

# West Bloomfield cagers roll

By C.J. RISAK

West Bloomfield claimed at least a

share of the Greater Oakland Athletic League (GOAL) championship with a 44-27 victory over Rochester last



Sandy DeSilvio battles for a rebound during last Thursday's win over Rochester.

Thursday at West Bloomfield.

It was the 15th win in 16 contests for the Lakers and seventh against one loss in the league. They are currently the No. 1 rated team in the Observer & Eccentric's area girls' basketball poll. Rochester is ranked fifth.

Despite the one-sided win, it was not a well played game by West Bloomfield. "We haven't had a lot of 'best games' lately," Laker coach Mike Greene said.

"We've been inconsistent — sometimes awesome, sometimes poor," he explained. "We're really not playing like we can play."

"But we've been coming around in the last few games. We're slowly getting more consistent."

The Lakers started the game like it was going to be a runaway. A full-court zone press forced three straight Rochester turnovers, two of those coming on steals by Carolyn Barciewicz.

All three mistakes resulted in West Bloomfield baskets and an 8-0 Laker lead.

Rochester fought back behind two baskets apiece by Sue McColgan and Erica Bauer, but still trailed, 16-9, after one quarter.

THE FALCONS' offensive efforts were hampered throughout the game due to an injury to McColgan. The 5-foot-9 senior forward was suffering from blistered feet and was limited to 11 points in the contest.

Rochester stormed back to within one, 18-17, with 3:35 left in the second quarter. McColgan had five points and

Bauer four during the rally, as the Falcons outscored West Bloomfield 8-2 in the first five minutes of the period.

But the Lakers scored eight of the last 11 points to stay in command, 26-20, at the half.

West Bloomfield's defense took control in the second half, holding Rochester to three field goals and only seven points in the final two quarters.

After Barciewicz opened the third quarter with a basket, neither team scored until four and a half minutes of the period had expired. Katie O'Dena, a 5-foot-9 senior forward who has missed most of the season with illness and injury, came off the bench to spark the Lakers to a 12-2 scoring advantage in the quarter.

"It was her first game in, well, in a long time," Greene said of O'Dena. "She did a lot of smart things out there. She has a lot of court sense."

O'Dena scored four points in the quarter and finished her first game in almost two months with six points. Neither team generated much of anything in the final quarter, with the Lakers outscoring Rochester, 6-5.

Lynn Gerber paced West Bloomfield with 10 points. Barciewicz, Ann Claverilla and Stephanie Smith each contributed eight for the Lakers.

McColgan's 11 markers led Rochester, with Bauer adding 10. Only two other Falcons scored in the contest, however.

The loss dropped Rochester to 11-6. West Bloomfield plays Detroit Northwestern at home Tuesday. Game time is 8 p.m.

## Panthers win soccer crown

The Panthers, a soccer team composed of 10 and 11-year-old boys from the northwest suburbs, won the Lakes Area Youth Soccer League championship last Sunday with a 3-2 victory over the Thunderbirds.

The Panthers had posted nine straight wins during the regular season and the league semifinals.

The team scored 47 goals during the season and allowed only 11. The Pan-

thers' leading scorer was inside forward Dave Daniel, who scored 15 goals and assisted on 11 others during the regular season. Winger Marty Wolfe scored 12 goals, and teammate Kevin Broughton had eight more.

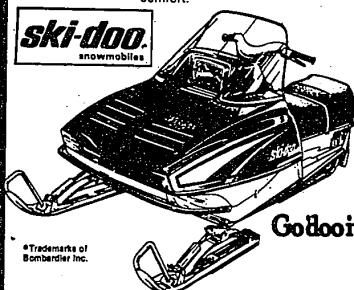
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