

Lathrup tops Lahser, 50-39



Thurston's Cindy Isenegger and Harrison's Alice Short do battle over a basketball during the Class A district game at Thurston last Thursday.

By Tom Baer
staff writer

Southfield-Lathrup got more than it bargained for in the way of an opponent in the opening game of its own state Class A girls' basketball district Friday night.

Not two Charger standouts — Sandy Niederman and Colleen Betts — both sparked to help Lathrup eliminate Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 50-39.

"Lahser gave us a lot more than we expected," said Lathrup coach Bob Harding, whose team had split the two regular-season meetings with the Knights in Metro Suburban Activities Association play.

Lathrup, now 12-9 on the season, advances to the district semifinals to face Bloomfield Hills Andover today at 7 p.m. Lahser bows out with an 8-10 mark, the school's first losing record since coach

John Hansen look over in 1973.

Niederman, an outstanding 5-foot, 11-inch senior forward, led all scorers with 17 points, sitting on six of 15 field goals and five of nine free throws. Betts, a 5-5 forward, added 16 points.

"But I thought we lost the game on the boards," said Lahser coach John Hansen after the game. The statistics proved him right. Niederman and Betts each grabbed 15 rebounds, and center Dianna Brooks snatched 14 to help Lathrup dominate the rebounding.

Lahser's Tracy Sugg, a 5-9 junior, led the losers with 14 points and did a fair job of guarding Niederman on a five-and-one defense. "Tracy played a good game, but she just wasn't enough," Hansen said.

"WE ZONE pressed full court," Harding said. "We felt we could wear Lahser down and keep that Sugg from

getting too many shots. It worked. I know that in the first half we had 39 shots to their 19."

Lathrup jumped off to a 15-8 lead after the opening quarter and maintained the same distance (27-30) at halftime.

Lahser closed to within three (33-30) in the third quarter, but Lathrup came roaring back with three-straight baskets by Brooks, Betts and Kim Taylor to go up by nine (39-30). The Chargers were never seriously challenged after that.

Good foul shooting kept Lahser in the game, especially in the first half. The Knights made 11 of 20 free throws before Sugg missed one in the second quarter. Lahser was 17 of 25 from the line.

"We really worked on those free throws," Hansen said. "I'll bet we shot 100 each for the last two days. And each player has to hit five in a row be-

fore she can leave practice."

The winner of the Lathrup-Marian game plays the Birmingham Groves-Bloomfield Hills Andover contest for the district championship 7 p.m. tomorrow. The district champion advances to the Class A Berkley Region, which will be held Nov. 30 to Dec. 4.

LATHRUP 49 - LAHSER 39

SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP (49) — Colleen Betts 7, 2-4; 16; Dianna Brooks 2, 1-2; 8; Karen Hunt 1, 0-1; 2; Kim Kersten 2, 2-4; 6; Sandy Niederman 6, 5-11; 17; Kim Taylor 2, 0-2; 4. TOTALS: 20, 10-19, 34.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER (39) — Amy Dick 1, 0-1; 2; Tracy Sugg 6, 3-4; 14; Nancy Hecker 0, 0-2; 2; Veronica Stover 2, 0-2; 4; Allison Stewart 1, 1-4; Julie Simmons 0, 0-2; 2; Lisa Thayer 0, 0-2; 2. TOTALS: 11, 17-25, 39.

TELE. POLES — Lathrup 20, Lahser 19. FOULED OUT: Hecker (BHM), Brooks (SL), Kersten (SL). LATHRUP 18 12 14 9 — 59 LAHSER 8 12 14 3 — 39

Andover cagers 'Reap' benefits

By Tom Baer
staff writer

Bloomfield Hills Andover girls' basketball coach Laurie Stasiak decided to play a sophomore substitute, and now the Barons are "Reaping" the benefits.

That sophomore, 5-foot-6 Kelly Reap, scored eight fourth-quarter points — including the game-winning basket in the closing seconds — to key the Barons' comeback behind 47-46 victory over Birmingham Seaholm Friday in the

opening round of the state Class A district at Southfield Lathrup.

Two of Andover's three victories this season were over Seaholm. Stasiak's Barons survive to play Birmingham Groves 9 p.m. this evening at Lathrup.

"This is tremendous," Stasiak said after the game. "I can't believe this is really happening. Andover won a state tournament game. It's been a whole lot of years since that happened."

Andover was losing by nine points (37-28) after

the third quarter, but rallied for 19 fourth-quarter markers while holding Seaholm to eight.

Reap, who finished with a game-high 15 points, ended up with the basketball following a jump ball in the Andover end with six seconds left to play. She sank a short jump shot to pull Andover ahead, 47-46.

The final buzzer sounded before Seaholm could get the ball inbounds.

Reap had made a layup with 16 seconds left to pull Andover to within one, 47-46. A Baron then deflected Seaholm's inbounds pass and the officials called the jump ball.

ANDOVER STARTED

the comeback by scoring the first six points of the fourth quarter on baskets by Beth Mastura and Karen Hall and two free throws by Margie Hungerman.

That spurt cut the Maps lead to three (37-34) and the Seaholm fouls were mounting up. Seaholm lost its tallest player, 6-3 Nanette Charler, on fouls early in the fourth quarter.

And Seaholm wasn't making crucial free throws down the stretch. As their lead dwindled, the Maps missed the lead ends of three one-and-ones in the last three minutes.

Seaholm had a hero of

sorts in Lynne Anderson, who scored eight of her team-high 12 points in the third quarter to help the Maps pull away from a 21-all halftime tie to establish the lead.

Starting guard Sandy Kidd scored 11 points for Seaholm, and teammate Beth Bray came off the bench to add nine.

Andover and Seaholm, both members of the Southeastern Michigan Association, played each

other twice during the regular season. Andover won one game by a point, and Seaholm took the other meeting by five points.

Lathrup, which eliminated Bloomfield Hills Lahser in the other district game Friday, plays Birmingham Marian at 7 p.m. on Monday. The winners of Monday's games play for the district championship at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Michigan Christian cagers set standards

By Jim Hughes
staff writer

Garth Pleasant isn't spoiled, nor is he greedy. He's just been to the dance before, and this year he wants to stay until the last song is played.

Pleasant, the head basketball coach at Michigan Christian College in Rochester, is gearing his troops for another season — one which he hopes will lead to another appearance in the National Little College Athletic Association tournament.

Last season, the Warriors of Michigan Christian won the Ohio-Indiana-Michigan district title and went on to the national tournament before bowing out.

"Our goal every year has been to get there," Pleasant said about the national tourney. "Now that we've been there, we want to win it. We're going to have to beat some very good teams in the district, but like every year, our goal is to get there. "And this year," he said, "our goal is to win it."

ONE OF THE keys to Michigan Christian's success will be the play of small forward Ricky Brown, a 6-foot-2 sophomore from Stateville, Ga. Brown averaged 16 points per game last year for the two-year college.

Two other sophomores are on the team, along with a lengthy list of newcomers. Mike Taltrow, a sophomore guard from Troy, and Tom Johnson, a sophomore center from Fort Wayne, Ind., return from a team which posted a 17-5 record last year.

Some key fresh faces include Noel Roberts, Lonnie Fuller and Ken Carson. Roberts, a 6-2 guard, along with Wayne Harris, a 6-2 forward, come to Michigan Christian by way of Antigua. Harris and Roberts were members of the Antigua national basketball team, which is coached during the summer months by Oakland University's Lee Fredericks.

Fuller is a 6-2 forward from Oak Park and Carson is a 5-1 guard from Detroit Northeastern. Other first-year players — all freshmen — are Tony Rana, 6-4 from

Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes; Kevin Henson, 6-11 from Flint; Al Bugg, 6-5 from Sterling Heights Christian; Mark Carney, 5-10 from Pontiac Northern and Milk Watkins, 5-10 from Detroit Northeastern.

"WE'RE SMALLER than last year," Pleasant said. "We don't have that big kid in the middle. We are a quicker team and I think we have more bench strength. Last year, the guys played real well together. I think if the guys develop that same type of chemistry, we have the potential to do even better than last year."

"There's still a lot of question marks, though," Pleasant said.

The Warriors will begin to answer some of those questions Tuesday when they host Farmington William Tyndale in a 7:30 p.m. game at Oakland University.

Michigan Christian will begin a six-game road series Nov. 30 when it plays the University of Windsor freshmen. The Warriors next home game will be Jan. 14 when they host the Windsor freshmen in a 7:30 p.m. game at Oakland University.

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Instructions to bidders that must be met may be obtained at the Clerk's Office at the above address on or after 10:00 A.M., Monday, November 22, 1982, upon paying a deposit of \$100.00 which is non-refundable. Proposals must be submitted following instructions furnished by the City of Farmington Hills. These proposals shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of the actual price, payable to the City of Farmington Hills as surety for acceptance of a contract.

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The City reserves the right to waive any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and/or informality, and to make the award that it deems to be in the best interest of the Commission in the best interest and advantage of the City of Farmington Hills. Based on site location, interest, experience and competence of bidder and price bid; the price bid will be one of three factors weighed by the Commission.

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