



# Southfield Lacks Height

## Blue Jays Basketball Season Is...?

With the graduation of Brad Allen, lanky 6-7 All-Area and All-Observer center, and Roger Peterman, high scoring 6-4 forward, the high flying Southfield Blue Jays will be flying a little short this season.

"We are really hurting in the size department and will have to concentrate on a running game," said Southfield Coach Don Kaup.

The Blue Jays, who open against Redford Union on Dec. 3, finished 8-2 last year in their conquest of the Southeastern Michigan crown, and were 16-3 overall.

"We won the first 15 games

last year," said Kaup. "Then we lost one point decision to Hazel Park, 73-72 and Ferndale, 61-60."

SOUTHFIELD captured the first flash of the regionals over Dearborn, 72-67, but lost in the second round to Fordson, 76-51.

"Our squad is composed of all seniors with three returning starters," added Kaup. "We are not lacking in experience — just height."

The three lettermen are: Rick Moscow, a 6-2 All-League forward; Randy Levine, a 5-11 guard and Mike Kliman, a 5-8 guard.

The two that round out the starting center are Mark Stiles, who will be a late starter due to a bone fracture in his hand occurred during football season, and center Mark Lundall who stands 6-5, and will be playing his first season on the varsity.

"We can't explain the reason for an all-senior squad except that there has been a poor turnout in junior sports," stated Kaup.

SOUTHFIELD won the Christmas tournament last year but has decided to drop out of the holiday meet this year and therefore added two games on its schedule.

"There was just a lack of interest and a conflict involving holiday vacations," said Kaup. "We added games with Fordson and Bloomfield Hills Andover to replace the tournament."

The Blue Jays play their first league game at Ferndale on Dec. 10.

"Birmingham Seaholm is the team to beat this year in the league," declared Kaup. "It has four returning lettermen and it appears that we will be fighting it out for second with Royal Oak Kimball."

"If our fast breaking offense improves, we should give

Seaholm a good battle but our lack of size is going to work against us all season," added Kaup.

This year's squad is quite a change from the 1970-71 attack where Kaup had Brad Allen at 6-7, Bob Green at 6-5 and Roger Peterman at 6-4.

ALLEN is playing basketball at Central Michigan and Green at Eastern Michigan. Peterman is playing football at the University of Kentucky.

"Allen, Green and Peterman averaged 42 points a game," stated Kaup.

Kaup has coached varsity basketball at Southfield for four years and has compiled a 60-12 record including one outright and two co-championships.

Before making the move to Southfield, Kaup coached for eight years at Detroit Visitation and compiled a 117-21 record which included five Catholic A-West championships.

"It is going to be a challenging year," concluded Kaup. "One where we will have to out-run our opponents to victory."

## No. 1 Lathrup Captures Its Goals In Only 4th Year Of Competition

By W.W. EDGAR

Few football teams have set as many goals — and reached them — as Southfield Lathrup in the high school season just closed.

Long before the first kickoff in September — the Chargers, and the coaching staff headed by Darryl Harper, set their sights on four lofty goals. In order they were:

- To square accounts with crosstown rival, Southfield High.
- To conquer Pontiac Northern and take the curse off what had been labeled a "freak" victory last season.
- Successfully defend the Inter-Lakes Championship.
- Finish the season undefeated.

No mention was made of any possible ranking among the pollsters at that stage of the campaign.

THE CHARGERS — and their coaches — felt that if the four goals were reached the rankings in their state prep polls would take care of themselves.

So, what happened?

The first goal was attained when the Chargers

humbled Southfield and squared their series at two victories each.

Next came the game with Pontiac Northern. And from the first kickoff it was evident that no "break" would decide this encounter.

It may be recalled that a year ago the Chargers were on the losing end until the final seconds when the most notable "goof" of the entire season turned defeat into victory.

That was the play in which Dave Chism, the Pontiac quarterback, thinking he heard the final whistle tossed the ball into the air in a gesture of triumph.

It so happened the final whistle hadn't blown. Instead the Chargers took the ball and raced it over the goal line for a touchdown that brought the triumph.

The play was noted from coast to coast as the most unusual game ending in years.

This time there was no freak and the Chargers upset Pontiac beyond all argument.

Then came the final test — the meeting with Royal Oak Kimball, undefeated champion of a rival league.

IT MADE LITTLE difference to the Chargers.

They were on their way now. But in spite of a long string of victories and the league title tucked away, conductors of the major polls ignored them.

This was sad news for Kimball as the Chargers, battling for recognition, left little doubt as to the better team with a decisive victory. Only Birmingham Seaholm remained a barrier and that was overcome with ease.

The four goals had been reached.

They could be ignored no longer.

And while the Observer Newspapers rated them tops in the area, the major polls placed them second — behind Muskegon High.

All four goals had been reached in only the fourth year of competition. It may take a long time to equal that mark.

FLYING HIGH? Southfield High basketball coach Don Kaup has had his Blue Jays flying high the past four years compiling a 60-12 record. But this year Kaup could be grounded as the Blue Jays lack size and height they have had in the past winning seasons.

**IN THE POCKET**  
By W.W. EDGAR

There's an old saying in the world of tempins that "Bowlers Never Forget."

It will be proven again this weekend at Westland Bowl when the Michigan Major Association dedicates its monthly tournament to the memory of Al Dent, one of the original boosters of the group, who died the past year.

Modeled much after the Pro Bowlers Tour, the Michigan Majors have filled a long-felt need with the monthly tournaments in various sections of the state.

They bring together the state's outstanding amateurs in a rugged two day test and the events are becoming more and more popular.

The preliminaries and qualifying rounds are scheduled on (this) Saturday, with the finals Sunday afternoon.

It is understood that a record entry will step to the firing line when competition begins.

DICK PRESTON, one of the veterans of the All-Star Classics, is enjoying one of his better seasons.

He contributed the highest series of the week in Observerland when he posted a 742 series to pace the Garden Lanes Classic. He led his closest rival, Fred McLean by 39 pins, while Jeff Messilo landed third with a 664.

Preston and McLean still top the averages with 217 with Ron Kovac far back in third place with a 208 average. Others above double century figures include Paul Sterling 206, Paul Zazac 205, Ron Brennan 202 and Ken Geisler 200.

THANKS to a closing game of 267, Bill Spargo cracked the 700 barrier in the Westland Classic and paced the entire circuit with a 709.

After opening with a 249 he fell to 193 and closed with the big count that gave him a 23 pin margin over Vic Capaldi, who landed second with 686. Jim Wrubelowski landed third with a 682.

Among the oddities of the week, Jack Black, bowling in the Westland Junior House League, converted the 7-10 by

bouncing the No. 7 off the back board to topple the No. 10.

DAVE SOUTAR, the former Detroit star who is fourth among the nation's money winners on the pro tour, lost his charm at Hartford Lanes in the big event last weekend. He finished far behind Don Johnson, who had the title tucked safely away, before he met Dave Davis, the southern southpaw in the finals.

OUNDING A warning to the all-stars in the area that he is bidding for top honors, Harry Fill posted another 700 series during the week.

Bowling in the Wonderland Classic, he put together games of 210, 243 and 255 for a 708 to beat out Bill Lane for pincum honors by seven pins.

Hill's big series enabled the Continental team, captained by Ron Fournier, to register a 3123 series.

SPEAKING OF oddities — Bob Walter contributed one of the most unusual when he bowled identical scores two weeks in a row in the Bel-Aire Classic.

On each occasion he opened with a 158, followed with 224 and finished with 173 for 555. Jim Berringer topped the Classic with a 674, bowing out Tom Smith by three pins and Al Messac landed third with 630.

In the women's circuit, Jackie Dix set a high for the season with 224 — 206 — 157 — 597. In another ladies circuit Gladys Sleska posted a 661 on games of 233, 216 and 263 and Carl and Ken Ausland bowled as a team, registered a 2060 series. Carl, the son, had a 231 in a 776 opening game.

THE FATHER & Son League at Merri Bowl set a fine target for all other circuits when the combinations of Mike and Bud Moran and Carl and Ken Ausland bowled as a team, registered a 2060 series. Carl, the son, had a 231 in a 776 opening game.

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NO. 1 — It was a number one season for Lathrup Coach Darryl Harper and his Chargers. The four goals they had set were accomplished in a perfect 9-0 season.

## Tigers Open April 11 With New York Yankees

Opening day at Tiger Stadium will arrive later in 1972.

The curtain raiser, matching the Tigers with the New York Yankees, will fall on Tuesday, April 11 — five days later than opening day in 1971, earliest in the club's history.

The 1972 home season also will close later, the curtain dropping Wednesday, Oct. 4, an afternoon match-up with the Boston Red Sox. There have been closing dates that late in other seasons, but none recently.

The home schedule, announced by Jim Campbell, executive vice-president and general manager, lists the 81 games to be played on 78 dates, the same as last year, with 49 night dates, the same as the last two campaigns.

THE FIRST GAME under the lights will be April 28 against the Chicago White Sox, eight days later than 1971, and the last will be Oct. 4 with the Red Sox, latest night game in Tiger Stadium history.

There are only three doubleheaders, two on Sundays with the Red Sox July 30, and the Cleveland Indians Aug. 13, plus the usual twi-nighter for Shrine Night June 6, with the California Angels. The only holiday date will be a single Labor Day game with the Indians Sept. 4. It will be played at 7:15 p.m. — as will all Monday night games, of which there are 10. Saturday afternoon games will be at 1:15 p.m. (except two in April at 2:15) and there are 11 of them, plus one Saturday night game with the Yankees Sept. 9.

Other night games will be at

8 p.m., afternoon single games and doubleheaders at 1:30 and twi-nighters at 5:30.

THE YANKEES' opening day visit will be their first since 1962 when Frank Lary and the Tigers wrested a 3-3 decision in 35-degree weather before 29,411 fans.

An unusual feature of the schedule is four visits by the Yankees instead of the usual three for an Eastern division foe. The American League champion, Baltimore Orioles have drawn seven night games out of nine they will play at Tiger Stadium, including two in a long weekend stand June 30-July 3.

Ticket prices for 1972, including special rates for season and combination plans, will be announced soon, Campbell said.

## Schoolcraft Knocked Out Of Regionals

Schoolcraft dropped a 4-2 decision to Macomb Community College in the first round of the soccer regionals at Delta College, Bay City.

Macomb went on to win, qualifying for the nationals in Miami, Fla.

Doug Anglin of Novi and Iain MacDonald of Livonia scored the goals in the loss to Macomb which saw Schoolcraft outshoot its opponent, 21-10.

In the consolation round, Macomb took a 4-2 beating at the hands of Lorraine College.

## First Contest

Wayne State University's WSU Stadium was opened October 25, 1968, with a 61-29 Homecoming victory over Washington (Mo.) University.

## All-Area Grid Picks Coming

Wednesday's Observer Sports section will feature the All-Area football teams, selected by Sports Editor Tom Donoghue and 15 high school area coaches.

Featured will be an All-Observer defensive squad and an All-Observer offensive team, along with the coach of the year.

See Wednesday's Observer for the "dream teams."

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