

Eric Larson (14) will be a starter for Southfield Christian

Lads is playoff champ

Mercy freezes in finals

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy will have to settle for second place in the Catholic League girls' basketball playoffs.

Hamtramck St. Ladislaus defeated Mercy, 64-58, in the playoff finals last Sunday before 1,100 at the University of Detroit Memorial Building. Mercy had a three point lead with four minutes left in the game, but then St. Ladislaus came on strong to win.

"We froze in the closing minutes," said Mercy coach Rose Swidzinski. "We lost the game on free throws really. We were even on field goals — each team had 26.

But we made six of 15 free throws, and they made 12 of 20."

Linda Balabuck, a 5-10 forward, led Lads with 34 points, including two clutch free throws in the closing minutes. Lads' Donna Travis fired in 22 points.

Mercy's Judeen Bartos scored 18 points. Mary Anne Thompson added 15, and Jean Otto had 13. St. Ladislaus dominated the rebounding.

"We made a lot of turnovers," Miss Swidzinski said. "Mary Lou Masko, our forward, was hurt in the first quarter, which didn't help any."

Mercy, now 12-2, this season

plays next on Thursday (Nov. 21) in the Southfield High School district tournament against Southfield-Lathrup. The games begin at 7 p.m.

Lathrup-Dondero
Southfield-Lathrup made it eight-straight victories this season by dumping Royal Oak Dondero, 55-33, last Friday in a Metro Suburban Association girls' basketball game.

Pam Rendine led the winners with 22 points. Ruth Fraser, followed with 18. Lathrup's Sue Petherman, the tallest Charger at 6-1, scored five points and grabbed 19 rebounds.

Southfield Christian: nowhere to go but up

By TOM BAER

Bruce Calderwood has a big job ahead of him as basketball coach at Southfield Christian High.

Last year Calderwood's Christian crew finished 2-18 in its first year of varsity competition. Christian played as an independent in Class D.

This season Christian faces a tougher schedule. The one encouraging thing is that all the players from last year are back — and hopefully they'll be "a year stronger" in Calderwood's words.

"These guys realize that they were playing over their heads last year," he said. "But they're a year stronger now, and they all want to do a good job. And they all recognize the fact that the only way they can do it is to work hard."

Christian center Scott Newport, the tallest man at 6-2, broke his leg playing soccer and isn't expected

to be ready for the Eagles' Nov. 26 opener at home against Bethany Christian. Newport averaged 16 rebounds a game last season.

Other returnees include guard Gary Spruill (5-10) who led Christian in scoring with an 18 point average. Eric Larson (5-11), Graham Nash (6-0) Tom Marks (6-0) and Greg Quiggle (5-11) all played last year. Dan Hendon (6-114) and Craig Outland (5-8) are up from the reserve team.

"I think we're going to be pretty scrappy and competitive this year," Calderwood said. "I have a lot of guys on the bench, and I plan to play a lot of guys."

Southfield Christian plays mostly against other Class D Christian schools like Ann Arbor Greenhills and Ypsilanti Faithway Baptist. However, some tougher schools — Royal Oak St. Mary and Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes

— Have been added this year. Christian's schedule also includes a Christmas tournament at Lutheran North Dec. 27-28. Christian's reserve team will be coached by Dave Sieles.

Christian Schedule

Nov. 26	Bethany Christian	H	7:30
Dec. 3	Royal Oak St. Mary	H	7:30
Dec. 6	Lansing Christian	T	5:45
Dec. 10	Greenhills School	T	5:45
Dec. 17	Oakland Christian	T	7:30
Dec. 23	Faithway Baptist	H	8:00
Dec. 27	Lutheran North	T	8:00
Christmas tourney			
Jan. 7	Bethany Christian	T	8:00
Jan. 10	Reaper School	T	8:00
Jan. 14	Lutheran North	H	7:30
Jan. 21	Greenhills School	H	5:45
Jan. 24	Capital City Christian	T	8:00
Jan. 30	Royal Oak St. Mary	T	7:30
Jan. 31	Faithway Baptist	H	8:00
Feb. 4	Reaper School	H	8:00
Feb. 7	Lansing Christian	H	8:00
Feb. 11	Oakland Christian	H	7:30
Feb. 18	Lutheran North	T	7:30
Feb. 21	Our Lady of Lakes	T	8:00
Feb. 24	District tournament		

O. U. finishes season

The soccer game between Oakland University and the Midwest's eighth ranked team, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, was cancelled last weekend because of the unplayable condition of the soccer field. Oakland has completed its second consecutive winning season with a 8-2 record and now has compiled a 10-4-4 record over the last two years.

The N.C.A.A. division II tournament berth has eluded Oakland for the second straight year. A 2-1 defeat by Wabash College and a 1-0 loss to Spring Arbor are responsible for the Pioneer's failure to make the tournament. Eastern and Western Illinois, University of Missouri-St. Louis and University of Illinois-Chicago Circle were the four teams selected from the Midwest. The four teams will play a one game elimination with the eventual winner going to the semifinals in St. Louis on Thanksgiving weekend.

Oakland's sixth year coach John Motzer was disappointed in the team's failure to be selected but not with this season's results. "We lost a couple of tough games which

could have gone either way," according to Motzer.

Some of the teams statistics are impressive this season. Oakland outshot their opponents by a 258 to 124 margin while outscoring them with 29 goals and only eight against. Pioneer goalie Dennis Masclak had six shutouts this year in 12 games. Barry Whiteside was the team's leading scorer with seven goals and four assists.

Oakland University 1974 Final Soccer Statistics

Game Statistics	
8-2	
Oakland 1, Calvin 1	
Oakland 5, Macomb C.C. 0	
Oakland 9, Detroit Inst. Tech. 0	
Oakland 2, Eastern Mich. 0	
Oakland 1, Albion 0	
Oakland 3, Univ. of Mich.-Dearborn 1	
Oakland 1, Kalamazoo 0	
Oakland 0, Michigan State 0	
Oakland 3, Central Mich. 2	
Oakland 3, Northern Mich. 1	
Oakland 1, Wabash College 2	
Oakland 0, Spring Arbor 1	
Individual Statistics	
Name	Games
Barry Whiteside	12
Ken Whiteside	9
John Clark	11
Andris Richters	12
Suleh Khalaf	10
Pete Plank	12
Goals	
Barry Whiteside	6
Ken Whiteside	4
John Clark	4
Andris Richters	2
Suleh Khalaf	2
Pete Plank	2

Mohammed Sadeq	5	1
Gary Weber	12	1
Bob Bukari	3	1
Dennis Masclak	12	1
Mark Vols	12	1
Ahmadi Shihab	10	

Lahser site of district

Lahser High School will host a girls state tournament basketball district this weekend with five local teams participating.

Action starts Friday at 7:00 p.m. when Seaholm takes on Lahser. An 8:30 p.m. game will pit Andover against Clarkson.

On Monday, November 25, Groves will take on the winner of the Seaholm-Lahser game at 7:00 p.m. and Marion will play the winner of the Andover-Clarkson game at 8:30 p.m.

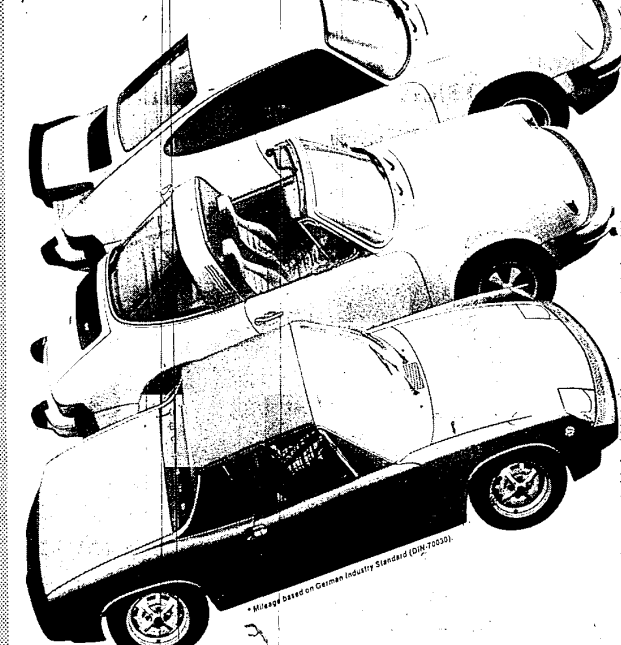
Finals of the one-game knockout district are slated for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27.

Tickets to all games will be available at the door. Lahser High School is located on Lahser Rd. just north of Long Lake Rd. in Bloomfield Hills.

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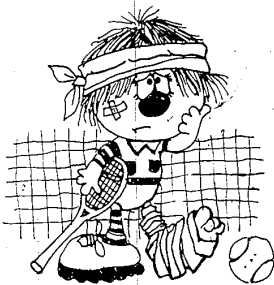
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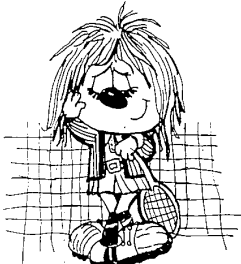
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