

## Bulldogs salvage tie with Chieftains

■ Tiseo ties game with just over four minutes left in regulation.

By Chuck Pleiness

Macomb Daily Sports Writer

**MACOMB TOWNSHIP** — One boys ice hockey team left Suburban Ice Macomb Saturday night quite pleased with a tie.

The other team had hoped for a much different result.

After being outshot 21-3 through two periods, Romeo came back to salvage a 3-3 tie with Utica in a Macomb Area Conference crossover game.

"It was great to see us maintain and build from period to period," said Romeo coach Rich Boggio, whose team outshot Utica 7-5 in the final period and scored twice. "I'm real happy with the work ethic and playing right till the end."

"We controlled a fair amount

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of the play, but you have to give them credit because they never quit," said Utica coach Michael Nye, whose team is in first place in the MAC Red. "We're a little disappointed with the result, but we still were able to pull a point out of it."

Utica (7-3-2 overall) took a 2-1 lead into the third period, but with just over six minutes to play Nick Rossman was able to bang in a rebound off the glove of Utica goalie Emilio Capitanio to even the score.

The Chieftains came back quickly, netting a goal 23 seconds later off the stick of Dave Burke. A centering pass from Anthony DiGaetano eluded a pair of Bulldog defenseman and Burke was able to skate onto it and get off a one-handed shot that went over the shoulder of Romeo goalie Dan Speck.



Macomb Daily staff photo by Craig Gaffield  
Utica's Anthony DiGaetano battles for the puck in the Chieftains' 3-3 tie with Romeo in a MAC crossover game.

Falling behind again didn't affect the Bulldogs' attack as they got the equalizer 1:27 later off the stick of sophomore Johnny Tiseo.

"I think the last five or six min-

utes of the third we outworked them," said Boggio, whose team is 4-6-4 on the season. "It was everything I could have asked for. It's a tie, but it's a good tie because we fought back and we'll

build off that."

Tiseo received a pass from Brad Rice as he was heading behind the Chieftain goal. An alert Tiseo stopped heading behind the crease after he saw Capitanio cheating off his post. Tiseo cut back to his right, wrapped the puck around the post and sent it off the skate of Capitanio to even the score.

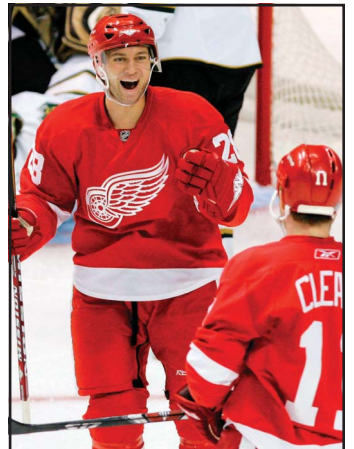
"I went left and I saw the goalie turn his head so I went back right," said Tiseo, who has three goals on the season. "When you see a little opening you have to make a quick decision and shoot the puck."

Utica came very close to winning the game, but a one-timer by Burke sailed wide just as the time expired.

"It can change that fast," Nye said. "There is no lead safe until the buzzer sounds or there is an eight-goal spread."

After a scoreless first period, Nick Drenchko opened the scor-

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AP photo  
Detroit Red Wings' Brian Rafalski (28) pumps his fist as he celebrates his goal with Dan Cleary (11) against Dallas in the first period.

## Hasek blanks Stars

■ Goalie clamps down on Dallas in Wings' 3-0 victory.

By Bruce MacLeod

Macomb Daily Sports Writer

**DALLAS** — Mark Twain once said that the reports of his death are greatly exaggerated. Likewise, the reports of the death of

Dominik Hasek's career earlier this season were greatly exaggerated.

Hasek continued his hot streak, shutting out the Dallas Stars at American Airlines Center, Saturday afternoon, 3-0.

"I felt great, but I have to give lots of credit to our defense," said Hasek. "We didn't give them too much. ... Defensively, we played a great game."

After starting the season with a 5-5-1 record, Hasek rode the bench for four of seven games in a late-November stretch. Since that time, Hasek is 8-1-1 with a pair of shutouts. He hasn't allowed more than two goals in any of his past five starts. He has allowed a total of 15 goals in his past 10 games after surrendering 31 goals in his first 11 games.

"His practice carries over into the games," said Detroit captain Nicklas Lidstrom. "He's so sharp and so focused. That's one of the plays ... cutting across on the 2-on-1 and not giving the player too much to shoot at."

That 2-on-1 save came with Detroit on the power play and 7:50 left on the second-period clock. Mike Modano slipped a pass through Lidstrom to Brenan Morrow, the Stars' second leading scorer. Hasek, however, got

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## Celtics outslug Pistons at Palace

■ Rookie Davis scores 20 points to down Detroit.

By Dana Gauruder

Journal Register News Service

**AUBURN HILLS** — Just another game. That's what the Pistons wanted everyone to believe.

They had a hard time showing it. If playing the Boston Celtics didn't qualify as special, then why have both games with them been the most physical and hotly-contested of the season?

This was the basketball equivalent of a bare-knuckles brawl, where easy baskets were virtually non-existent.

It was all about bumps and bruises, hard fouls and technicals, and when the last jab was thrown, the Celtics were standing over their fallen Eastern Conference rival.

Actually, the Pistons got blindsided. Boston's Big Three didn't overpower them but rookie reserve forward Glen Davis scored a career-high 20 points, including 16 in the fourth, as the Pistons' 11-game winning streak was snapped 92-85 at The Palace Saturday night.

"When two teams are both evenly-matched, it's usually the superfluous players that end up being the difference-makers," Flip Saunders said. "He was tonight."



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Detroit at Dallas

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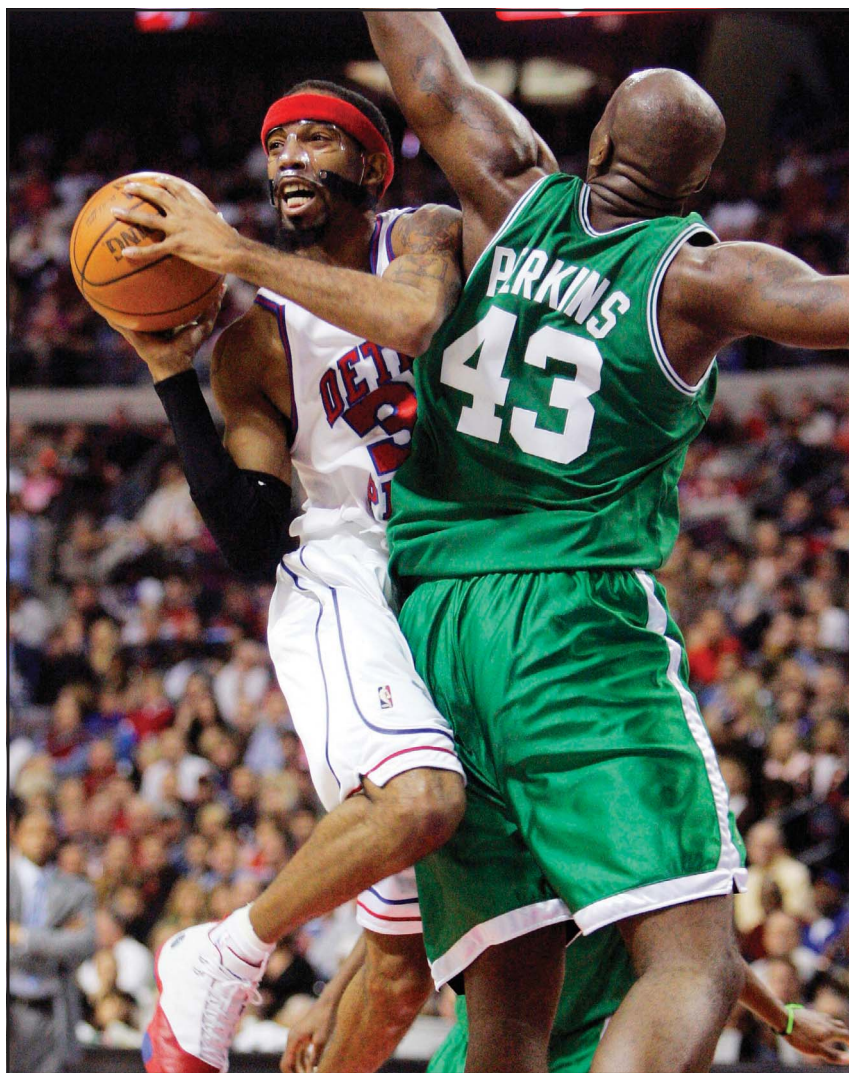
This was the hottest regular-season ticket at The Palace since the Bulls came calling in 1991.

Lower-bowl suite tickets were being scalped for more than \$3,500 and lower-bowl seats were going for as much as \$600.

Down below, Kevin Garnett viewed the matchup as a measuring stick for his team. The Celtics lost at home to the Pistons on two Chauncey Billups free throws with one-tenth of a second left last month but were equal to the task Saturday.

"They're a little more happy than we were when we won our game at their place," Billups said. "It was just a regular game for us with two good teams playing. They were kind of playing like it was the Super Bowl. It's just a regular game, man. There was probably a little more at stake for them and their

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AP photo  
Detroit Pistons guard Richard Hamilton, left, defended by Boston Celtics center Kendrick Perkins (43), passes the ball during the first quarter at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

## In the end, Boston was team with depth

Several things seemed likely to happen Saturday night when the Pistons met the Celtics at The Palace in what has become the NBA's version of the Clash of the Titans.

Kevin Garnett, this game's resident superstar, could have taken over and dominated the Pistons, quelling the notion that one star cannot overcome the concept of team — even in the star-gazed NBA.

Paul Pierce and/or Ray Allen could have gotten hotter than firecrackers and just shot the Pistons to death.

Or perhaps the one I thought most likely to occur — the Pistons' depth and

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**Pat Caputo**

COLUMNIST

## Morgan explodes against Gophers

■ Spartan tallies 31 points, 10 rebounds for 6th-ranked MSU.

By David Birkett

Journal Register News Service

**EAST LANSING** — Not coincidentally, two trends are emerging as Michigan State cruises towards the middle of the college basketball season: Raymar Morgan keeps getting better and the Spartans keep winning.

Morgan scored a career-high 31 points and grabbed 10 rebounds — his third double-double of the season — as sixth-rank-

ed MSU won its 10th straight, beating Minnesota in the Big Ten opener at the Breslin Center, 65-59.

MSU's leading scorer at 18.4 points per game, Morgan scored seven of the Spartans' final 11 points and made the game-clinching layup with 1:16 to play.

"I told (former Spartan) Gregory Kelsner last year at one time (that) Raymar had a chance to be

one of the best forwards that ever played here," MSU coach Tom Izzo said. "He was awesome."

Freshman Kalin Lucas added 17 points in 26 minutes off the bench and made a key steal with under four minutes to play after Minnesota cut its 12-point second-half deficit to 58-57.

Lucas intercepted an Al Nolen pass to Lawrence McKenzie and drove the length of the floor

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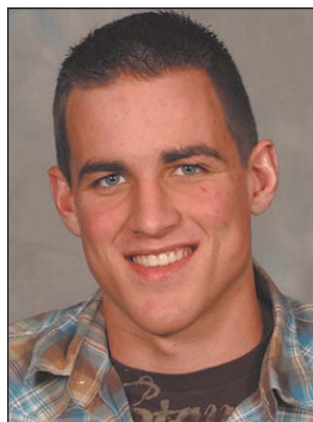
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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



**Ben Abraham**

**School:** Memphis  
**Sport:** Basketball

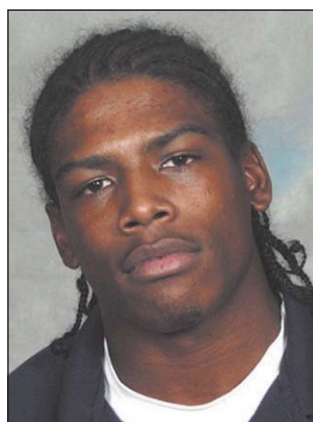
**Highlights:** Abraham scored a game-high 26 points and pulled down a season-best 20 rebounds to lead Memphis to a 71-63 win over Algonac on Friday. The senior co-captain is averaging 16.0 points and 15.0 rebounds per game.



**John Bacci**

**School:** Romeo  
**Sport:** Wrestling

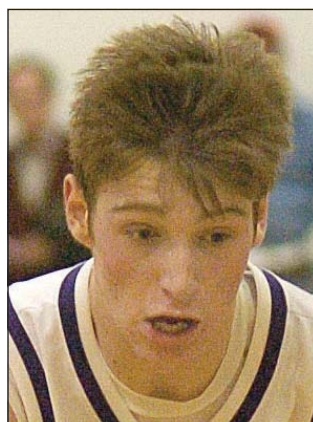
**Highlights:** Bacci won two matches at 171 pounds, including a victory over L'Anse Creuse's Josh Batkins, to help Romeo to MAC Red Division triumphs over the Lancers and Chippewa Valley on Thursday.



**Zurlon Tipton**

**School:** Parkway Christian  
**Sport:** Basketball

**Highlights:** Tipton scored a season-high 44 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and blocked four shots in Parkway Christian's 87-60 victory over Michigan Technical Academy on Friday.



**Alex Marcotullio**

**School:** De La Salle  
**Sport:** Basketball

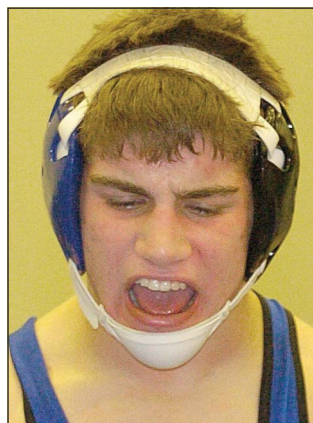
**Highlights:** Marcotullio, a junior, scored a game-high 18 points in De La Salle's 35-33 Catholic League Central Division victory over Novi Detroit Catholic Central on Friday. Marcotullio came in averaging 19.5 points per game.



**Rick Doran**

**School:** Chippewa Valley  
**Sport:** Basketball

**Highlights:** Doran scored 12 points in a game against West Bloomfield, and he had 11 points in a 56-51 MAC Red Division loss to L'Anse Creuse on Wednesday.



**Cameron Amateis**

**School:** L'Anse Creuse  
**Sport:** Wrestling

**Highlights:** Amateis won two 130-pound matches — a 3-2 decision over Romeo's Nick Bara and a 12-5 decision over Ford's Anthony Dwornizak — in MAC Red dual meets on Thursday.



Romeo's Paul Capizzo, center, works with the puck against Utica's Derek Sabiston (17) in the 3-3 tie.

Macomb Daily staff photo by Craig Gaffield

## HOCKEY: Romeo scores late to tie up Utica, 3-3

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ing just 14 seconds into the second banging home his own rebound off the pads of Speck, who finished with 23 saves. Chad Jetts drew the only assist.

The pair teamed up again on the Chieftains' second goal. Rushing up ice on a 2-on-1, Jetts threaded a pass under the Romeo defenseman's stick and Drenchko gently redirected it between the pads of Speck to make it 2-0.

But 18 seconds later, Brandon Bidus fed a pass to a wide open Rossman to the right of Capitano and he easily chipped a shot into the wide open net to cut the Bulldogs' deficit in half.

"We didn't play with the same level of intensity throughout the game like we should have," said Nye, whose team was 0-for-5 on the power play. "We had our

chances. We just need to capitalize on those chances."

Romeo was 0-for-2 with the man advantage.

### Boys hockey

**CATHOLIC LEAGUE DE LA SALLE 0, ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S 0:** Goalie John Klienhaus made 33 saves for De La Salle (2-2 Catholic League, 6-4-1 overall).

### Boys basketball

**NON-LEAGUE LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 67, MICHIGAN TECHNICAL ACADEMY 60:** Matt Rolf scored 13 points to lead Lutheran Northwest. Danny Brown, Nick Miscovich, Steve Miscovich and Steve Sadler each scored 10

points for Lutheran Northwest. **Lutheran Northwest 67, Michigan Technical Academy 60**  
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**MICHIGAN TECHNICAL ACADEMY (1-6):** Kingsley 2, Turner 11, Bartlett 10, Jedkins 3, Nickels 2, Tr. Snipes 10, Wilkins 22. Totals: 24 (5) 7-18 60.  
**LUTHERAN NORTHWEST (2-3):** Danny Brown 10, Nick Miscovich 10, Steve Miscovich 10, Matt Rolf 13, Anthony Claxton 1, Matt Jasper 5, Matt Schrupp 8, Steve Sadler 10. Totals: 27 (1) 12-18 67.

Richmond returns to action Wednesday at Armada with matches against Crosswell-Lexington and Imlay City.

**SAGINAW TEAM TOURNAMENT:** Romeo finished first place in the Saginaw High School Team Tournament beating Bay City Central (54-22), Saginaw Arthur Hill (61-9), Muskegon (69-3), Rochester (45-14) and Garber (72-9).

Going undefeated for the Bulldogs were Kyle Witgen (112), Jeremy Ward (125), Nick Bara (130), Kelly Klein (135), Erik Martin (152), Nick Duronio (215) and Andrew Stebbins (285).

Also strong with only one defeat were Rob Corpt (119), Spencer Simmons (145) and James Ruth (189).

The Bulldogs, who improved to 15-4, next compete at Royal Oak on Wednesday.

### Wrestling

**SANDUSKY ROUND-ROBIN:** Richmond had five wrestlers win individual titles -- Brandon Pawlak at 103 pounds, Grant Hafner at 112, Josh Rivard at 119, Scott Smead at 125 and Bryan Fuson at 189.

Runners-up for Richmond were Dominic Cattera (103); Mike Davis (112); Preston Treend (125); Tyler Olsen (140). Finishing third for the Blue Devils was Ron Fencyk (152).

## MCC men defeat Schoolcraft College, 87-72

The Macomb Daily Sports Staff

The Macomb Community College men's basketball team defeated Schoolcraft College 87-72 on Saturday at Warren.

Mark Walker led the Monarchs with 21 points, eight rebounds and five assists.

Duane Roland added 20 points and nine rebounds to help MCC

### College Basketball

improve to 2-1 in its league and 5-7 overall.

Serif Kurtovic scored 13 points, Deonte Mason had 11 points and Roderick Parrott and Todd Pfromm (Cousino) each had 10 points.

Pfromm also had five rebounds.

Alex Nason paced Schoolcraft (2-1, 2-10) with 20 points.

### Women's

The MCC women's team lost to Schoolcraft College 87-48.

Antoinette Brown scored 19

points and grabbed nine rebounds for Schoolcraft, which improved to 3-0 and 10-2 overall.

Cassie Patrick (Fraser) scored 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Monarchs, who fell to 1-2 and 6-6 overall.

Nakisha Adray and Jessica See each had nine points for MCC.

## High School Schedule

### MONDAY, JANUARY 7

**Bowling**  
New Haven vs. South Lake  
Warren Woods-Tower vs. Anchor Bay (Shores Lanes)  
Lakeview vs. Lake Shore (Pampa Lanes)  
Dakota vs. Lake Shore (Shores Lanes)  
Center Line vs. Lincoln (Bonanza Lanes)  
Chippewa Valley vs. Warren-Mott (Bonanza Lanes)  
East Detroit vs. Lakeview (Shores Lanes)  
Eisenhower vs. Fraser  
Roseville vs. Marysville (Bonanza Lanes)  
Warren-Mott vs. Cousino

**Boys Basketball**  
Warren-Mott at Roseville  
Macomb Christian at Franklin Road Christian  
Sterling Heights at East Detroit  
Boys Ice Hockey  
Utica vs. Warren-Mott

**Girls Basketball**  
Parkway Christian at Roepert  
Macomb Christian at Agape Christian  
Akron-Fairgrove at Memphis

**Girls Ice Hockey**  
Regina vs. Walled Lake (Suburban Ice Macomb)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

**Boys Basketball**  
Algonac at Richmond  
Dryden at Memphis  
Southfield Christian at Macomb Christian  
Clawson at Lutheran North  
CrosLex at Armada  
Conner Creek East at University Liggett  
Conner Creek West at Academy of Oak Park  
De La Salle at St. Mary's Preparatory

**Girls Basketball**  
Sterling Heights at Roseville  
Algonac at Richmond  
Regina at Marian  
New Haven at Madison  
Macomb Christian at Southfield Christian  
Lutheran North at Clawson  
Warren-Mott at Lincoln  
CrosLex at Armada

**Boys Basketball**  
Mount Clemens at Anchor Bay  
Warren Woods-Tower at Cousino  
Lamphere at Center Line  
Chippewa Valley at Dakota  
Fitzgerald at Clintondale  
Conner Creek East at University Liggett  
Conner Creek West at Academy of Oak Park  
East Detroit at Lakeview  
Eisenhower at Stevenson  
Romeo at Ford  
Port Huron Northern at Fraser  
L'Anse Creuse at Utica  
Grosse Pointe South at L'Anse Creuse North

### Swimming

Lakeview at Sterling Heights  
South Lake at St. Clair  
Roseville at Utica  
Warren Woods-Tower at Lake Shore  
Fitzgerald at Center Line  
Dakota at Chippewa Valley  
L'Anse Creuse North at Cousino  
East Detroit at Warren-Mott  
Eisenhower at Romeo  
Stevenson at Ford  
Fraser at Marysville

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

**Bowling**  
Regina vs. Marian (Sterling Lanes)

**Boys Basketball**  
St. Clair at Warren-Mott  
New Haven at Madison  
Mount Clemens at Lincoln  
Anchor Bay at Fitzgerald  
Center Line at Marine City  
Clintondale at Warren Woods-Tower  
Chippewa Valley at Utica  
Grosse Pointe South at Cousino  
Grosse Pointe North at Dakota  
East Detroit at South Lake  
Fraser at Sterling Heights  
L'Anse Creuse at Romeo  
L'Anse Creuse North at Stevenson  
Lake Shore at Lakeview

**Boys Ice Hockey**  
Eisenhower at Chippewa Valley  
St. Clair at Anchor Bay  
De La Salle at Grosse Pointe South  
L'Anse Creuse North vs. Oxford (Troy Sports Center)

**Girls Basketball**  
Marysville at St. Clair Shores Unified

**Girls Basketball**  
Clintondale at Warren Woods-Tower

**Gymnastics**  
Trenton at Fraser

**Wrestling**  
Richmond, Crosswell-Lexington and Imlay City at Armada  
Brother Rice, Memphis and Harper Woods at De La Salle  
Romeo at Royal Oak

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

**Boys Basketball**  
Mount Clemens at Lutheran North

**Girls Basketball**  
Memphis at Kingston  
Lutheran North at Mount Clemens  
Lincoln at Sterling Heights  
Anchor Bay at Lake Shore  
Hazel Park at Center Line  
L'Anse Creuse North at Chippewa Valley

Conner Creek East at Southfield Manoojian  
Ford at Grosse Pointe South

**Swimming**  
Anchor Bay at Roseville  
Fitzgerald at Warren Woods-Tower  
De La Salle at Chippewa Valley  
Regina at East Detroit  
Eisenhower at Ford  
Fraser at East Detroit  
Lakeview at L'Anse Creuse North

**Wrestling**  
Anchor Bay, Sterling Heights and Port Huron Northern at Roseville  
Chippewa Valley, Fitzgerald and Lincoln at L'Anse Creuse  
Mount Clemens at L'Anse Creuse North

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

**Bowling**  
Warren-Mott vs. Port Huron Northern

**Boys Basketball**  
Anchor Bay vs. Lake Shore (Rose Bowl)  
Warren Woods-Tower vs. Lakeview (Rose Bowl)  
South Lake vs. Center Line (Bonanza Lanes)  
Chippewa Valley vs. Sterling Heights (Port Huron Lanes)  
Lakeview vs. East Detroit  
Dakota vs. East Detroit (Rose Bowl)  
Eisenhower vs. L'Anse Creuse North  
Regina vs. Divine Child (Thunderbird Lanes)  
Roseville vs. Lincoln (Bonanza Lanes)

**Boys Basketball**  
Warren-Mott at Madison  
Romeo vs. Utica  
Port Huron Northern at Stevenson  
Fitzgerald at Sterling Heights

**Girls Basketball**  
Richmond at Crosswell-Lexington  
Parkway Christian at Oakland Christian  
Cassville at Memphis  
Huron Valley Lutheran at Macomb Christian  
New Haven at Lincoln  
Armada at Algonac

**Boys Ice Hockey**  
Lamphere at Center Line  
Roseville at Anchor Bay  
Marine City at Warren Woods-Tower  
Dakota at Chippewa Valley  
Cousino at L'Anse Creuse North  
De La Salle at Brother Rice  
East Detroit at Lake Shore  
Eisenhower at L'Anse Creuse  
Lakeview at Clintondale  
Ford at Port Huron

**Boys Ice Hockey**  
Dakota vs. Utica (Suburban Macomb)  
Warren-Mott vs. L'Anse Creuse North (Mount Clemens Ice Arena)

**Girls Basketball**

Roseville at Warren-Mott  
Richmond at Crosswell-Lexington  
Mery at Regina

**Swimming**  
St. Clair Relays  
Dakota at Warren-Mott  
Lake Shore Relays

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**

**Boys Basketball**  
Willow Run at De La Salle

**Boys Ice Hockey**  
Anchor Bay vs. St. Clair Shores Unified  
St. Clair vs. Chippewa Valley  
Rochester vs. Warren-Sterling United (Viking Arena)  
Dakota vs. Romeo (Suburban Macomb)  
De La Salle vs. Cranbrook Schools  
Lamphere vs. Ford (Great Lakes Sports)  
Port Huron vs. L'Anse Creuse  
Warren-Mott vs. Stevenson

**Girls Ice Hockey**  
Port Huron vs. Regina (St. Clair Shores)

**Wrestling**  
Anchor Bay and Warren Woods-Tower at Detroit Catholic  
Central Invitational  
Anchor Bay, Memphis, New Haven at Blue Water Invitational

Armada at Plymouth Team Tournament  
Dakota at Romulus Royal Wrestling Invitational  
Grosse Pointe South, Harper Woods and Chippewa Valley "B" at Lake Shore High School Classic  
East Detroit Tournament

Fraser at Ortonville-Brandon Invitational  
L'Anse Creuse at Durand Invitational  
Grosse Pointe South, Harper Woods and Chippewa Valley "B" at Lake Shore High School Classic  
Lutheran North at Swartz Creek Invitational  
Richmond at Super Duals (Bay City Western)

Roseville at Edgewood (Ohio) Tournament  
Sterling Heights at Brighton Invitational

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

No events scheduled

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