

# OL St. Mary's whips Hamtramck, 67-59

By BRAD EMONS

At times using four freshman on the floor at once, Orchard Lake St. Mary's kept the state's longest winning streak going at 34 with a convincing 67-59 victory over Hamtramck Thursday in the Pontiac Silverdome.

The two teams played prior to the Detroit Pistons-Houston Rockets NBA contest.

The victory was particularly satisfying for Orchard Lake coach Bob Shoemaker because he was forced to bench two starters and his sixth man.

The players were benched because they showed up late for practice the day before the game.

Shoemaker started senior forward Paul Stojek for the first time and sophomore guard Ed Bonk. The Orchard Lake coach also started freshman guard Don Butcher and 6-4 freshman forward Aubin Williams along with senior center Evaristo Perez.

Perez, as always, was the dominant factor in the Eagles victory over Hamtramck, rated as high as number eight in the state in Class C.

Perez scored 22 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and blocked five shots. He delighted the preliminary game crowd by hitting three slam dunks.

"EVARISTO WAS LIKE a traffic cop out there," said Shoemaker. "He's the type of player that will rise to the occasion."

Perez however got plenty of help from his young teammates.

The Eagles played practically flawlessly in the first half and committed just one turnover.

St. Mary's jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead at the start. Perez scored on a three-point play to give the Eagles an 11-2 advantage at 3:09 of the first quarter.

Williams upped the margin to 20-8 at 0:23 as he hit a free throw.

Hamtramck's Greg Ferreebe then banged home a jumper with two seconds left to make the score, 20-10, at the end of the first quarter.

Orchard Lake, with Butcher running the show, kept Hamtramck frustrated

with full-court pressure the entire half. Stojek, playing his first year of basketball, scored a layup to give the Eagles their biggest lead of the first half, 37-18, at 1:09 of the second period.

Orchard Lake led at the half, 37-20.

Hamtramck came out more determined in the third quarter using a full-court press of its own.

The Cosmos closed the gap to six points at 4:57 of that period when Ferreebe converted a steal into a layup, making the score, 33-33.

PEREZ THEN TOOK charge with a slam dunk three-point play just before the third quarter ended, making the count, 52-35.

Lightening struck for Hamtramck midway through the final period as the Cosmos, still pressuring full court, scored eight points in a span of 31 seconds to pull themselves within six again.

Williams came through with another three-point play to put the Eagles up by nine with 3:06 left to ice the victory.

Shoemaker said of Williams, "he played tonight. I have a lot of confidence in him and the other freshman. Those guys kept their composure out there."

"This game we showed more poise both offensively and defensively than we've ever had so far this season," said the Orchard Lake coach who has now personally won 47 straight regular season games dating back to two years ago when he coached Detroit St. Andrew.

Shoemaker also said he was going to use Stojek more and was pleased with his performance.

"Paul never played organized basketball until this year. He's really a first-year player. I've been planning to use him more," said the Orchard Lake coach.

Williams scored 15 points, Stojek netted 11 and Butcher contributed eight and five assists.

The Eagles shot 24 of 49 from the field for 49 per cent.

Glen Montgomery, a sharp-shooting 65 center, paced Hamtramck with 24 points. Guard Bob Jones added 17.

Hamtramck is now 62 overall while St. Mary's upped its mark to 7-4. The Eagles travel to St. Andrew Friday.

ORCHARD LAKE 67-HAMTRAMCK 59

ORCHARD LAKE (left): Aubin Williams 6, 3-4, 15; Evaristo Perez 3, 4-7, 22; Donnie Butcher 4, 0-4, 8; Ed Bonk 1, 0-2, 2; Paul Stojek 1, 1-2, 11; Ryan Beckett 4, 4-4, 6; Carl Pellegrini 1, 0-2, 2; Greg Pivowar 2, 1-2, 2; Don Calverley 0, 0-0, 0. HAMTRAMCK (right): Mike Henderson 1, 0-0, 0; Bob Jones 17, 11; Glen Montgomery 12, 0-0, 21; Jeff Ferreebe 4, 0-0, 8; Glen Montgomery 12, 0-0, 21; Jeff

Koloz 0, 0-0, 0; Glen Stappley 1, 1-2, 3; Art Reed 0, 0-0, 0; Mark Collins 0, 0-0, 0; Dale Pizer 0, 0-0, 0; Glen Reed 0, 0-0, 0; Aubin Reed 0, 0-0, 0; Totals: 28, 24, 59. Total Ftwts: ORCHARD LAKE 6, HAMTRAMCK 18. Pivoted Out: none.

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Freshman guard Donnie Butcher shoots a jumper.



Senior forward Paul Stojek made his first start for St. Mary and scored 11 points.

## Why coach benched three starters for game

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Bob Shoemaker is a man of principles. He does everything for a reason.

Thursday night was no exception. Nua Vučina, Dave Kay and Tom Sikora—all who have contributed immensely to Orchard Lake St. Mary's undefeated season thus far, were benched by Shoemaker, the Orchard Lake head coach, for being late for practice the day before the Eagles' game against Hamtramck in the Pontiac Silverdome Wednesday.

"I was willing to lose for a principle," said Shoemaker.

"When they showed up late for practice, I locked them out of the gym," he said, "and I haven't said a word to them."

Shoemaker said he hopes the three players learned a lesson.

"This is something they've been waiting for all year, to play in the Silverdome. They missed an opportunity," said Shoemaker.

"I'll never change my principles," Hamtramck, a state ranked team in

Class C, had a golden opportunity to break St. Mary's 32-game win streak.

St. Mary's however showed why they are a threat again to win the state Class C title.

His underclassman, Donnie Butcher, Greg Pivowar, Ed Bonk, Aubin Williams, Don Calverley, Ryan Beckett and Carl Pellegrini all had a say in the final outcome, not to mention the play of seniors Evaristo Perez and Paul Stojek.

"This freshman class is the best I've ever seen," said Shoemaker. "I'm not afraid to use them."

Shoemaker had to be more than happy with the performance of his young players.

During the heat of the battle, Pivowar took a charge against a much stronger Hamtramck player, crashing heavily to the floor.

Shoemaker leaped from his seat and shouted to Pivowar: "Nice play Greg. A heckuva play for a freshman—for even a senior in college."

"I have confidence in these young players," said Shoemaker smiling ever-so brightly after the game.

It was all done for a principle.

## Three teams share SMOA lead

Penske Chevrolet vaulted from third place into a first place tie as it skated to a 3-0 victory over Holiday Inn Southfield last week in the Southfield Men's Over 30 Hockey League.

While the Penske team was busy shutting out Holiday Inn, the teams that held down the top two spots were faltering. Northland Heating, which had been the league leader going into

its game with Concourse Camera, saw that lead slip away as it fell, 3-1.

And Suburban Sports Center, which trailed Concourse by a single point in the standings last week, failed to take advantage of the frontrunner's loss, as it had to rally to tie Sawyer Fuller Funeral Home, 4-4.

The combination of a loss, a tie, and a win by the league's top three teams

in the standings has produced a three-way tie for first. Northland, Suburban, and Penske all have 6-3 records, good for 15 points in the standings. Concourse, the league's highest scoring team with 45 goals, is tied with Sawyer for fourth place with 12 points. Star Lincoln Mercury and Midwest Coffee are next with 11 points each, while Holiday Inn is last with five.

For Penske, it was no contest against Holiday Inn, as it scored two first period goals and added a third in the final stanza. But Northland had a rougher going of it.

After a scoreless first period, Northland opened the scoring with a goal at the 10:09 mark of the second period. Concourse countered with two goals of its own in the period, and added an

insurance marker in the final stanza for the win.

Suburban found itself trailing by two goals with just 5:52 remaining in its game against Sawyer. But the team rallied for two goals just 47 seconds apart to give them a tie and a share of first place.

In the only other game of the evening, Star Lincoln scored three times in the first period, once in the second, and three more times in the third to post a 7-2 win over Midwest.

The league will continue play Thursday, Jan. 4. All games are played at the Southfield Civic Center. This week's matchups are: Suburban vs. Penske; Sawyer vs. Holiday Inn; Northland vs. Star Lincoln; and Midwest vs. Concourse.

## Davey honored

Birmingham's Chuck Davey, Michigan Boxing Commissioner and successful insurance executive for New England Life, was among the former fight idols honored recently at the New York Downtown Athletic Club's third annual "Salute to Boxing Greats."

The Downtown A.C., best known as the sponsor of the Heisman Trophy for the outstanding college football player each fall, paid tribute also to former heavyweight boxing champion Jersey Joe Walcott and Floyd Patterson, ex-middleweight champ Paul Pender and noted fighters Charlie Fusari, Ernie Durando and Davey.

During the award ceremonies, Davey went a mock two-rounder with Fusari and Pender. The retired professionals drew an ovation from the crowd in attendance.

Davey was cited for his brilliant career in the ring, and for the strong support he has given the sport since his retirement 25 years ago.

In his fighting days, Davey set a record which hasn't been broken when he won four straight NCAA boxing

crowds, and later earned an Olympic team berth.

As a pro, Davey scored national television victories over such fighters as Ike Williams, Rocky Graziano and Carmen Basilio, all one-time champions.

Davey dropped his first pro bout when he lost to Kid Gavilan in a battle for the world welterweight crown.

The Birmingham resident was still rated among the nation's top welterweights when he quit the ring to begin a career in business.

In 1963 he was named to the Michigan Boxing Commission. He has been chairman of the organization since 1965. He is currently serving his eighth term as vice-president of the World Boxing Association (WBA).

Davey is one of the founders and first president of the United States Boxing Association, which seeks to stimulate interest in boxing by sanctioning U.S. championship bouts. The association also publishes a monthly rating of all American fighters in every weight class.

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