

Crosstown Lathrup is victim

Blue Jay icers 'wanted to win very badly'

By TOM BAER

Southfield High hockey coach Art Carinci hopes his team will "come alive in '75." If the Blue Jays' performance against Southfield-Lathrup is any indication, Carinci's hopes may be fulfilled.

Southfield exploded for three goals in the second period to whip city-rival Lathrup, 6-3, in a Suburban Hockey League game played last Thursday before a large crowd at Southfield's new Beechwood Arena.

The victory, Southfield's first this season, was quite a contrast from its 9-4 drubbing by Livonia Churchill in the George Gee holiday tournament last month.

"I'll tell you one thing, the boys definitely were there to play tonight," said Carinci after the game. "They came ready to skate. They wanted to win very badly."

"The game was unusual in that Southfield had 11 penalties to Lathrup's three. The Chargers had plenty of power play opportunities, but 'just couldn't cash in,'" according to Lathrup coach Dave Butler.

"It's the best I've ever seen Southfield play," Butler said. "A couple of their goals came when we had power plays going. It was just one of our typical nightmare games."

Lathrup's Mike McCollough scored two goals. His second tally at 1:59 of the second period put the Chargers ahead, 2-1. But that lead lasted only 30 seconds.

SOUTHFIELD TOOK just nine shots in the second period, but three made it past Lathrup goalie Dave Towers for goals Dana Bonino, Bob Cornacchini and John McCracken were the goal getters. First-line center Greg Earl assisted on two goals in that period, and helped on Pete Bruder's opening tally. Earl got a goal of his own in the last period.

"Greg's a good skater and stick-handler," Carinci said. "He's the play-maker out there."

McCracken, who centers the second line, added another goal in the third period. Both his scores were unassisted.

"He scored two goals, both of them on breakaways," Carinci said. "He

took off and stickhandled his way through. He made his own breaks. It was his last goal (in the third period) which actually clinched it for us."

Southfield got good play from its forwards, and that was the difference, according to Carinci.

"They were checking at both ends," he said. "The offense was coming back and doing a good job of back-checking. They were carrying the puck out and forechecking too."

"That was probably the key: forechecking a bit in their zone. I tried to stress that. I told them to keep the pressure on in their zone."

Southfield, now 1-3-1, took 25 shots. Southfield goalie Dennis O'Connor faced 21 Lathrup shots.

The Jays play next at home against Livonia Franklin on Jan. 9. Franklin upset powerful Livonia Churchill in four overtimes in the finals of the Gee tournament.

Lathrup, which is now 0-2-1, meets Churchill on Jan. 8 at Livonia's Ford Ice Arena.

First Period
Scoring: Southfield - Pete Bruder (1:59)
Lathrup - Mike McCollough (1:59)
Earl (2:38), Southfield - Bob Cornacchini (3:18)

Second Period
Scoring: Lathrup - McCollough (Kelly Anticzak) 1:39, Southfield - Dana Bonino (Earl) 2:38, Southfield - Bob Cornacchini (Earl) 3:18, Earl (5) elbowing 13:25

Third Period
Scoring: Southfield - Earl (Steve Saltzman) 2:40, Southfield - McCracken (unassisted) 3:40, Southfield - Phillips (Earl) 4:40, Southfield - John McCracken (unassisted) 5:40, Penalties: Tim Testin (5) high sticking 5:30, Ken Isaacson (SL) elbowing 7:30, Bonino (5) slashing 9:30, Russ Doyle (5) interference 10:30

Final Score:
SOUTHFIELD 6
LATHRUP 3

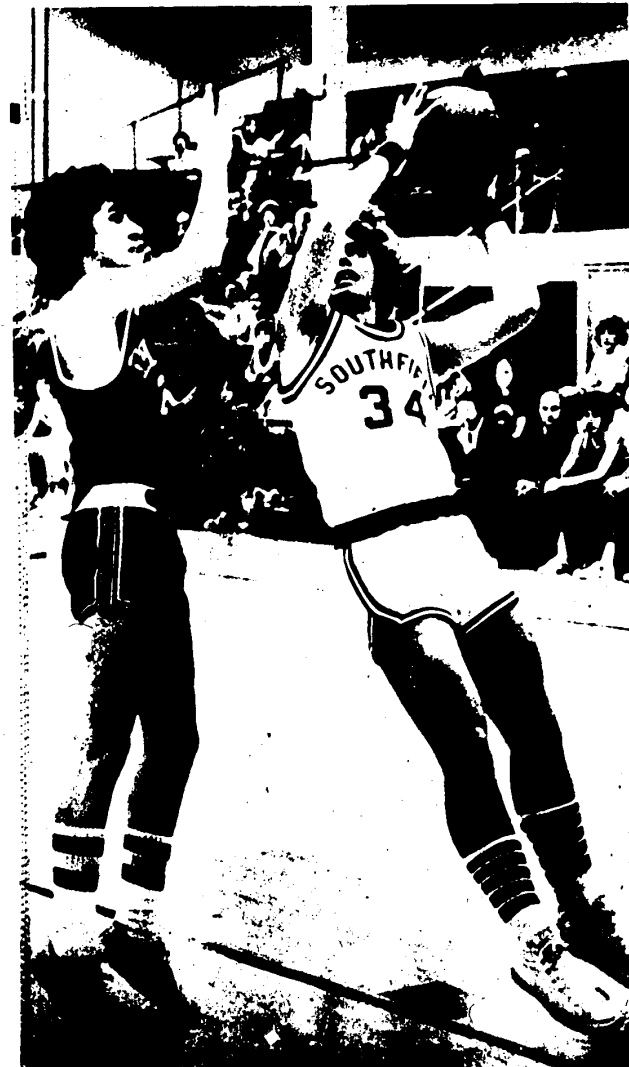


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12A (SF) Monday, January 6, 1975 Two Southfield players celebrate a goal while Lathrup's Fred Anticzak (7) skates away

Losing streak snapped

Winners again! Jays dump Thurston



By TOM BAER

Southfield's 63-52 victory over non-league Thurston High was a rather sloppy affair for both teams.

Southfield made 25 turnovers, while coach Bill Groteau's Thurston club was guilty of 19 miscues. Bill Phillips, Southfield's 6-4 sophomore center, was called for seven traveling violations.

Still, Southfield coach Don Kaump was pleased with the victory. It snapped a three-game losing streak for the Blue Jays.

"It was a good game, a good team game. It's always good to start the new year out right—with a win."

The teams were tied at 10-all after one quarter, but then Southfield started getting some breaks. Southfield outscored Thurston, 19-12, in the second quarter, thanks to some offensive rebounds which fell Southfield's way.

Rick Wieland's bucket with 4:42 left in the first half put Southfield ahead, 19-18, and the Jays never trailed after that.

Southfield pressed throughout the game, and that was a big factor, according to Kaump.

"The press helped," he said. "It accounted for a lot of steals. Wieland played a fine game on the press. He didn't always steal the ball, but he always got a hand on it."

SOUTHFIELD EXTENDED the margin to 66-38 after three quarters. The Jays went into a stall with 6:10 left in the game, and it eliminated any hopes of a Thurston comeback.

Phillips led Southfield with 17 points on eight buckets and three for four from the free throw line. He also grabbed 20 rebounds to give Southfield a decisive rebounding advantage.

The Jays got another big boost from Jeff McCall, a 6-1 guard. He came off the bench and scored just four points, but he was tough on the boards with 10 rebounds. Wieland finished with 15 points, and Elliot Rossen contributed 10.

Thurston's scoring punch came

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from 6-5 Gary Bireta, who led all scorers with 20 points. He made five field goals and hit on 10 of 11 free throws. His free throw shooting was especially deadly in the second half—seven for eight.

No other Eagle finished in double figures. Cory Rodriguez had eight points. Jeff Krzywada had seven, Dave Poldon five, and Gary Abundis four.

Southfield, now 3-4 this season, plays next at home against Livonia Churchill on Jan. 7. The Jays' South-eastern Michigan Association season resumes Jan. 10 at home against Ferndale.

SOUTHFIELD (63): Phillips 8, 1-4; Wieland 6, 3-6; 15, Rossen 5, 4-4; McCall 2, 0-0; 4, Trowbridge 1, 0-4; 2, Loewy 1, 4-4; 6, Juino 1, 0-0; 2, Schubert 1, 0-2; 2, Miles 0, 1-2; 1 Totals 25, 13-27; 63

THURSTON (52): Bireta 5, 10-16; 20, Rodriguez 4, 0-0; 8, Krzywada 2, 3-3; 7, Poldon 2, 1-3; 3, Abundis 2, 0-0; 4, Piliagin 0, 2-2; 2, Prokop 1, 0-0; 2, Duryea 0, 2-4; 2, Graff 0, 1-2; 1, Drotte 0, 1-2; 1 Totals 16, 20-36; 52

Total fouls: Southfield 28, Thurston 22. Fouled out: Steve Loewy

SOUTHFIELD 10 19 10 17-43
THURSTON 10 12 10 16-32



Southfield's Mike Juino (34) shoots around Thurston's Roy Piliagin. STEVE LOEWY A broadcaster on the bench Southfield's Steve Trowbridge shoots over two Thurston