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Maxiell dunks Wizards



AP photo
Jason Maxiell slams down a dunk over Brendan Haywood en route to the Pistons' 106-93 win over the Wizards.

■ Pistons pound out 10th straight win behind his 'reckless' play.

By Dana Gauruder
Journal Register News Service

WASHINGTON — Just when the Washington Wizards thought they had a little momentum, Jason Maxiell came crashing through the lane.

Maxiell elevated high above the rim and violently rammed the ball through the net as the third-quarter buzzer sounded. His putback dunk was the signature play in the Pistons' 10th straight victory, a 106-93 pounding of the Wizards Wednesday night.

Washington was effectively demoralized by Maxiell's play after it had cut the Pistons' 19-point lead to 10. The Wizards never got the game to single digits during the half.

"I don't know how they felt. I



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was just doing my job, attacking the glass," said Maxiell, who had 15 points and seven rebounds. "It just happened at the buzzer. It could've crushed

their feeling a little bit, but we're still going to play our ball."

Their style of ball has been nearly unstoppable for weeks. The Pistons have won 17 of their last 19 while winning by an average of 17 points during the 10-game streak.

Maxiell's leave-no-drop-of-

sweat-unused mentality was just what the Pistons needed in their first game of the new year.

"That's his strength," coach Flip Saunders said. "If he doesn't do that, he won't play."

With so many scorers surrounding him, Maxiell often gets forgotten late in possessions as the defense scrambles to help on his teammates. That allows him to bull into the lane without getting boxed out.

"That's what he does," Chauncey Billups said. "That's what we depend on him to do every single night — come in there and play the way he plays, with reckless abandon. We look to feed off him. He only knows one way to play."

He had five offensive rebounds



Mike Martz

Lions fire Martz

■ Team promotes Colletto, Brown.

By David Birkett
Journal Register News Service

Mike Martz said the Lions had the potential to be "pretty spectacular" on offense this year. They weren't, and for that reason he was fired Wednesday after two seasons as offensive coordinator.

The Lions declined to comment on Martz's firing, but multiple sources confirmed the move and said the Lions promoted offensive line coach Jim Colletto to coordinator and receivers coach Kippy Brown to passing game coordinator.

No other staff changes are known, though ESPN reported that Shawn Jefferson was promoted from receivers assistant to receivers coach and Tim Martz, an offensive quality control assistant and Martz's son, also was fired.

The move to Colletto signifies a step away from the pass-happy offense that Martz rode to two Super Bowls in St. Louis but only moderate success in Detroit.

The Lions ranked last in the league in rushing attempts and 31st in yards this year, and their lack of balance was a point of contention in the locker room.

"Maybe it's just my back-ground coming from Michigan, but that's what football's about," left tackle Jeff Backus said after a September win over Chicago. "I'll always believe that, and no matter how much we pass the ball I'm a true believer that you got to run the ball to be successful."

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Dakota salvages tie with Big Reds

■ MAC Red rivals play to 3-3 draw.

By Tom Willard
Macomb Daily Staff Writer

MACOMB TOWNSHIP — Leave it to bitter rivals to produce what's likely to be one of the most memorable games of the Macomb Area Conference prep hockey season.

Dakota's Steve Seaman scored his second goal of the game on a power play with 1:36 left in the third period to help the Cougars escape with a 3-3 tie against cross-town rival Chippewa Valley in a thriller at Suburban Ice-Macomb on Wednesday night.

Chippewa Valley grabbed momentum early in the second period by scoring back-to-back goals seven seconds apart, but the Cougars bounced back with a goal 33 seconds later to tie the score at 2-2.

Senior forward Dan Fenech scored on a breakaway with 12:02 remaining in the final period to put Chippewa Valley back in control — for a while. With 2:37 to play, Dakota drew a hooking penalty and then pulled goalie Paul Savage once the Cougars gained possession of the puck, leading to a two-man advantage that produced Seaman's game-tying goal 59 seconds into the minor penalty.

"We wanted to make sure we kept the puck deep and stayed aggressive on them," said Dakota coach Dave Koons Sr. "If opportunity comes, put it at the net and hopefully something good will happen and it did."

"(I) just got the puck, turned around and gave it a nice, low hard shot and it went in," said Seaman. "That's kind of what we practice, low shots." The junior forward scored his first goal at 2:08 of the first period during a three-man rush with Josh Agrusa and Ed Lewis.

Fenech tied it at 1-1 with 11:51 to play in the second, on an assist by Tyler Beverin. Chippewa Valley won the ensuing faceoff and Steve Golbert put the puck past Savage (13 saves) at 11:44 of the period to give the Big Reds a short-lived lead. Fenech and Chris Ballatore drew assists.

"That was really big. The guys didn't give up," said Big Reds coach Mike Bartoy. "They kept on playing, kept on plugging along."

Kyler Kolb netted the Cougars' second goal at 11:11 of the second period, on assists by Ed Lewis and Ken Kolb.

"We're not a big team but we played pretty chippy," said Koons. "We moved the puck real well and were playing aggressively. We got the shots and their goalie played well."

Chippewa Valley netminder Joe Boyd stopped 22 of 25 shots. "I felt confident the way we were playing against them we should get at least a point

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Macomb Daily staff photo by Ray J. Skowronek
Chippewa Valley junior forward Tyler Beverin (3) and Dakota senior Ed Lewis vie for the puck during the team's 3-3 tie Wednesday.

Red Wings get physical in picking up their 30th win

By Bruce MacLeod
Macomb Daily Sports Writer

DETROIT — Aaron Downey had just made a key offensive play to help the Detroit Red Wings take a 4-1 victory over the Dallas Stars on Wednesday night at Joe Louis Arena. But after the game, he was more exuberant talking with Dallas Drake about how his teammate policed a big hit on Nicklas Lidstrom, dropping the gloves with Steve Ott.

Downey's role with the Red Wings isn't to light the goal lamp. But in Aaron Downey style, it was after he took a big hit from Dallas defenseman Mark Fistric that he got up and let loose a pass that sent Johan Franzen in on a breakaway. Franzen scored on the play to give the Red Wings a 2-0 lead midway through the second period.

"I got leveled there," said Downey. "It just seemed like I came



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her (the puck) through. The hit woke me up. Sometimes they say

out of a cobweb. I could see the ice and I felt great. Then I saw Mule (Franzen) busting. Luckily the good Lord was on my side and slid

you have to give a hit or take a hit to get into the game." It has become typical for the Red Wings to win this season. Last night's victory was the team's 30th and came at the half-way point in the season. Even the 1995-96 Red Wings — who set the NHL record with a 62-win season — didn't have 30 wins through 41 games. (The NHL doesn't differentiate post-shootout records. This year's Red Wings have four shootout victo-

ries and thus would have had 26 wins under 1995-96 rules.)

Last night, it was from some atypical sources that the Red Wings got their scoring punch.

Franzen's goal was followed by a Dallas Drake marker 4:32 into the third period that gave the Red Wings a 3-0 lead. Drake slammed a pass from Henrik Zetterberg through goalie Marty Turco's pads for his first goal of

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back Mike Hart was injured early and well, you know that story.

In the preseason, the Wolverines themselves were trying to rein in the excitement a bit — possibly to take off the pressure, possibly because they didn't

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PISTONS:
Maxiell rattles
Washington

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Wednesday as the Pistons out-scored the Wizards 16-9 on second-chance points.

"They don't guard him," Saunders said. "You're trying to pick your poison. You've got Rip (Hamilton) coming off screens, they're trying to get the ball out of Chauncey's hands, they're trying to stay committed to Sheed (Wallace). What happens a lot of times, one guy leaves."

For Jarvis Hayes, it was a return trip. Hayes, who played four seasons with the Wizards, had 12 points in 14 minutes in his first game against his ex-teammates.

He took a hard foul in the first half from Andray Blatche when he cocked back on a dunk attempt. Blatche was whistled for a flagrant foul.

"It was emotions going through," Hayes said of his attempt to make an emphatic dunk. "I didn't see Blatche coming up behind me and he made a pretty hard play."

Hamilton joined the franchise's all-time top 10 scorers, passing Gene Shue with a pair of free throws early in the second quarter. Hamilton, who scored 15 of his team-high 20 points in the first half, now has 8,051 points since joining the Pistons in 2002. Shue had 8,034 points.

Hamilton has scored at least 20 points in five consecutive games.

After a quiet first half, Billups scored 11 of his 16 points in the third quarter. He opened the half with consecutive 3-pointers, extending the Pistons' 10-point halftime lead to 63-47.

"Everybody else was kind of rolling in the first half, so I took a back seat," he said.

LIONS: Often gave up on run

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Three times during the six-game losing streak that knocked them out of playoff contention after a 6-2 start, the Lions attempted fewer than 10 rushes in a game.

In a 31-21 loss to Arizona that started the slide, they had eight carries for minus-18 yards, a modern-day NFL low. In blow-out losses to the Vikings and Chargers, they ran the ball seven and nine times, respectively. The NFL record for fewest rushing attempts in a game is six.

Head coach Rod Marinelli, who fired Donnie Henderson as defensive coordinator last year, admitted last week there were times the team was too quick to abandon the run.

"Yeah, I think so," he said. "No doubt."

HOCKEY: 'They jumped on us ... got a couple of goals'

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against them," said Koons, whose team plays the Big Reds again Feb. 6. "They jumped on us (in the second period) and got a couple of goals they probably shouldn't have got."

The game was extremely physical and play frequently became heated, a result of the intense rivalry between the two schools.

"It's everything," Bartoy said. "Football, hockey - same school district, two different schools and there's always that competition. This is the most intense game (of the year). Both teams gave it their all. Not only is it a cross-town rivalry but it's also for the top of the MAC."

With the tie, the Big Reds (5-4-1 overall) maintain second place in the MAC Red Division at 4-1-1, just ahead of Dakota (3-1-2, 6-3-2

Wings following World Juniors

■ 'I miss those times,' Filppula says.

By Bruce MacLeod
Macomb Daily Sports Writer

DETROIT— Valtteri Filppula came into the Detroit Red Wings' locker room from the morning skate at Joe Louis Arena on Wednesday to see the World Junior Championships on the television. Finland had just lost its one-goal lead to Canada in the quarterfinals of the annual tournament of the best under-20 hockey players in the world.

"I'm going to hear about this from (Kris) Draper if Canada wins," said Filppula.

It might be a difficult tournament to find on American television, but in Canada and Europe, it's prime viewing.

The World Juniors is also something that many NHL players have in common. Filppula played in the tournament twice, going head-to-head against Jiri Hudler and Derek Meech. Draper won a gold

medal when he participated. "You hear about players who are supposed to be great and they are," said Filppula, who played in tournaments hosted by Canada and his homeland, Finland. "But you get to see where you are compared to them. That makes it challenging and makes you want to compete real hard."

"The whole tournament, the whole couple of weeks before the tournament ... I miss those times. It's a lot of fun. Coming in third gave us good memories, but just being around the guys is what I remember. I really miss those times."

Filppula got the upper hand against Hudler's Czech team in the last of three World Juniors in which Hudler played. The Finns, however, lost in the semifinals to the Americans, who won the gold medal against Meech's Team Canada.

Kronwall played for Team



Notebook

Sweden at the 2000 World Junior Championships. "It's a great thing to see where other players are and what they're doing compared to you," said Kronwall. "I think (Ilya) Kovalchuk was on the Russian team. He was one of those unbelievable players that you heard a lot about. When you heard a lot about a player and hadn't seen him, it's hard not to notice him."

By the time that Dominik Hasek played in his second World Juniors, he was already the back-up netminder for the Czechoslovak national team. In that tournament, he faced a Canadian team that had youngsters Steve Yzerman and Mario Lemieux.

"They both played on the fourth line," said Hasek. "It was so funny. They were like 16, 17. They were the two youngest

players on the team. And they both played four or five minutes a game. Like 10 years later, I said to them, 'I didn't know you were in that tournament. I didn't even see you on the ice.'"

Canada would up beating Finland, 4-2, in Wednesday's quarterfinals, giving Draper bragging rights over Filppula.

The tournament will continue with semifinals Friday that includes the United States, Canada, Russia and Sweden.

Sick bay

Henrik Zetterberg returned to the lineup, last night, after missing the previous five games with back spasms.

"It's always boring to sit and watch the games from the locker room," said Zetterberg.

Coach Mike Babcock used Zetterberg as center on one scoring line and Pavel Datsyuk as center on another. Mark Hartigan was returned to Grand Rapids after a

five-game call-up. Tomas Holmstrom (knee bruise) and Kirk Maltby (back strain) also practiced Wednesday morning, but didn't play last night. Holmstrom has missed six games and Maltby 17 games. Holmstrom might return in a week. Maltby estimated that he's another two weeks away.

Great outdoors

Tuesday's Buffalo-Pittsburgh outdoor game was given good reviews in the Detroit locker room. Babcock and several players said that they would like to see an outdoor game become an annual fixture in the NHL.

"I think it's pretty neat to do once a year," said Zetterberg. "Of course it would be great to play in front of 75,000 people. ... It's a great thing. We should do it once or twice a year."

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WINGS: Goalie Osgood has won his last three starts for team

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the season.

"The last time I scored, I think there was an eclipse," said Drake, who had gone 45 games between goals.

"It was great to see Dally (Drake) get his first goal and same thing with Downey, setting up that goal and playing real well," said Detroit captain Nicklas Lidstrom, whose plus-3 gave him a league-best plus-31 for the season. "We've had some key injuries to some of our top guys.

But other players have had an opportunity to play more have stepped up and been producing for us. That's one of the reasons we're where we're at in the standings right now."

Detroit opened the scoring 12 minutes into the game. Dan Cleary's slap shot was blocked by defenseman Stephane Robidas, but Cleary scooped up the loosed puck and sent a wrist shot past Turco.

The Dallas netminder has been a favorite of the Red Wings

throughout his career. Turco has just one win (along with nine losses and five ties) in 15 career decisions against Detroit.

Osgood, on the other hand, matches up well against Dallas with 26 wins (with 10 losses and three ties) in 39 career decisions. Osgood has won his last three starts and eight of his last nine starts. He has allowed more than three goals in only one of his 21 starts.

After Franzen deked Turco for Detroit's second goal Osgood had

to make a spectacular play to keep the score 2-0. A Dallas dump-in became an adventure when the puck bounced oddly off the boards. Osgood had gone behind the net to stop the puck, but it kicked out to the faceoff circle where the Stars' top scorer, Mike Ribeiro sent it on net. Osgood dove head-first into the crease and caught the shot.

"It was ridiculous," said Osgood. "I was watching the puck and saw it happen and that was really all I could do. It wasn't at a

great angle, but he made a pretty good shot. I was surprised he was able to hit the net from there."

After Drake scored, Pavel Datsyuk pushed the Red Wings' lead to four goals with 6:47 left in the match. Datsyuk deflected a belt-high Lidstrom shot past Turco.

Loui Eriksson broke Osgood's shutout bid with 6:01 on the clock, scoring on a wraparound.

The Red Wings' next game is in Dallas, Saturday afternoon.

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MICHIGAN: Offense finally showed what it could do

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know what they had in their offense.

With injuries that lingered most of the season to quarterback Chad Henne and Hart, that explosive offense was never witnessed. There were eight straight wins where it was good enough. But against Ohio State, with Henne and Hart clearly not 100 percent, it was atrocious. (The definition of atrocious? Ninety-one net yards against the Buckeyes' defense in a 14-3 loss.)

So all season, no one knew what a healthy Michigan offense could accomplish.

We got the answer on New Year's Day in the 41-35 upset of Florida in the Capital One Bowl. "It showed what kind of team we could have been without all the injuries and how we would have played throughout the year if we were healthy," Henne said following the win that sent Lloyd Carr out on top

after 13 seasons as head coach.

Henne made throws he hadn't made since he separated his shoulder midway through the season. Even with his knee injury (suffered in the second game, the loss to Oregon), he was not himself because he couldn't plant and throw correctly.

Receiver Adrian Arrington's star shined. When Hart wasn't blasting through the Florida defense, Mario Manningham pitched in on the run game.

They ran out of the spread more than they had all season.

Assistant coaches and coordinators, who knew they were planning for their final Michigan game after being fired by new coach Rich Rodriguez, pieced together a game plan that exploited Florida's young defensive backs and linebackers.

The offensive line, which had been battered and bruised at the end of the season, was healthy and gave Henne time to throw

for 373 yards.

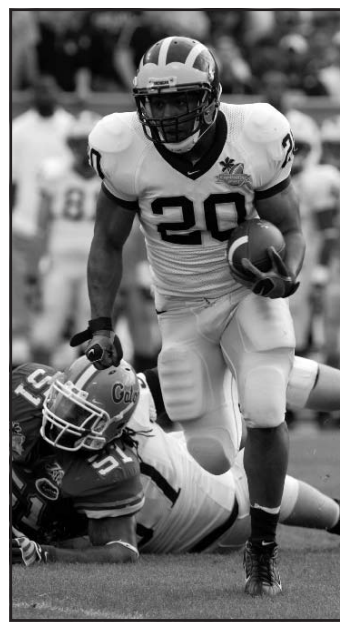
On Jan. 1, after 12 games, we finally saw the offense we had expected to see on Sept. 1.

Perhaps the wait made it stand out more. But most likely it was the circumstances. It was Carr's final game, but it was also goodbye for Henne, Hart, left tackle Jake Long, linebacker Shawn Crable and a host of other seniors. They finally won a bowl game. They finally had an answer for the critics. (Perhaps ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit should get a little credit here. When he dismissed Michigan's defense as not being good enough to beat the Gators, he fired up Crable and the gang even more.)

So for one game we saw the Michigan team we could have seen most of the season had they been able to stay healthy. It was for one game only.

Now it's onto the start of the Rich Rodriguez era.

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AP photo
Michigan running back Mike Hart (20) gets away from Florida's Brandon Spikes (51) during the first half of the Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Fla., Tuesday.

TOWNSHIP OF MACOMB
Notice of Presidential Primary Election

To the Qualified Electors:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that a Presidential Primary Election will Be Held in the Township of Macomb, County of Macomb, State of Michigan on:

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

At the place or places of holding the Election in said Township as indicated below:

Precinct	Location	Address	Directions
1.	Lutheran High School North	16825 24 Mile Rd.	N. side of 24, W. of Romeo Plank
2.	L'Anse Creuse Middle School N	46201 Fairchild Rd.	N. of Hall, W. side of Fairchild
3.	Dakota High School	21051 21 Mile Rd.	N. side of 21, 1/4 Mile E. of Heydenreich
4.	Fox Elementary School	17500 Millstone	W. of Romeo Plank, N. of Hall Rd.
5.	Ebeling Elementary School	15970 Haverhill	N. of 21 Mile, East of Hayes
6.	Fox Elementary School	7500 Millstone	W. of Romeo Plank, N. of Hall
7.	Mohawk Elementary School	48101 Romeo Plank Rd.	W. side of Romeo Plank, N. of 21 Mile
8.	Mohawk Elementary School	48101 Romeo Plank Rd.	W. side of Romeo Plank, N. of 21 Mile
9.	St. Isidore Church	18201 23 Mile Rd.	N. of 23 Mile, W. side of Romeo Plank
10.	Hometown Macomb	45301 Chateau Thierry Blvd.	North of Hall Rd., W. of Card Rd.
11.	Atwood Elementary School	45690 North Ave.	E. side of North, 1/4 Mile N. of Hall Rd.
12.	Ojibwa Elementary School	46950 Heydenreich Rd.	S. of 21, E side of Heydenreich
13.	Ebeling Elementary School	5970 Haverhill	N. of 21, East of Hayes
14.	Iroquois Middle School	48301 Romeo Plank Rd.	W. side of Romeo Plank, S. of 22 Mile
15.	Township Senior Center	19925 23 Mile Rd.	N. side of 23 Mile, E. of Romeo Plank
16.	Lutheran High School North	6825 24 Mile Rd.	N. side of 24 Mile, W. of Romeo Plank
17.	Dakota High School	21051 21 Mile Rd.	N. side of 21 Mile, 1/4 Mile E. of Heydenreich
18.	Hometown Macomb	45301 Chateau Thierry Blvd.	North of Hall Rd., W. of Card Rd.
19.	Iroquois Middle School	48301 Romeo Plank Rd.	W. side of Romeo Plank, S. of 22 Mile Rd.
20.	Cheyenne Elementary School	47600 Heydenreich Rd.	E. side of Heydenreich, N. of 21 Mile Rd.
21.	St. Isidore Church	18201 23 Mile Rd.	N. of 23 Mile, W. side of Romeo Plank Rd.
22.	Sequoyah Elementary School	18500 24 Mile Rd.	S. side of 24 Mile, E. of Romeo Plank Rd.
23.	Sequoyah Elementary School	18500 24 Mile Rd.	S. side of 24 Mile E of Romeo Plank Rd.
24.	Church of the Covenant	23401 23 Mile Rd.	N. side of 23 Mile, 1/4 Mile E. of North Ave.
25.	Township Senior Center	19925 23 Mile Rd.	N. side of 23 Mile, E. of Romeo Plank Rd.
26.	Shawnee Elementary	21555 Vesper	W. side of Card, 1/4 Mile S. of 23 Mile Rd.
27.	Beck Elementary	54600 Hayes Rd.	E. side of Hayes, 1/4 Mile S. of 25 Mile Rd.
28.	Shawnee Elementary School	21555 Vesper	W. side of Card, 1/4 Mile S. of 23 Mile Rd.
29.	Cheyenne Elementary School	47600 Heydenreich Rd.	E. side of Heydenreich, N. of 21 Mile Rd.
30.	Ojibwa Elementary School	46950 Heydenreich Rd.	E. side of Heydenreich, S. of 21 Mile Rd.
31.	L'Anse Creuse Middle School N	46201 Fairchild	N. of Hall, West side of Fairchild
32.	Beck Elementary School	54600 Hayes Rd.	E. side of Hayes, 1/4 Mile S. of 25 Mile
33.	Seneca Middle School	47200 Heydenreich Rd.	E. side of Heydenreich, N. of 21 Mile

at which time Republican and Democratic candidates for the office of President of the United States will appear on the ballot.

THE POLLS for said election will open at 7:00 AM and remain open until 8:00 PM of said election day.

The Township Clerk's office will be open from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 12, 2008, for the deadline for requesting an absent voter ballot by mail. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot in the Presidential Primary Election may vote in person in the Clerk's office up to 4:00 PM, January 14, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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