

Savage keys Cougars' victory over Anchor Bay

■ Goaltender plays well in 5-1 triumph.

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PORT HURON — Aside from one late blemish, Dakota goaltender Paul Savage and the visiting Cougars rolled to a 5-1 victory over Anchor Bay in the first round of the Blue Water High School Holiday Hockey Tournament Larry Manz Invitational at McMorran Main Arena on Friday afternoon.

Anchor Bay sophomore Michael Wyszczelski was credited with an unassisted goal, the Tars first of the game,

at 3:45 of the third period, which ruined the shutout.

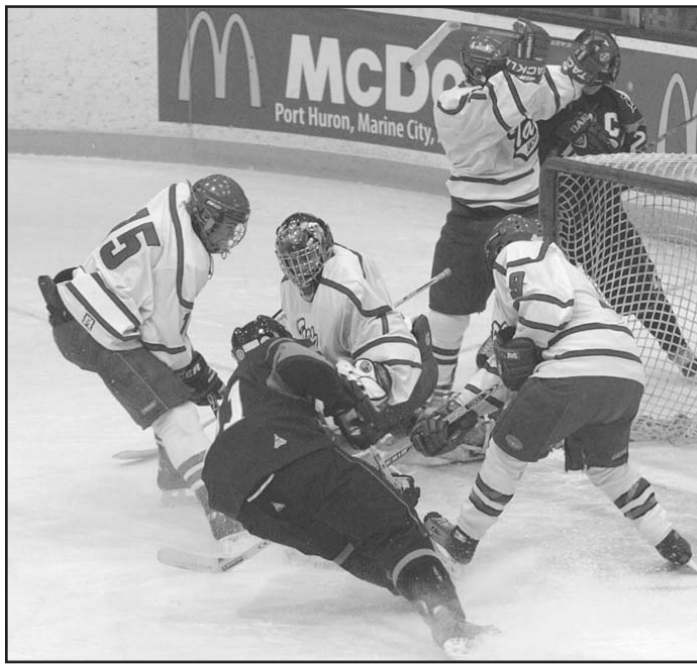
But that was the only imperfection in an otherwise solid game for Dakota and Savage.

Senior David Demick scored 1:17 into the game and gave the Cougars an early 1-0 lead. Jeff Monfils added to the lead with a goal at 8:46. Just 50 seconds prior to the start of the first intermission, Demick scored his second of the game.

Seniors Ed Lewis and Tom Beres added assists. Lewis also assisted on Demick's first goal.

"Mostly we attacked with a lot of speed," Dakota coach Dave Koons said. "We jumped on it right away and created some turnovers. We did a good job of finishing down low."

The Tars and Cougars battled for possession of the puck in the neutral zone throughout most of the second period. Dakota also spent several minutes shorthanded, but despite



Macomb Daily staff photo by Craig Gaffield

Dakota forward David Demick scores his second goal on Anchor Bay goalie Alan Gaglio in the first period of the Cougars' 5-1 win over the Tars at the Blue Water High School Holiday Hockey Tournament in Port Huron.

that added to the lead when Shane Allen scored six minutes into the period.

Scott Gilchrist netted the Cougar's final goal with 3:16 remaining and they opened the third period with a five-goal advantage.

"The penalties, they are what they are," Koons said. "We're trying to clean those up of course. We did a nice job of killing them off. We played aggressively."

Dakota struggled offensively in the third and was outshot 13-1. At 3:45, the Cougars knocked the puck into their own net, giving Anchor Bay its only goal of the game. The goal was attributed to Wyszczelski and helped swing the momentum in favor of the Tars, if only for one period.

"Well, we didn't come out real hard in the third," Koons said. "We talked about it between periods and you know when you're up 5-0, sometimes you respond, sometimes you don't. Obviously we didn't."

"Just simple mistakes, we've just got to keep working on them," Koons added. "We've only played two games, so we've got a lot of work to do." Dakota improved to 2-0 over-

all with the win, while Anchor Bay dropped to 0-2.

DAKOTA 5, ANCHOR BAY 1				
Dakota	3	2	0	— 5
Anchor Bay	0	0	1	— 1
1. 1:17 DHS David Demick (E. Lewis); 8:46 DHS Jeff Monfils (A. Johansons, A. Agrusa); 14:10 DHS Demick (Lewis, T. Beres).				
2. 6:26 DHS Shane Allen (Todd Nichter, Agrusa); 11:44 DHS Scott Gilchrist (M. Demers).				
3. 3:45 AB Michael Wyszczelski.				

Tournament

L'ANSE CREUSE 5, KALAMAZOO 3: Brett Girardin scored two goals to help the L'Anse Creuse Lancers past the Eagles in the semifinals of the Grandville Tournament held Saturday.

The Eagles were up 2-1 after the second period but came out flying in the third to score four goals to the Eagles' 1 to move into the finals which will be played against the home team at 3 p.m. today.

Zach Starnes added one goal, Ryan Champine and Scott Anderson each had one goal and an assist, Mike Clark had three assists and Mike Dyjewski added an assist for the Lancers.

Goalie Justin Hentschel was solid in facing 14 shots to help the Lancers improve to 2-0 overall.

Mariners win first state title

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Brandon Kay ran for one score and threw two touchdown passes to Chad Allemon, helping Marine City to a 21-7 victory over Beverly Hills Detroit

Country Day in the Division 4 state championship game Friday at Ford Field.

The Mariners (13-1) were playing in the postseason for the 16th time since 1990, but were making their first appearance in the title game.

Mariners coach Tony Scarcelli was a player on the Warren Woods team that won the Class B title in 1978.

Country Day (12-2) is best-known for its basketball titles with players like Chris Webber and Shane Battier, but also has won three football championships.

The Yellowjackets dominated the first half, but couldn't finish any of their drives, and the Mariners took a surprising lead late in the second quarter.

After gaining just seven yards on their first three drives, Marine City went 80 yards to take a 7-0 lead with 2:27 left in the half. Kay hit Brent Weil on a 40-yard pass to the Country Day 10, then dove in from one yard out on third-and-goal.

The Yellowjackets got to the Marine City 24 on their first drive of the second half, but Stefan Ede was sacked on fourth down, giving the ball back to the Mariners.

On the next play, Jamel Edwards ran to the Yellowjackets 35, setting up Chad Allemon's diving fourth-down catch for a 33-yard touchdown.

Country Day got on the scoreboard late in the third quarter,

RESULTS	
DIVISION 8	Crystal Falls Forest Park 22, Fulton-Middleton 14
DIVISION 2	Detroit Martin Luther King 47, Midland 21
DIVISION 6	Saginaw Nouvel 12, Blissfield 7
DIVISION 4	Marine City 21, Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day 7
DIVISION 7	Traverse City St. Francis (12-1) vs. Mendon (13-0), 10 a.m. today
DIVISION 1:	Dakota (13-0) vs. Livonia Stevenson (13-0), 1 p.m. today
DIVISION 5	Menominee (13-0) vs. Jackson Lumen Christi (12-1), 4:30 p.m. today
DIVISION 3	East Grand Rapids (12-1) vs. Orchard Lake St. Mary's (10-2), 7:30 p.m. today

cutting the margin to 14-7 on Jonas Gray's 2-yard run, but the Mariners came right back.

This time, Kay hit Allemon for a 5-yard score to put Marine City up by 14 points with 8:52 left, and Country Day turned the ball over on downs, allowing the Mariners to run out the clock.

DIVISION 2
Donovan Dickerson threw for two touchdowns and returned an interception for a third as Detroit Martin Luther King scored 40 unanswered points to beat Midland 47-21.

DIVISION 6
David Kazmierski and Ryan Palmer scored touchdowns as Saginaw Nouvel won their second straight Division 6 state title.

DIVISION 8
Fred Hubbard had a touchdown and a key kickoff return to help Crystal Falls Forest Park end a three-year title-game losing streak in a 22-14 win over Fulton-Middleton.

All-State Football

DIVISION 1-2 TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Nick Perry, Detroit King.

QUARTERBACKS
Chris Crawford, Muskegon, 6-0, 170, Sr.
Rick Powell, Cousino, 5-9, 170, Sr.

RUNNING BACKS
Mark Ingram, Flint Southwestern Academy, 5-10, 205, Sr.
Jordan Jonker, Hudsonville, 5-10, 200, Jr.
Jarred Sherrod, Portage Central, 5-8, 170, Sr.

Erik Thompson, L'Anse Creuse North, 6-1, 180, Sr.
Darrin Williams, Detroit King, 5-7, 178, Sr.

RECEIVERS
Jimmy Saros, Grosse Pointe South, 6-3, 185, Sr.
Fred Smith, Detroit Southeastern, 6-4, 205, Sr.
James Wade, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 6-3, 180, Sr.

LINEMEN
Josh Denkins, Davison, 5-8, 190, Sr.
Tyler Hoover, Novi, 6-7, 250, Sr.

Rocko Khoury, Traverse City West, 6-5, 275, Sr.
Carlin Landingham, Muskegon, 6-4, 290, Sr.
Mike Martin, Detroit Catholic Central, 6-2, 285, Sr.
Ethan Ruhland, Lake Orion, 6-5, 270, Sr.
Taylor Sprague, Lowell, 6-6, 270, Sr.
Zach Stevenson, Grandville, 6-2, 240, Sr.

LINEBACKERS
Ryan Egnatuk, Rockford, 6-0, 195, Sr.
Zach Line, Oxford, 6-1, 210, Sr.
Nick Perry, Detroit King, 6-5, 230, Sr.
Mitch Zajac, Holt, 6-1, 250, Sr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Boubacar Cissoko, Detroit Cass Tech, 5-9, 180, Sr.
Damion Horton, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills, 5-11, 175, Sr.
Trenton Robinson, Bay City Central, 6-0, 175, Sr.

SPECIALIST
Rodney Hush, Dakota, 5-7, 170, Sr.

PUNTER
Josh Patten, Rochester Adams, 6-1, 185, Sr.
KICKER
John Potter, Grand Haven, 6-1, 190, Sr.

COACH OF THE YEAR
Mike Smith, Holt.

SPECIAL MENTION QUARTERBACKS
Mike Schaaf, Saginaw Arthur Hill; Reggie Williams, Lansing Everett.

RUNNING BACK
Larry Caper II, Battle Creek Central.

RECEIVERS
Sam Burchyett, Saline; **Kyle Demaster, Dakota.**

LINEMEN
Austin Holtz, Holt; Andrew Grillo, Midland.

LINEBACKER
Mike Knight, Caledonia.

DEFENSIVE BACK
Matt Cavanaugh, Caledonia.

KICKER
Craig Heger, Howell.

HONORABLE MENTION QUARTERBACKS
Taylor Copacia, Eisenhower; Charles Burrell, Detroit Southeastern; Anthony Mifsud, Dearborn; Kent Viening, Grand Haven; Jordan Brown, Port Huron High.

RUNNING BACKS:
Chad O'Shell, De La Salle; Raylen Davis, Royal Oak; DeShawn Hayes, Saginaw Heritage; Luther Ware, Bay City Central.

RECEIVERS
Cam White, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; Spencer Galloway, Pontiac Central; Jason Souva, Alpena.

LINEMEN
D.J. Greiner, White Lake Lakeland; Teddy Frommann, Portage Northern; Dan O'Neill, Grand Haven; Alex Debniaik, Hudsonville; Sam Holton, Howell; Deon'tae Pannell, Birmingham Groves; Mac Parker, Muskegon; Ricky Crosby, Muskegon; Chris Groth, South Lyon; Andre Hamilton, Okemos.

LINEBACKERS
Jason Hannett, Muskegon; Grant Caserta, Holland West Ottawa; Adonis Adonakis, Walled Lake Central; Ryan Rott, Howell; Paul Gyarmati, Brother Rice; Omar Sharp, Taylor Truman; Greg Hasse, Northville; Chris Reeves, Ferndale; Quinten Green, Detroit Denby; DeAndre Bankston, Port Huron.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Lavelle Walker, Lansing Everett; Ryan Newsome, Wyandotte Roosevelt; Anthony Hollis, Detroit Northwestern; Latrece Mughatt, Saginaw Arthur Hill; Tim Ohlert, Traverse City Central.

SPECIALIASTS
Torsten Boss, Lowell; Chris Hutton, Lapeer West; Josh Renel, Rochester Adams; Will Conklin, Traverse City West.

KICKERS
Kevin Muma, Troy

PUNTER
Andy Wilbon, Rockford

COACHES
Bob Buckel, Flushing; Drake Wilkins, Detroit Denby; Tab Kellepourey, Novi; Kurt Rickardson, Clarkston; Fred Townsend, Saginaw Arthur Hill.

DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

Wyatt Stahl	Rodney Hush	
John Samaan	Jack Raymond	When Dakota has the ball
Pat York	Carlos Garza	Dan Miller
Joe Doulette	Chris Golonka	Terrence Shelby
Trent Judis	Joe Palm	Mitch Lovett
Mark Grisa	Jacob Dean	
Chris Summers	Jeff Fantuzzi	
Myles White	Mike Kwiatkowski	
	Kyle Demaster	

DAKOTA VS. LIV. STEVENSON

Rodney Hush	Myles White	
Justin Hughes	Matt Broome	When Livonia Stevenson has the ball
Kyle Demaster	Travis Austin	Austin White
Ryan Krebs	Charles Martin	Ricky Bell
	Kyle Chibani	Joe Cantrell
Dan Meurer	Mike Laamanen	Jason Bajas
Brandon Bush	Chris Hutchins	Wade Stahl
		Emanuel Onwuemene

DEFENSE: Cougars have allowed only 9.8 points a game

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When an offense excels like that, those players are going to receive accolades.

That's fine. Defensive coordinator Greg Baur said his squad takes pride in being a "no-name defense." In fact, Baur believes that Dakota's offense has helped the defense.

"We go against our offense every day in practice," Baur said last week after the Cougars' defense shut down Detroit Catholic Central's running game in the semifinals. "We see size every day. We see talent every day."

Today, Dakota will see another talented offense when it takes on Livonia Stevenson, a team with an even more prolific offense than the Cougars.

The Spartans have scored 474 points — 36.5 points per game — behind quar-

terback Mitchell White, split end Myles White and running back Austin White.

What's more, Livonia Stevenson has a relentless attack. Down by eight points late in the fourth quarter, the Spartans rallied to defeat Troy 40-35 in last week's semifinals.

Livonia Stevenson's offense has good balance, and the Spartans excel at getting their playmakers in one-on-one situations.

Baur knows Livonia Stevenson can score, and he knows the Dakota defense must be ready. During practice this week, he drilled schemes. Whenever there was a misstep, he barked out "Run it again!"

So far, though, the Cougars have met every challenge. They have allowed only 9.8 points per game, and they have surrendered 20 points in only one game this season. Just as importantly, they

have a knack for making big plays.

Against Lake Orion in the regional final, safety Kyle DeMaster made three interceptions. Then last week against Detroit Catholic Central, the Cougars came up with five takeaways.

Dakota also contained the Shamrocks' powerful ground game. Charles Martin, a quick yet strong defensive tackle, wreaked havoc for a line that also includes ends Chris Chase and Mike Laamanen as well as nose tackle Kyle Chibani.

The secondary — DeMaster, Rodney Hush, Dan Meurer and Chris Hutchins — has been solid, and linebackers Justin Hughes, Brandon Bush and Ryan Krebs have shined.

Krebs, in particular, has stepped up in the postseason after missing most of last season after tearing his ACL in practice.

"It was terrible tearing my ACL, but it made me more motivated," said Krebs, who moved from tight end to linebacker at the start of the season. "I just wanted it more."

Now instead of watching from the sidelines, Krebs wants to play a role on the field as Dakota tries for a second consecutive state championship.

Baur calls Krebs a "coach on the field," and Krebs can make a name for himself and the Cougars defense against the high-scoring Spartans.

"We're doing pretty good all season," Krebs said. "No one gives us much recognition because our offense has been so good. But we've been playing well all season."

Now they want to play well for one more game.