

Southfield's touchdown—a 17-yard run by quarterback Mike Jusino.

"LOEWY'S THE leader, he has been from the start," said head coach John Finlayson. Loewy may have been the leader, but he had five sophomores giving successful imitations of his heroics.

The Sophs are linemen Bill Phillips, Marty Frear and Bill Watts, and backs John Vigi and John Bltner. Finlayson is looking for great things from them.

"We have five sophomores on our defense and they're all outstanding," he said. "And they're going to get better. Nobody is going to take their jobs away."

Southfield's defense dominated the game after Jusino's TD. Example: In the second quarter, Seaholm's Mike McFadden blocked Don Fisher's punt and raced to the day six yard

line. But on the next play, Southfield's John Shell pounced on QB Jim Kazanski's fumble. One threat ended.

Another example: Seaholm's Steve Keyes recovered a Southfield fumble on the Jay 30. The Jays had the ball back in four plays thanks to a stubborn defense.

AND FINALLY: With seconds left in the game, Seaholm penetrated to

the Southfield 14 on Jim Peterson's first-down romp. A Maple TD would have meant at least a tie, but on the next play Loewy nailed Kazanski.

The game featured fine punting. Southfield's Tom Sandstedt punted five times for a 57.4-yard average. Fisher punted seven times for a 40.8 average.

Southfield, now 1-2 overall, entertains Berkley High in an SMA game on Friday (Oct. 4). The game was scheduled for Betsy, but had to be moved because Berkley has no football field this season.

Berkley defeated Ferndale, 22-0, in an SMA game last Friday. "They (Berkley) throw a lot," Finlayson said. "And they have two all-league linebackers in Curtis Pope and Jay Lentz."

### Defense!

First downs rushing	13	4
First downs passing	0	0
First downs penalty	0	0
Yards rushing	84	36
Yards passing	6	10
Passes completed	1-40	2-60
Fumbles	7-48	5-37.4
Fumbles lost	2-2	4-2
Penalties, yards lost	3-25	5-25

Southfield	6	0	0	0	-6
Seaholm	0	0	0	0	-0
Scoring					
Southfield - Mike Jusino	17	run	kick	blocked	



Southfield's Jodi Ross will play for the girls

## Dondoro stops Jays

# Jodi Ross picks girls' net team

Southfield High's girls' tennis team has played just one meet this season, but coach Jim Mills is already looking forward to the state tournament for his best player — Jodi Ross.

Miss Ross, a junior who was a standout on the boys' tennis team last spring, has decided to play for the girls' squad this fall. That decision will make her ineligible for boys' tennis next spring.

"She did very well for the boys' team and made all conference (Southeastern Michigan Association) but, we're hoping she can go pretty far in girls' tennis this fall," Mills said.

"I'm sure she wants to go to the girls' state tournament, and it'd be very tough for her to make the finals in boys' tennis."

Royal Oak Dondoro defeated Southfield, 4-3, in a recent non-league dual meet. In No. 1 singles, Miss Ross defeated Karen Elson, 6-1, 6-3. Southfield plays next on Sept. 30 at Birmingham Seaholm in an SMA contest.

Dondoro-Southfield  
Singles — Jodi Ross (Southfield) defeated Karen Elson, 6-1, 6-3; Cindy Gadowski (Royal Oak Dondoro) defeated Joan Rottenberg, 6-0, 6-4; Donna Skeley (ROD) defeated Mary Beth Cylkowski, 2-6, 7-6, 2-6; Gloria Thome (ROD) defeated Julie Cash, 6-4, 6-2.  
Doubles — Terri Shiller and Karl Koehndorfer (ROD) defeated Debbie Meyerson and Michelle Nagel, 6-1, 6-2; Debbi Booth and Diane Mendelson (S) defeated Nancy Northway and Lisa Papeley, 7-6, 2-6; Joan Solomon and Sue Wittenberg (S) defeated Pam Martell and Marie Lukozich, 7-6, 6-2.

## Sports coming up

- Cross Country  
Tuesday (Oct. 1) Southfield High, Southfield-Lathrup, Farmington High, North Farmington and Farmington Harrison at Oakland University Invitational, Walton and Squirrel roads, Rochester, events begin at 10 a.m.
- Golf  
Monday (Sept. 30) Birmingham Groves at Southfield-Lathrup, Plum Hollow Golf Course, Nine Mile and Lahser roads, 9:30 p.m.  
Tuesday (Oct. 1) Berkley High at Southfield High, Evergreen Hills Golf Course, 2800 Evergreen Road, 2:30 p.m.  
Wednesday (Oct. 2) Southfield-Lathrup at Royal Oak Dondoro, Royal Oak Municipal Golf Course, Normandy near Liverock, 3:30 p.m.
- Girls' Swimming  
Monday (Sept. 30) Birmingham Seaholm at Southfield-Lathrup, 13001 Twelve Mile Road, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday (Oct. 1) Taylor Center at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lahser roads, 4 p.m.  
Tuesday (Oct. 1) North Farmington at Farmington Harrison, 2995 Twelve Mile Road, 4 p.m.  
Tuesday (Oct. 1) Farmington Our Lady of Mercy at St. Clair Shores South Lake, Nine Mile near Harper, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday (Oct. 2) Bloomfield Hills Lahser at Southfield-Lathrup, 13001 Twelve Mile Road, 7:30 p.m.
- Girls' Tennis  
Monday (Sept. 30) Southfield High at Birmingham Seaholm, 2436 W. Lincoln, 4 p.m.  
Tuesday (Oct. 1) North Farmington at Farmington Harrison, 2995 Twelve Mile Road, 4 p.m.  
Wednesday (Oct. 2) Royal Oak Dondoro at Southfield-Lathrup, 13001 Twelve Mile Road, 4 p.m.
- Girls' Basketball  
Monday (Sept. 30) Lutheran North at Southfield Christian, Twelve Mile and Lahser roads, 4 p.m.  
Wednesday (Oct. 2) Dominican High at Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, Eleven Mile and Middlebelt roads, 6 p.m.
- Soccer  
Tuesday (Oct. 1) Southfield Christian at Livonia Stevenson, 3330 Six Mile Road, 4 p.m.

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