

Eagles win thriller

By TOM BAER

Victories are few and far between for Southfield Christian's girls' basketball team this season, but the Eagles won a one-point thriller last week at Oakland Christian School.

Southfield Christian's Sharon Wright scored a bucket with just 30 seconds left in the game to give the Eagles a 29-28 varsity victory. Southfield Christian was down by 10 points midway through the fourth quarter, but coach Gabe Martin's girls came back to score six straight points in the last minute and a half.

Donna Guthrie led the winners with 12 points. Joan Alderink followed with seven, and Miss Wright had four — including the bucket which made all the difference.

"We played a man-to-man defense and kept them flustered for the last 30 seconds," Miss Martin said.

Southfield Christian, now 2-4 overall, plays next at home on Oct. 23 against Hazel Park. Game time is 4 p.m.

Mercy-Borgess

Mary Lou Masko is a sure bet for the Comeback of the Year Award at Farmington Our Lady of Mercy. Miss Masko, a 5-11 forward who

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was injured in a state tournament game last season, hadn't been playing up to her potential this year — until Mercy's 76-46 victory over Bishop Borgess, that is. Miss Masko scored 18 points, grabbed 23 rebounds, made six assists and forced six Borgess turnovers.

Mercy's Judeen Bartos also scored 18 points to help coach Rose Swidzinski's team win its seventh straight game this season. Mercy has compiled a 57-4 record over the past three seasons. Mercy's reserve team defeated Borgess, 48-18.

In an earlier game, Mercy defeated Livonia Ladywood, 72-36. Miss Bartos led the winners with 14 points. Jean Otto followed with 13 points, including seven of eight field goal attempts.

Ferndale-Southfield
Ferndale High used a hot first quarter to defeat Southfield High, 38-25, in a Southeastern Michigan Association girls' basketball game last Wednesday.

"We didn't start out very well in the first quarter and that's what beat us," said Southfield coach Sheri Gordon. "But we came on real strong and held them to four points in the second quarter."

Libby Vander led the losers with 14 points. Pam Styles followed with six points. Ferndale's Mary Carter led all scorers with 21 points.

Southfield, 4-2 overall, plays next on Thursday (Oct. 24) at Birmingham Seaholm. Game time is 6 p.m.



A Mercy girl (with glasses) mixes it up against Borgess

Chargers tune up for MSA title tilt

By TOM BAER

Lathrup coach Darrell Harper had better hold on to that Lucky Hat he always wears during football games.

Harper's team is going to need all the luck it can get next Friday when Royal Oak Dondero invades Lathrup for the game which should decide the Metro Suburban Association football title.

The plain cloth rainhat has rested atop Harper's head for the past five games — all Lathrup victories. He didn't wear it during the opening game against Birmingham Seaholm. Lathrup lost that game.

Harper, complete with topper, watched Lathrup come from behind to beat Utica Eisenhower, 18-7, last Friday at the Chargers' homecoming. Lathrup wasn't playing up to par for much of the game, but then the Chargers may have had other things on their minds. Like the upcoming Dondero game.

"We weren't prepared mentally," said Harper after the game. "They were all thinking about the Dondero game, and you can't do that in football. You've got to worry about the team you're playing right now."

And Eisenhower was a big worry for Lathrup in the first half. LATHRUP SCORED first with the help of a big break. Charger punter Mike Kemper got off a whopping 68 yard boot. The ball sailed over the Eisenhower safety's head, and he made the mistake of touching it. A Lathrup player pounced on the ball on the UE eight-yard line.

Two plays later, Lathrup halfback Brian Bolin scored from the eight. Gerry Wichman's kick failed.

That lead didn't last long. On the following kickoff, Eisenhower's Steve Wray, a 5-6 150-pound tailback, took the ball on the 14 and raced 86 yards for a stunning touchdown. Craig Motzer kicked the extra point, and UE led, 7-6.

Then followed a series of mistakes and bad breaks for the Chargers. Keith Deska recovered an Eisenhower fumble, but the Charger offense couldn't move the ball.

In the second quarter, Lathrup fullback Keith Otterbein ripped off two nice first-down runs, but Charger holding penalties killed both drives. Bolin intercepted an enemy pass, but a clipping penalty on the play spoiled things.

At halftime, Eisenhower still led 7-6, and Harper must have been steaming under that Hat.

THE THIRD quarter was different. For one thing, Lathrup controlled the ball, giving Eisenhower just three plays from scrimmage during the whole 12 minutes.

For another thing, Lathrup's offense finally started to move. On the first offensive series, QB Wichman dropped back to pass, decided better, and ran 11 yards for a first down. Sixteen plays later and 66 yards upfield, Lathrup scored the goahead TD, a two-yard run by Otterbein.

Otterbein had quite a night for himself despite being slowed by a hip injury. The 5-10 135-pound senior rushed for 123 yards on 26 carries. And he did it with very little help from his friends.

"He's a hell of a runner," Harper said. "He got most of that (123 yards) all by himself. You didn't see too many holes in the line, did you?"

Wichman, who didn't have such a hot passing night, tossed 13 yards for the final TD in the fourth quarter. Center Randy Siebert set up the score by picking off an Eisenhower pass on the 30.

Defensively Lathrup was led by linebacker Kemper with eight tackles, and tackles Mitch Joseph and Don Boos with seven each.

The Lathrup-Dondero game will be the battle of the unbeaten — at least as far as MSA games go. Last Friday, Dondero blanked Birmingham Groves, 18-0.

"We've got to play better than this against Eisenhower," Harper said. "If we play this badly, we'll be behind 20-0."

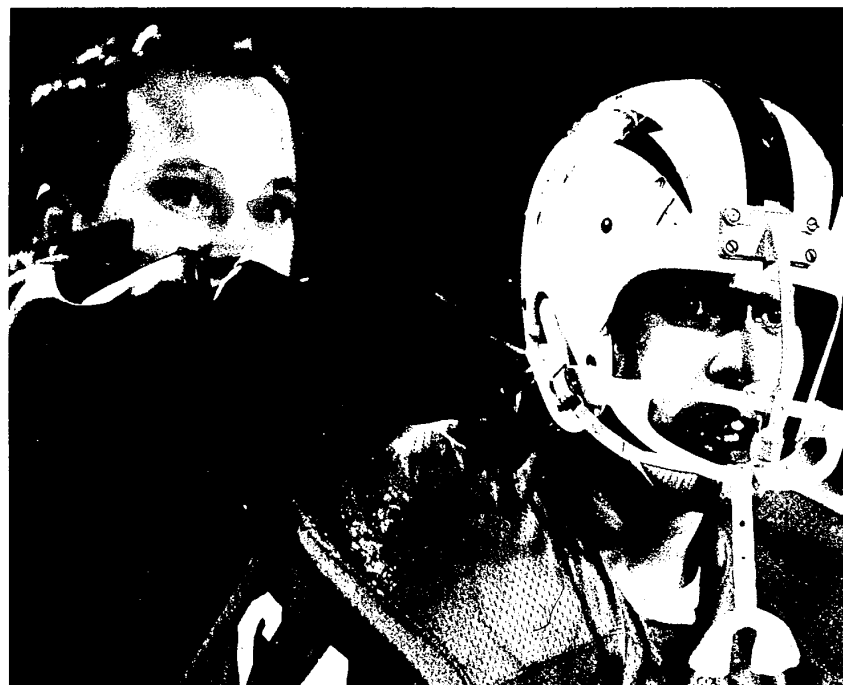
Well Darrell, just keep wearing that hat and everything'll be fine.

Thinking ahead

	SL	UE
First downs rushing	6	5
First downs passing	2	1
First downs penalty	1	1
Yards rushing	172	111
Yards passing	37	60
Passes completed	3-12-0	3-16-2
Punts - average	9-41	6-31
Fumbles - No. recovered	1-1	2-0
Penalties - yards lost	5-65	4-20

Southfield-Lathrup	6	0	6	6-18
Utica Eisenhower	7	0	0	0-7

Scoring
Lathrup—Brian Bolin 8 run (kick failed); Eisenhower—Steve Wray 86 kickoff return (Craig Motzer kick).
Lathrup—Keith Otterbein 2 run (kick blocked).
Lathrup—Bill Anton 13 pass from Gerry Wichman (pass failed).



Lathrup's Brian Bolin takes a breather during the Eisenhower game which Lathrup won, 18-7.

Southfield slips by Ferndale on botched conversion attempt

By DAVE VIZARD

Previous won-lost records really didn't matter too much in Southfield High's 19-18 victory over Ferndale at Hanson Field last Friday.

Losing seasons are hard to live with, and both teams had mustered the incentive to win this Southeastern Michigan Association game.

Ferndale was 0-5 going into the game and it was the Eagles' Homecoming. Southfield had weathered a tough series of defeats by Brother Rice, Berkley and Hazel Park.

The game was up for grabs and both teams wanted the victory badly, as indicated by the hard hitting and numerous turnovers in the game.

In spite of the cold weather, both teams displayed surprisingly aggressive offenses.

It took only three minutes for Southfield to take the opening kickoff and move from its 29-yard line and into the Eagles' end zone.

The drive was capped by a brilliant Rick Wieland 45-yard touchdown run. He broke three tackles and set the "big play" theme for the game.

Southfield's conversion attempt failed and Ferndale came back with a length-of-the-drive field of its own. Quarterback Chris Turner drilled a six-yard pass over the middle and into

the waiting arms of tight end Ken Keener to notch the score at 6-6.

THE SECOND quarter started with the Bluejays in possession of the football. But three consecutive turnovers (two interceptions and one fumble) set Ferndale up with the ball on its 48 yard line.

They managed to hold onto the football long enough to go ahead 12-6 with a 12 yard run by Jim McChesney with 6:55 remaining in the second quarter.

It didn't take Southfield long to recover and Blue Jays came back 15 seconds later with a 65-yard scoring pass from Juscinio to Steve Trowbridge.

That tied the score at 12-12 and built Southfield's momentum for one more touchdown before the end of the first half.

Lathrup golfers stop city rivals

Southfield-Lathrup defeated Southfield High, 188-194, last week in a non-league golf meet at Evergreen Hills Golf Course. Mike Betts and Tim Kowalski, both of Lathrup, tied for medalist honors with 36. Lathrup's Jeff August shot a 37.

The Jays Mike Thomas picked off a Turner pass on the Southfield 45 yard line. He then traveled all the way across field and down to the 18 yard line before being stopped by a gang of Eagle tacklers.

Four plays later, Juscinio slipped into the endzone to put Southfield ahead for the rest of the game. The conversion attempt was good and the Blue Jays stretched their lead to 19-12.

BUT FERNDALE refused to give in and moved 76 yards on the running of McChesney and Jim O'Leary for a TD during the Eagles' first possession in the second half.

The score stood at 19-18 and brought about the biggest play of the game. Ferndale elected to go for the two point conversion to put them ahead and hopefully, in the driver's seat.

The Eagles ran at the left side of the Southfield line only to be met by a wall of Blue Jay tacklers. The attempt failed and Southfield held on to keep its one-point lead.

Ferndale threatened to score late in the fourth quarter, but the Eagles' 51-yard drive ended on the Southfield 31

yard line with less than two minutes left in the game.

Southfield, now 2-2 in the SMA, plays next at Royal Oak Kimball on Friday (Oct. 25). Game time is 7:30 p.m.

When!

	S	F
First downs rushing	4	15
First downs passing	3	1
First downs penalty	0	1
Yards rushing	129	217
Yards passing	108	92
Passes completed	3-10-0	9-17-3
Punts - average	1-28	0-0
Fumbles - No. recovered	4-2	3-0
Penalties - yards lost	3-35	2-10

Southfield	6	13	0	0-19
Ferndale High	6	6	6	0-18

Southfield—Rick Wieland 45 run (kick failed).

Ferndale—Ken Keener 6 pass from Chris Turner (kick failed).

Ferndale—Jim McChesney 12 run (kick blocked).

Southfield—Steve Trowbridge 65 pass from Mike Juscinio (kick failed).

Southfield—Juscinio 3 run (Don Fisher kick).

Ferndale—Jim O'Leary 7 run (run failed).

Sports coming up

Cross Country

Tuesday (Oct. 22) Southfield-Lathrup in Metro Suburban Association league meet. Lawrence Institute of Technology, Ten Mile and Northwestern, 4 p.m.

Tuesday (Oct. 22) Farmington Harrison in Western Six League meet. Hickory Hills Country Club, 23660 Oriand Road, Wixom, 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday (Oct. 22) North Farmington in the Northwest Suburban League meet. Hickory Hollow Country Club, 2 p.m.

Golf

Monday (Oct. 21) Southfield High in Southeastern Michigan Association league meet, south end to be determined.

Monday (Oct. 21) Livonia Stevenson at Southfield-Lathrup. Plum Hollow Golf Course, Nine Mile and Lahser roads, 3:30 p.m.

Girls' Tennis

Monday (Oct. 21) Southfield High at Birmingham Seaholm, 3436 W. Lincoln, 4 p.m.

Tuesday (Oct. 22) Farmington High at North Farmington, 32000 Thirteen Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Tuesday (Oct. 22) Southfield-Lathrup at Livonia Stevenson, 33500 Six Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Wednesday (Oct. 23) North Farmington

in Northwest Suburban League meet. Westland John Glenn High, 30105 Marquette, Wayne, 10 a.m.

Girls' Swimming

Tuesday (Oct. 22) Rochester Adams at Southfield-Lathrup, 19301 Twelve Mile Road, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday (Oct. 22) Farmington High at North Farmington, 32000 Thirteen Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Tuesday (Oct. 22) Livonia Stevenson at Farmington Harrison, 29995 Twelve Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

Tuesday (Oct. 22) Berkley High at Southfield-Lathrup, 19301 Twelve Mile Road, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday (Oct. 22) Farmington Our Lady of Mercy at Detroit St. Mary of Redford, 14771 Mansfield, 6 p.m.

Wednesday (Oct. 22) Hazel Park at Southfield Christian, 26600 Lahser Road, 4:30 p.m.

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Monday (Oct. 21) Southfield Christian at Ypsilanti Fairbairn Baptist School, 4 p.m.

Tuesday (Oct. 22) Southfield Christian School at Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 3456, Lahser Road, 4 p.m.