

Benson leads U-M

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ANN ARBOR — Carly Benson scored 23 points in helping Michigan to a 64-55 win over Michigan State on Sunday afternoon.

The victory ended Michigan's nine-game losing streak to their

Women's College Basketball

cross-state rivals. The Wolverines (10-5, 3-2 Big Ten) hadn't beaten Michigan State (10-8, 2-4) since Jan. 2, 2002.

The Spartans now are 4-7 after going 6-1 in November.

The game drew 5,596 fans, the largest crowd for a women's game in Crisler Arena history.

Krista Clement added 13 points for Michigan, while Jessica Minnfield and Janelle Cooper scored 12 each.

Courtney Davidson scored 13 for Michigan State, but no other Spartan reached double figures.

The Spartans took a 31-29 lead two minutes into the second half, and Allyssa DeHaan followed with a three-point play to put Michigan State up by five.

Michigan, though, rallied behind defense and outside shooting. After forcing numerous turnovers, the Wolverines got back-to-back 3-pointers by Benson and Minnfield to help them take a 49-45 lead with five minutes left.

Michigan increased the margin to 10 before the Spartans could score again.

Benson's third 3-pointer made it 58-47 in the last three minutes, sealing the win.

Michigan got off to a quick start, with Benson scoring seven points and the Wolverines took a 13-4 lead. They led by as many as 10, but Michigan State pulled within 29-26 at halftime.

No. 2 TENNESSEE 71, SOUTH CAROLINA 48: At Columbia, S.C., Shannon Bobbitt scored 20 points, Candace Parker added 15 in the Lady Vols' 35th straight win over the Gamecocks. Tennessee (14-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) opened SEC play 2-0 for the 11th straight season.

No. 3 NORTH CAROLINA 79, N.C. STATE 70: At Raleigh, N.C., Erlana Larkins had 22 points and eight rebounds to help North Carolina.



AP photo
LSU's Sylvia Fowles (34) works the ball in against Vanderbilt's Christina Wirth.

No. 22 AUBURN 82, No. 10 GEORGIA 52: At Auburn, Ala., DeWanna Bonner had 21 points and 13 rebounds and Auburn snapped a three-game losing streak.

No. 11 LSU, VANDERBILT 51: At Baton Rouge, La., Sylvia Fowles scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for LSU.

No. 16 WEST VIRGINIA 56, No. 14 NOTRE DAME 50: At Morgantown, W. Va., Meg Bulger scored 17 points and Yinka Sanni added 15 for West Virginia.

DiCristofaro records sixth shutout of season

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St. Clair Shores Unified goalie Andy DiCristofaro was back up to his old tricks on Saturday night.

High School Hockey

DiCristofaro backstopped SCSSU to a 1-0 win over Anchor Bay in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division boys ice hockey game. Zach Morgan scored on an assist from Nick Singleton with 1:38 remaining for the Lakers (5-3-1, 7-5-1).

High School Wrestling

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL INVITATIONAL: Brennan Brumley (140 pounds) and Sam Coniglio (285) each won individual titles. Kenny Lowry (135) placed second and Kyle Lowry (13) took third.

Anchor Bay's Robbie Bidlingmaier (119) and Nick Licari (160) also won individual ti-

ties. Ben Donovan (103) and Joey Yost (145) placed fourth, while Stevie Sattler (130) and Eric Stevenson (152) came in fifth. Larry Rybarz (112) and Alan Poole (135) each came in sixth.

MANNING VIEAU MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT: Ford won the 13-team tournament in Brighton with 201 points. Brighton (186.5) was second, followed by Northville (150), Highland Park (148), Novi (143.5) and Sterling Heights (116). Placing for the Falcons were Zach Worthing (103), Andrew Harris (135) and Nick Scalici (215). Anthony Dworniczak (125), Corey Critchley (145) and Dan Gegic (189) each placed second, while Rich Newbill (140) and Jon Kozak (152) finished third. Mike Risk (171) placed fourth.

Sterling Heights' Paul Hanni (103) was second and Fadi Moosa (160) came in third. Placing fourth for the Stallions was Jermaine Williams (135), while Reggie Cristobal (112), Tamer Altaewel (189) and Justin Tallo (285) were fifth.

EAST DETROIT TOURNAMENT: East

Detroit went 4-1 and placed third at the tournament. East Detroit defeated Cousino 43-23, Madison 52-24, Fraser 57-16 and Lakeview 49-23. East Detroit lost to Stevenson 37-30.

Five wrestlers went 5-0 for the Shamrocks: Brandon Orzechowski (103 pounds), Josh Orzechowski (145), Devon Drew (152), George Andary (189) and Jack Kosmal (215). Andary was named a meet MVP.

East Detroit's Josh Pankow (140) and Billy Mullins (135) each went 4-1. Kevin Sobetski went 3-1 at heavyweight.

Andary also took first at Troy last week. L'Anse Creuse North defeated Stevenson in the tournament final.

East Detroit 49, Lakeview 23
103 pounds: Brandon Orzechowski, ED, pinned Carey, :51. 112: Matt Board, ED, pinned Nadon, 3:13. 119: Steve Marino, L, dec. Steve Martinez, 7-4. 125: Hissong, L, tech. fall Jake Romanow, 130: Steve Light, L, pinned Tony Hall, 3:07. 135: Billy Mullins, ED, pinned Sroka, :30. 140: Josh Pankow, ED, pinned Coombs, 1:22. 145: Josh Orzechowski, ED, pinned Lowris, 3:41. 152: Devon Drew, ED, pinned Fischer, 1:18. 160: Mitzel, L, dec. Walters, 7-1. 171: Conway, L, won by void. 189: George Andary, ED, maj. dec. Sand, 18-6. 215: Jack Kosmal, ED, dec. Isaacs, 7-6. 285: Sobetski, L, won by void. (Match started at 112 pounds.)

BULLDOGS: Team has half-game lead in MAC Red

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multi-dimensional that it makes us versatile."

As important as Cushingberry's all-around play has been, the performances of Romeo's other players have proved critical to the team's success.

Junior Nathan Saliga gives the Bulldogs a threat in the post, and guards Brent Newsom and Nick Kosovich have teamed up to form a formidable backcourt.

Newsom and Kosovich combined to make 13 of 15 shots and finished with 26 points and 12 assists against Utica, and Kosovich scored 22 points against LC.

"Brent is a super athlete, and Nick sees the floor so well," Teller said. "They're playing really well right now."

They're playing well, and the Bulldogs are, too, as they head into a tough week.

Romeo hosts Lake Orion (and Cushingberry's fellow Oakland recruit in Drew Maynard) in a non-league matchup Tuesday, and then begin the second half of their MAC Red schedule with a game at Dakota on Thursday.

"You just get yourself ready to play every night," Teller said. "I know it's a cliché, but everyone's so equal you have to be ready to play every night."

Making progress

First-year Clintondale coach Rob Townsend likes the direction his Dragons are taking.

Townsend, who spent six seasons as the school's junior-varsity coach and another as the freshman coach, has helped Clintondale contend in the MAC Silver Division race. With victories over Warren Woods-Tower and Lakeview this week, the Dragons are 5-1 in the league, just one game behind first-place Center Line.

"With being a new coach, we changed our style to a more up-tempo one," Townsend said after WWT on Wednesday. "We want to go, go — be aggressive on offense and defense."

Townsend said the players

County rankings

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- Romeo, 30 (2)
 - (tie) Chippewa Valley, 19 (4)
 - De La Salle, 19 (1)
 - L'Anse Creuse North, 11 (UR)
 - Roseville, 5 (HM)
- Honorable mention:** Ford, 4; L'Anse Creuse, 2.
- Class B-C-D**
- Fitzgerald, 28 (1)
 - (tie) Center Line, 20 (2)
 - South Lake, 20 (4)
 - Mount Clemens, 9 (HM)
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have taken time to adjust, but the Dragons are showing signs of better team play.

He has preached ball movement, and that mantra has become so ingrained that now he has to tell his team not to pass too much.

Overall, though, Townsend likes what he sees.

"I've seen improvement," Townsend said, "and hopefully it continues."

Home sweet home

While many teams have struggled to adjust to a schedule that has games being played on all nights of the week, L'Anse Creuse has shrugged it off.

For the Lancers, this season is a piece of cake compared to last year when the school's gym was being renovated, forcing the team to play anywhere at any time.

"Last year got us prepared for this," L'Anse Creuse coach John Haas said. "They didn't complain last year. They sure aren't going to complain this year."

Haas said the Lancers (4-1 MAC Red, 5-4 overall) have man-

This week's top performers

POINTS	REBOUNDS
Mike Nieman, L'Anse Creuse North, 39 vs. Cousino on Jan. 11	Kevin Saunders, Fraser, 16 vs. Sterling Heights on Jan. 9
Joel Battjes, Macomb Christian, 27 vs. Southfield Christian on Jan. 8	Anthony Campbell, Fitzgerald, 15 vs. Sterling Heights on Jan. 11
Matt DeSmet, Anchor Bay, 25 vs. Roseville on Jan. 11	Nick Careri, L'Anse Creuse, 15 vs. Eisenhower on Jan. 11
Blake Cushingberry, Romeo, 24 vs. Utica on Jan. 11	
Chris Lemm, Chippewa Valley, 24 vs. Dakota on Jan. 11	
Joel Battjes, Macomb Christian, 23 vs. Huron Valley Lutheran on Jan. 11	
Mike Hollingsworth, Utica, 23 vs. Chippewa Valley on Jan. 9	
Kevin Vangheluwe, Lake Shore, 23 vs. Lakeview on Jan. 9	
Chuck Barone, Eisenhower, 22 vs. L'Anse Creuse on Jan. 11	
Nick Kosovich, Romeo, 22 vs. L'Anse Creuse on Jan. 9	
Blake Cushingberry, Romeo, 21 vs. L'Anse Creuse on Jan. 9	
Bernard Edwards, Cousino, 21 vs. L'Anse Creuse North on Jan. 8	
John Hoskins Jr., Conner Creek West, 21 vs. Academy of Oak Park on Jan. 8	
Lamar King, Sterling Heights, 21 vs. East Detroit on Jan. 7	
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Brandon Brown, Conner Creek East, 20 vs. University Liggett on Jan. 8	
Matt Carden, Fraser, 20 vs. Sterling Heights on Jan. 9	
Willie Cruz, L'Anse Creuse, 20 vs. Eisenhower on Jan. 11	
Nick Careri, L'Anse Creuse, 20 vs. Romeo on Jan. 9	
Eroy Danffin, Conner Creek East, 20 vs. Southfield Manooogian on Jan. 10	
Earl Robinson, Lincoln, 20 vs. New Haven on Jan. 11	
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aged to keep an even keel, not getting too high after big victories nor too low after setbacks.

L'Anse Creuse showed its resiliency last week, bouncing back from a loss to Romeo to edge Eisenhower to stay in the MAC Red hunt.

"You have to win your close games if you want to be there in February," Haas said.

The good and the bad

Center Line showed both good traits and bad habits in Friday's victory over Lamphere.

First the bad: The Panthers turned the ball over 15 times against the Rams, and they had only 10 assists, making for a mis-

erable assist-to-turnover ratio. Center Line, however, did make 14 of 15 free throws in the game, enabling the Panthers to hold on for the victory and improve to 6-0 in the MAC Silver and 8-1 overall — which is pretty good news to Coach Jim Nelson.

"We've been closing out games pretty well," said Nelson, whose team plays at rival Lincoln in a MAC crossover on Tuesday.

Ford in a critical division matchup.

KANSAS STATE 77, No. 15 TEXAS 74 (OT): At Austin, Texas, Shalee Lehning scored 21 points to lead Kansas State in the Longhorns' Big 12 home opener.

No. 17 GEORGE WASHINGTON 56, XAVIER 46: At Washington, Jessica Adair scored 15 points and Kimberly Beck added 12 to help George Washington.

No. 18 OLD DOMINION 82, JAMES MADISON 57: At Norfolk, Va., T.J. Jordan had 18 points and Old Dominion scored 26 straight points in the second half.

No. 19 OHIO STATE 77, NORTHWESTERN 55: At Evanston, Ill., Marscilla Packer scored 18 points and Jantel Lavender added 15 points and 12 rebounds to lead Ohio State.

MISSISSIPPI 63, No. 20 ARKANSAS 55: At Oxford, Miss., Shawn Goff had 18 points, nine rebounds, and three blocked shots to help Mississippi upset Arkansas.

IOWA STATE 84, No. 23 COLORADO 77 (2OT): At Boulder, Colo., Alison Lacey scored 11 of her 27 points in the second overtime and Iowa State snapped Colorado's 11-game winning streak.

High School Schedule

MONDAY, JANUARY 14	FRIDAY, JANUARY 18
Bowling East Detroit vs. Anchor Bay (Salt River) Warren Woods-Tower vs. Lake Shore (Salt River) Center Line vs. Roseville (Premier Lanes) Chippewa Valley vs. Port Huron (Universal Lanes) Lakeview vs. Dakota (Salt River) Eisenhower vs. Romeo Stevenson vs. Utica South Lake vs. Maysville Lincoln vs. New Haven Warren-Mott vs. Sterling Heights	Wrestling Anchor Bay, Lincoln and East Detroit at Stevenson Grosse Pointe North, Utica and WW-Tower at Lakeview Center Line and Port Huron Northern at New Haven Chippewa Valley, L'Anse Creuse and Lamphere at Eisenhower Dakota, Fitzgerald and Sterling Heights at Cousino Roseville, Romeo and Port Huron at Ford L'Anse Creuse North, Warren-Mott and Maysville at Fraser Madison and Lake Shore at Mount Clemens
Girls Basketball Stevenson at Port Huron Northern Regina at Notre Dame Prep Owendale-Gagetown at Memphis Cousino at Anchor Bay Warren Woods-Tower at Port Huron	Gymnastics Grosse Pointe North at Fraser
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15	
Bowling Dakota vs. Warren Woods-Tower (Harbor Lanes)	
Boys Basketball Stevenson at Sterling Heights Imlay City at Richmond Parkway Christian at Inter-City Baptist New Haven at South Lake Memphis at Carsonville-Port Sanilac Macomb Christian at Calvary Ypsilanti Almont at Armada Lutheran North at Harper Woods Center Line at Lincoln Cousino at Warren Woods-Tower Port Huron Northern at Anchor Bay Chippewa Valley at Fraser Lakeview at Maysville Lake Orion at Romeo Conner Creek East at Cesar Chavez Academy Winans Academy at Conner Creek West Port Huron at Dakota Divine Child at De La Salle Grosse Pointe North at East Detroit Eisenhower at Roseville L'Anse Creuse at Clintondale Utica at Ford Bloomfield Hills Lahser at L'Anse Creuse North	
Boys Ice Hockey Maysville vs. Eisenhower (Suburban Ice Macomb)	
Girls Basketball Imlay City at Richmond Inter-City Baptist at Parkway Christian Calvary Ypsilanti at Macomb Christian Harper Woods at Lutheran North Almont at Armada Conner Creek East at Cesar Chavez Academy Winans Academy at Conner Creek West	
Swimming Stevenson at Utica St. Clair at Roseville Maysville at Anchor Bay Romeo at Grosse Pointe South Cousino at Warren Woods-Tower Lakeview at Center Line De La Salle at Dakota Sterling Heights at East Detroit Ford at South Lake Grosse Pointe North at L'Anse Creuse Lamphere at L'Anse Creuse North Lake Shore at Marine City Warren-Mott at Fitzgerald	
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16	
Boys Basketball Lutheran North at Madison	
Boys Ice Hockey Anchor Bay at Chippewa Valley De La Salle at Notre Dame Preparatory	
Girls Basketball Maysville at Warren-Mott Port Huron Northern at Utica Stevenson at Grosse Pointe North Marine City at Roseville Lincoln at Lakeview Anchor Bay at Warren Woods-Tower New Haven at Center Line Grosse Pointe South at Chippewa Valley South Lake at Clintondale Cousino at Mount Clemens Sterling Heights at East Detroit Romeo at Dakota Eisenhower at L'Anse Creuse Fitzgerald at Lamphere Regina at Fraser St. Clair at L'Anse Creuse North Madison at Lake Shore	
Wrestling Armada, Algonac and Capac at Richmond Bishop Foley and Memphis at De La Salle	
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17	
Bowling Cousino vs. Warren-Mott (Bowl One) South Lake vs. Lincoln Port Huron vs. Sterling Heights	
Boys Basketball Romeo at Dakota Fitzgerald at Clintondale	
Boys Ice Hockey Anchor Bay vs. St. Clair	
Swimming Chippewa Valley at Ford	
	SATURDAY, JANUARY 19
	Bowling Macomb County Championships (Sunnybrook Lanes)
	Boys Ice Hockey Anchor Bay at Port Huron Northern University Liggett at Chippewa Valley Lamphere vs. Warren-Sterling United (Viking Arena) Eisenhower vs. St. Clair (McMorrin Arena) Romeo vs. Ford (Great Lakes Sports) L'Anse Creuse vs. Stevenson Port Huron vs. L'Anse Creuse North (Mount Clemens Ice Arena) Utica at St. Clair Shores Unified
	Girls Ice Hockey Mercy-Marian vs. Regina (St. Clair Shores)
	Gymnastics Fraser at Farmington Invitational
	Swimming Warren-Mott at Hazel Park Relays
	Wrestling Memphis at Perry Invitational Anchor Bay at Livonia Stevenson Tournament Anchor Bay at Detroit Catholic Central Tournament Armada at Jackson Northwest Invitational Clash of the Titans at Warren Woods-Tower Chippewa Valley at Jackson Northwest Dakota at Sparta Tournament Grosse Pointe North Tournament L'Anse Creuse at Chelsea Tournament Lincoln at Fenton Tournament Mount Clemens at Southfield Lathrup Tournament Richmond at Hudson Invitational Romeo at Hartland Team Tournament
	SUNDAY, JANUARY 20
	Ford vs. Bishop Foley (Viking Arena)

RAMBLERS: Big week

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I thought we could win if we'd still had (McGinnis)," Kuppe said. "We were still adjusting. I'm really happy with how the team has rebounded though."

Soon, team captains and guard tandem Becca McHenry and Kelsey Irwin moved to the forefront to lead the team on the court with their deeds as well as their scores.

"I think the rest of the team really takes their cue from them," Kuppe said. "They're also leading the team in scoring so that helps."

Though the team is smaller than recent years, Kuppe said they're tough and he thinks their greatest strength is that they get along both on and off the court.

"They're really tight knit and there isn't a lot of fighting and I think that's really important," he said. "This is the quickest team I've ever coached. They're really focused and I'm hoping that will take us far."

For now, the Ramblers are setting their sights on just Regina.

"I think it's important for us to get that first game and then focus on the second game against Grosse Pointe North," Kuppe said. "I think they'll get some confidence if we pull that first one out and we'll go on from there. We can't focus on two games at once."

Stars of the week

Regina High School's Hannah Sobel posted her third double-double of the season with 23 points and 13 rebounds on Friday against Mercy; Fraser's Kelsey Irwin scored 18 points against Eisenhower; Romeo's

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Paige Sickmiller scored 16 points in a losing effort against St. Clair; Sterling Heights' Aisha Anderson scored 18 of the team's total 27 points in a loss against Lakeview; South Lake's Lauryn Giles-Marzette scored 21 points against New Haven; Clintondale's Gabby Adams had 13 points and 10 rebounds against Lamphere; and Fitzgerald's Kristian Hines had 16 points and eight assists against Madison.

Game of the week

Grosse Pointe North at Fraser, Friday: The top spot in the MAC Red is up for grabs when the No. 1 Ramblers take on the No. 2 Norsemen.