

# Lathrup cagers put down Troy

Troy Athens dug itself into deep hole while Southfield-Lathrup continued its climb atop Friday as the Chargers posted a easy 87-40 high school basketball victory in the Red Hawks' gym.

Athens, once 3-0 and sitting alone atop the Metro Suburban Association ladder, finds itself with a 3-2 league mark. Lathrup, meanwhile, a slow starter this season, has established itself as a bona fide contender for the league title it shared last season with Royal Oak Dondore.

The Chargers are 3-2 in the league and 6-5 overall. Athens' overall slide slipped to 4-7.

The Lathrup win caused a four-team jam-up for first place in the league. Lathrup's win, coupled with Birmingham Groves' 51-37 victory over Bloomington Hills Laborer, caused a four-team jam-up for first place in the league. Lathrup, Athens, Lathrup and Groves each own 3-2 league records.

In the Charger-Red Hawk clash, Lathrup had its way from start to finish as the Lathrup defense held Athens' leading scorer — Alex Petruska — to just nine points. Two of Athens' other scoring weapons — Mike Alfano and Larry Davison — managed just six each.

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

the scorebook. Ron Smith led all scorers with 16, Mike Carlthers and Curtis Riley each had 12, and Scott Shafer tallied 12.

Lathrup set the tone early as it took a 16-6 first-quarter lead before extending the margin to 38-17 by halftime. The Chargers increased the advantage to 58-29 by the end of three quarters.

Lathrup was 30 of 64 from the floor for 47 percent while Athens hit 14 of 59 for an abysmal 24 percent.

Tuesday, the Red Hawks are home against Hazel Park while Lathrup hosts Birmingham Seaholm.

**SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN** owns first place in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference as a result of its 46-32 victory over Grosse Pointe University-Liggett Friday.

Christian is 6-2 overall and 5-2 in the conference. Doug Dietzman, a 6-foot-2 junior forward, scored 18 points and pulled down 12 rebounds for SCS, and teammate Dan Severn contributed nine 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 Inkster Huron Valley Lutheran for another MICA contest.

## Lathrup gymnasts win

Southfield-Lathrup opened its gymnastics season on a successful note by beating Birmingham Seaholm, 114-105, last week.

Lathrup sophomore Lana Horowitz finished first in balance beam (8.95), uneven parallel bars (8.65) and floor exercise (9.25) and took a second place in vaulting (8.45). Seaholm's Katie

Dahn won vaulting and placed second in the three other events.

Jenny Scranton of Lathrup placed third on bars (7.1), floor (7.6) and beam (7.4).

Lathrup plays next on Monday at home against Farmington Harrison. The meet begins at 7 p.m. at Thompson Middle School on Lincoln west of Greenfield.

## Southfield shells Troy

By Tom Baer  
staff writer

Greg Siliwka wasn't happy.

Never mind that the Southfield High School basketball team he coaches had just won its eighth game in nine starts this season and its seventh straight in the Southeastern Michigan Association by a whopping margin of 27 points.

Never mind that the Blue Jays seemed to be at the top of their run-and-gun game — at least for a half — in ripping Troy, 81-54, 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," said Siliwka. "I mean, all week we work on playing against the zone defenses we think Troy's going to show us."

"And then they (the Colts) go ahead 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 defenses and playing some sloppy ball to boot, Troy played too close for Siliwka's comfort in the first half.

Southfield, the Observer & Eccentric's No. 1-rated team and top-10 material for both Detroit daily newspapers, led by three (13-10) after the opening quarter and by eight (31-23) at halftime.

**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 23-point quarters while holding the Colts to 31 second-half points.

"At least we had a chance for awhile there," said Troy coach Jim Clary. "We were having great success getting the ball inside to our big men (8-foot-7 Al McEacham and 6-8 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 against a team like Southfield. We were lost once Southfield speeded it up. Once their kids go up-tempo, we're lost. Their just too fast for us."

Joey Walton, a senior 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 semifinals last season, contributed 14 points and eight assists.

Vince Baldwin and Charlie 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 guilty of 12, but Troy seldom turned them into points.

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