

## Armada pulls off a double

■ Tigers boys and girls heading to Sunnybrook.

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Playing out of the Eastern Michigan Bowling Conference, Armada's boys and girls bowling teams are always somewhat of a mystery to the rest of Macomb County.

The teams do not participate at the county championships and competing in Division 3 doesn't

### Division 2 Bowling

help to expose the Tigers to the rest of the county either. But this year was different. Armada was bumped up to Division 2 and sent to the Trenton regional, where it was going to compete against several county teams.

The Tigers certainly made a loud introduction to its neighbors to the south.

Both the Armada boys and girls captured regional championships. The boys' bested runnerup Lakeview, co-champions of the MAC Blue division, and third-place and co-MAC Gold champion Lincoln. All three teams will compete at today's Division 2 state finals at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

The Armada girls beat out Richmond for the top spot. The Tigers had lost to the state's top-ranked Blue Devils twice this year.

"This year I was quite concerned when we were moved to Division 2," Armada girls' coach Jim Sommers said. "However the division change didn't really seem to concern the girls and they looked at it as another challenge."

The Tigers are led by seniors Sara Farver, Kaylee McKinstry and Tiffany Warbington. Juniors Heather Hauler and Tiffany Reilly and sophomore Emily Kujawa round out the six-member squad.

The regional title was the second-straight for the Tigers.

Along with Armada and Richmond, Regina also qualified for today's finals with a third-place finish at Trenton.

The Armada boys, currently ranked sixth in the state, were unbeaten in their league this season. Coach Jim Carl's squad was led by seniors Greg Ezzo and John O'Connor. Also returning this year were Gary Ezzo and John Williams. Newcomers Alex Kelley, Kyle Ellingham, Marty Black and Cody Frisby rounded out the deep Tigers rotation.

Both Gary and Greg Ezzo qualified out for the

### Rockets on a mission

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New Haven hopes to keep things rolling today at the Division 3 state finals, just a week after a come-from-behind victory at the regional tournament at Cherry Lanes in Dearborn Heights.

### Division 3 Bowling

The Rockets overcame a sluggish start in baker-game competition, pouring it on in the individual games to help the team advance to today's finals at Airport Lanes in Jackson. New Haven rolled games of 851, 839 and 744 to move from sixth place into first.

"The whole team came together," New Haven coach Chris Parnell said. "They all did. They all shot good, that was the thing."

Parnell's team consists of seniors Kellie Lang, Rachel Meldrum and Samantha Parnell, sophomores Emily Czarnecki, Tara Johns and Samantha Swamp and freshman Angela Tosolt.

The Rockets, co-champions of the MAC Gold, will be joined by Memphis at today's team finals, which get under way at 8:25 a.m. The individual finals will be held tomorrow.

Lang, Meldrum and Parnell all qualified for that competition. Memphis' Luke Heldt will be competing in the boys' finals.

"We're hoping to do well," Parnell said. "Our confidence has been booming in recent weeks. The girls have been really pumped up."

singles finals on Saturday, also at Sunnybrook. This is the Tigers first trip to the state finals.

Joining the Ezzo brothers in the singles competition will be Richmond's Eric Young and Justin Esenmacher, Lincoln's Pete Belz and Lakeview's Stephen Angelo and Alan Wyzlic.

South Lake's Meagan McEveney was the individual regional champion at Trenton and will join Warbington, the Tigers' lone individual qualifier, in the girls' finals. Richmond's Rebecca Wright, Lauren Todrzynski and Chelsea Stumpf will also be making the trip.



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Troy Athens Jake Sloan (12) skates around the Stevenson defenders during pre-regionals.

## Dream ends for Stevenson

■ Comeback bid falls short.

By Fred Costello  
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TROY — The Stevenson hockey team has endured the ebb and flow of the 2008 season for the last time. Despite all it's best efforts — and a valiant near comeback attempt — the Titans

hockey team just couldn't find a way to get up

on host Troy Athens, falling 7-3 on Thursday night in a pre-regional final at Troy Sports Center.

"They surprised us early," Stevenson coach Al Korolewicz said. "We came and fought back in the second period. This game was a good indication of how our season went. It's been kind of up and down all year. Some shifts we looked like the best team in the state and other shifts we didn't look so hot."

Troy Athens (20-4-2) got off to a roaring start, notching the first three goals of the game, all in the first period. The Red Hawks scored before the game was a minute old. The wide early margin did little to dampen the Titans spirit though. Despite a clear home ice advantage for the Red Hawks, Stevenson pressed on.

The Titans got on the board thanks to a slick power play rush by forward Garrett Gostek. The senior captain went streaking

into the Troy zone after dancing by a pair of defenders. Gostek then went deftly around both defenseman before sliding the puck past Greg Lindow with six minutes to play in the second.

About 70 seconds later, Stevenson struck again, this time at even strength.

Junior forward Nicholas Gregorich pounced on a rebound and sent it top shelf — cutting the deficit to 3-2. Juston Zyvon and Drew DiMarti earned assists on the play.

"Momentum is a funny thing," Korolewicz said. "I told the team that once we got the first goal, the second one would be a lot easier."

Yet while it appeared that the Titans were ready to mount their charge, their momentum evaporated almost as quickly as it had materialized.

Troy scored three consecutive goals in less than two minutes — blowing the game wide open.

Stevenson managed one more tally in the third period when sophomore Cody Schmidt put one home.

A highlight for the Titans was the play of senior goalie Fred Julian. Despite being bombed by over 40 shots, Julian stood tall in net.

Stevenson, who finished their season 14-11-0 overall, matched their best ever playoff run by crushing Ford in the semifinal.

Dakota will face Athens in the regional final at 7:05 p.m. on Saturday at Troy Sports Center.

Tyler Schmitz scored three times and set up another goal for Athens.

Stander, though, made a steal and layup with 2:23 left to give GPN the lead for good, and Kelly DeFauw extended the Norsemen's lead to three points with a layup with 49 seconds remaining.

Nicolina Vitale made a basket to pull CV within a point with 30 seconds left, but Stander made a pair of free throws to seal the victory for GPN and leave Cannon and the Big Reds crestfallen.

"Unfortunately, we caught them in the bracket early," Prestininzi said. "That would have been a heck of a state championship game."

Grosse Pointe North 50, Chippewa Valley 47, OT  
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CHIPPEWA VALLEY (23-2): Claire Cannon 22, Kim Candela 6, Brittany Simon 5, Emily Cizmas 10, Nicolina Vitale 4. Totals: 18 (5) 6:7.47

GROSSE POINTE NORTH (22-2): Kelly DeFauw 4, Olivia Stander 13, Jasmine Kennedy 13, Christine Klein 7, Ariel Braker 13. Totals: 19 (3) 9:15.50.

CLASS B (Host Detroit Renaissance) DETROIT COUNTRY DAY 58, ST. CLAIR 27: Country Day built a 20-point halftime lead and cruised past the Saints to win the Class B regional title.

"There's a reason they win a lot of state titles," said St. Clair coach Sandy Rutledge. "But I was proud of our kids. They battled and played hard the second half."

Kelsey Rood led the Saints with nine points.

Country Day 58, St. Clair 27  
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St. Clair 4 9 8 6 - 27

DETROIT COUNTRY DAY: Sharina Taylor 2, Celeste Gilyard 3, Imari Redfield 4, Troy Hambric 4, Spencer Lane 7, Anna Sclioff 5, Emma Goosen 4, Madison Williams 6, Amber Moore 12, Erica Solomon 11. Totals 25 (4) 4:7.58.

ST. CLAIR (15-10): Kelsey Rood 9, Gina Vito 4, Brianna Schmid 2, Karly Starbuck 4, Sarah Davis 8. Totals: 12 (1) 2:3.27.

### Girls Basketball Regionals

CLASS A (Host Dakota)  
Feb. 26: Semifinals — Chippewa Valley 43, Fraser 40; Grosse Pointe North 62, Ford 46  
Feb. 28: Championship — Grosse Pointe North 50, Chippewa Valley 47, OT

CLASS B (Host Detroit Renaissance)  
Feb. 26: Semifinals — St. Clair 66, Fitzgerald 41; Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day 54, Detroit Renaissance 43  
Feb. 28: Championship — St. Clair vs. Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 7 p.m.

### Boys Basketball Districts

CLASS A (Host Grosse Pointe North)  
Feb. 25: Quarterfinals — Grosse Pointe South 70, Lakeview 36; Grosse Pointe North 69, East Detroit 46  
Feb. 27: Semifinals — Detroit Finney 52, Grosse Pointe South 29; Grosse Pointe North 93, Lake Shore 61  
Feb. 29: Championship — Detroit Finney vs. Grosse Pointe North, 7 p.m.

(Host Fraser)  
Feb. 25: Quarterfinals — Warren Woods-Tower 53, Warren-Mott 41; Roseville 63, Fraser 61  
Feb. 27: Semifinals — Cousino 78, Warren Woods-Tower 59; De La Salle 58, Roseville 56  
Feb. 29: Championship — Cousino vs. De La Salle, 7 p.m.

(Host Rochester Adams)  
Feb. 25: Quarterfinals — Troy 59, vs. Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 46; Rochester 35, Rochester Adams 34  
Feb. 27: Semifinals — Romeo 55, Troy 48; Rochester def. Troy Athens  
Feb. 29: Championship — Romeo vs. Rochester, 7 p.m.

(Host Utica)  
Feb. 25: Quarterfinals — Utica 70, Sterling Heights 56; Eisenhower 72, Ford 68 (OT)  
Feb. 27: Semifinals — Utica 68, L'Anse Creuse 65; Eisenhower 58, Stevenson 41  
Feb. 29: Championship — Utica vs. Eisenhower, 7 p.m.

(Host L'Anse Creuse North)  
Feb. 25: Quarterfinals — Port Huron Northern 65, Chippewa Valley 51; L'Anse Creuse North 49, Dakota 46  
Feb. 27: Semifinals — Anchor Bay 59, Port Huron Northern 55, OT; L'Anse Creuse North 75, Port Huron 31  
Feb. 29: Championship — Anchor Bay vs. L'Anse Creuse North, 7:30 p.m.

CLASS B (Host Center Line)  
Feb. 25: Quarterfinals — Fitzgerald 66, Center Line 50; Detroit Crockett 63, South Lake 61  
Feb. 27: Semifinals — Fitzgerald 68, Lincoln 67; Madison 63, Detroit Crockett 58  
Feb. 29: Championship — Fitzgerald vs. Madison, 7 p.m.

(Host Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day)  
Feb. 25: Quarterfinals — Detroit Country Day 74, Clintondale 49  
Feb. 27: Semifinals (At Bloomfield Hills Andover) — Detroit Country Day 59, Lamphere 25; Andover 59, Cranbrook Kingswood 44  
Feb. 29: Championship — TBD, 7 p.m.

(Host Marine City)  
Feb. 25: Quarterfinals — Mount Clemens 67, Richmond 58; Marysville 69, Marine City 53  
Feb. 27: Semifinals — Mount Clemens 53, St. Clair 41; Marysville 50, Algonac 36  
Feb. 29: Championship — Mount Clemens vs. Marysville, 7 p.m.

(Host Capac)  
Feb. 25: Quarterfinals — Armada 76, Almont 63 (OT); Notre Dame Prep 56, Capac 54  
Feb. 27: Semifinals — Armada 60, Imlay City 55; Notre Dame Prep def. Lutheran North  
Feb. 29: Championship — Armada vs. Notre Dame Prep, 7:30 p.m.

CLASS C (Host New Haven)  
Feb. 25: Quarterfinals — Detroit Loyola 62, Academy of Oak Park Mendota 55; Detroit Communication Media Arts 60, Harper Woods 62; New Haven 51, Eaton Academy 47  
Feb. 27: Semifinals — Detroit Loyola def. Ferndale University; Detroit Communication Media Arts 76, New Haven 37  
Feb. 29: Championship — Detroit Loyola vs. Detroit Communication Media Arts, 6 p.m.

(Host Marlette)  
Feb. 25: Quarterfinals — Burton Bentley 56, Sandusky 53; Brown City 32, Marlette 19  
Feb. 27: Semifinals — Burton Bentley 68, Dryden 29; Brown City 53, Memphis 31  
Feb. 29: Championship — TBD, 7 p.m.

CLASS D (Host Roper)  
Feb. 25: Quarterfinal — Roper 57, Conner Creek West 45  
Feb. 27: Semifinals — Conner Creek East 64, Macomb Christian 53; Parkway Christian 51, Roper 50  
Feb. 29: Championship — Conner Creek East vs. Parkway Christian, 7 p.m.

### Boys Ice Hockey Pre-Regionals

DIVISION 1 (At Troy Sports Center) Semifinals  
Feb. 27: Troy Athens 4, Troy Athens 1; Stevenson 7, Ford 3

Championship  
Feb. 28: Troy Athens 7, Stevenson 3

(At Suburban Ice Macomb) Semifinals  
Feb. 25: Dakota 5, Eisenhower 1; Utica 3, Chippewa Valley 2 (OT)

Championship  
Feb. 26: Dakota 3, Utica 0

(At St. Clair Shores Civic Arena) Semifinals  
Feb. 25: U-D Jesuit 2, Warren-Sterling United 0; Grosse Pointe North 3, St. Clair Shores Unified 0

Championship  
Feb. 27: Grosse Pointe North 2, U-D Jesuit 1

DIVISION 2 (At Glacier Pointe) Semifinals  
Feb. 26: Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 4, Romeo 1; Anchor Bay 8, Port Huron 0

(At Suburban Ice Macomb) Championship  
Feb. 28: Anchor Bay vs. Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, 6:15 p.m.

(At Detroit City Ice Arena) Semifinals  
Feb. 26: Royal Oak 6, Berkley 4; Grosse Pointe South 10, Warren-Mott 0

Championship  
Feb. 28: Grosse Pointe South vs. Royal Oak, (n)

(At Great Lakes Sports) Semifinal  
Feb. 26: De La Salle 5, L'Anse Creuse North 0

Championship  
Feb. 28: L'Anse Creuse vs. De La Salle, (n)

### Wrestling Quarterfinals

All matches Friday At Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek Division 1 - 5:30 p.m.

1- Davison (33-1) vs. Canton (25-8)  
2- Holt (26-0) vs. Hartland (32-3)  
3- Rockford (27-2) vs. Temperance Bedford (29-2)  
4- L'Anse Creuse (35-7) vs. Lake Orion (33-4)

## TITANS: 'I have great expectations for them'

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in 2002. He then helped the Titans to four-straight appearances at the Class A state finals. The team won the 2005 state championship, in Kelley's senior season.

Kelley, who coaches alongside his father, boys coach Skip Kelley, hopes his experience can help this year's team as it makes the boys' first trip back to the finals since that magical season of 2005.

"You know this is it," said Kelley, who still remains active in bowling as a member of the Detroit All-Stars bowling league. "This is what it's all about. This team is young, but they're strong. I have great expectations for them."

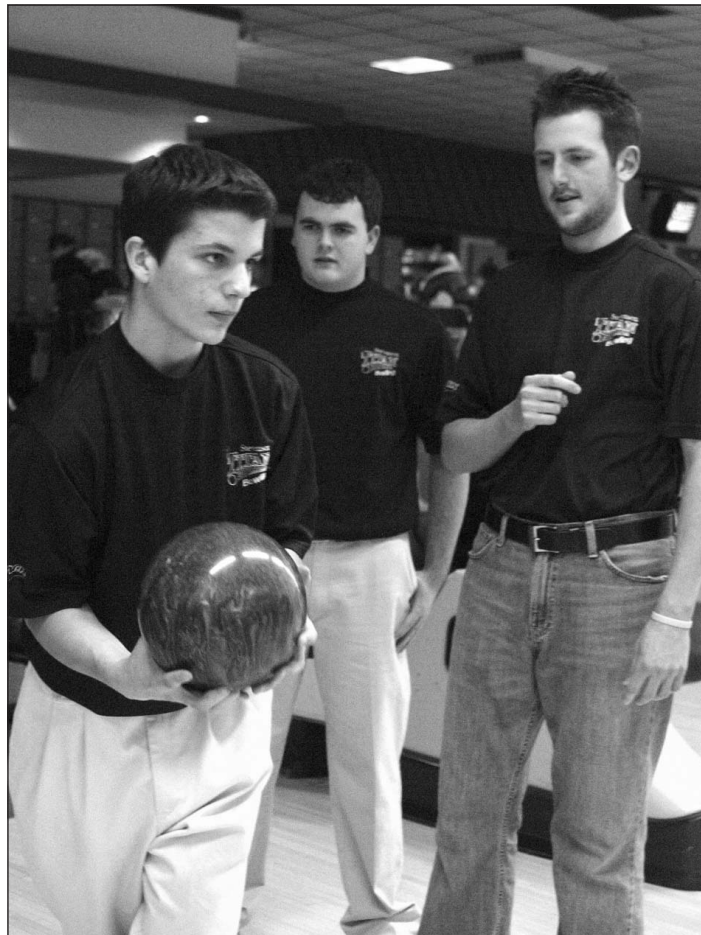
The Titans lineup consists of a pair of two seniors (Jake Kotwica and Derek Rymill), four juniors (David Andrzejewski, Brad Burgess, Derrick Busch and Justin Moore) and two sophomores (David Kotcher and Matt Papais).

The team finished 5-5 in the MAC Red this year but rebounded to win the divisional tournament and carried that momentum to victory at last weekend's regional.

Kelley said to try and calm the nerves of his bowler he's suggested they treat this tournament like a practice.

"When I made it my freshman year I came out nervous. I started off horrible" Kelley explained. "I began to relax and then it just went from there."

"They want to go to win. But this will be a way to relax them for this year, by saying this is a practice. I'm just telling them to



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Stevenson assistant boys bowling coach John Kelley, right, works with juniors David Andrzejewski, left, and Derrick Busch during a recent practice at Sunnybrook Lanes.

just get out there and throw the ball. Do what you do best and they're going to be alright."

East Detroit, which finished runner-up at the regional, and Ford, state runner-up from a year ago, will join Stevenson at the finals.

The Stevenson girls' team steamrolled the competition at last weekend's regional and will be one of the favorites at today's finals. The Titans posted the top score (4,077) in the state. Runner-up Anchor Bay is the defending state champions and will contend as well. Also making it out of the regional was Utica.

The individual finals will be held Saturday. Regional champion Ashley Raden of Anchor

Bay will lead a strong contingent of Macomb County bowlers. Runnerup Katelyn Mathews and Cousino teammate Erica Kozicki will also be making the trip. Stevenson's Kelly VandenBrooks and Amanda Niedermairer, along with Sarah Rawski (L'Anse Creuse North), Tammi Allison (East Detroit), Natalie Runson (Eisenhower), Alexa Suida (Chippewa Valley) and Shelby Polesinelli (Ford).

Competing for the boys will be regional champion Matt Woods (Roseville), Chris Rahn (Lake Shore), Burgess, Andrzejewski and Papais (Stevenson), Jonathan Murphy, Dominic Borsa and Brandon Sawyers (Cousino) and Mike Rajnicek and John Di-Laura (De La Salle).

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