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Michigan State center Goran Suton, right, is defended by Indiana forward Kyle Taber during the first half in Bloomington, Ind.

Spartans clinch Big Ten title

MSU holds off Indiana 64-59

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Kalin Lucas scored 15 points and Raymar Morgan had 14, including a crucial dunk with 27.5 seconds left, to lead No. 8 Michigan State past Indiana 64-59 Tuesday. The Spartans (24-5, 14-3) eventually wore down the short-handed Hoosiers with depth,

speed and muscle but struggled to put away their first outright Big Ten title since 1999. Indiana (6-23, 1-16) was led by Verdell Jones with 15 points, while Nick Williams and Malik Story each had 11. But it wasn't enough to avoid losing an eighth straight game or match two more dubious marks in the record books. Indiana's five home wins was its fewest in a single season since 1969-70, and the Hoosiers tied the

school record for worst home winning percentage in a season (.333), matching the mark set in 1943-44 when Indiana was 3-6. Even after all that, and losing their top scorer, Devan Dumes, less than four minutes into the game, the Hoosiers found a way to hang around till the final seconds. Dumes left with what appeared to be a right knee injury and did not return. But the Spartans (24-5, 14-3)

found a way to hang on. Michigan State appeared to be heading toward an easy win when it scored seven straight points to take a 56-43 lead with 9:10 to go. Instead, the Hoosiers rallied. They scored on two straight possessions and Matt Roth hit two free throws after Michigan State coach Tom Izzo drew a technical foul during a television timeout. Malik Story followed that with a driving layup to make it 58-51.



Up Next
Michigan State at Purdue
Time: Noon
Sunday
TV: Ch. 62

Pistons ruin Billups' homecoming

Ex-teammate scores 34 in his return to Palace

By Dana Gauruder
Journal Register News Service

AUBURN HILLS — He didn't even require an introduction. After public address announcer Mason introduced Denver's fourth starter, everyone in The Palace stands stood up and roared as Chauncey Billups left the Nuggets' bench. Everything that Mason said as Billups strode to the court could barely be heard.

Billups expected a warm reception but the explosion of applause rippled through his ears and straight to his heart.

"I'll never forget that," he said. In a season that's been rather forgettable, especially the home games, the Pistons and their former teammate had a night to remember. Billups carried his new team, but the Pistons carried the night with their third straight victory Tuesday, 100-95. Billups played valiantly in his first game at The Palace since he was traded to Denver in November, splicing the Detroit defense for 34 points. But the Pistons rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit to beat a division leader for the third consecutive outing. The Pistons snapped an eight-game losing streak over the weekend with surprising victories over Orlando and Boston.

Beating the Nuggets was just a strange experience because of the circumstances. "It was fun but it was hard," said Richard Hamilton, who did not play in Detroit's road win at Denver in January because of a groin injury.

"The whole first half, I couldn't believe it. This is the guy I've been going to war with the last six years and now he's on the opposite team," Hamilton said.

With their first home win in nearly a month — they had lost four straight here — the Pistons are back over .500.



Denver guard Chauncey Billups shoots over his longtime pal Detroit guard Richard Hamilton in the first quarter at The Palace. Billups returned to Auburn Hills to play against his former team for the first time.



Nick Drenchko (15) is mobbed by teammates after scoring Utica's first goal in the Chieftains' 5-3 Division 1 pre-regional victory over Dakota at Suburban Ice Macomb.

Drenchko, Burke lift in Chieftains playoff win

Pair combine for 9 points against Dakota defense

By Fred Costello
Special to The Macomb Daily

Hockey is the ultimate team game. Winning in the playoffs, however, often requires an extraordinary effort by a team's star player or goalie.

Utica got a pair of those performances Tuesday night in a 5-3 Division 1 pre-regional victory over Dakota at Suburban Ice Macomb. Senior forwards Nick Drenchko and David Burke were otherworldly — combining for an astounding nine points. Burke

played the role of distributor, setting Drenchko up three times and scoring a pair of goals. The tall and lanky Drenchko added an assist to his hat trick in a dominant outing.

The win catapulted the Chieftains into a pre-regional final game tonight at Suburban Ice Macomb at 8 p.m.

Utica coach Mike Nye was elated to be moving on to the next round. "The one thing I'm really proud of is that even when we faced adversity, we kept playing strong," said Nye, whose team improved to 9-11-4. "We challenged each player to be the best they could be — not for themselves — but for the guy sitting next to them. We put together three good periods of hockey in a row."

While Drenchko and Burke were the obvious leaders up front, the Chieftains defense was nothing short of remarkable. Tony Fata, Chris Schwarzko and Steve Eisbrenner kept the dangerous Dakota forwards at bay, creating a pretty low-stress game for goalie Kyle Martin. The junior netminder turned aside 17 shots.

Drenchko opened the scoring when his wrist shot took a bizarre midair turn before sneaking past Cougar senior Spencer Gold,

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Hossa injury overshadows Osgood's shutout

Wings' leading scorer hurt in 5-0 win over Blues

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Detroit Red Wings overcame an early injury to star forward Marian Hossa, getting Chris Osgood's first shutout of the season in a 5-0 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Tuesday night.

Hossa, the Red Wings' leading scorer with 34 goals and 61 points in 62 games, was hospitalized for observation after slamming headfirst into the end boards early in the first period following a check by Roman Polak. He left the ice strapped to a gurney as a precaution.

Osgood stopped 22 shots for his 299th victory with the Central Division lead-

ers, who have won three of four and are 3-0-1 against St. Louis this season.

Tomas Kopecky had a goal and two assists. Kopecky scored short-handed and Henrik Zetterberg, Niklas Kronwell and Valtteri Filppula had power-play goals for the Red Wings, who dominated three days after absorbing their worst loss of the season, an 8-0 skunking by the Predators. Blues goalie Chris Mason had a strong two periods before faltering in a three-goal third period, ending a five-game streak



Up Next
Detroit at Colorado
Time: 9 p.m.
Today
TV: FSN

in which he allowed one goal per game.

The Blues had been surging, entering with a season-best three-game winning streak that left them only three points out of a playoff spot and attracted a sell-out crowd of 19,250 that included 100 standing-room tickets. The Blues have missed the playoffs the last three seasons and team president John Davidson has been noncommittal about the team's plans for Wednesday's trade deadline.

The Red Wings were short-handed for six minutes near the end of the first period, yet took the lead while holding the Blues to two shots. Kopecky scored his third goal in five games and fifth overall off the rebound of a shot by Pavel Datsyuk when he swept a backhand around a prone Mason at 14:54.



Medical staff attend to Detroit Red Wings right wing Marian Hossa as he lies on a stretcher before being taken off the ice during the first period at St. Louis.

SPORTS INSIDER



Preds stay hot

Nashville, fresh off an 8-0 shellacking of Detroit, beats Edmonton in OT.

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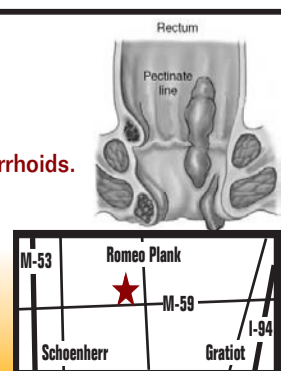
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Abes keep the heat going

Program has fifth straight stellar year

The Macomb Daily Sports Staff

These are presidential times for Lincoln's boys basketball program.

Anthony Williams scored 18 points and Donovan Durham added 10 Tuesday night to lead Lincoln to a 73-43 victory over Warren Woods-Tower in the Abes' final regular-season game.

Lincoln, a co-champion of the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division, will take a 16-4 record into the state Class B tournament next week.

This is the fifth consecutive season that Lincoln has won at least 15 games, with a high of 22 in the span.

The Abes have three league titles to their credit in the last five years and have won three consecutive district championships.

Durham made five steals and grabbed six rebounds and Williams had five assists against Warren Woods-Tower in the MAC crossover contest.

Lincoln will share the Gold championship with either Warren-Mott or Marysville. The Marauders and Vikings play later this week, with the winner getting a share of the crown.

Lincoln 73, Warren Woods-Tower 43

Lincoln	14	23	18	18	-	73
W. Woods-Tower	13	11	7	10	-	43

LINCOLN (16-4): Anthony Grabill 2, Charles Spann 6, Deandre Tucker 3, Aaron Gartin 1, Anthony Williams 18, Romenta Pope 9, Matt Pippin 2, Shaquille Wilkerson 8, Deyante Carter 2, Donovan Young 2, Tremaris Campbell 2, Donovan Durham 10. Totals: 30 (5) 8-13 - 73.

WARREN WOODS-TOWER (8-12): Andrew Kawam 3, Alex Spurgeon 1, Dan Saier 3, Joe Watson 1, Jake Warwinsky 2, Brent Long 2, John Patterson 14, Storm 1, Andrew Rumpz 4, Stephan Zannetti 12. Totals: 16 (6) 5-8 - 43.

MAC CROSSOVERS
UTICA 72, PORT HURON

57: Michael Hollingsworth recorded his sixth 30-point game of the season to lead the Chieftains (11-8). Hollingsworth finished with 32 points to go along with six rebounds and two blocks. Mighael Hollingsworth added 13 points.

Port Huron (5-15) got 12 points from Mike Johnson.

Utica 72, Port Huron 57

Port Huron	15	12	12	18	-	57
Utica	17	24	14	17	-	72

PORT HURON (5-15): Darand Ashford 8, Davon Hawkins 8, Marc Titus 4, Mike Johnson 12, Nick Johnson 7, Steve Sawyer 6, David Foster 6, Ashaur Butler 4, Mark Bankston 2. Totals: 26 (3) 12-14 57.

UTICA (11-8): Connor Hinebaugh 6, Mighael Hollingsworth 13, Jake Baldwin 3, Michael Hollingsworth 32, Andy Orr 7, Derek Nichols 2, Tim Wojniak 1, Andrew Bommarito 2, Brandon Vargo 6. Totals: 29 (3) 13-18 72.

CLINTONDALE 86, MOUNT CLEMENS 80, OT: Clintondale senior Denzel Rodgers scored nine of his career-high 37 points in overtime as Clintondale and Mount Clemens renewed their rivalry in an up-and-down game that featured nine dunks.

James Bethea made two free throws, his 1,000th and 1,001st



Macomb Daily staff photo by Ray J. Skowronek

Fraser's Matt Carden works his way into the basket against Lake Shore's Jordan Ivy, left, and Arthur Coppola in the Ramblers' 57-34 rout over the Shorians. Carden scored 14 points in the victory.

points of his career, with 0.3 seconds left in regulation to force overtime.

Bethea finished with 18 points, nine rebounds and seven assists. Rodgers grabbed 14 rebounds and made 14 of 18 shots from the field.

"It was great," Clintondale coach Rob Townsend said. "It was fun, high school basketball."

Cedric Powell had 22 points for Mount Clemens, which had rallied from a seven-point fourth quarter deficit.

Clintondale 86, Mount Clemens 80, OT

Clintondale	14	21	22	18	11-	86
Mount Clemens	20	17	12	26	5-80	

CLINTONDALE (14-6): Michael Johnson 6, James Bethea 18, Anthony Brownlee 9, Treyvon Johnson 2, Le-terrius Walton 2, Cordaro Gaines 10, Denzel Rodgers 37, Andre Ray 2, O'Neal. Totals: 32 (2) 20-31 - 86.

MOUNT CLEMENS (12-8): Cedric Powell 22, Darius Wilson 9, Damien Green 3, Kyle Capps 15, Zachary Arnold 8, Darius Pettway 8, Leonard Perry 15. Totals: 27 (3) 23-35 - 80.

ROMEO 63, MADISON 58: Edwin Theut took five rebounds in his first varsity start and help Romeo close its regular season with a 16-4 record with the victory over MAC Blue champion Madison.

Romeo 63, Madison 58

Romeo	13	14	19	17	-	63
Madison	16	7	17	18	-	58

ROMEO (16-4): Ryan Thomas 15, Ricky Roth 17, Jason Schirmer 3, Ben Brown 2, Brandon Hoenicke 11, Steven Saliga 2, Edwin Theut 7, Kyle Maxwell 6. Totals: 23 (1) 16-22 - 63.

MADISON (13-6): Ashton Curt 11, Tony Lowry 8, Demetrius Moore 8, Valdez Showers 2, Damon Bozeman, R.T. Merritt 5, Ryan Aaron 22, Kevin Blanton 2. Totals: 22 (4) 10-32 - 58.

EAST DETROIT 69, LAMPHERE 52: Johnny Mills scored 14 points, Montez Richardson added 13 points and Steven Lewis had 10 points for East Detroit.

Nate Laws led all scorers with 24 points for Lamphere. Mitchell Kozlowski also had 10 points for the Rams.

East Detroit 69, Lamphere 52

Lamphere	7	15	13	17	-	52
East Detroit	17	16	22	14	-	69

LAMPHERE (7-13): Mitchell Kozlowski 10, Derek McCoy 6, Nate Laws 24, Kelvin Toma 6, Matt Barnes 1, Ryan Horvath 2, Pete Makowski 3. Totals: 16 (1) 19-27 - 52.

EAST DETROIT (13-6): Ethan Blackwell 6, Evan Blackwell 5, Montez Richardson 13, Alex Rollo 2, Joe McLaren 8, Corey Blackwell 2, Charles Baskin 5, Johnny Mills 14, DeJuan Gilson 4, Steven Lewis 10. Totals: 28 (3) 10-15 - 69.

DAKOTA 60, COUSINO 48: Sophomore Mark Morris made five 3-pointers to give him 46 3-pointers for the season to set the single-season school record at Dakota. Morris finished with 17 points, as did Evan Walker. Tony D'Olivo added 10 points for the Cougars. Glen McIntosh grabbed 12 rebounds and had nine points.

Dakota 60, Cousino 48

Dakota	18	7	17	18	-	60
Cousino	11	13	12	12	-	48

DAKOTA (13-7): Ryan Spicuzzi 2, Glen McIntosh 9,

Tony D'Olivo 10, Nigel Adams 5, Evan Walker 17, Mark Morris 17. Totals: 23 (6) 8-9 - 60.

COUSINO (6-13): Matt Balkema 10, Kyle Kent 5, Sean LaForge 2, Ryan Fossano 4, Brett Schmalenberg 5, Eric Van Buren 16, Kevin Duraj 6. Totals: 16 (2) 14-25 - 48.

L'ANSE CREUSE 69, PORT HURON NORTHERN 58: Eastern Kentucky recruit Willie Cruz had 16 points, six rebounds, four assists and two steals to help L'Anse Creuse post its 10th victory of the season. "He's done a great job of sharing the ball this season," Lancers coach John Haas said of Cruz, a 6-foot-4 senior. "He's averaging about four assists per game. He's a heck of a player." Jerome Doggett had five assists for L'Anse Creuse.

L'Anse Creuse 69, Port Huron Northern 58

PH Northern	16	6	18	18	-	58
L'Anse Creuse	18	14	14	23	-	69

PORT HURON NORTHERN (4-15): Travis Reed 2, Devin Simon 10, Tony Perez 3, Alex Hawkins 10, Austin Shell 15, Lance Cusac 18. Totals: 25 (3) 4-8 - 58.

L'ANSE CREUSE (10-9): Nick Kuczynski 2, Jerome Doggett 12, Ryan Kennedy 3, DeJuan Henderson 2, Willie Cruz 16, Alonzo Chambry 6, Jimmy McKee 14, Herman Washington 6, Ervin Mealy 8. Totals: 29 (3) 8-13 - 69.

ROSEVILLE 79, FORD 53: Traye Williams paced Roseville with 21 points and seven assists, and Dominique Pointer added 17 points, nine rebounds and five dunks for the Panthers. Brandon Gouch also had 12 points and four assists, and David Green had 10 points and four assists.

Roseville 79, Ford 53

Ford	13	11	12	17	-	53
Roseville	16	17	31	15	-	79

FORD (5-14): Kasey Grishaj 13, Daniel Schoenherr 3, Ramon Johnson 2, Carl Kaspari 4, Alan Ciochetto 3, Norman Scott 2, Evan Crank 5, Anthony Griffith 5, Chad Pace 2, Aaron Cox 14. Totals: 20 (4) 9-12 - 53.

ROSEVILLE (16-3): Brandon Gouch 12, Traye Williams 21, Ronald Ervin Jr. 6, Quinton Radney 2, Dominique Pointer 17, Adam Just 3, David Green 10, Brian Kari 4, De'Andre Turner 4. Totals: 28 (10) 13-16 - 79.

STERLING HEIGHTS 55, CENTER LINE 46: Center Adam Ring finished with a double-double, 11 points and 11 rebounds, to pace the Stallions (4-15). Mason Maroki and Albert Nuculli each added 13 points, while Julius Wade chipped in 11.

Sterling Heights 55, Center Line 46

Sterling Heights	19	10	14	12	-	55
Center Line	15	11	11	9	-	46

STERLING HEIGHTS (4-15): Mason Maroki 13, Gavin O'Gara 1, Julius Wade 11, Adam Ring 11, Albert Nuculli 13, Pat Finegan 4, Frank Sanders 2. Totals: 17 (5) 16-22 55.

CENTER LINE (4-15): Clarence Alford 7, Derrick Popov 3, Demetrius Hawkins 2, Mike Melkonian 13, Eric Stevens 7, Chris Perkins 2, John Essenmacher 10, Matt Pelish 2. Totals: 18 (2) 8-11 46.

NEW HAVEN 64, CLAWSON 55: Desmond Clark led New Haven with 16 points, five

assists and four steals. Ricky Crayton scored 12 points, and Bryan Lawton added nine points and 11 rebounds for the Rockets.

Joe Baker scored a game-high 26 points for Clawson.

New Haven 64, Clawson 55

New Haven	14	13	10	27	-	64
Clawson	10	16	15	14	-	55

NEW HAVEN (5-15): Damian Nicholson 6, Tyler Smith 7, Adam Berger 5, Desmond Clark 16, Ricky Crayton 12, Brandon Tokarski 2, Bryan Lawton 9, Rob Farr 7. Totals: 17 (3) 27-35 - 64.

CLAWSON (8-12): Joe Baker 26, Scott Steiber 5, Mike Venny 4, Mike Forsythe 4, Alfonso Sparks 3, Anthony Banules 3, Dominic Davis 3, Mike Spring 7. Totals: 10 (6) 17-30 - 55.

FRASER 57, LAKE SHORE 34: Matt Carden and Etienne Boyer scored 14 points apiece to lead MAC Blue Fraser past MAC Silver co-champion Lake Shore in the regular-season finale for both teams. Anthony Tucci had 11 points and Drew Ulry 10 as the visiting Ramblers put four scorers in double figures.

Fraser 57, Lake Shore 34

Fraser	14	11	19	13	-	57
Lake Shore	10	10	12	2	-	34

FRASER (11-9): Drew Ulry 10, Matt Carden 14, Joe Treat 3, Andrew Gizinski 2, Blake Junak 1, Etienne Boyer 14, Anthony Tucci 11, Brendan Ritzo 2. Totals: 23 (5) 6-14 - 57.

LAKE SHORE (13-7): Deontae Bridgeman 2, Arthur Coppola 16, Ryan Mazmanian 1, Johnny Johnson 3, Jordan Ivy 4, Robert Nimmo 2, Aaron Rookensuuss 6. Totals: 13 (3) 5-8 - 34.

CHIPPEWA VALLEY 59, ANCHOR BAY 55: Mark Sly scored 18 points and Jacob Geatches added 14 points to lead the Big Reds (10-10). Geatches, who scored in double figures for the eighth straight game, also grabbed 12 rebounds.

Chris Fincher added 12 points in the win, while Skylar Jax dished off five assists and five rebounds, while Sly grabbed nine boards.

CV coach Kevin Voss was pleased with how well his team performed on the boards. The Big Reds, who were out rebounded by 26 in a loss to L'Anse Creuse last week, out rebounded the Tars 38-37.

Chippewa Valley 59, Anchor Bay 55

Chippewa Valley	13	21	8	17	-	59
Anchor Bay	10	10	14	21	-	55

ANCHOR BAY (4-15): Kenny Voog 6, Jason Marshall 7, Brandon Padgett 2, Taiwan Jones 15, Matt Robinet 8, Jake Meister 17. Totals: 22 (3) 8-12 55.

CHIPPEWA VALLEY (10-10): Skylar Jax 5, Earl Harris 5, Mark Sly 18, Jacob Geatches 14, David Busonick 2, Trent Jax 3, Christian Fincher 12. Totals: 18 (10) 13-22 59.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH 48, SOUTH LAKE 36: Damien Davis scored 14 points to lead GPN (19-1).

South Lake (7-13) got 10 points from Will Bowles.

Grosse Pointe North 48, South Lake 36

South Lake	12	6	6	12	-	36
GP North	9	13	15	13	-	48

SOUTH LAKE (7-13): Fabian Garner 4, Marquez Thornton 8, Martinique Thornton 4, David Piazza 2, C.J. Bates 8, Will Bowles 10. Totals: 17 (0) 2-6 36.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH (19-1): Darin Willis 4, Danny Calcaterra 3, Kyle Nadeau 5, A.J. Home 4, Paul Ramos 7, Damien Davis 14, Matt Blunden 5, Kyle Campbell 1, Greg Blunden 6. Totals: 20 (5) 3-8 48.

L'ANSE CREUSE NORTH 47, STEVENSON 45: Val Dimovski scored 14 points and Jesse Schienke added 10 to go with eight rebounds to lead LCN (6-13).

Coach Jay Seletsky commended the play of Seth Martin, who finished with three assists.

The Titans (4-15) got 15 points from Jon Sulek and 12 out of Carl Davis.

L'Anse Creuse North 47, Stevenson 45

Stevenson	12	10	4	19	-	45
L'Anse Creuse North	7	18	10	12	-	47

STEVENSON (4-15): Justice Wright 2, Eugene Pratt 5, Mike Puzzuoli 8, Joe Cachi 3, Carl Davis 12, Jon Sulek 15. Totals: 15 (0) 15-22 45.

L'ANSE CREUSE NORTH (6-13): Derrick Hanson 7, Seth Martin 4, Calvin Curry 4, Craig Smelley 6, Val Dimovski 14, Josh Brogan 2, Jesse Schienke 10. Totals: 15 (2) 15-23 47.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 50, FITZGERALD 47: The coach's name is Twigg. His players did well on the boards. They played the game on a hardwood floor. Do you notice a theme here?

Coach Jim Twigg's Blue Devils came up big on the boards in the second half, as they out-scored visiting Fitzgerald 14-5 in the third quarter.

"We knew we had to keep Fitzgerald off the boards. They must've had four put-backs for eight points in the first half. We did a good job of boxing out and rebounding the ball in the second half," said Twigg, a former Sterling Heights player.

Leif Rodney have 15 points and eight rebounds for the winners. Corbet Conroy scored eight and grabbed six rebounds. Will Kim had seven points, seven rebounds; and Farrell Mays scored nine with five rebounds. Victor Mattison scored 11.

Fitzgerald was led by Charles Wilson's 15 points. Kenny Enoex scored 12 and Chris Hines had nine points.

Grosse Pointe South 50, Fitzgerald 47

Fitzgerald	10	15	5	17	-	47
GP South	5	11	14	20	-	50

FITZGERALD: Chris Hines 9, Larry Masters 5, Tony Oglesby 4, Charles Wilson 15, Kenny Enoex 12, Eric Johnson 2. Totals: 18 (4) 6-16 47.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH (7-13): Farrell Mays 9, Victor Mattison 11, Corbet Conroy 8, Will Kim 7, Leif Rodney 15. Totals: 18 (5) 9-18 50.

WARREN-MOTT 63, MARINE CITY 53: With the undercard bout finished it is now time for the main event.

Coach Derek Lefevre's Marauders host Marysville Friday in a game that will decide a share of the MAC Gold Division championship. Lincoln has already earned a part of that title.

The visiting Marauders took control at Marine City by out-scoring their hosts 37-22 in the middle two quarters.

Brad Stewart scored 16 for Mott. Kevin Howze had 13 points, Jerome Cobb 12 and C.J. Olanijan scored 10.

Marine City's Robert Salisbury and Chad Allemon scored 13 each. Taylor Smith added 12 points.

Warren-Mott 63, Marine City 53

Warren-Mott	12	18	19	14	-	63
Marine City	16	11	11	15	-	53

WARREN-MOTT (17-2): Torico Searcy 1, Kevin Howze 13, Jerome Cobb 12, Daryl Reynolds 2, C.J. Olanijan 10, Joey Asbury 9, Brad Stewart 16. Totals: 25 (6) 7-13 63.

MARINE CITY (7-13): Taylor Smith 12, Cody Archibald 4, Robert Salisbury 13, Chad Allemon 13, Brent Weil 2, Greg Govier 2, Colby Aures 7. Totals: 22 (1) 8-14 53.

METRO CONFERENCE HARPER WOODS 45, LUTHERAN NORTH 42, OT: Freshman Michael Childs led Harper Woods with 17 points, eight rebounds and five assists. Kevin Geisler had 11 points for Lutheran North in the Metro Conference tournament game.

Harper Woods 45, Lutheran North 42, OT

Lutheran North	10	4	8	18	2	42
Haper Woods	11	8	10	11	5	45

LUTHERAN NORTH (3-16): Anthony Calibee 9, Peter Corrado 9, Kyle Wanglin 7, Kevin Geisler 11, Zak Bielecki 5, Eric Stange 1. Totals: 9 (3) 15-27 - 42.

HARPER WOODS (6-14): Donny Roseberry 4, Jajuan Collins 3, D.J. Cribbs 2, Dominic Nanni 8, Henri Davidson 4, Jie Hemphill II 7, Michael Childs 17. Totals: 18 (3) 6-8 - 45.

NON-LEAGUE DETROIT CITY 58, PARKWAY CHRISTIAN 56: Davin Patton scored 15 points and Damon Graham added 13 to lead visiting Detroit City (15-4). Zurlon Tipton scored 19 points and

Girls Basketball

DISTRICT RESULTS

CLASS A (Host Grosse Pointe North) Quarterfinals
MARCH 2: Lakeview 51, East Detroit 40; Grosse Pointe North 38, Grosse Pointe South 25

Semifinals
MARCH 4: Detroit Finney vs. Grosse Pointe North, 6 p.m.; Lake Shore vs. Lakeview, 8 p.m.

Championship
MARCH 6: TBD, 7 p.m.

(Host Fraser) Quarterfinals
MARCH 2: Cousino 60, Warren-Mott 23; Fraser 49, Roseville 45

Semifinals
MARCH 4: Regina vs. Cousino, 5:30 p.m.; Warren Woods-Tower vs. Fraser, 7:30 p.m.

Championship
MARCH 6: TBD, 7 p.m.

(Host Troy Athens) Quarterfinals
MARCH 2: Romeo 60, Rochester Adams 43; Troy Athens 47, Troy Athens 37

Semifinals
MARCH 4: Rochester vs. Romeo, 6 p.m.; Rochester Hills Stony Creek vs. Troy Athens, 8 p.m.

Championship
MARCH 6: TBD, 7 p.m.

(Host Utica) Quarterfinals
MARCH 2: Eisenhower 71, Sterling Heights 42; Utica 44, Chippewa Valley 30

Semifinals
MARCH 4: Stevenson vs. Eisenhower, 5:30 p.m.; Ford vs. Utica, 7 p.m.

Championship
MARCH 6: TBD, 7 p.m.

(Host L'Anse Creuse) Quarterfinals
MARCH 2: Anchor Bay 46, Port Huron Northern 25; L'Anse Creuse 50, L'Anse Creuse North 32

Semifinals
MARCH 4: Dakota vs. L'Anse Creuse, 5 p.m.; Port Huron vs. Anchor Bay, 7 p.m.

Championship
MARCH 6: TBD, 7 p.m.

CLASS B (Host Center Line) Quarterfinals
MARCH 2: Center Line 32, Clintondale 24; Detroit Crockett 69, Lincoln 58

Semifinals
MARCH 4: Fitzgerald vs. Center Line, 5:30 p.m.; South Lake vs. Detroit Crockett, 7 p.m.

Championship
MARCH 6: TBD, 7 p.m.

(Host Marine City) Quarterfinals
MARCH 2: Algonac 38, Richmond 30; St. Clair 58, Mount Clemens 49

Semifinals
MARCH 4: Marysville vs. St. Clair, 5:30 p.m.; Marine City vs. Algonac, 7:30 p.m.

Championship
MARCH 6: TBD, 7 p.m.

(Host Notre Dame Prep) Quarterfinals
MARCH 2: Armada 49, Capac 39; Notre Dame Prep 40, Almont 33

Semifinals
MARCH 4: Lutheran North vs. Armada, 5 p.m.; Imlay City vs. Notre Dame Prep, 7 p.m.

Championship
MARCH 6: TBD, 7 p.m.

CLASS C (Host Harper Woods) Semifinals
MARCH 4: Eaton Academy vs. Detroit Cleveland Intermediate, 4:30 p.m.; Detroit Winans Academy vs. Harper Woods, 6 p.m.

Championship
MARCH 6: Eaton Academy/Detroit Cleveland Intermediate winner vs. Detroit Winans Academy/Harper Woods winner, 5:30 p.m.

(Host Memphis) Quarterfinals
MARCH 2: Brown City 37, Memphis 30; Marlette 58, Dryden 45; Burton Bentley 37, New Haven 32

Semifinals
MARCH 4: Sandusky vs. Brown City, 6 p.m.; Marlette vs. Burton Bentley, 7:30 p.m.

Championship
MARCH 6: TBD, 6 p.m.

CLASS D (Host Roper) Quarterfinals
MARCH 2: Roper 53, Michigan Collegiate 25

Semifinals
MARCH 4: Parkway Christian vs. Roper, 6 p.m.; Cardinal Mooney vs. Macomb Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Championship
MARCH 6: TBD, 7 p.m.

Boys Hockey

PRE-REGIONAL RESULTS

DIVISION 1 At McMarran Ice Arena Semifinals
MARCH 2: Rochester United 2, Eisenhower 1; Port Huron Northern 4, Lake Orion 3

Championship
MARCH 4: Rochester United vs. Port Huron Northern, 6 p.m.

At Troy Sports Center Semifinals
MARCH 2: Troy Athens 4, Stevenson 3; Birmingham United 2, Troy 1, 2OT

Briefs

Wolves cut prices for '09-10 season tickets

MINNEAPOLIS — As the economy spirals downward and job security gets shaky by the day, the Minnesota Timberwolves have a risk-free offer on the table for season tickets next season: Lose your job and you're off the hook.

Team owner Glen Taylor called it "an insurance program" for those concerned about committing a large sum of money for tickets next season.

The Timberwolves kicked off their "Early Bird" season-ticket marketing campaign this week with a new three-part plan that is keenly aware of the struggling economy and their own dwindling fan base.

"We think we're taking kind of a leadership role, especially in the sports area," Taylor said.

The plan, which gives fans who buy season tickets between March 2 and July 1 even deeper discounts, calls for lowering prices on 95 percent of season tickets in Target Center and also gives buyers the option of paying over nine months with 0 percent financing.

Seahawks sign Houshmandzadeh

RENTON, Wash. — After three stressful and sleepless days of indecision later, the former go-to guy for the Cincinnati Bengals got a five-year contract to be the centerpiece of coach Jim Mora's revamped offense in Seattle.

Multiple reports say T.J. Houshmandzadeh's contract is for five years and \$40 million, with \$15 million in guarantees for the 31-year-old, who dismissed the Bengals for being too late and too insincere.

Houshmandzadeh said the Bengals made a late offer to keep him — far too late for him.

"If Cincinnati wanted, they could have had me. They wanted me, but at their convenience," he said.

"I never had stress in my life — until this weekend. I was waking up in the middle of the night," Houshmandzadeh said.

He caught 204 passes in the last two seasons in Cincinnati. Se-

attle's top wide receiver last year was Bobby Engram with just 47 catches. The Seahawks had seven injuries at the position last season and slid from NFC West champions to 4-12.

Veteran U-M hockey coach gets 1-year deal

ANN ARBOR — Michigan is extending the contract of veteran hockey coach Red Berenson.

The Regina, Saskatchewan, native played for the Wolverines in 1960-62 and is in his 25th season as their coach. Athletic director Bill Martin said Tuesday the "rolling one-year contract extension" takes effect Sept. 1.

The school says it will release financial details later.

Berenson's 1962-78 NHL career included stints with the Montreal Canadiens, New York Rangers, St. Louis Blues and Detroit Red Wings.

He's led Michigan to 18 consecutive NCAA tournaments and national championships in 1996 and 1998. He has a career coaching record of 670-308-68.

Court documents: McAllister owes \$6.6M

JACKSON, Miss. — Former New Orleans Saints running back Deuce McAllister has filed for bankruptcy protection for a car dealership he owns in Mississippi.

The free agent running back is in a dispute with Nissan's financing arm. Nissan says McAllister owes more than \$6.6 million and nearly \$300,000 in interest.

The company says McAllister defaulted on a deal, then exceeded his credit line.

McAllister said Tuesday he filed for bankruptcy to protect his inventory and is searching for an investor.

The 2001 first-round draft pick was released by the Saints in a salary cap move last month and is now looking for a new team. He was due \$7 million next season.

McAllister also owns a luxury vehicle dealership in Jackson.

— The Associated Press

The Macomb Daily Sports Staff

Macomb Community College women's basketball players Cassie Patrick and Amanda Theut

College Notes

received honors from the MCCA Eastern

Conference.

Patrick, a sophomore center from Fraser, received second-team all-conference honors after averaging 12.7 points, 14.3 rebounds and 3.4 blocks for the Monarchs.

Theut, a sophomore from Chesterfield Township, was an honorable mention all-conference choice. She averaged 10.0 points and 3.1 points per game.

Two men's players, Branden McKenney and Karl Finley, also received honors. McKenney, who averaged 19.9 points, was second team all-conference, and

Finley (14.6 points) made the third team.

OAKLAND: Breanna Peabody (Utica) set the school record in the pentathlon by scoring 3,392 points for the women's track and field team at the Summit League Indoor Track and Field Championship on Feb. 27. Peabody also finished fifth in the 60 hurdles (9.02 seconds), and she teamed with Jenna Kempf (Romeo) to help the 4x400 relay team finish fifth.

In men's track and field, Michael Flemming (Mount Clemens) placed fifth in the mile run, and Joe Goike (Stevenson) was sixth in the 800 run.

In men's basketball, Blake Cushingberry (Romeo) scored nine points in a 100-88 victory over UMKC on Feb. 28.

MICHIGAN: Nikki Nemitz (St. Clair Shores/Regina) threw a one-hit shutout in the softball team's 6-0 victory over Virginia

Tech on Feb. 27.

U-M DEARBORN: Rick Doran (Chippewa Valley) scored 16 points and pulled down 10 rebounds and Nick Kosovich (Romeo) had eight points and three assists in a 72-71 double overtime victory over Davenport in the first round of the WHAC Tournament on Feb. 26.

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE: Emily Joseph (Ford) had four points and eight assists in the women's basketball team's 63-48 victory over Northern Michigan on Feb. 28. Joseph scored 10 points and made eight assists in a 67-61 loss to Michigan Tech on Feb. 26.

In men's basketball, Kyle Hunt (Ford) had eight points, four rebounds and four assists in the men's basketball team's 81-74 victory over Northern Michigan on Feb. 28. Hunt had seven points and five rebounds in a 66-62 loss to Michigan Tech on Feb.

26.

ADRIAN: Lindsay Chitwood (Lakeview) finished sixth in the 60 dash with a time of 8.34 seconds, and she placed fourth in the 200 dash in 27.67 seconds at the Central Michigan Jack Skoog Open on Feb. 21.

KASKASKIA COLLEGE (ILLINOIS): Brett Mazmanian (Lake Shore) went 3-for-4 in the baseball team's 19-4 victory over Meridian College and 3-for-5 in a 12-9 triumph over East Central (Miss.) College on Feb. 20 and 21, respectively, at Mississippi. Mazmanian had 5 RBI during the 4-game trip for the 3-1 Blue Devils.

Mazmanian also went 2-for-5 with two doubles and two RBI in a 6-4 triumph over Hinds College on Feb. 27, and he 3-for-5 with a double, home run and three RBI in a 10-7 win over Itawamba.

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UTICA: Drenchko, Burke tally 9 points in playoff win

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who finished with 18 saves. The lead was short-lived, however, as Dakota (13-11-1) struck right back 32 seconds later when junior forward Matt Demers slammed home a rebound to even the game 1-1. Kyler Kolb and Mikie Joncic drew assists on the play.

The Drenchko and Burke connection picked up steam in the last three minutes of the first period. Utica went ahead 2-1 on a five-on-three power play bomb of a point shot by Drenchko. Burke and Eisbrenner assisted. The Chieftains struck again on the same power play, 19 seconds later. This time, it was Burke burying a Drenchko pass on a one-timer in front for a 3-1 lead. Schwarzkoff also assisted.

The second period saw Dakota make its attempt to grab the momentum. Demers hopped on a Kolb rebound in front, notching a power play marker six minutes into the second. With the score 3-2, the Cougars showed some signs of life, but



Tyler Zdybel (9) and Austin Johansons (right) try to keep the puck away from Dakota goalie Spencer Gold as Utica's Nick Drenchko charges the net in a pre-regional game.

Macomb Daily photo by David Dalton

could not manage to keep the puck out of its defensive zone.

A slick pass from Dave Weyland to Schwarzkoff led to the latter's perfect dish to Burke, who was driving the net hard. Burke went to the backhand and slipped the puck in for a 4-2 advantage. The goal came just two minutes after Demers' second score.

Less than a minute later, Burke flipped a long pass to Drenchko, who converted a breakaway to complete the hat trick. The goal prompted Utica fans to launch hats — including

a purple, oversize crush velvet monstrosity — over the glass.

Dakota coach Dave Koons had seen enough at that point and elected to use his timeout. But rather than emerge with extra energy, the Cougars kept up a sluggish pace and had difficulty manufacturing scoring chances. A late goal by junior forward Jeff Monfils yielded the final 5-3 score, but did little else except make the game look closer than it actually was.

"My worst fear was (Drenchko) having a career day," Koons explained. "He played like the

player he is and when he does, there aren't many teams around here who can beat them."

Koons was dismayed by his team's lack of intensity on such an important night.

"All game we had no jump and no puck movement," he said. "And those are the two things we base our game on. We never got our legs moving and I don't think we made two passes in a row the whole night."

Adding intrigue to the matchup was the fact that Dakota had defeated Utica both times the teams met in the regular season. On this night, however, there was simply no stopping the Chieftains top line. The chemistry between Drenchko and Burke would have been too much for most any team to overcome.

"We got fired up for this one," Burke said. "We knew it was our last one if we lost and we were anxious. Nick does a great job finishing. I've played with him for three years and he's just a great player. I can't say enough about him."

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