

# Lathrup, Southfield look strong

## Southfield tennis teams prepare for season

By TOM BAZZ

Southfield Lathrup's tennis prospects look good this spring, and voters in the last city election have seen to it that the Chargers will have an even better chance to win the Metro Suburban Association net title.

Southfield High and Southfield are outstanding players, but lots of tennis talent remains. However, the Blue Jays will have to work hard if they want to duplicate last season's Southeastern Michigan Association finish.

Those were the stories last week as the teams came at Southfield High and Southfield Lathrup prepared for their early April opener.

Lathrup has five returning lettermen

from last year's squad, which compiled a 16-2 overall record and won the MSA crown. Lathrup lost some excellent league competition when voters in the Rochester school district failed to pass a millage proposal, and forced the board of education to drop all high school spring sports, including tennis.

Rochester Adams, a member of the MSA, would have had a five tennis team, according to Lathrup coach Ed Watts.

"Adams had a phenomenal tennis team—on paper the best I've seen in years," Watts said. "I think I have a good team at Lathrup this year, but Adams would have beaten us 7-4, without any trouble."

Lathrup's returners all have solid experience from last season. Steve Gordon is one of the few seniors on the team this season. "Steve has an excellent attitude," Watts said. "He's a hard worker and a real fighter all the time. He sets a great example for the rest of the kids."

"THE OTHER four returners are juniors Sheldon Katz, Paul Gordon, Mike Lerner and Tom Zaret. Watts is working with two promising sophomores, Jon Frank from Birmingham, and Peter McKnight from Birmingham Brother Rice.

Lathrup had an outstanding freshman crop last year. Now sophomores Brad Kovan, Gary Spaetgens, Ron Yoles and Ann Lupton look like bright prospects for the future.

There is going to be a whole lot of competition to see who makes the top 18," Watts said. "We've had lots of challenge matches during the last three weeks. It's the toughest way to get them in shape and to see who's best."

"We'll have a pretty even team. There

won't be that much difference between No. 1 and No. 18. We're different from last year when we were strong on top. We have a lot of untested kids, but these outsiders are excellent. That's probably because I don't have many seniors with eyes and things like that."

Lathrup's chief league competition probably will come from Bloomfield Hills Lathrup, which defeated Lathrup twice last season.

Lathrup, like every school in our league will always have tennis players," Watts said. "They're not going to be as strong this year, but they'll still be in fits and make every match tough."

The Metro Suburban Association will be a four team tennis league with the loss of Adams and "Chris Eisenhower," which dropped its tennis program because of lack of interest. The MSA will not hold a season-end league meet to determine the champion.

"I voted against having a league meet even though we won it last year," Watts said. "Last year, we lost to Lathrup twice but we had a good league meet and took the title. It was greatly unfair. Too much of it was the lack of the draw."

AT SOUTHFIELD HIGH, coach Dale Freeman is trying to find replacements for graduated Elise Kosen and Dave Branin. They helped Southfield compile an 11-2 overall record. The Royals have finished in second place (with Royal Oak Kumball) in the Southeastern Michigan Association. As usual, Birmingham Seaholm won the league.

But Southfield has some good players in returners Bob Gendelman, David Lye and Richard Bardenstein, and junior Todd Ballard.

"We expect a good year from all of the newcomers," Freeman said. "They've all been playing some this winter. Really our season will depend on how hard these kids work."

I haven't really found any promising sophomores and that's kind of discouraging, Freeman continued. But some of our youngsters could develop. It all depends on how hard they want to work.

Seaholm has dominated the SMA tennis scene during the past few years, and the Blazers will probably win again this season, most coaches believe.

I've heard that Seaholm is going to be very tough," Freeman said. "Berkeley'll be decent and so will Kumball. We just hope to be respectable. I guess."

More than 60 boys turned out for Southfield's tennis team this year, but the squad had to be cut to 18 because of cutbacks in coaches, according to Freeman.

We never had to cut kids when we had two coaches for the boys tennis team," he said. "Everybody could stay out and develop their skills. But there just isn't enough time now with just one coach."

Southfield opens its season April 8 at Birmingham Seaholm. The Blue Jays will play every SMA team since and have scheduled meets with Birmingham, Detroit Catholic Central and Lathrup.

### LATHRUP TENNIS

April 7: Hazel Park 4 p.m. April 9: Berkeley High 4 p.m. April 12: Bloomfield Hills Lathrup 4 p.m. April 14: Royal Oak Kumball 4 p.m. April 20: Birmingham Seaholm 4 p.m. April 27: Detroit Catholic Central 4 p.m. April 28: at Royal Oak Kumball 4 p.m. April 30: at Bloomfield Hills Lathrup 4 p.m. May 4: at Detroit Catholic Central 4 p.m. May 7: Birmingham Seaholm 4 p.m. May 11: Birmingham Seaholm 4 p.m. May 13: West Bloomfield School 4 p.m. May 18: at Birmingham Brother Rice 4 p.m. May 19: Madonna High/Lathrup 4 p.m. May 22: State Regional. May 27: Southeastern Michigan Association League Meet. June 4: State Meet.

### SOUTHFIELD HIGH TENNIS

April 8: at Birmingham Seaholm; 4 p.m. April 12: Berkeley High 4 p.m. April 14: Hazel Park 4 p.m. April 20: Ferndale 4 p.m. April 27: Detroit Catholic Central 4 p.m. April 29: Royal Oak Kumball 4 p.m. May 3: Birmingham Seaholm 4 p.m. May 6: at Berkeley High 4 p.m. May 10: Hazel Park 4 p.m. May 13: at Ferndale 4 p.m. May 17: at Royal Oak Kumball 4 p.m. May 24: Southfield-Lathrup 4 p.m. May 27: State Regional. May 27: Southeastern Michigan Association League Meet. June 4: State Meet.

### Cage clinic set

State-wide girls' basketball coaches will attend a technique and methods clinic Friday April 2 and Saturday April 3 at the Sheraton-Southfield Hotel.

Miss McFadden, head intercollegiate coach at the University of Southern California will be one of the clinic's feature speakers.

Miss McFadden herself an exceedingly talented athlete was a member of the 1966 United States Women's Olympic Volleyball Team.

Lathrup begins its 16-meet season on April 7 at home against non-league Hazel Park. The Chargers MSA season starts on April 12 at home against Lathrup.

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Thursday, April 15, 1978

8:00 P.M.

Farmington Hills City Hall  
21555 Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48024

The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a Proposed Amendment (Rezoning) PC 18-71 which would rezone part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland State of Michigan, being more particularly described as:

A parcel of land bounded on part of the E 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 2, T 1 N R 9 E, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Sec. 2, thence S 89 deg. 47 min. 0 sec. E 80.00 feet, thence S 89 deg. 47 min. 0 sec. E 140.00 feet, thence N 89 deg. 47 min. 0 sec. W 80.00 feet, to a point on the Southerly Right of Way line of Northwestern Highway, thence along said Right of Way line S 89 deg. 47 min. 0 sec. W 103.17 feet to a point of intersection with the East West 1/4 line of said Sec. 2, thence along the said E-W 1/4 Section line S 89 deg. 47 min. 0 sec. W 104.11 feet to a point of intersection S 89 deg. 47 min. 0 sec. E 128.13 feet to the point of beginning, excepting therefrom that part of the property located within 200 feet of the Southerly boundary of Northwestern Highway, containing 14.23 acres more or less.

This property lies directly South of Northwestern Highway, West of Middlebelt Road.

The above mentioned request would rezone the above mentioned property from its present OS-1 (Office Service District) classification to RC-1 (Multiple Family Residential District) classification.

The proponent in this matter is the Farmington Hills Planning Commission. Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the proposed zoning change. Requests for agenda items may be observed at the Farmington Hills City Hall on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

L. DAVID STADER, Chairman  
City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland and State of Michigan on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, 1978, for the purpose of submitting the following proposition:

In order to renew the four mill operating and bonding tax which expired in 1975, shall the limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes in any one year upon real and tangible personal property in Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased as provided in Section 4, Article IX of the Constitution of Michigan for a period of ten (10) years from 1978 to 1987, both inclusive, by four (4) mills, not to exceed \$400 per \$10,000 of assessed valuation of property as finally equalized for the purpose of defraying a part of the operation expense of the school district?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the polls for said election will be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M. Eastern Standard Time, and that the voting places will be as follows:

Precinct No. 1: Farmington Junior High School  
32000 Thomas Street

Precinct No. 2: Dunckel Junior High School  
23600 Twelve Mile Road

Precinct No. 3: Eagle Elementary School  
29410 West Fourteen Mile Road

Precinct No. 4: Middlebelt Elementary School  
24400 Middlebelt Road

The following statement has been received from the County Treasurer as to previously voted increases in the total tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the school district, to-wit:

**COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUESTED BY ACT 260 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1967**

I, C. Hugh DeHany, County Treasurer of Oakland County, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office as of February 20, 1978, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitations above the 1963 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, affecting taxable property in the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan is as follows:

| Local Unit                               | Voted Increases | Years             | Increases Effective |
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|  | 1.00            | 1967 to 1976 Incl | 1.00                |
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C. HUGH DEHANY, Treasurer

DATED February 20, 1978

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said school district.

MERVYN B. ROSS, M.D.  
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