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Morgan Pressel leads field in Hawaii — **3C**

Gruenberg, Jaynes seek perfection

■ Colonna guns for 4th straight district crown.

By Chuck Pleiness
Macomb Daily Sports Writer

Last year, three wrestlers from Macomb County entered the individual state tournament undefeated. All three — Sterling Heights Henry Ford II's Vinnie Colonna, Fraser's Blake Mesyn and Warren Cousino's Anthony Mistretta — advanced to the championship match of their respective Division 1 weight classes at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

This year, two wrestlers — Eastpointe East Detroit's Chris Gruenberg and Richmond's Justin Jaynes — have made it through the regular season and the

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first round of the team state tournament to enter the individual end of the season without a loss.

Gruenberg, a senior, had his string of two straight district titles snapped last year by Mesyn.

Colonna, who has one loss this year, will look to add another piece to his impressive high school wrestling career. If the senior wins his weight class today, it'll be his fourth straight district title. Colonna, who fell in the 130-pound championship match a year ago, won district titles at 130 last year, 119 his sophomore year and 112 as a freshman.

If Colonna pulls it off, it'll be the sec-



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mada.

Richmond's Ken Thomas was the last wrestler from the county to win four straight district titles at one school. He won four straight Division 3 titles from 1999-2002.

ond straight year a county wrestler won his fourth straight district title. New Baltimore Anchor Bay's Ben Boudro captured No. 4 last year. Boudro accomplished his feat at two schools, winning two apiece for the Tars and at Ar-

Two other wrestlers will look to move past the halfway point to four straight district titles today — St. Clair Shores Lakeview's Steve Light and Warren Woods-Tower's Brennan Brumley. Light won at 103 as a freshman and 119 a year ago, while Brumley captured titles at 125 as a freshman and 130 last year.

In all, 11 wrestlers return to defend district titles — Colonna, Light, Brumley, Jaynes, Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse's Ricky Muysenberg, Roseville's Robert Nash, Roseville's John Chandler, Shelby Township Eisenhower's Brett Correll, Warren Lincoln's Anthony Janke, Richmond's Ed Henry and New Haven's Ryan Matthews.

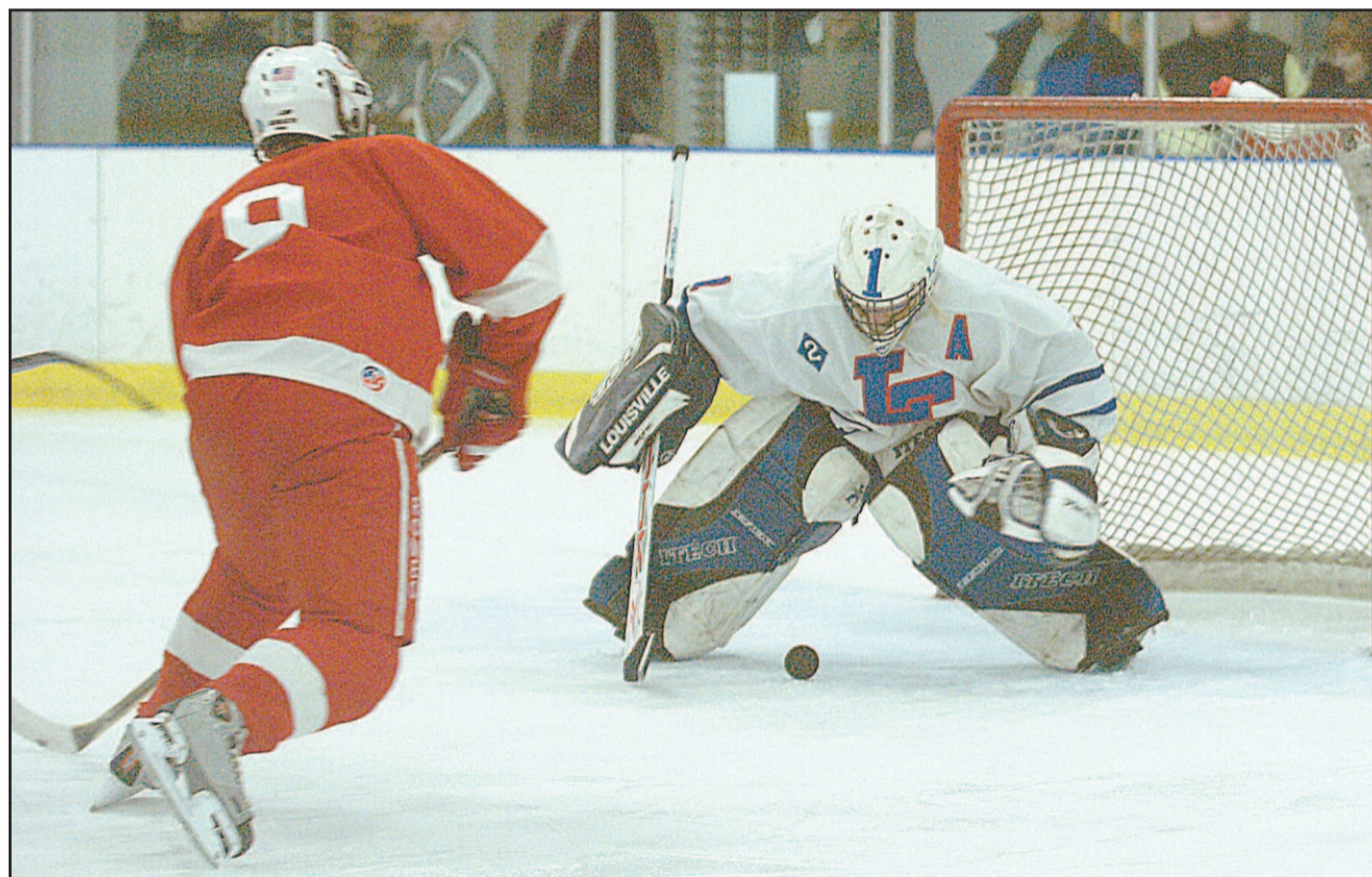
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Macomb Daily file photo

Sterling Heights Henry Ford II's Vinnie Colonna is trying to be the second straight county wrestler to win four consecutive district titles.

Lancers, Bulldogs skate to draw



Macomb Daily staff photo Ray J. Skowronek

Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse goalie Justin Hentschel makes a save in the first period on Romeo's Robert Binroth in a Macomb Area Conference White Division hockey game at Mount Clemens Ice Arena. The Lancers came from two goals down to tie the Bulldogs, 2-2.

Romeo's chance at MAC White title slipping away

By Chuck Pleiness
Macomb Daily Sports Writer

MOUNT CLEMENS — Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse forward Ryan Champine used his baseball skills at the rink Friday night at Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

Champine, a standout on the Lancer baseball team, batted in a backhand shot out of midair by David LaFleur with a minute and 52 seconds left in the game to lift the Lancers to a 2-2 tie with Romeo in a Macomb Area Conference White Division hockey game.

"We teach our kids to put the puck on net," said L'Anse Creuse coach Chuck

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Gebell, whose team goes to 6-5-2 in the MAC White and 8-10-4 overall. "Then (our baseball player) batted in like he was swinging at the plate. He's done that a couple times this year for us."

The goal, which came after L'Anse Creuse couldn't get anything going on a power play moments earlier, capped a comeback by the Lancers, who trailed 2-0 midway through the second period.

Romeo, which fell to L'Anse Creuse 4-2 earlier this season, needed a win to have a better chance at catching Sterling Heights Stevenson for the lead in the division. The

Bulldogs can only tie for the top spot if they win their final two games and the Titans lose their next two.

"We just need to finish games," said Bulldogs coach Rich Boggio, whose team is now 7-3-2 in the MAC White and 11-6-3 overall. "And with (the state tournament) coming up we better learn it fast."

Kody Belanger scored the first goal for L'Anse Creuse on the power play and goalie Justin Hentschel made 14 saves.

Romeo got goals from Alex Hawkins and Rob Hutchinson, while goalie C.J. Jansen made 24 saves.

The Bulldogs opened the scoring just 16

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Leyland: 2006 is over and done

■ Tiger manager wants to stress new beginning.

By Jim Hawkins
Journal Register News Service

LAKELAND, Fla. — Jim Leyland made it clear in his opening spring address to his players and to the media Friday: The team the 2007 Tigers have to fear most this season is themselves.

"We won't be destroyed by our opponents," the Tigers manager declared as the reigning American League champions began preparing for their defense of that title. "The only way we can be destroyed is if we destroy ourselves."



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York, they all might beat us. But they can't keep us from being a good team — unless we self-destruct by taking too many pats on the back for last year or we get hit with a rash of injuries.

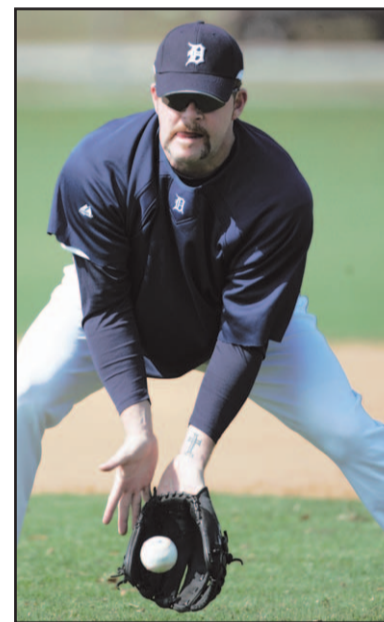
"I don't know if we'll win anything this year, but we won't be a flash in the pan, I can promise you that," Leyland guaranteed. "We're a good team."

But, beginning Friday, Leyland doesn't want to hear another word about what happened last year.

"I'm not going to talk about 2006 and I don't want to hear the team talking about 2006," the Tiger manager ordered. "That's going to be a 'no-no.'"

"It's a wonderful memory, but it's history. It's in the books. We're not looking back. You can't chew yesterday's breakfast. But 2007 is not in the books. That's the end of that conversation."

"Oh-six is done and over with," pitcher Joel Zumaya proclaimed lat-



AP photo

Detroit Tigers reliever Todd Jones fields a grounder during the first day of workouts in Lakeland, Fla.

er, echoing his manager's words.

And pity the player who doesn't heed Leyland's admonition.

It's not that Leyland isn't pleased and proud of what his long-forlorn team accomplished in unexpectedly winning the pennant last year.

It's just that he believes they can do better.

"I'm not going to mention any names, but we've got some players here that can get better — and they're good right now," continued Leyland, who began looking ahead, thinking about this season, shortly after the 2006 World Series ended. "I don't think we've reached the ceiling."

"They got a taste of it last year, playing for something in September

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Wings lose out in sweepstakes to lure Forsberg

By Bruce MacLeod
Macomb Daily Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ari. — Despite having seven Swedes in the locker room, the Detroit Red Wings are one Swede short of where they hoped to be today.

Detroit general manager Ken Holland made a trade offer to the Philadelphia Flyer for Peter Forsberg earlier this week. But late Thursday, it was the Red Wings' Central Division rival, the Nashville Predators, who won the Forsberg sweepstakes.

Nashville traded two former first-round draft picks — forward Scottie Upshall and defenseman Ryan Parent — and a first- and third-round pick in this summer's draft. Forsberg can become an unrestricted free agent after this season.

"We made a real good offer on him and obviously it wasn't good enough," said Detroit coach Mike Babcock. "But that's the way that trades go. ... When you're making a trade, everybody has their own opinion of players. We offered what we thought we could spend, but they obviously didn't feel it was as good an offer as Nashville's. That's all."

While Holland has until the trade deadline of Feb. 27 to make another move, Nashville is ahead of the Red Wings in the standings now and have gotten better in the eyes of Red Wing players.

Forsberg has won two Stanley Cups and two Olympic gold medals.

"They're adding a world-class player to their lineup, one of the best players in the world," said Detroit captain Nicklas Lidstrom, a team-

mate of Forsberg on the 2006 Olympic championship team from Sweden. "He's a playmaker. They're adding a top-notch player. ... I believe that the Wings were one of the teams that were interested in him too. He could pretty much dictate where he wanted to go."

The Red Wings still have five games against Nashville left on their schedule in the regular season. Come playoff time, however, Nashville and Detroit wouldn't meet until the second round unless one team or the other flops down the stretch. Currently, Nashville is the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference and Detroit is the No. 4 seed.

"(Forsberg) is just a tremendous playmaker," said Detroit's Mathieu Schneider. "He's a lot like Pav (Datsyuk) and Hank (Zetterberg); he sees guys so well. He's just really strong on the puck,

always a threat from anywhere."

One connection that Forsberg has with Nashville is that his agent, Don Baizley, is also the agent for Paul Kariya, Nashville's leading scorer. Baizley once orchestrated the signing of two of his clients — Kariya and Teemu Selanne — with Colorado on the same day.

One connection that the Red Wings have with Forsberg is a locker room heavily populated with Swedes. Five of the Red Wings were teammates with Forsberg at the 2006 Olympics, winning gold medals together.

After Friday's practice at the Ice Den in Scottsdale, Henrik Zetterberg hinted that at least one Red Wing might have been in contact with Forsberg leading up to this week's trade.

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Forsberg to debut

Nashville's recent acquisition will play today.

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SPORTS

Vikings hold off Huskies for crown

■ Lakeview can't knock off defending champ Marysville in district final.

By Matt Fahr
Special to The Macomb Daily

MARYSVILLE — St. Clair Shores Lakeview came within inches of knocking off defending champion Marysville on their home mat on Friday night. Instead, the Huskies season came to an end in the District 157 finals 46-30.

The two crucial matches began just four weights into the finals at 135 pounds.

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and held him in place just over the mat for over a minute and a half of the second period, but could not get the pin to seal the match. Saunders came back and pinned Fischer just 45 seconds into the third period to earn the win and give Marysville a lead they would never relinquish.

Huskie Josh Lowsie faced the same situation versus Chris Little at 140 pounds, but also could not gain the six points and was pinned in the third period. "That is where the match

Ben Fischer had his opponent Drew Saunders dominated

swung. We could have given up, but those guys just kept fighting and the points swing worked in our favor," Viking head coach Derrick Meier said after the match.

"We had them on their back and we should have had them. That is a twelve point swing in each match and that is the ball game right there. We wrestled tough tonight," Lakeview head coach Steve Nicholl said of the momentum swing.

Zack Gordon and Matt Isaac each pinned at 189 and 215 respectively, but the margin was too great by then to catch the Vikings.

The Vikings advanced with a 62-15 rout of the Algonac

Muskies, while the Huskies never took to the mat against intracity rival Lake Shore. Injuries, illness and the prospects of individual competition led the Shorians to void in eight divisions, while the Huskies did so in only six and ended up with a 48-36 win.

"It is unfortunate that we will not get a warm-up match, but sometimes things like this happen," Nicholl said of the unusual victory.

Lakeview wrapped up their team season 2-5 in the MAC White, while the Shorians went 6-0 in the MAC Gold.

Warren Woods-Tower will travel to Marysville to take on the Vikings in Regional competition next Wednesday night.



AP photo

Columbus Blue Jackets' Fredrik Norrena, right, makes a save against San Jose's Scott Hannan during the third period in Columbus, Ohio. The Blue Jackets beat the Sharks 3-0.

Defense helps Cousino shut down GPS

■ 'This was a must-win game for us,' Pfromm says.

By John Hetzler
Macomb Daily Sports Writer

WARREN — Defense kept Warren Cousino's hopes for a MAC White Division championship alive.

High School Basketball

Cousino held Grosse Pointe South scoreless for a nine-minute stretch of

the second half, and senior forward Todd Pfromm posted a double-double to lead the host Patriots to a 43-34 victory over the Blue Devils on Friday.

"This was a must-win game for us," said Pfromm, who scored a game-high 18 points and hauled down 14 rebounds. "If we lose it, we're out of the race."

But Cousino won, and stayed in the hunt by improving its record to 14-2 overall and 9-2 in the MAC White. Ford leads the division with an 8-1 league mark.

"We told the guys if we win out, we still have a chance to win the MAC White," Cousino coach Jeff Borja said. "We need a little help, but we just need to focus on winning our games and let everything else work out."

Junior forward Bernard Edwards added 10 points, and junior point guard Rick Powell made five of seven free throws in the final two minutes to help the Patriots prevail.

Senior J.C. Cruse scored 16 points for Grosse Pointe South, but the Blue Devils managed just 15 points in the second half — nine of them in the final 1:22 of the game — as they fell to 9-3 in the MAC White and 12-4 overall.

"We shot 12-for-47," Grosse



Macomb Daily staff photo by Ray J. Skowronek

Warren Cousino's Bernard Edwards puts up a shot near the end of the first half.

Pointe South coach Jay Ritchie said. "Some of that's bad shooting. Some of that's good defense. Their size and athleticism played a big part in that."

Both teams struggled in the first half, but Cousino took charge by scoring the final four points of the second quarter, including a leaper by Edwards at the buzzer, to take a 20-19 lead into intermission.

A basket by Cruse gave GPS a 23-22 edge with 5:19 left in the third quarter, but David Lichocki followed 43 seconds later with a pair of free throws to give Cousino the lead. Pfromm then scored the next six points for the Patriots to send them into the fourth quarter with a 30-25 lead.

Cousino went cold in the fourth

quarter until Edwards made a 3-pointer with 4:55 remaining in the game, but the Patriots' defense took over and held the Blue Devils without a basket until Cruse hit a layup with 1:22 left.

By that time Cousino held a 36-27 lead, and the Patriots made enough free throws down the stretch (8-for-16 in the final two minutes) to hold on for the victory.

"All we talked about all week was holding them," Pfromm said. "They've got some great players. We knew where their key guys go."

Cousino 43, Grosse Pointe South 34				
GP South	9	11	10	13
Cousino	6	13	6	9

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH (9-3, 12-4): Brian Barclay 3, Mike Herzog 8, Jim Sans 5, J.C. Cruse 16, Ft. Shirar 2. Totals: 15 (2) 25 34.

COUSINO (9-2, 14-2): Bernard Edwards 10, Rick Powell 8, David Lichocki 5, Todd Pfromm 18, Matt Balkema 2. Totals: 13 (3) 14 23 43.

HOOPS: Ford downs Roseville, 64-46

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forward Steve Chojnacki (13 points) — to overcome a slow offensive start.

After the Panthers raced out to a 17-point first quarter, Ford switched to a zone defense that limited Roseville to 17 total points in the second half.

Zhaquay Caldwell led Roseville with 13 points, and Eric Woods added 12.

Ford 64, Roseville 46				
Ford	11	21	16	16
Roseville	17	12	11	6

FORD (8-1, 12-4): Aramis Thomas 2, Dan Keith 5, Kyle Hunt 12, Bubba Wouters 9, Steve Chojnacki 13, Nate King 8, Arben Ulidedaj 2, Ryan Emers 3, Nick King 2, Zach Cicchetti 2, Trevor Borsak 6. Totals: 25 (7) 7-12 64.

ROSEVILLE (28, 41-2): Cortez Chambers 2, Marc Moore 9, Eric Woods 12, Brandon Gough 6, Justin Osemelik 4, Zhaquay Caldwell 13. Totals: 17 (5) 7-10 46.

METRO CONFERENCE
MACOMB TOWNSHIP LUTHERAN NORTH 43, CLAWSON 33: The Mustangs held the Trojans to just 17 points in the first three quarters en route to winning their first round game in the Metro Conference Tournament.

Richie Beebe led Lutheran North with 12 points, while Drew Dennison added 11 and Samir Keilani chipped in with eight and six steals.

The top seeded Mustangs will advance to play the winner of Hamtramck and Lutheran Westland at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at home.

Westland was the lone team to hand Lutheran North a loss this season.

"We'd like another shot at them," Mustangs coach Gary Gutenkunst said.

Lutheran North 43, Clawson 33				
Clawson	10	2	5	16
Lutheran North	10	14	8	9

CLAWSON: O'Connell 17, Freeman 10, Copp 4, Vanules 2. Totals: 13 (2) 5-7 33.

LUTHERAN NORTH (8-1, 15-1): Richie Beebe 12, Brian Budchuck 4, Steve Doerflinger 6, Samir Keilani 8, Drew Dennison 11, Mike Lilly 2. Totals: 20 (1) 26 43.

MIAC BLUE DIVISION
STERLING HEIGHTS PARKWAY CHRISTIAN 57, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 51: Joel Williams and Zurlon Tipton each posted double-doubles as Parkway Christian clinched at least a share

of the MIAC Blue Division championship.

Williams finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Tipton added 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Eagles, who improved to 8-0 in the MIAC Blue and 17-1 overall.

Juwan Shakespear had six points, four steals and four assists, and Ryan Height had five assists.

Parkway Christian 57, Southfield Christian 51				
Parkway Christian	17	16	11	13
Southfield Christian	13	13	11	14

PARKWAY CHRISTIAN (8-0, 17-1): Juwan Shakespear 6, Larry Hauser 11, Ryan Height 5, Zurlon Tipton 13, Joel Williams 16, Joe Portone 6. Totals: 21 (2) 9-10 57.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN (4-5, 8-8): Davis 5, Bergtra 6, Brownlee 6, Campton 3, Solt 3, Bussey 20, Lewis 8. Totals: 20 (2) 9-13 51.

MIAC RED
WESTLAND HURON VALLEY 63, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 49: Justin Kuhnle led the Crusaders with 18 points.

Huron Valley 63, Macomb Christian 49				
Macomb Christian	5	19	8	17
Huron Valley	11	13	18	21

MACOMB CHRISTIAN (1-6, 2-15): Justin Kuhnle 18, William Dillon 12, Adam Burt 5, Scott Tucker 11, Chris Moore 3. Totals: 18 (1) 12-19 49.

HURON VALLEY (1-7, 2-15): Greenwald 3, Hoff 4, Metzger 7, Tranchida 2, Press 9, Jones 20, Howell 4, Fielek 4, Enak 2, Tacia 8. Totals: 23 (2) 15-20 63.

HOCKEY: Romeo, L'Anse Creuse skate to 2-2 deadlock

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seconds into the game when Hawkins picked up a loose puck in the slot and sent a wrist shot top shelf over the catching glove of Hentschel. Hutchinson drew the only assist on the goal.

The Bulldogs, who outshot L'Anse Creuse 8-3 in the first 15 minutes, went 0-for-3 with the man advantage in the opening period.

Hutchinson made it 2-0 with 5:42 left in the second period. After Hentschel made the original save on Hawkins, who tried to sneak one past the Lancer goalie down low, the rebound shot right

out to a wide-open Hutchinson and he had nothing but an open net to shoot on.

Just over two minutes later, the Lancers got to within one with a power-play goal from Belanger thanks to a screen in front by Champine. Scott Anderson drew the only assist.

LaFleur had a number of opportunities of his own on the L'Anse Creuse power play, but was turned aside each time by Jansen. LaFleur's first chance came after splitting Romeo's defense to put him in alone on the Romeo netminder. After putting the puck on his backhand, Jansen closed his pads and turned the

puck aside.

Moments later, LaFleur skated in from the side of the crease and unleashed a wicked wrist shot that Jansen stuck out his right pad to stop. However, the rebound went out to Belanger at the point for the goal.

Late in the third, with the score tied at 2-2, Zack Starnes made a game-saving poke check from behind, knocking the puck off the stick of Hutchinson. Hutchinson tipped the puck into the Lancer zone and then got two strides behind the defense. However, Starnes slid on the ice as Hutchinson tried to regain control of the puck and knocked it off his stick.

Memphis takes district crown

The Macomb Daily Sports Staff

Memphis' wrestling team won its fifth straight district championship with a 48-12 triumph over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest in a Division 4 final on Thursday.

Ben Bovee (130 pounds), Brett Burg (135), Chris Morgan (189) and Brandon Zipf (215) all prevailed by

pinfall for the Yellowjackets, who captured their 12th district championship in the last 18 years.

"It feels good for the kids," said Memphis coach Mark Pringle, whose team competes as an independent. "Last weekend we were home while everyone was wrestling in their league meets, so it's nice for the kids to get medals and a trophy today. It's good for the kids."

Memphis advances to a Division 4 regional semifinal matchup against Marlette next Wednesday at Mayville.

Prep Volleyball

MAC WHITE DIVISION
WARREN COUSINO 17-25-15, STERLING HEIGHTS 25-13-25-14-9: Jayna Bell led Cousino with 26 assists, eight kills and five aces, and Kate Sak added 15 kills and four blocks for the Patriots. Emma Liska had 24 digs, and Leslie Russell had 23 digs for Cousino (5-5, 15-15-2).

MAC SILVER DIVISION
MADISON HEIGHTS LAMPHERE 25-25-27, CLINTON TOWNSHIP CLINTONDALE 22-21-25: Sam Joyce finished 11-for-14 attacking with six kills, two aces and a block to lead the Rams to the victory, which creates a three-way tie atop the MAC Silver standings. Jerica Cowles was 10-11 attacking with five kills and a block for Lamphere and Meghann Muldoon added 20 digs.

Irma Campara had eight kills and seven service points for Clintondale (6-2, 9-20-3). Alesha Kovacs added five kills, and Rebecca Phillips had three kills for the Dragons.

Both Lamphere and Clintondale are 7-2 in the division, while the Rams are 9-21-1 overall.

NON-LEAGUE
WARREN FITZGERALD 25-25-25, HARPER WOODS 12-7-21: Heather Lupinski had 34 service points, including seven aces, as Fitzgerald improved to 8-6 overall. Alexis Voorhies added seven kills, Susan Youssif posted 15 assists, Leah Marcotello had seven assists and Mariam Hindo had five kills for the Spartans.

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Gilbert Brule, Fredrik Modin and Sergei Fedorov each had a goal and an assist and Fredrik Norrena stopped 29 shots to give the Columbus Blue Jackets a 3-0 victory over the San Jose Sharks on Friday night.

The Sharks' offensive woes continued as they were shut out for the second game in a row, running their scoreless streak to 148 minutes, 30 seconds.

All three Columbus goal-scorers have had difficulty finding the net over

the last few weeks. Brule picked up his first goal in 16 games, Modin notched just his fifth in his last 27 games and Fedorov scored after not having a goal in his last 11 games.

The Blue Jackets had lost two in a row and five of the last six.

It was Norrena's third shutout of the season. The Blue Jackets, 17-2-4 when scoring first this season, led 1-0 through two periods. Modin slid a drop pass between his skates to Brule, who fed him as he came in along the back boards. Modin tried a wraparound, but was stopped by goaltender Evgeni Nabokov. Modin got at least two more whacks at it and the puck eventually glanced off Nabokov's chest and into the net at the 4:56 mark of the second.

Forsberg's debut with Nashville set for tonight

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Peter Forsberg will make his tonight with the Nashville Predators on home ice, rather than Friday in St. Louis.

Traded to Nashville from Philadelphia on Thursday, a

chance remained that the star center would join his new team against the Blues. Instead, he'll make his first appearance with the Predators when they play host to Minnesota.

The trade marked the biggest in the NHL before the deadline. Nashville gave up two young players — forward Scottie Upshall and defenseman Ryan Parent, along with two draft picks — in exchange for the 33-year-old Forsberg. He had 11 goals and 29 assists in 40 games for the Flyers this season, but has been hampered by an injury to his right foot that caused him to question if this might be his final season.

Forsberg, a late scratch Thursday before Philadelphia's loss to Toronto, was in his final year of a

two-season contract. Philadelphia chose to move Forsberg before losing him without compensation.

"I liked it here and everything, it's just hard when I couldn't commit and that's why they had to move me," Forsberg said. "I understand that."

Nashville is the fourth team for the former league MVP. He was drafted by Philadelphia in 1991 before going to Quebec in the Eric Lindros trade a year later. He helped Colorado win Stanley Cup titles in 1996 and 2001. The Predators give him another chance at the Cup. They own the best record in the Western Conference and have 81 points to sit one point behind league-leading Buffalo.

Starting Saturday, the Predators play four consecutive games at home, where they have sold out only five games this season. Team officials said they hope the trade persuades more fans to show up, especially for the playoffs, where they failed to sell out any of their games in appearances the last two seasons.

When asked if any Red Wing had spoken with Forsberg about coming to Detroit, Zetterberg smiled and answered, "I don't know. He didn't call me. I can say that."

All of the other Swedish Red Wings, however, said that they didn't speak with Forsberg.

"No, I don't think so," said Lidstrom. "I've just been reading what's written in the papers."

This and that
Dominik Hasek will make his

WINGS: Forsberg skips past Detroit and joins Nashville

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first start, tonight, since hurting his right wrist. Hasek has missed the last four games with the injury. In his past 11 starts, Hasek is 9-2-0 and hasn't allowed more than three goals in any start. ... Every player except for Mikael Samuelsson (broken foot) skated at Friday's practice. ... The players, coaches and their fathers had a team dinner together Friday night as part of the Red Wings' annual fathers' trip. ... Andreas Lilja will be a healthy scratch tonight.

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