

Groves stuns Pontiac Northern

Lahser routs Walled Lake Western, 91-34

By ROBERT GROSS

Bloomfield Hills Lahser walked away with a lopsided 91-34 victory over Walled Lake Western in a game played Tuesday before an appreciative home crowd.

The game was never really in doubt as the Knights took the opening tip and converted it into a quick two points with Shawn Santa coming a short jumper for the first of his game high 24 points.

The Warriors countered with a fast bucket of their own but Lahser was off and running, using a fast break offense to streak to an 8-2 lead with less than three minutes gone in the first quarter.

Forward Scott Pritchett dominated the defensive boards for the Knights, setting up the fast break with crisp outlet passes. Pritchett ended the game with the high total of 14 rebounds, despite sitting out most of the first half when he found himself in early foul trouble.

Walled Lake Western made a bid early in the second quarter pulling to within nine points, 24-14. But that was as close as the Warriors came. Walled

Lake managed only four more points in the quarter as Lahser reeled off a string of 10 unanswered points to take a 39-18 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The second half was more of the same for the Warriors as the Lahser Knights took advantage of both their superior overall height and speed to increase their lead.

Perhaps typifying Walled Lake's frustration was a sequence late in the third quarter in which first the Knight's Rob Fodor stole the ball at center court, taking it in for an easy bucket, only to be followed seconds later by teammate Shawn Santa with a steal and a layup of his own.

Lahser moved to a 25 point advantage at the end of the third quarter, 71-32. The Knights kept up their torrid pace in the fourth quarter. Scott Pritchett heated things up with a slam dunk at 2:24, bringing the crowd to its feet and the score to 71-32.

The weary Warriors could manage only two points in the fourth quarter, despite the 18 seconds left to make the final score 91-34 in favor of Lahser. Despite the score, Bloomfield Hills Lahser coach Nick Corti was satisfied

with his team's overall performance, saying "I think given the huge margin we did a good job at trying to keep it clean and sharp."

Four Knights ended the game in double figures, Shawn Santa leading with 24, followed by Rob Fodor with 15, Tim Wynn with 15, and Pritchett with 11. Only two Warriors reached double figures, Greg Skoneczny with 13, and Mike Bryant with 11.

BIRMINGHAM GROVES hit 24 of 27 free throws and went on to defeat Pontiac Northern, 64-35, in a non-league game Tuesday night.

"We kept our composure out there and controlled the tempo," said Falcon coach Jay Schwalm whose team is now 3-1 overall.

Ted Williams, a senior transfer from Brother Rice passed Groves with 18 points. He hit all eight free throws. Naim Peres added 14 points and John Galecki had 12.

Williams had 10 rebounds and Peres eight.

Groves hit 22 of 40 shot from the floor for 55 per cent.

Pontiac, led by Terrell Washington's

16 points, hit 30 of 50 shots for 60 per cent.

The score was tied at halftime, 37-37. Groves won it in the last quarter with 10-9 edge.

Galecki collected eight assists to lead Groves to their first win ever over Northern, a member of the Inter-Lakes League.

Groves travels to Troy Athens, Friday at 8 p.m.

TOM KOTENKO scored 18 points to give Lutheran North a 76-58 Metro Conference victory over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Tuesday.

"They were aggressive on the boards and we missed key free throws when we had a chance to catch up," said Cranbrook coach Don Hazen.

Lutheran North outscored Cranbrook, 61-28. The Cranes managed only 26 shots of 72 attempts for 36 per cent.

Cranbrook hit only six of 16 free throws.

North held Cranbrook's high-scoring Billy Hill without a point the entire game. Hill missed all eight shots he took.

"This is definitely the worst we've played this year," Hazen said.

Cranbrook is 2-3 overall and travels to Lutheran West Friday.

Mark Canady led the Cranes offensive efforts with 23 points. David Tyler and Regan Stouermire each scored 10. Stouermire had 11 rebounds.

LUTHERAN WEST held Detroit Country Day to 13 points in the first half and went on to post an easy 71-27 Metro Conference victory Tuesday.

Lutheran West, now 3-1 overall, lim-

ited the Yellow Jackets to just 31 shots. Country Day hit eight of them for 26 per cent.

Rodney Gilbert led Country Day, now 2-2, with 13 points and 16 rebounds. Ironically, the Yellow Jackets outscored Lutheran West, 38-23.

The Yellow Jackets however could not get the ball inside much of the night.

Lutheran West outscored Country Day, 49-14, in the second half.

Youth shot at party

A 17-year-old Farmington Hills youth was injured Saturday in a shooting incident at a party in a Southfield home.

A 16-year-old Southfield youth is in custody at Children's Village, Pontiac in connection with the shooting.

The victim, Michael Casey, is listed in "fair" condition at Providence Hospital where he is being treated for lower back and neck wounds, according to Southfield police.

The youth in custody was host at a birthday party which started about 7

p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 in his parent's home on Lee Wright, police said. Some of the 15- to 18-year-old guests were drinking, police said, and the gathering was becoming disorderly.

The host produced a shotgun, police said, and ordered the crowd to leave. During a struggle between the youths, the gun went off and struck Casey, according to police.

The shooting could have been accidental, said police, who are investigating the incident.

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