

DiRusso, Pacion star

Stevenson blanks Lathrup, 5-0

By TOM BAER  
Livonia Stevenson used a pair of  
aces to wreck Southfield-Lathrup, 5-0,  
last Friday in a Suburban Hockey  
League game at Livonia's Ford Ice  
Arena.  
Jerry DiRusso scored a three-goal  
hat trick and assisted on another goal,  
while goaltender Tom Pacion kicked  
out 26 Lathrup shots. The loss left  
Lathrup at 0-4 this season.  
"The game was closer than the  
final score indicated," said Lathrup  
coach Dave Butler. "We had 26 shots  
on net. When you get shut out with 26  
shots in high school hockey, then  
someone's doing a great job."  
DiRusso, a 5-7 forward, assisted on  
Bill Finn's marker at 11:43 of the  
opening period, and then got a goal of  
his own at 14:41. DiRusso completed

his hat trick with goals at 10:26 and  
10:34 of the third period. Butler  
praised the Spartan star.  
"He's small, but he's super aggressive,  
always all over the ice," Butler  
said. "I'm sure he's one of the best  
skaters in the league. He's always  
hunting, always the opportunist."  
"This is the second time he's best  
us. I told our players to watch him,  
but he still dominated play when he  
was on the ice."  
Concerning Pacion, Butler said:  
"He did whatever was necessary to  
stop our shots. He was great. We  
couldn't score on him. We have point-  
blank shots, and he would somehow  
come up with the save."  
Stevenson's Bob Gamache added a  
goal on a penalty shot at 12:01 of the  
second period. Gamache was credited

with two assists in the game.  
The first period was especially  
rough with eight minor penalties  
called. Lathrup's Mike Lax left the  
ice three times for a total of 14 penalty  
minutes.  
Lathrup plays next on Thursday  
(Jan. 16) against city-rival Southfield  
High. The game will start at 8 p.m. at  
the Beechwood Arena.  
"The kids have been playing better  
as far as attitude and hustle go," Butler  
said. "I sure hope we can win a  
game soon because it's getting to be a  
long season. I don't want another season  
like last year (when Lathrup was  
winless)."

Stevenson-Lathrup  
First Period  
Scoring: Stevenson-Finn (DiRusso)  
1-0  
Second Period  
Scoring: Stevenson-Gamache (penalty  
shot) 2-0; Penalties: DiRusso (S) rough-  
ing 2-0; Russell (L) roughing 3-0; Lax  
(L) misconduct 12-08; Russell (L) elbow-  
ing 14-08  
Third Period  
Scoring: Stevenson-DiRusso (Gamache,  
Reckling) 3-0; DiRusso (unassisted)  
4-0; Penalties: Finn (S) slashing 14-47  
STEVENSON  
LATHRUP  
2 1 2-5  
0 0 0-4

Wine bottle stays in Southfield


There's an empty wine bottle in  
Southfield High's athletic trophy case.  
And that bottle will stay right where  
it is thanks to Southfield's 98-73 victory  
over Hazel Park in a South-  
eastern Michigan Association swim-  
ming meet last week.  
Southfield coach Bob Harding and

Hazel Park coach Ken Latka swam to-  
gether on Eastern Michigan Univer-  
sity's team in the late 1960's. Upon  
graduation, the two coaches cele-  
brated with a dinner accompanied by  
the wine.  
They've retained the empty bottle  
as a traveling trophy. It resides in  
whichever school wins the annual  
Southfield-Hazel Park dual meet.  
Southfield's Ed Wilkie won the 200-  
yard individual medley in 2:29.0 and  
Blue Jay Steve Kushner took the 50-  
yard freestyle in 23.2. Southfield won  
six of the 11 events.  
Earlier last week, Southfield de-  
feated Madison Heights Lamphere, 89-

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