

Southfield tops Borgess, 59-49

By TOM BAER

Big Bill Phillips may have left the scene, but Southfield High isn't quite ready to throw in the towel on the 1975-76 basketball season.

Southfield lifted its record to 8-1 by defeating Bishop Borgess, 59-49, in a non-league game on the Blue Jays' court last Tuesday.

"I was pleasantly surprised," said Southfield coach Don Kaup, whose team lost its opener to Redford Union and then bounced back to beat Redford Thurston and Borgess.

"We scrimmaged Borgess last summer and we didn't do so well. And Borgess came close to beating Catholic Central earlier this season."

Southfield's Rick Wieland, a 59 senior, scored 18 points and shared game scoring honors with Borgess' Dave Priebe. Jeff McCall, Southfield's tallest man at 6-3, added 15 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to help the Jays maintain a 43-30 rebounding advantage.

McCall must handle the team's rebounding duties now that Phillips, Southfield's 6-6 sophomore sensation of last season, has transferred to cross-town Southfield-Lathrup.

Southfield scored the first eight points of the game and took a 14-6 lead after the first quarter. Borgess' Priebe didn't start, but he entered the game in the second quarter and fired in 10 points to keep the losers within reach. Southfield led, 23-19, at halftime.

It was Wieland's turn to get hot in the third quarter. He scored 11 points during that period and added five more in the fourth before fouling out. Borgess made a comeback of sorts in the fourth quarter, pulling to within six points (50-44). But then McCall hit a basket and Jeff Schukler tossed in

two free throws to put the game in the victory column.

Southfield's bench played a key role, according to Kaup.

"I was very impressed with our substitutes," he said. "We played a man-to-man defense and the starters got kind of tired. We had to substitute and the subs did a good job."

Southfield shot 48 percent (22 of 46) from the field and made 15 of 33 free throw attempts. Borgess had a cold shooting night, making only 18 of 54 field goal attempts and 13 of 28 free throws.

Both teams were plagued by turnovers. Southfield recorded 23, while Borgess made 20.

Southfield opens its Southeastern Michigan Association season on Friday (Dec. 12) at home against Birmingham Seaholm. Game time is 8 p.m.

Southfield-Borgess

Southfield (8-1): Marvin Miles 2, 0-1, 4; Rick Wieland 8, 2-4, 18; Jeff McCall 5, 5-11; 15; Paul Wilkie 2, 1-2, 5; Mike Tynes 1, 0-1; 2; Jon Vigi 2, 2-3, 4; Jeff Schukler 0, 2-3; 2; Ron Falsander 0, 0-2; 0; Geno Scanzino 2, 1-2, 5; Gary Miles 0, 2-4; 2 Totals: 22-46; 15-33

Bishop Borgess (4-9): Gary Mulka 2, 2-7; 6; Pat Kelly 2, 0-1, 4; John Balowicz 1, 0-2; Mike Orbach 2, 2-3, 5; Dave DeCoster 1, 1-2, 3; Dan DeCoster 0, 1-2, 1; Dave Priebe 8, 2-6, 18; Terry O'Brian 2, 5-7; Mike Johnson 0, 0-0, 0 Totals: 18-54; 13-28; 49

Total Fouls: Borgess 32, Southfield 33

Fouled Out: Gary Mulka and John Balowicz; Borgess; Rick Wieland, Southfield, Southfield

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Lathrup rips Ferndale '5'

Southfield-Lathrup continued its impressive basketball season by trouncing non-league Ferndale High, 90-67, last Tuesday at Lathrup. The victory was the Chargers' third straight this season.

Ferndale was supposed to have one of the better basketball teams in the northern suburbs, thanks to several tall transfers. But Lathrup dominated every phase of the game. The Chargers took a 24-10 lead after one quarter and the outcome was never in doubt after that.

"We played at the level we're capable of playing," said Lathrup coach Jim Kourtakos. "We played the game our way. We set the pace. We didn't let them set it. We got some fast-break baskets and we hit the boards real well. Those were the key factors for us."

Lathrup's Tom O'Rourke, a 6-3 guard, led all scorers with 25 points on 11 field goals and three of four free throws. He was joined in double figures by teammates Bill Phillips (23 points) and Gary Hawthorne (19).

"We shot pretty well from the floor—something like 22 of 37 in the first half," Kourtakos said.

Phillips, a 6-6 center who played at Southfield High School last season, had an outstanding night on the boards with 17 rebounds. Lathrup out-rebounded Ferndale, 40-30.

Greg Patterson and Neil MacLean led Ferndale with 10 points each.

Lathrup opens its Metro Suburban Association season on Friday, Dec. 12, at home against powerful Bloomfield Hills Laker. Coach Nick Conti's Laker team won its fourth-straight game by stopping Walled Lake Central, 91-30, last Tuesday.

The outcome of the Lathrup-Laker game, which begins at 8 p.m., could determine the course of the league race.

Lathrup-Ferndale

Lathrup (8-0): Bill Phillips 8, 7-4, 23; Tom O'Rourke 11, 3-4, 25; Gary Hawthorne 9, 1-3, 19; Casey Forward 2, 0-1, 6; Steve Harwood 3, 0-4, 4; Bruce Beers 3, 0-4, 3; Joe Wimsing 1, 1-2, 3; Mike Reich 1, 0-2, 2 Totals: 90-67

Ferndale (4-7): Aaron Hunter 4, 1-2, 9; Bob Patruski 1, 1-2, 3; Greg Patterson 3, 4-10, 14; Paul Jackson 0, 1-2, 1; Herb Goiday 3, 0-8, 6; Neil MacLean 2, 0-4, 10; Jim Trelton 0, 2-2, 9; Steve Livans 2, 2-3, 8; Jim Sandling 2, 2-2, 6; Jerome Pariss 4, 0-0, 0; Sylvester Rogers 1, 0-2, 2 Totals: 24-74; 37

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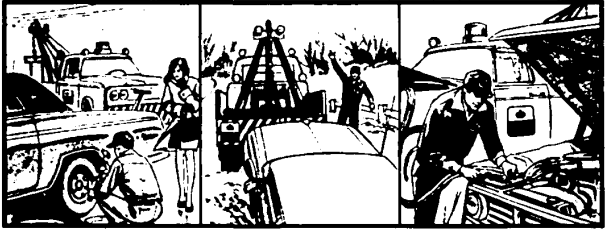
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