

# SCS Unified coach heads into hall

**Lakers rolling: Clinch MAC Red, sweep showcase games**

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Macomb Daily Sports Writer

Not a bad week to be St. Clair Shores Unified coach Frank DiCristofaro.

With a 5-1 win over MAC Red foe St. Clair last Wednesday, his Lakers (11-0-1, 23 points, 17-1-2 overall) clinched the division title, then rolled their momentum into the

**Hockey Notebook**

MIHL Showcase at Trenton last weekend, beating Howell 3-1 and Traverse City Central 2-0.

The icing, though? DiCristofaro's induction into the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Wednesday.

In 26 seasons of high school coaching, DiCristofaro has posted a 357-177-44 record and won two state titles — first with Allen Park Cabrini in 1989 and with

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— **Daryl McCarrel, Anchor Bay hockey coach after loss to St. Clair**

Southgate Anderson in 1995.

The veteran coach began playing high school hockey at St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, and went on to play at the junior level with the Detroit Junior Red Wings before an ankle injury forced him off the ice and ultimately to behind the bench.

"It's been one heck of a sleigh ride," DiCristofaro said.

Senior forward Mark Zasucha scored in both Trenton Showcase

games and senior forwards Nick Gwozdz, Andrew Dion and Justin MacPhee provided the balance of the Lakers' remaining goals.

Senior goaltender Eddie Thomas was in net for both wins. His shutout of Traverse City Central was his third of the season.

**Close call**

New Baltimore Anchor Bay came up just moments short of piecing together a four-game MAC Red win streak on Saturday, falling to St. Clair 3-2.

After Aaron Peal opened scoring for the Tars in the second period, the Saints registered the equalizer. An Anthony Shaner goal for Anchor Bay (4-6-1, 9 points) in the third period was matched by St. Clair (10-3-0, 20 points) with six minutes remaining, and the Saints notched the game-winner with 32 seconds left.

"It was a tough loss," said Tars coach Daryl McCarrel. "For us to be there and compete with those guys and actually have an opportunity to win showed a lot of character."

# Ford clamps down, dismisses Ike

**Wichmann on fire, rolls a 524 series for Falcons.**

The Macomb Daily Sports Staff

Shelby Township Eisenhower has made a steady run up the standings in the MAC Red this season.

**Bowling** Sterling Heights Henry Ford II put an end to that Friday.

The Falcons, led by Kenny Wichmann's 524 series, topped the Eagles 22-8 in a battle of the division's top two teams. The win gives Ford (7-2) first place all to itself. Wichmann rolled games of 258 and 266 and Anthony Radtke added a 416 series in the victory. Kyle Burnett's 378 series led Eisenhower (6-3).

Romeo beat Stevenson 21-9, slowing down the Titans, who were also making a run for the division title. David Kennedy (440 series) and Kevin Houser (392) were the Bulldogs' top-two bowlers. Brad

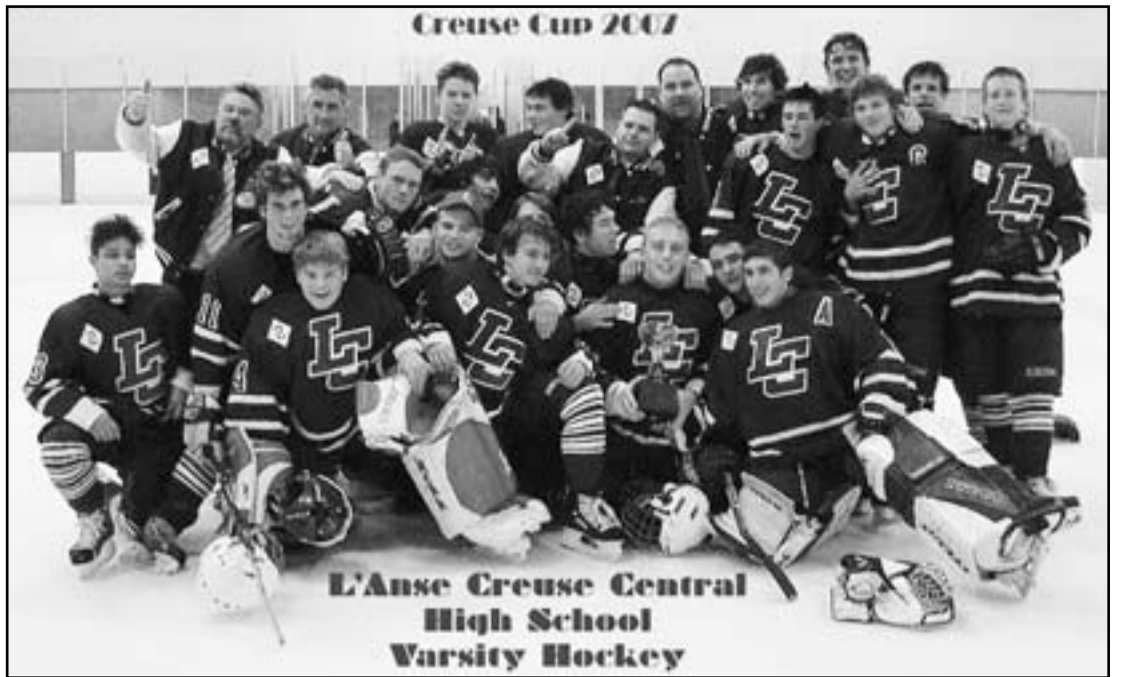
Burgess (426) was tops for Stevenson (5-4). Romeo is now 4-5 in league play.

Macomb Township L'Anse Creuse North doubled up Utica, 20-10. Leading LCN was Derek Emerson (43) and Travis Bondar (414). Utica's top scorer was Chaz Leopoldo (391).

On the girls' side, Stevenson took another step forward, remaining undefeated in the league with a 27-3 win over Romeo. The Titans' Jessie Druzynski's 468 series included a 245 performance. Samantha Vandenbussche added a 385 for Stevenson (9-0).

Utica kept pace, defeating L'Anse Creuse North in a sudden-death roll off, 102-73. The two teams tied in regulation, 15-15. The Chieftains' Bailey Miller had a 353 series to lead her team. Sara Litteral's 363 led all scorers. Utica is now 8-1 in Red competition.

Ford won for the second time in league play, defeating Eisenhower 23-7. Leading the Falcons was Paige Mathison, who fired a 377 series. Eisenhower's Caitlin Haigh had a 290.



Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse celebrates winning the Creuse Cup following its 5-2 win over Macomb Township L'Anse Creuse North on Saturday. The Lancers and Crusaders have played for the cup in the teams' last meeting against the other each season since 2006.

Tars freshman goaltender A.J. Gaglio made 21 saves in the loss.

"A.J. played outstanding," McCarrel said. "He made a flurry of stops in the second period on a five-on-three. He did a great job keeping us in the game."

**Creuse crazed**

Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse's 5-2 win over Macomb Township L'Anse Creuse North on Saturday not only helped hoist the Lancers (6-4-1, 13 points) into a tie for third-place in the MAC White, it brought them some hardware as well. The Lancers skated off with

the Creuse Cup, a newer rivalry trophy awarded to the winner of the final L'Anse Creuse/L'Anse Creuse North meeting of each season. Last year, the Crusaders (5-5-2, 12 points) won the cup in its first season of existence.

**Games of the Week**

Not to be overlooked this week is Warren De La Salle's Saturday tilt against Novi Detroit Catholic Central in the Catholic League tournament final. Both the Pilots and the Shamrocks are both coming off losses from last weekend. De La Salle lost 3-0 to Grosse Pointe South; Catholic Central

lost to Cranbrook-Kingswood at the Trenton Showcase.

With the fate of the MAC Red already determined, the MAC White title contenders remain in action. Sterling Heights Stevenson (8-1-2, 18 points), Romeo (7-3-1, 15 points), and L'Anse Creuse (6-4-1, 13 points) are all still alive in the standings, and the Lancers need to win out to remain in the hunt.

The first test for L'Anse Creuse comes against Stevenson at Great Lakes Sports City on Wednesday.

Sports writer Jon Malavolti contributed to this report

# Wrestling Team Districts

<p><b>DIVISION 1</b></p> <p>All matches Thursday, unless noted</p> <p>(Host Grosse Pointe South)</p> <p>Semifinal — East Detroit vs. Grosse Pointe North, 5 p.m.; Roseville vs. Grosse Pointe South, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Championship — TBD</p> <p>(Host Sterling Heights)</p> <p>Semifinals — Fraser vs. Cousino, 5 p.m.; De La Salle vs. Sterling Heights, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Championship — TBD</p> <p>(Host Chippewa Valley)</p> <p>Semifinals: Chippewa Valley vs. L'Anse Creuse North, 5 p.m.; Dakota vs. L'Anse Creuse, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Championship — TBD</p> <p>(Host Port Huron Northern on Wednesday)</p> <p>Semifinal: Port Huron vs. Port Huron Northern, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Championship — Anchor Bay vs. Port Huron/Port Huron Northern winner, 10 minutes after semifinal</p>	<p>(Host Rochester Hills Stoney Creek)</p> <p>Semifinals: Utica vs. Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, 5:30; Romeo vs. Eisenhower, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Championship — TBD</p> <p>(Host Ford)</p> <p>Semifinals: Warren-Mott vs. Ford, 5:30 p.m.; Stevenson vs. Troy Athens, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Championship — TBD</p> <p><b>DIVISION 2</b></p> <p>All matches Wednesday</p> <p>(Host Marysville)</p> <p>Semifinals — Lake Shore vs. Lakeview, 6 p.m.; Algonac vs. Marysville, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Championship — TBD</p> <p>(Host Lincoln)</p> <p>Semifinals: Lincoln vs. Warren Woods-Tower, 6 p.m.; Center Line vs. Fitzgerald, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Championship — TBD</p>	<p><b>DIVISION 3</b></p> <p>All matches Thursday</p> <p>(Host Lamphere)</p> <p>Semifinals: Madison vs. Mount Clemens, 5 p.m.; Lamphere vs. Notre Dame Prep, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Championship — TBD</p> <p>(Host Almont)</p> <p>Semifinals: Richmond vs. Armada, 6 p.m.; Almont vs. Lutheran North, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Championship — TBD</p> <p><b>DIVISION 4</b></p> <p>All matches Wednesday</p> <p>(Host Memphis)</p> <p>Semifinal — Memphis vs. New Haven, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Championship — Lutheran Northwest vs. Memphis/New Haven winner, 10 minutes after semifinal</p>
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# VOLLEYBALL: MHSAA will conduct its CHAMPS clinic at state finals again

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be the first team to wrap up a MAC title this year. With a win Monday against Grosse Pointe South and another one Wednesday against the Falcons, Dakota will remain undefeated in the MAC White with the next closest team in the division having at least four losses. The Cougars would improve to 9-0 in the division with three games remaining.

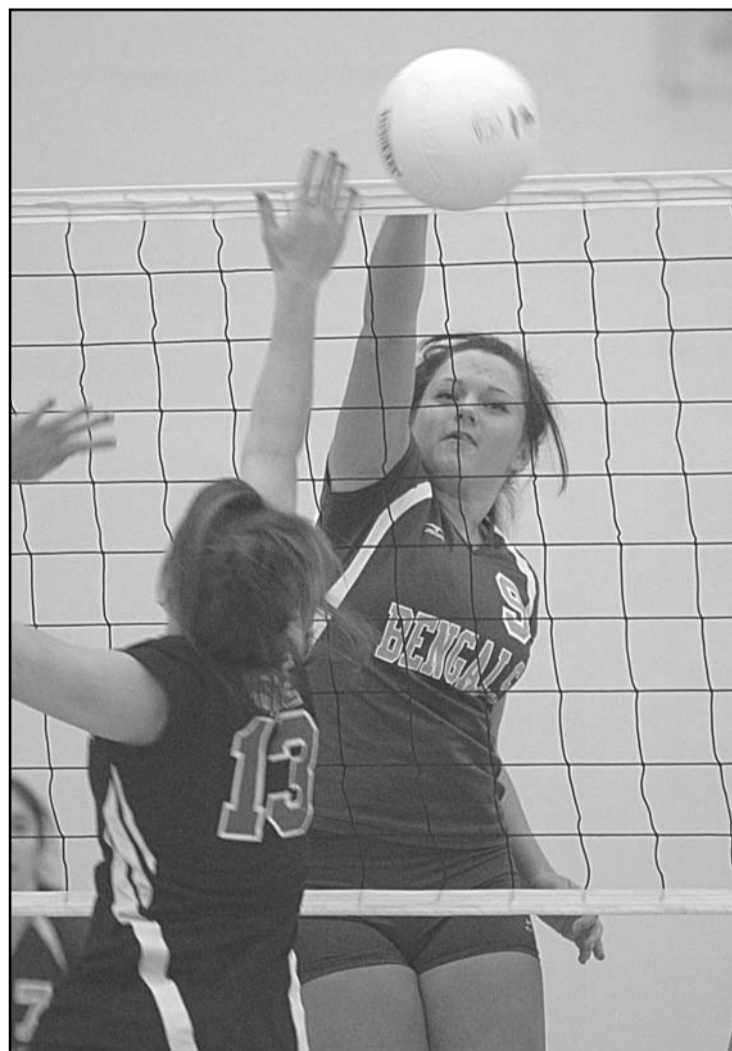
**CHAMPS clinic set**

The Michigan High School Athletic Association, in cooperation with the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Western Michigan University, is in its ninth year of conducting a youth clinic at the MHSAA Girls Volleyball Finals, with this year's event taking place in Kalamazoo on March 17.

CHAMPS (Cooperation, Hard Work, Attitude, Motivation, Participation, Sportsmanship) Clinics target local female junior high/middle school-aged students and their parents in a morning-long workshop designed to provide game skills and life skills information. Supported locally by the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Western Michigan University, the CHAMPS Clinics are free.

Enrollment in the CHAMPS Clinic is limited to the first 60 girls and their parents - parental attendance is a requirement. The clinic will take place from 8 a.m. to noon in the University Arena and Student Recreation Center on the campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, where the four MHSAA Girls Volleyball Finals will be conducted.

"The CHAMPS Clinic has been a hit at our Girls Volleyball Finals," said Jack Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "The kids receive some great on-the-court skills training from some of the best clinicians around, while their parents hear



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**Warren Immaculate Conception's Oksana Blowytsky (9) puts down an attack against Marine City Cardinal Mooney last Monday.**

about the things that are truly important about high school sports - safety, sportsmanship and scholarship in the classroom."

The parent's portion of the program will focus on academic requirements in high school and beyond; sports nutrition; and parental perspectives about educational athletics.

All youngsters participating in the CHAMPS Clinic will receive a t-shirt, and lunch will be provided for all players and parents. CHAMPS Clinic participants and their parents will also be guests of the MHSAA for the

Girls Volleyball Finals that day, and the participating youngsters will be recognized on-court at the during the Class D championship match.

A registration form can be downloaded from the Recognition page of the MHSAA Web site. Registration questions should be directed to: Renea Peruski, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Western Michigan University, 4024 Student Recreation Center, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49008-3871.

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