

Rice 1st, St. Mary 2nd in poll

There are a few minor shakeups, and the emergence of one new team, in this week's Observer & Eccentric prep basketball poll in Oakland County.

Birmingham Brother Rice remains our unanimous selection for the No. 1 spot with its 7-0 record (not including Tuesday night's game at Detroit Catholic Central). Coach Bill Norton's Warriors' won two Catholic League Central Division games over Harper Woods teams Notre Dame and Bishop Gallagher last week.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's, the only other undefeated team in our coverage area with a 7-0 mark, moves up two notches into the No. 2 spot, replacing Southfield-Lathrup.

Lathrup, which lost a big Metro Suburban Activities Association home game to Royal Oak Dondoro, 64-59, Friday night, drops to No. 3 in the rankings.

THERE IS A tie for the No. 4 spot between Rochester Adams and Birmingham Seaholm.

Adams is riding a six-game win streak after losing its first game. The Highlanders are tied for first place in the MSAA with Dondoro after demol-

basketball rankings

ish Birmingham Groves, 81-55, Friday night.

The Maples, likewise, have put together a five-game win streak after losing their opener to Lathrup. Seaholm is the only undefeated team in the Southeastern Michigan Association races.

Detroit Country Day drops from No. 3 to the No. 6 spot in the ratings after losing its first game of the season to Detroit Lutheran West last week. The Yellow Jackets are 7-1 overall.

West Bloomfield is the new team in the top seven, nailing down the No. 7 spot with its 4-3 record. The Lakers re-

BASKETBALL RANKINGS

(Records as of Jan. 12)

1. Brother Rice (21)	7-0
2. St. Mary's (17)	7-0
3. Lathrup (12)	7-2
4. Rochester Adams (10)	6-1
4. (tie) Seaholm (10)	5-1
6. Country Day (9)	7-1
7. West Bloomfield (2)	4-3

place Auburn Heights Avondale in that final spot.

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field, Southfield, West Bloomfield, Farmington, Troy and Rochester communities.

Sports Editors Tom Baer, Mary Budner and Dennis O'Connor participate in the voting.

First-place votes are worth seven points, second-place votes get six points, third place gets five, and so on.

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