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Athens, once 3-0 and sitting alone alog the Metro Suburban Association ladder, finds liself with a 3-2 league mark. Lathrup, meanwhile, a slow that the same last exactor this season, has established itself with a 3-2 league the its shared last season with Royal Oak Dondero.

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each.
In contrast, the Chargers had four players dent the double-digit column in

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN owns first place in the Michigan Independent Albielte Conference as a result of its 46-32 victory over Grosse Pointe Uni-versity-Ligget Friday. Christian is 6-2 overall and 5-2 in the conference. Doug Dietzman, a 6-foot-2 justice for-man agreement of the conference.

Doug Dietzman, a 6-foot-2 Junior for-ward, scored 18 points and pulled down 12 rebounds for SCS, and teammate Dan Severen contributed inte points, eight rebounds and three steals. J.T. Parks scored 12 points for Liggett, now 7-2 overall and 4-2 in the conference. On Tuesday, Christian travels to Int-stee Huron Valley Lutheran for another MIGA context.

# Southfield shells Troy

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Never mind that the Southfield High School baskeball team he coaches had just wen its eighth game in nine starts this season and its serentistraight in the Southeastern Michigan Association by a whopping margin of 77 points.

Never mind that the Blue Jays seemed to be at the top of their run-and-que game — at least for a half — in ripping Troy, 81-84, before a large and enthusiastic home crowd. The coach still wasn't satisfied. We didn't play real smart in the first half and I'm real disappointed about that, 'sald Sliwka. Then, all week we were not playing against the zone defenses we think Troy's going to show us.

"And then they (the Coils to achead and show us those defenses, and we just can't react. I was not happy with that at all."

With Southfield having trouble with Troy's denses and playing some alopy hall to boot, Troy stayed too close for Sliwka's comfort in the first half.

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daily newspapers, led by three (13-10) after the
opening quarter and by eight (31-23) at halfitme.

AFTER INTERMISSION, Southfield stopped trying to figure out defenses and returned to its offensive strengths — a speedy running game and

lots of accurate outside shooting.

Troy was out of it soon after the second-half tip as the Jays put together two 25-point quarters while holding the Colus to 31 second-half points.

"At least we had a chance for awhile there," said Troy coach Jim Clary. "We were having great suc-cess getting the ball inside to our big men (6-foot.7 Al Meacham and 6-6 Jeff Schmidt), but they just weren't making the shots.

"We were down by eight points at halftime and that's a few too many agianst a team like South-field. We were lost once Southfield speeded it up. Once their kids go up-tempo, we're lost. Their just too fast for us."

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Joey Walton, a senlor 6-2 guard, led the winners with 18 points, Michael McCaskill, a 6-4 senior forward who was instrumental in getting the Jays to the Class A semilinals last season, contributed 14 points and eight assists.

Vince Baldwin and Charile Hart added 11 and nine points, respectively, for Southfield, which shot 54 percent (34 of 61) from the floor.

MEACHAM LED all scorers with 20 points. Schmidt followed with eight, and John Mann and Jim Carlson added six each. Troy shot 30 percent from the field, hitting on 17 of 56 attempts. Another statistic — turnovers — is telling, Southfield used a full-court press to force 20 Troy turnovers. The Jays were gullty of 12, but Troy seldom turned them into points.

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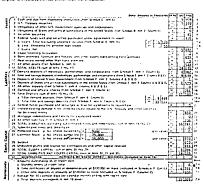
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