

Last chance
The L'Anse Creuse North Swimming Invitational, designed to give swimmers a chance to make state-qualifying times or earn medals, will be held tonight at 5 p.m. at LCN.

DiGaetano powers Utica in thriller

■ Chieftains edge
Dakota 7-6 in 2OT.

By Patrick Walters
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MACOMB TOWNSHIP— One more night in the MHSAA state hockey playoffs, and one more multiple overtime thriller.

Midway through the second overtime of Utica and Macomb Township Dakota's pre-regional final, Chieftains junior forward Anthony DiGaetano corralled his own rebound off Dakota goaltender Steve Koch at the left face-off circle and rifled in the game-winning goal top shelf for the 7-6 Utica win.

In a game typical of Utica (13-9-2) and Dakota's (18-7-1) previous two meetings this season, there was no shortage of offensive fireworks.

The Cougars opened the game at a blistering pace offensively and defensively, netting two goals — by junior forward Adam Woods and senior forward Mike Slifco — in the game's first 1:24, and thereafter hounding the Chieftains with forechecking that kept Utica offensively bottled for the first 10 minutes of the contest.

Utica answered with two minutes remaining in the opening period on a 2-on-1 give-and-go from senior forward Mike Guest, but, in a fashion that would be the game's main theme for both teams, there was a near-immediate response.



Macomb Daily staff photo by Ray J. Skowronek

Utica's Steve Gilliland, left, and Jim Strong celebrate after their line tied up the game in the second period.

Five seconds after Guest's score, Woods recorded his second goal on another well-placed, top-shelf drive past Utica's sophomore keeper Adam Bolton to push the Cougars to a 3-1 lead at the first intermission.

That first break is when the Chieftains entered the locker room as hockey version of the mild-mannered Dr. Jekyll, and came out something more like an offensively aggressive Mr. Hyde.

The Chieftains scored four goals in the first nine minutes of the second period, gaining a 5-3 lead. With two Dakota defensemen in the penalty box, Utica's fourth goal — DiGaetano's first — came on a 5-on-3 advantage to claim its first lead of the game.

After Dakota's Trevor McDermott was relinquished from the box by the

goal, Utica forward Steve Gilliland struck again 30 seconds later on the 5-on-4 advantage.

"We started off flat," said Utica coach Michael Nye. "They took it to us in the first period. We had a nice little discussion in the locker room in between periods, and the boys came to play in the second period and it showed."

But the Chieftains couldn't close off the Cougars completely in the second stanza.

Less than one minute after scoring, Gilliland was whistled for an interference penalty and Dakota's Slifco stuffed in his second goal, a five-hole shot from Bolton's doorstep.

After another Utica penalty 19 seconds later, Woods netted his third goal of the game through traffic, and less

than one minute later, Dakota junior forward Scott Gilchrist danced the puck around Utica defenseman Travis Koss and beat Bolton five-hole for the Cougars' reclamation of the lead.

"I don't think there's any difference between the teams," said first-year Dakota coach Dave Koons. "Both teams gave everything they had for five periods."

After Mike Snypniewski notched Utica's equalizer, the Cougars and Chieftains traded rushes for 12 minutes of regulation, eight minutes of the first overtime, and three minutes of the second OT until DiGaetano made the game winner.

Woods had a five-point game (three goals, two assists) and his linemate Slifco finished with four points (two goals, two assists). Junior defenseman Jim Strong had three assists for Utica, and Snypniewski and Gilliland both had one-goal, one-assist performances.

Offensively charged meetings are no stranger to the teams. The Chieftains ousted the Cougars from the playoffs in the pre-regional final last season 6-4, and won both regular season meetings this season by a combined score of 13-6.

The Chieftains — who beat the Cougars 6-4 in last season's Division 1 pre-regional final — advance to play Grosse Pointe North in Saturday's regional final at St. Clair Shores Civic Arena.

"The team that played the second and third period is the team I know can compete with any team," Nye said. "We just need to bring that every shift, every period."

Tested Anchor Bay team defeats Port Huron

■ Tars take four games
in district opener.

By Matt Fahr
Special to The Macomb Daily

The Anchor Bay Tars have taken their lumps in the MAC Red Division this season to the tune of a 0-12 league record.

It is a team with just two seniors on the roster, but the Tars came together and knocked off

their opening-round opponent in the district volleyball tournament Wednesday night at Port Huron Northern High School.

Coming out of the toughest division in the county has seasoned the young Tars team, and the results were evident against Port Huron out of the MAC Blue.

The Tars took the first game with ease 25-11, but things tightened up in a hurry as the second game saw 13 ties and six lead changes.

The largest lead of the game was three points, which each team had at one point in the match. AB came back from a 24-21 deficit to tie the game at 24-24 with an ace from junior Katelyn Cosio, but senior Chelsea Glombowski finished off the game for PH with an ace of her own in the 26-24 win.

"We came out pretty certain of ourselves and pretty competitive," Anchor Bay coach Terri Szur said. "We have two seniors on the team who have ever been on a district court and it is a brand new experience for everyone else. They were still thinking of the win in the first game while the other team played around us."

Things returned to form in game three with Cosio serving an ace to lead the Tars to a 7-0 opening run. The 25-12 win gave the team the momentum and the confidence the Tars needed.

"We knew they were going to come out tough, and we got back into it in game three and that is what we had to do," Szur said.

"We were just trying really hard all night just to not make mistakes instead of relaxing and playing," Port Huron coach Keith DeLong said.

Two big scoring runs clinched a 25-20 fourth game win and a match-up with L'Anse Creuse North in the semi-finals on Saturday morning.

Cosio led Anchor Bay with 17 service points, 11 kills and four blocks.

Lauren Hoover added 12 service points, 27 assists and four kills, Mariel VanOverbeke recorded 11 kills and seven blocks; Rebecca Ratkov had nine kills; and Brittany Richter had 17 digs for the Tars.

"Katelyn played her best game of the season in that fourth game," Szur said. "She played great defense, she blocked, distributed the ball well and served great again."

The Tars have lost their only match-up this season with LCN, a loss at their home tournament earlier this month.

Roundup

CLASS A

L'ANSE CREUSE 25-25-25, DAKOTA 23-18-20: Kelsey Gordon paced L'Anse Creuse with 16 kills, and Stephanie Lamberti added 11 kills for the Lancers. Lindsey Halverson recorded five kills and 32 assists as L'Anse Creuse advanced to the district semifinals against host Port Huron Northern on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Bridgitte Neumayr had nine kills and three blocks, Renee Zaccagni had 18 digs, and Emily Kujawski had eight kills for Dakota.

STERLING HEIGHTS STEVENSON 25-25-16-22-15, STERLING HEIGHTS 17-23-25-25-13: Casey McLean registered 34 assists, nine service points and eight digs to lead Stevenson. Kim Bryce added 11 kills, three assists and two blocks; Emily Black had five kills and nine digs; and Despi Ministios had 12 service points, four aces and 17 digs for the Titans (21-16-1), who play Chippewa Valley on Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Ford.

UTICA 25-25-25, STERLING

HEIGHTS FORD II 22-21-17: Utica advances to the district semifinals against Warren-Mott on Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Ford.

ARMADA 25-25-25, CAPAC 23-14-16: Alissa Beeman paced Armada with 19 digs, Jackie Kaltz added 16 kills and three blocks, and Alicia Winans recorded 21 assists and 11 digs for the Tigers, who play Imlay City on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Yale.

MAC BLUE DIVISION

WARREN WOODS-TOWER 25-25-25, SHELBY TOWNSHIP EISENHOWER 21-20-22: Both teams had good reason to be happy. Eisenhower played a solid game in defeat.

And Warren Woods-Tower wrapped up a perfect MAC Blue season. In fact, the Titans won all 36 league games en route to their 12-0 record.

Kelly Rapske led the way, collecting 12 kills on 30 attacks to go along with six points and four blocks. Andrea Jones totaled 11 kills on 26 attacks, with 15 serving points and Lauren Melcher added 14 digs and six service points in the win.

Lauren Greenwell had an all-around good match for the Eagles, collecting 12 kills on 33 attacks. She also had 21 assists, four aces, four digs and a pair of solo blocks.

Lauren Kaiser (seven kills on 27 attacks), Breana Grosz (seven kills on 24 attacks and four solo blocks), Amanda Kady (12 digs) and Lauren Foy (10 kills on 25 attacks) also played well.

Eisenhower wraps up the regular season 2-10 in MAC Blue play and 11-18-2 overall.

MAC GOLD DIVISION

WARREN LINCOLN 25-25-25, ROSEVILLE 11-17-18: The Abes went out in style, wrapping up their MAC Gold season with a straight-game win over the Panthers.

Carmen Medina served up 17 points, including five aces and finished with seven kills on 17 attacks to lead the way. Taylor Halprin had 17 service points to go along with her 34 assists.

Jessica Crook had 10 points, 25 at-

tacks and 11 digs, Ashley Brimm finished with 10 service points, 15 digs and 11 attacks, Danielle Amorino had 10 service points, three aces and 15 digs and Theresa Ference added 14 attacks and seven kills for Lincoln.

Lincoln finishes 7-5 in the MAC Gold, 19-11-3 overall.

ST. CLAIR SHORES LAKEVIEW 25-15-25-25, EASTPOINTE EAST DETROIT 20-25-22-21: The win clinched the MAC Gold title for the Huskies, the team's second league championship in five years. Senior Julie Poggiolo went 30-for-30 attacking with 15 kills, and Ashley Sellers added 12 kills and 41 digs for Lakeview. Chelsea Domzal had eight kills and 12 digs, and Katie Adams had 32 assists and 10 digs for the Huskies (10-2, 24-14-7).

Heather Austin led East Detroit with 14 kills. Anayat Eldaly chipped in with 10 kills and four blocks. Alex Switniak finished with 24 assists with four kills for the Shamrocks. East Detroit finishes 3-9 in the MAC Gold.

MAC SILVER DIVISION

CLINTON TOWNSHIP CLINTONDALE 25-25-25, NEW HAVEN 21-19-15: Irma Campara registered 20 service points, seven aces and four kills, and Alesha Kovacs added 10 kills for Clintondale (8-4, 11-25-3). Heather Soucie had six kills, Martyna Zacny had 23 assists and Alyssa Deacon had 10 service points and 16 digs for the Dragons.

CENTER LINE 25-25-21-25, MADISON HEIGHTS MADISON 10-10-25-23: Jackie Hammond recorded 19 assists, 10 service points and four aces, and Kalee Woolman registered seven kills for Center Line. Sara Osman had 18 digs and seven service points, Julie Jarzeboski had 12 service points, Katrina Xiong had 16 digs and nine service points and Madison Goetz had nine service points for the Panthers (9-2, 10-16-2).

MARINE CITY (4-7, 8-11): Steve Faucher 26, Shane Geer 2, Chad Allemen 9, Zach Bachler 2, John Lyszczak 6, Mike Smith 5, Brendon Kay 12, Shawn Duval 4, Mike Spostie 6. Totals: 27 (5) 13-19-72.

LAMPHERE (0-11, 1-18): Zach Parker 3, Kevin Kysiak 5, Derek McCoy 1, Trevor Brown 9, Matt Barnes 2, Dalton Katcher 2, Makowski 2, James Rogers 9, Kalan Cochran 2. Totals: 14 (3) 4-11-35.

NON-LEAGUE

CLARKSTON 62, MACOMB TOWNSHIP DAKOTA 46: Dan Owens led Clarkston with 21 points. Glenn Bryant paced Dakota with 15 points.

Clarkston 62, Dakota 46
Dakota 12 12 9 13 — 46
Clarkston 18 12 17 15 — 62

DAKOTA (9-10): Rodney Hush 7, Greg Gay 5, James Stallons 7, Ryan Johnston 1, Brian Oley 3, Kyle DeMaster 4, Glenn Bryant 15, Mike Bolden 4. Totals: 17 (2) 10-15-46.

CLARKSTON (16-3): Oliver Kupe 13, Bren Bergquist 9, Dan Owens 21, Kevin Badgley 10, Alex Millard-Swan 2, Rose 2, Julius Porter 2, Ty Taylor 2, Brandon Popley 1. Totals: 22 (1) 17-26-62.

MARINE CITY 72, MADISON HEIGHTS LAMPHERE 35: Steve Faucher scored a game-high 26 points for Marine City.

Marine City 72, Lamphere 35
Marine City 16 17 20 19 — 72
Lamphere 13 11 4 7 — 35

Lemm's 19 points lead Chippewa Valley past King

The Macomb Daily Sports Staff

Chris Lemm helped Clinton Township Chippewa Valley snap a three-game losing streak by scoring 19 points and adding seven steals to lead the host Big Reds to a 48-37 victory over Detroit King in a non-league basketball game Wednesday night.

"We had a great defensive game," Chippewa Valley coach Kevin Voss said. "We probably played one of our best defensive games overall, both on the perimeter and in the post."

Jeff Tobolski added eight pints as the Big Reds improved to 14-6 overall in defeating King (9-9 overall), which en-

tered the game having won nine of its last 12 games.

Jason Doran grabbed seven rebounds, and Mike Chinneck recorded seven rebounds and seven assists for Chippewa Valley.

Chippewa Valley 48, Detroit King 37
King 9 8 8 12 — 37
Chippewa Valley 13 6 12 17 — 48

DETROIT KING (9-9): Taurean Wright 7, Adam Willis 3, Matthew King 2, Anthony Cannan 4, Sam Quick 5, Vernon Brook 2, Richie Gowens 2, Ferdinand Whitford 6, Jarnell Teren 4, Vernon Brook 2. Totals: 15 (5) 29-37.

CHIPPEWA VALLEY (14-6): Tyler Alward 3, Mike Chinneck 5, Mark Hemberg 3, Rob Martin 7, Jeff Tobolski 8, Steven Mann 1, Chris Lemm 19, Jason Doran 2. Totals: 19 (4) 6-10-48.

MAC SILVER DIVISION

ST. CLAIR SHORES LAKE SHORE 62, CENTER LINE 59: Kyle Peplinski had 16 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Shorians past the

Panthers. Anthony Garon chipped in with 13 points and seven rebounds. Brett Mazmanian collected four steals.

Jay Henson had 20 points to lead Center Line.

Lake Shore 62, Center Line 59
Center Line 15 8 18 14 — 59
Lake Shore 6 18 17 21 — 62

CENTER LINE (9-3, 12-7): Darrell Rich 4, Jay Henson 20, Paul Wright 3, Brandon Henson 12, Matthew Schill 2, Jonathon Essermeacher 4, Brandon Paschall 6, Sal Hermitz 6, Eric Sherrod 2. Totals: 22 (2) 13-19-59.

LAKE SHORE (5-6, 5-14): Kyle Kennedy 9, Brett Mazmanian 6, Arthur Coppola 2, Andrew Chizmadia 7, Kevin Vangheluwe 7, James Hansen 2, Kyle Peplinski 16, Anthony Garon 13. Totals: 23 (2) 14-24-62.

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Hockey

PRE-REGIONAL PAIRINGS

DIVISION 1

Host Eisenhower
At Suburban Macomb Ice
Semifinals
FEB. 27 — Port Huron Northern 8, Port Huron Northern 5; Lake Orion 8, Eisenhower 2

Championship
MARCH 1 — Port Huron Northern vs. Lake Orion, 7:45 p.m.

Host Utica
At Suburban Macomb Ice
Semifinals
FEB. 26 — Dakota 4, Ford 3; Utica 3, Chippewa Valley 1

Championship
FEB. 28 — Utica 7, Dakota 6 (2OT)
Host St. Clair Shores Unified
At St. Clair Shores Civic Arena
Semifinals
FEB. 26 — Grosse Pointe North 3, St. Clair Shores Unified 2 (3 OT); Stevenson 4, Warren-Sterling Unified 2

Championship
FEB. 28 — Grosse Pointe North 4, Stevenson 0

DIVISION 2

Host Anchor Bay
At Glacier Pointe
Semifinal
FEB. 27 — Anchor Bay 3, L'Anse Creuse 2 (2 OT)

Championship
MARCH 1 — L'Anse Creuse North vs. Anchor Bay, 6:15 p.m.

Host Davison
Perani Arena
Semifinal
FEB. 26 — Davison 6, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 3

Championship
MARCH 1 — Romeo vs. Davison, 7:30 p.m.

Host De La Salle
At Great Lakes Sports City
Semifinal
FEB. 27 — De La Salle 4, Berkley 1

Championship
MARCH 1 — Grosse Pointe South vs. De La Salle, 8:15 p.m.

Volleyball

DISTRICT PAIRINGS

CLASS A

Host Grosse Pointe North
FEB. 28: Quarterfinals — Detroit Finney vs. Grosse Pointe South, (n); Grosse Pointe North vs. Detroit Derby, (n)
MARCH 2: Semifinals — Lakeview vs. Detroit Finney/Grosse Pointe South winner, 4 p.m.; Detroit Kettering vs. Grosse Pointe North/Detroit Derby winner, 5:30 p.m. Championship — TBD, 7 p.m.

Host Cousino
MARCH 3: Quarterfinal — East Detroit vs. Roseville, 9 a.m.
Semifinals — Fraser vs. Detroit Osborn, 10:15 a.m.; Cousino vs. East Detroit/Roseville winner, 11:30 a.m.
Championship — TBD, 12:45 p.m.

Host Ford
FEB. 28: Quarterfinals — Stevenson def. Sterling Heights 25-17, 25-23, 16-25, 22-25, 15-13; Utica def. Ford, 25-22, 25-21, 25-21, 25-20
MARCH 2: Semifinals — Chippewa Valley vs. Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.; Warren-Mott vs. Utica, 5:30 p.m.
Championship — TBD, 7 p.m.

Host Romeo
MARCH 2: Quarterfinals — Rochester vs. Clarkston, 6 p.m.; Rochester Hills Stoney Creek vs. Romeo, 7:30 p.m.
MARCH 3: Semifinals — Eisenhower vs. Rochester/Clarkston winner, 10 a.m.; Lake Orion vs. Rochester Hills Stoney Creek/Romeo winner, 11 a.m.
Championship — TBD, 1:30 p.m.

Host Port Huron Northern
FEB. 28: Quarterfinals — Anchor Bay def. Port Huron, 25-11, 24-26, 25-12, 25-20; L'Anse Creuse def. Dakota, 25-23, 25-18, 25-20
MARCH 3: Semifinals — L'Anse Creuse North vs. Anchor Bay, 9 a.m.; Port Huron Northern vs. L'Anse Creuse, 11 a.m.
Championship — TBD, 1 p.m.

CLASS B

Host Detroit Renaissance
MARCH 3: Quarterfinals — Detroit Chadsey vs. Detroit Renaissance, 9 p.m.; Center Line vs. Hamtramck, 10:30 p.m.
Semifinals — Highland Park Community vs. Detroit Chadsey/Detroit Renaissance winner, noon; Detroit Communication Media Arts vs. Center Line/Hamtramck winner, 1:30 p.m.
Championship — TBD, 3:30 p.m.

Host Warren Woods-Tower
MARCH 3: Quarterfinals — Madison vs. Fitzgerald, 9 a.m.; Warren Woods-Tower vs. Lamphere, 10 a.m.
Semifinals — Lincoln vs. Madison/Fitzgerald winner, 11 a.m.; Detroit Murray Wright vs. Warren Woods-Tower/Lamphere winner, noon.
Championship — TBD, 1:30 p.m.

Host South Lake
MARCH 3: Quarterfinals — South Lake vs. Lutheran North, 9 a.m.; Clintondale vs. Regina, 9 p.m.
Semifinals — Lake Shore vs. South Lake/Lutheran North winner, 10:30 a.m.; Mount Clemens vs. Clintondale/Regina winner, noon
Championship — TBD, 2 p.m.

Host Marysville
MARCH 3: Quarterfinal — Marysville vs. Marine City, 11 a.m.
Semifinals — Algona vs. St. Clair, 12:30 p.m.; Richmond vs. Marysville/Marine City winner, 2 p.m.
Championship — TBD, 3:30 p.m.

Host Yale
FEB. 28: Quarterfinals — Crosswell/Lexington vs. Almont, (n); Armada vs. Capac, (n)
MARCH 3: Semifinals — Yale vs. Crosswell/Lexington/Almont winner, 9 a.m.; Imlay City vs. Armada/Capac winner, 10:30 a.m.
Championship — TBD, noon

CLASS C

Host Lutheran Northwest
MARCH 3: Quarterfinal — Dryden vs. Lutheran Northwest, 10 a.m.
Semifinals — Memphis vs. New Haven, 11:30 a.m.; Brown City vs. Dryden/Lutheran Northwest winner, 1 p.m.
Championship — TBD, 3 p.m.

CLASS D

Host University Liggett
MARCH 3: Quarterfinal — Cardinal Mooney vs. Parkway Christian, 9:30 a.m.
Semifinals — University Liggett vs. Immaculate Conception, 11 a.m.; Macomb Christian vs. Cardinal Mooney/Parkway Christian winner, 12:30 p.m.
Championship — TBD, 2:30 p.m.

Schedule

THURSDAY, MARCH 1
Basketball
New Haven at Anchor Bay
Cousino at Warren-Mott
Clintondale at Fraser
East Detroit at Lincoln
Peak at Memphis
Conner Creek East at North Haven

Results

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28
Basketball
Chippewa Valley 48, Detroit King 37
Clarkston 62, Dakota 46
Lake Shore 62, Center Line 59
Marine City 72, Lamphere 35

Volleyball
Center Line 25-25-21-25, Madison 10-10-25-23
Clintondale 25-25-25, East Haven 20-25-22-21
Lakeview 25-15-25-25, New Detroit 20-25-22-21
Lincoln 25-25-25, Roseville 11-17-18
Warren Woods-Tower 25-25-25, Eisenhower 21-20-22