

# Brother Rice tops cage list; Rice close 2nd

By C.J. RISAK

Once again, Birmingham Brother Rice and Bloomfield Hills Lahser hold the top spots in the Observer & Eccentric area boys' basketball poll.

Rice recorded easy wins over Redford Bishop Borgess (73-51) last Tuesday and whipped Detroit DeLaSalle (54-43) on Friday.

Lahser, front-runners in the Metro Suburban Association (MSA), knocked off Pontiac Northern (44-39) last Tues-

## Area cage standings

AREA PREP CAGE STATS		METRO CONFERENCE		CENTRAL BRACKET	
(As of Feb. 11)					
OVERALL STANDINGS	W L GB	Hamtramck	W L GB	Brother Rice	W L GB
O.L. St. Mary's	14 0 x	Hager Woods	4 3 4	Catholic Central	8 1 x
St. Mary's	12 1 x	Lutheran East	5 4 4	St. Anne	5 4 3
BH Lahser	13 2 x	Lutheran North	4 5 3	U-D	3 6 5
St. Christian	11 2 x	Cranbrook	3 5 5 1/2	DeLaSalle	2 7 6
Brother Rice	12 x	Country Day	0 9 9	Bishop Borgess	1 8 7
St. Lathrop	11 4 x				
St. Joseph	9 5 x				
St. Ignace	8 7 x				
St. Ignace	7 8 x				
St. Ignace	6 9 x				
St. Ignace	5 10 x				
St. Ignace	4 11 x				
St. Ignace	3 12 x				
St. Ignace	2 13 x				
St. Ignace	1 14 x				
St. Ignace	0 15 x				

day and Rochester Adams (73-64) Friday.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's, a Class C school playing in the Catholic C-D League's West Division, remained the only unbeaten team in the area as it posted wins over Ann Arbor Gabriel (85-44) and Detroit St. Andrew (68-47).

Three teams in the poll, Southfield-Lathrop (fourth in the poll), Southfield (fifth) and Southfield Christian (seventh), are located only a few miles

apart and yet consistently come up with respectable cage teams every year.

Lathrop has an 11-4 won-lost record this season. But, in what seems to be the pattern every year, the Chargers are destined to another second-place finish behind perennial MSA champ Lahser.

None of the three Southfield teams are very big. Lathrop's frontline consists of Greg Seach (6-foot-3), Paul Bobbitt (6-3) and Mel Tucker (6-2 1/2). But the trio is productive — in last Friday's overtime win over Birmingham Groves, Seach poured in 21 points and Tucker had 20.

SOUTHFIELD IS anchored by forward Vincent Bean, an outstanding all-around sports performer. Bean, a selection on several all-state teams in football, leads the Blue Jay cagers in scoring this season.

Joining Bean on the Southfield frontline is Dave Sucher and Darryl Darden, with John Piper and Byron Greer at the guards. Southfield, under the guidance of Greg Sivka, is in the chase for the Southeastern Michigan Association championship.

Currently, both Ferndale and Southfield are tied for the conference lead with one loss apiece.

Southfield Christian, a Class D school, is the least known of the three schools. Christian has won 11 of 13 games this season and is one of four teams tied for the lead of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Leading the Eagles is guard Steve Hall and forward Dan Messner. Both the team's losses have come in league play, against Grosse Pointe University Liggett and Pontiac Oakland Christian. The Eagles have since avenged both those setbacks.

In sixth place in the O&E poll is Rochester. The Falcons, under the tu-

### O&E CAGE POLL

(Records as of Feb. 11)

1. Brother Rice (27 points) . . . 12-3
2. B.H. Lahser (21) . . . 10-2
3. O.L. St. Mary's (14) . . . 14-0
4. Southfield-Lathrop (13) . . . 11-4
5. Southfield (9) . . . 9-5
6. Rochester (6) . . . 9-5
7. Southfield Christian (3) . . . 11-2

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Players should arrive 30 minutes before their tryout in order to register. There is a \$2 non-refundable tryout fee at the door.

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Girls participating in high school soccer during the spring are not eligible.

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