

SPORTS

Lathrup has easy time with Southfield, 67-45

By TOM BAER

Southfield-Lathrup found it remarkably easy to beat city-rival Southfield High, 67-45, last Tuesday on the Blue Jays' court.

"We'll take it; we need it," said Lathrup coach Jim Kourakis, whose team climbed to 6-9 overall. "I don't think either team played inspired basketball. I think we played well in the third quarter. That's what won it for us."

Lathrup led 28-25 at halftime, but then the Chargers went on a rampage, scoring 21 points to Southfield's seven in the third quarter.

Southfield coach Don Kaump started an "all senior" team, which didn't include 6-4 sophomore center Bill Phillips and 6-1 guard Jeff McCall. Phillips started the second quarter and scored eight of his team-high 10 points during that period. Elliot Rossen added seven points for the Jays.

Lathrup forward Gary Hawthorne had his best night of the season, scoring 18 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. "Gary took the ball to the basket real well," Kourakis said. "I think he had an opportunity to get a few more points, but he missed some easy ones."

Lathrup had two other players in double figures: forward Tom O'Rourke scored 13 points, and guard Mark Johnston had 11.

Lathrup shot 44 percent (24 of 54) from the field, while Southfield shot 33 percent (21 of 62). Free throws were another story. Lathrup made 19 of 25, but Southfield didn't get a chance at the line until two seconds before halftime. The Jays ended up shooting eight and making three.

Lathrup won the rebounding battle, 41-38. Phillips and Steve Trowbridge led the losers with 12 and 10 rebounds respectively.

In the reserve game, Lathrup defeated Southfield, 45-42.

Southfield, now 6-9 overall, plays next at home against Hazel Park on Friday (Feb. 7). The Southeastern Michigan Association game begins at

8 p.m. Southfield beat Hazel Park earlier this season.

Lathrup plays Birmingham Groves at home on Friday in a Metro Suburban Association contest. Groves defeated Lathrup in their first meeting this season.

LATHRUP (67): Hawthorne 7, 4-4; O'Rourke 3, 2-5, 9; O'Rourke 3, 2-3; Johnston 1, 0-1; Backus 0, 0-1; Hart 1, 3-3, 5; Franchell 1, 0-4, 2; Wenzel 1, Silberstein 3, 0-4, 6; Forward 0, 0-4, 0. Totals: 24, 19-25, 67.

SOUTHFIELD (45): Phillips 5, 0-3, 10; Rossen 3, 1-1, 7; Wieland 2, 0-4, 0; Trowbridge 3, 0-1, 6; Miles 0, 0-4, 0; Lowry 2, 0-1, 4; Schubiner 2, 0-4, 4; McCall 2, 0-4, 4; Farber 0, 0-2, 2; Janso 2, 0-4, 4; Ruben 0, 0-4, 0. Totals: 18, 2-8, 45.

Total Fouls: Southfield 22, Lathrup 18.

LATHRUP: 19 9 21 18-47

SOUTHFIELD: 14 12 7 12-45



Southfield's Bruce Ruben (12) against Lathrup

Lathrup's Mark Johnston (23) does the splits to stop Southfield's Jeff Schubiner.

Franklin nips Falcons on last-second bucket

Sam Williams sank a five footer with just five seconds left to give Livonia Franklin a 56-54 victory over Farmington High in a nonleague basketball game last Tuesday.

Farmington had rallied from a 49-38 deficit after three quarters and outscored the Patriots, 16-9, in the final quarter. With time running out, Farmington took the lead, 54-52. But then

Dan Pederson made both ends of a one-and-one situation with 30 seconds left to pull Franklin into a tie. A Falcon turnover gave Franklin the ball and set the stage for Williams' heroics.

Pederson, a 6-6 guard, led all scorers with 18 points. Joe Pollard followed with 14 points, and Williams had 10.

Senior forward Mitch Thomas led

Farmington with 15 points. Dave Tyler faced the Falcons' comeback with six points in the fourth quarter and 13 for the night. Randy Meier added 14 points for the losers.

Farmington held a 41-24 rebounding edge. Thomas and Brian Stensloff grabbed 11 and 10 rebounds respectively for the Falcons. Dennis Wesley, a 6-4 center, grabbed six rebounds for Franklin.

Farmington, now 4-12, plays next at Pontiac Northern on Friday (Feb. 7). Franklin, now 3-11, entertains Garden City East on Friday. Both games start at 8 p.m.

FRANKLIN (54): Pollard 7, 0-2, 14; Scarpace 1, 0-4, 2; Pederson 2, 2-3, 16; Elmdre 2, 1-2, 7; Wesley 2, 2-4, 7; Williams 3, 4-5, 10. Totals: 23, 19-18, 54.

FARMINGTON (54): Tyler 6, 1-4, 13; Thomas 7, 1-1, 15; Stensloff 4, 2-4, 18; Meier 7, 0-1, 14; Schultz 0, 1-2, 1; Danah 1, 1-1, 2. Totals: 24, 0-14, 54. **FRANKLIN:** 18 10 17 9-54. **FARMINGTON:** 19 10 18-54.

Test your skills

The annual Tri-Star basketball contest will be held on Feb. 15 at Southfield-Lathrup High School beginning at 1:30 p.m. The contest is open to boys and girls from eight to 13 years of age who are residents of or students in Southfield.

The contest measures three basketball skills: passing, dribbling and shooting. Contestants participate against others in their age groups. Registration forms can be picked up at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, 3000 Evergreen Road. The contest is co-sponsored by the Southfield Optimist Club and the Parks and Recreation Dept.

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Sports coming up

Basketball

Friday (Feb. 7) Birmingham Groves at Southfield-Lathrup, 19301 Twelve Mile Road, 8 p.m.

Friday (Feb. 7) Plymouth Canton at Farmington Harrison, 29995 Twelve Mile Road, 8 p.m.

Friday (Feb. 7) Lansing Christian at Southfield Christian, 28700 Lahser Road, 7:30 p.m.

Friday (Feb. 7) Hazel Park at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lahser roads, 8 p.m.

Friday (Feb. 7) North Farmington at Ferndale High, 881 Pinecrest, 8 p.m.

Friday (Feb. 7) Farmington High at Pontiac Northern, 1051 Arlene, 8 p.m.

Hockey

Thursday (Feb. 6) Livonia Stevenson at Southfield-Lathrup, Beechwood Arena, Beech Road near Nine Mile, 8 p.m.

Friday (Feb. 7) Southfield High at Livonia Bentley, Ford Ice Arena, 33841 Lyndon, 7 p.m.

Swimming

Thursday (Feb. 6) Livonia Franklin at North Farmington, 32900 Thirteen Mile Road, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday (Feb. 6) Plymouth Canton at Farmington Harrison, 29995 Twelve Mile Road, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday (Feb. 6) Southfield-Lathrup at Birmingham Groves, Thirteen Mile and Evergreen roads, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday (Feb. 6) Farmington High at Pontiac Northern, 1051 Arlene, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday (Feb. 6) Livonia Churchill at Farmington Harrison, 29995 Twelve Mile Road, 7 p.m.

Thursday (Feb. 6) Rochester Adams at Southfield-Lathrup, 19301 Twelve Mile Road, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday (Feb. 6) Farmington High at Livonia Stevenson, 33500 Six Mile Road, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday (Feb. 6) North Farmington at Garden City East, 6500 Middlebelt Road, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday (Feb. 6) Claremont High at Farmington High, North Farmington, Farmington Harrison at Harrison quad tournament, 29995 Twelve Mile Road, 10 a.m.

Saturday (Feb. 8) Southfield High in Southeastern Michigan Association league meet, Bentley High, 2225 Calape, 10 a.m.