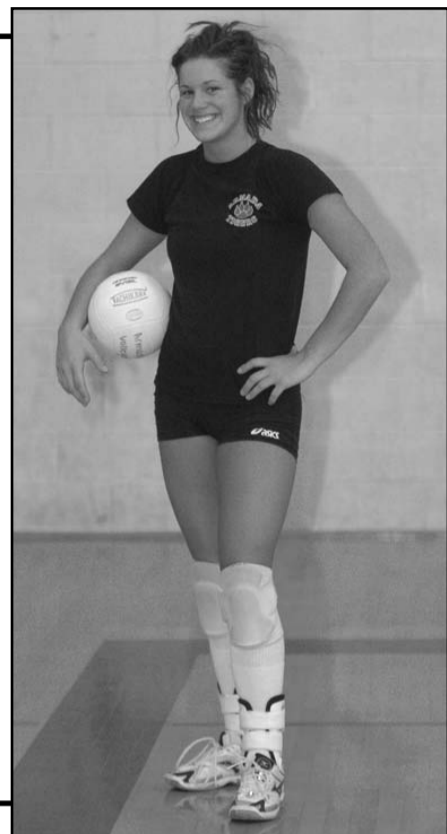




**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

**St. Clair Shores blanks Trojans**



**Jacqueline Kaltz**

■ **School:** Armada  
 ■ **Sport:** Volleyball  
 ■ **Year:** Senior  
 ■ **Net gains:** Kaltz recorded eight kills and three blocks in Armada's 25-17, 27-25, 22-25, 25-17 victory over BWAC rival Capac.  
 ■ **Big hitter:** Kaltz also hammered down nine kills in Armada's 26-24, 25-23, 26-24 triumph over Yale.



■ **Thomas leads Lakers to 2-0 victory.**

**By Bruce Mason**  
 Special to The Macomb Daily

**TRENTON** — The St. Clair Shores Unified Lakers displayed such characteristics — particularly while forechecking — during a 2-0 shutout victory against Traverse City Central on Saturday at the Michigan High School Hockey Showcase at the Trenton Kennedy

**Hockey**

Recreation Center. "To play Traverse City Central and beat them ... it's outstanding," said Lakers head coach Frank DiCristofaro, whose team improved to 17-1-2 after winning both tournament games this past weekend. "There's college scouts all over the place."

Those scouts witnessed Lakers goaltender Ed Thomas — who made 20 stops en route to a shutout — make a save with less than five minutes remaining in the second period that changed the complex-

ion of the game. Clinging to a 1-0 lead while killing a penalty, Thomas denied a Trojans forward at the left post with a quick, side-to-side movement, and his teammates fed off the momentum by putting the game away less than a minute and a half later. That was when the Lakers' Andrew Dion took a pass from Paul Stewart and slapped the puck past Trojans goaltender Hunter Kelly — who made 25 saves — with 3:07 remaining in the second period for a 2-0 lead.

"That's been happening to us," said DiCristofaro, referring to the momentum shift resulting from the save by Thomas.

"His concentration is excellent. Quick side-to-side, quick with the glove — all the basic fundamentals of a goalie. It's hard to get rebounds off him."

Actually, it's tough to even get a puck toward the direction of his crease, thanks to the Lakers' sound defensive play in their zone. And on the other end of the rink, St. Clair Shores forwards played with energy as they pressured Traverse City in the attacking zone and disrupted breakouts.

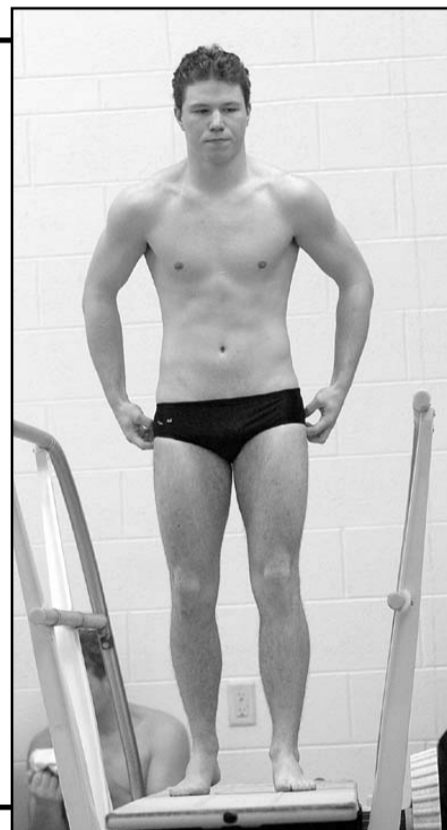
Trojans head coach Chris Givens said his team was thrown off by the forecheck-

ing style of the Lakers. "They came at us harder than a lot of teams," said Givens, whose team dropped to 9-9-4 on the season, including 1-1 in the showcase tournament. "I was impressed. If they keep playing like that, I definitely expect them to make some noise in the playoffs."

The Lakers' Mark Zasucha opened the scoring with 1:28 remaining in the first period on assists from Nick Gwozdz and Vinny DiCristofaro. Little did he know at the time, it would be all Thomas needed as his defensive mates cleared traffic in front of the crease and limited the Trojans' scoring chances the rest of the way. In the third period, St. Clair Shores held Traverse City Central to just one shot on goal.

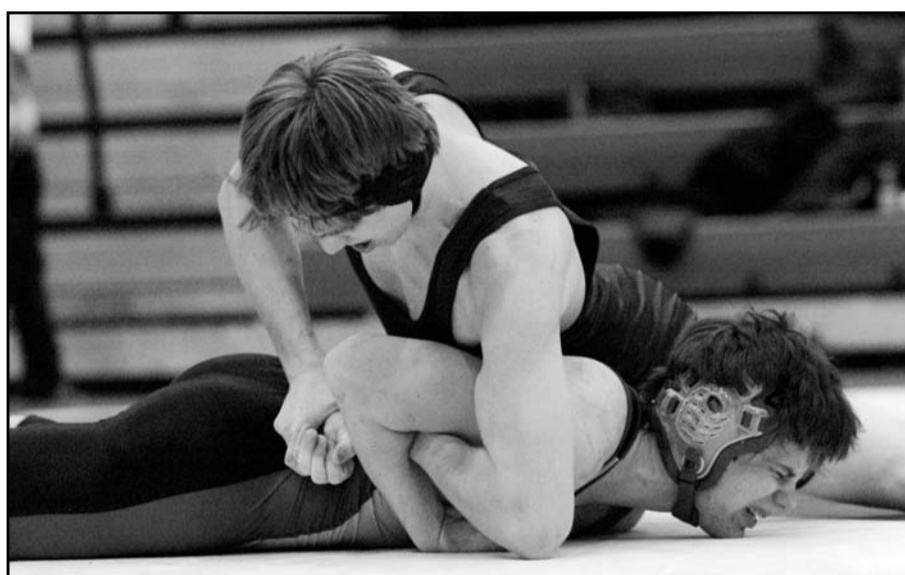
"I'm really proud of the way our kids forechecked," DiCristofaro said. "They have become relentless. They dig like little bulldogs biting at the bottom of your legs."

**ST. CLAIR 3, ANCHOR BAY 2:** Aaron Peal and Anthony Shaner scored as the Tars fell to St. Clair, 3-2. Freshman goalkeeper A.J. Gaglio made 21 saves for Anchor Bay, who host Marysville at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.



**Anthony Stadwick**

■ **School:** Roseville  
 ■ **Sport:** Diving  
 ■ **Year:** Senior  
 ■ **History maker:** Stadwick became the first individual champion from Roseville at the Macomb County Swimming and Diving Championship when he prevailed in the diving competition. He recorded a score of 473.80 — the second-best score in Macomb County history — and earned MVP honors at the county meet.  
 ■ **What he's saying:** "It feels unbelievable," Stadwick said. "I didn't think I'd even have a chance at this."



Macomb Daily photo by Dave Angell

**Sterling Heights Stevenson's Nate Dibble, top, puts a reverse chicken wing on Warren Woods-Tower's Tom Salyers.**

**County's top five**

1. **L'Anse Creuse:** Despite loss to Grosse Pointe South, Lancers still riding high after winning county championship.
2. **Chippewa Valley:** Big Reds' depth paid off with second-place showing at county meet.
3. **Eisenhower:** Eagles placed third at county meet and have bright future with freshman Kevin Galerneau.
4. **Dakota:** Cougars still have showdown with Chippewa Valley for MAC White crown.
5. **South Lake:** Cavaliers are Macomb County's only unbeaten team.

**Sterling Heights clinches MAC Silver crown**

■ **Seniors Irwin, Jaworski spark Stallions.**

**By John Hetzler**  
 Macomb Daily Sports Writer

Sterling Heights became the latest swimming team from Macomb County to claim a Macomb Area Conference championship when the Stallions defeated Warren-Mott on Friday to claim the MAC Silver dual-meet title.

With the victory, Sterling Heights improved to 4-0-1 in the division and 5-5-1 overall. Warren-Mott fell to 4-1 in the MAC Silver and 5-4 overall.

Seniors Anthony Jaworski and Brad Irwin each won two events for the Stallions against the Marauders. Jaworski prevailed in the 200-yard individual medley and 100 backstroke, and Irwin captured the 50 freestyle and 500 freestyle.

Freshman Horea Calimente (200 freestyle) and sophomore John Dayco (100 butterfly) also won events for Sterling Heights, and the Stallions prevailed in the 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay.

Sterling Heights started the season with the highest turnout in coach John Foradori's three years with the Stallions, and the MAC Silver championship indicated the program continues to move in the right direction.

Sterling Heights placed 12th at the Macomb County meet last week.

**Ups and downs**

Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse enjoyed the highs and endured the lows of an up-and-down week.

The Lancers' rollercoaster ride began with the program's first team title at the Macomb County Swimming and Diving Championships last Saturday.

Then L'Anse Creuse suffered its first dual-meet loss of the season against Grosse Pointe South on Wednesday as the Blue Devils edged the Lancers out for the MAC Red Division dual-meet championship.

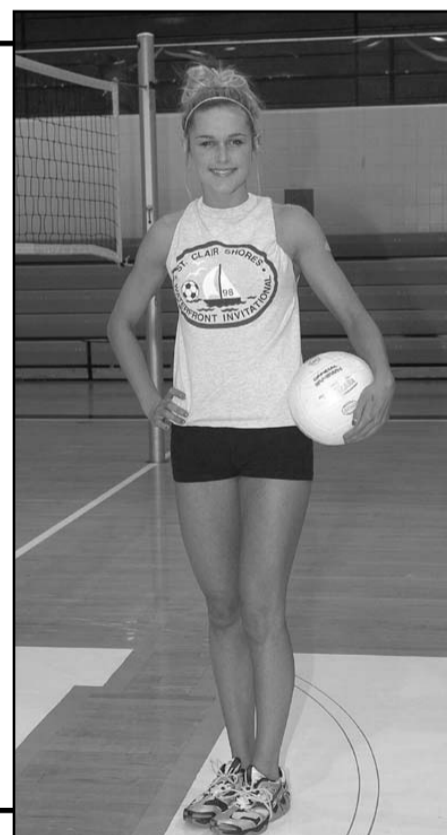
On Thursday, L'Anse Creuse rebounded with a MAC crossover victory over Clinton Township Chippewa Valley, the runner-up at the county meet.

**Meet of the week**

**Clinton Township Chippewa Valley at Macomb Dakota, Thursday.** The two district rivals square off with the MAC White Division dual-meet title on the line. Both teams enter with 3-0 records in the division, and both come off strong showings at the Macomb County meet with Chippewa Valley finishing second and Dakota placing third.

**This week's schedule**

MONDAY, FEB. 12		THURSDAY, FEB. 15	
<b>Basketball</b>	University Liggett at Parkway Christian	<b>Gymnastics</b>	MAC Division Meet (@ Fraser)
<b>Volleyball</b>	Madison at Clintondale Ford at Warren-Mott Mount Clemens at Fitzgerald Anchor Bay at Fraser Armada at Almont Roseville at Marine City Port Huron Northern at L'Anse Creuse L'Anse Creuse North at St. Clair Center Line at Hazel Park Lake Shore at Lakeview Lamphere at New Haven Utica at Warren Woods-Tower Grosse Pointe South at Dakota Chippewa Valley at Grosse Pointe North Cousino at Romeo Roseville at Marine City Port Huron at Stevenson East Detroit at South Lake Croswell-Lexington at Richmond Kingston at Memphis	<b>Basketball</b>	Bethany at Macomb Christian Anchor Bay at Fitzgerald
		<b>Swimming</b>	Eisenhower at Grosse Pointe North, make-up Warren Woods-Tower at Fitzgerald Warren-Mott at Cousino De La Salle at Detroit Catholic Central Romeo at Lake Orion Lake Shore at Lincoln Sterling Heights at Roseville Warren Woods-Tower at Fitzgerald
		<b>Volleyball</b>	Croswell-Lexington at Armada L'Anse Creuse North at Stoney Creek Quad Bethany at Macomb Christian Memphis at North Huron Southfield Christian at Parkway Christian Warren-Mott at Dakota
		<b>Wrestling</b>	MHSAA Districts - Team
TUESDAY, FEB. 13		FRIDAY, FEB. 16	
<b>Basketball</b>	Sterling Heights at East Detroit Chippewa Valley at L'Anse Creuse Clintondale at Center Line Dakota at Clarkston Warren-Mott at Marysville Stevenson at Grosse Pointe North New Haven at St. Clair Croswell-Lexington at Armada Macomb Christian at Franklin Road L'Anse Creuse North at Port Huron Fraser at Anchor Bay Madison at Mount Clemens Utica at Grosse Pointe North Parkway Christian at Roeper Notre Dame Preparatory at De La Salle Conner Creek West at Winans Academy Fitzgerald at Roseville Warren Woods-Tower at Lake Shore Lincoln at South Lake Lakeview at Clawson Romeo at Eisenhower Richmond at Yale Port Huron Northern at Ford Immaculate Conception at Mt. Carmel Utica at Waterford Kettering (@ Lakeland Ice Arena)	<b>Basketball</b>	Fraser at Sterling Heights Chippewa Valley at Utica Clintondale at Warren Woods-Tower East Detroit at South Lake St. Clair at Warren-Mott Anchor Bay at Fitzgerald Lake Shore at Lakeview Mount Clemens at Lincoln Ford at Roseville L'Anse Creuse North at Stevenson Memphis at North Huron New Haven at Madison Richmond at Croswell-Lexington Macomb Christian at Huron Valley Romeo at L'Anse Creuse Parkway Christian at Southfield Christian Grosse Pointe North at Dakota Almont at Armada Grosse Pointe South at Cousino Urban Lutheran at Immaculate Conception Central Academy at Eaton Academy Metro Conference Tournament - first round
<b>Hockey</b>	St. Clair OR Marysville at Dakota (@ Suburban Ice - Macomb) De La Salle at Walled Lake Northern	<b>Hockey</b>	St. Clair Shores Unified at Eisenhower (@ Suburban Ice - Macomb) University Liggett at Dakota (@ Suburban Ice - Macomb) Romeo at L'Anse Creuse (@ Mount Clemens Ice Arena) L'Anse Creuse North at Ford (@ Great Lakes Sports City) Utica at Stevenson (@ Troy Sports Center) Port Huron at Warren-Sterling United (@ Viking Arena)
<b>Swimming</b>	Lake Shore at Cousino, make-up Eisenhower at Anchor Bay Ford at Sterling Heights Roseville at Fitzgerald South Lake at East Detroit L'Anse Creuse at Fraser Lakeview at Stevenson	<b>Wrestling</b>	MHSAA Districts - Individuals
<b>Volleyball</b>	Clawson at Lutheran North Macomb Christian at Waterford Christian Roeper at Parkway Christian		
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14		SATURDAY, FEB. 17	
<b>Hockey</b>	St. Clair OR Marysville at Anchor Bay (@ Glacier Pointe) Troy at St. Clair Shores Unified (@ St. Clair Shores Civic Arena) Utica at Waterford Kettering (@ Lakeland Ice Arena)	<b>Hockey</b>	Eisenhower at Chippewa Valley (@ Great Lakes Sports City) Dakota at Anchor Bay (@ Glacier Pointe) Romeo at L'Anse Creuse North (@ Mount Clemens Ice Arena) Port Huron Northern at St. Clair Shores Unified (@ St. Clair Shores Civic Arena) Lamphere at Stevenson (@ Troy Sports Center) Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central at Utica (@ Suburban Ice - Macomb) St. Mary's Prep at De La Salle
<b>Volleyball</b>	Eisenhower at Utica Dakota at Ford Lincoln at Roseville Richmond at Yale Marysville at Anchor Bay L'Anse Creuse at Chippewa Valley Fitzgerald at Madison Warren Woods-Tower at Port Huron Clintondale at Lamphere Center Line at Mount Clemens Stevenson at L'Anse Creuse North Sterling Heights at Cousino Lakeview at East Detroit	<b>Volleyball</b>	Lincoln, Center Line, Clintondale, Fitzgerald, Immaculate Conception, Lake Shore, Lutheran North, Memphis, Mount Clemens, New Haven, Richmond, South Lake, Warren Woods-Tower, Parkway Christian at B-C-D Tournament at Armada Chippewa Valley, L'Anse Creuse North, Lakeview at Anchor Bay Tournament Dakota at Northwood Tournament Fraser at Mattawan Invitational Warren-Mott at Waterford Mott
		<b>Wrestling</b>	MHSAA Districts - Individuals
			<b>SUNDAY, FEB. 18</b> No games scheduled



**Ashley Zappitell**

■ **School:** Utica  
 ■ **Sport:** Volleyball  
 ■ **Year:** Junior  
 ■ **Setting things up:** Zappitell recorded 21 assists and six service points in Utica's 25-14, 25-13, 25-16 victory over Port Huron in a MAC Blue Division matchup on Wednesday.



**Kyle Hunt**

■ **School:** Sterling Heights  
 Henry Ford II  
 ■ **Sport:** Basketball  
 ■ **Year:** Junior  
 ■ **Hot shooting:** Hunt scored 13 points and grabbed five rebounds in the Falcons' 56-46 victory over Grosse Pointe South in a MAC White Division game Wednesday.

