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Kalinowski lifts Eagles

Senior sparks Eisenhower's 4-2 victory over Dakota

By Fred Costello
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Two months ago, all Ryan Kalinowski could do was watch. A senior on the Eisenhower hockey team, he was hoping to have an immediate impact this year. However, he suffered a broken collarbone during practice, held on the eve of the season-opening game.

He's quickly making up for lost time.

Kalinowski scored the game-winner Wednesday night, in a 4-2 victory over host Dakota. It was his fourth game back since the injury and his ear-to-ear smile afterward said it all.

"It was horrible," Kalinowski said. "I couldn't take watching anymore. I couldn't do anything for the team. I had to get back and play. It felt so good to score that goal. I loved it."

It was a rare Macomb Area Conference crossover game between the schools. They will not meet again in the regular season. Eisenhower, the MAC White division co-leader, improved to 11-

Hockey

3 overall. The Cougars, who are tied for the top spot in the MAC Red, fell to 9-3-1 overall.

The winning goal came just 3:43 into the third period. With the teams deadlocked at 2-2, Ike senior Adam Nimtz took action. The defenseman held the puck in at the Dakota blue line, then threw a quick pass toward the net, where Kalinowski was waiting. A quick side-to-side move later and the Eagles were ahead for good.

"Ryan is a big part of our offense," Ike coach Bob Hall said. "He's lethal in front of the net and he has great hands. He's just a good player."

Senior forward Ryan Maloney added an empty-netter with 8.7 seconds left.

The first two periods were a see-saw battle.

Eisenhower built a 2-0 cushion in the first, getting a power play goal from senior forward Justin Whitson at the 2:43 mark. Classmate Brad Bird found the back of the net with just 1.8 seconds left before the end of the period.

Dakota, however, charged back at the start of the second period. Senior defenseman Will

Stawinski bombed a shot from the point, halving the Eagles lead just 11 seconds in.

Senior forward Matt Demers tied the game on a bizarre play at the 10:50 mark. After a long shot from the point was turned away by Eisenhower goalie Erik Rodak, the rebound bounced off of several players on both teams before ending up in the net.

Despite the loss, Dakota coach Dave Koons remained upbeat about his team's performance.

"I think we played really well five-on-five," he said. "We just have to stay out of the box. Our fore-check was good and the intensity level was good. Even when we got down 2-0, we didn't lose our confidence and kept playing hard."

Indeed, the Cougars had plenty of chances to tie it up. With an Ike player in the box, Dakota pulled its goalie for a two-man advantage with 1:26 left. Rodak was forced to make several difficult saves as bodies flew in front of him.

It all made for a very entertaining contest.

"It was a good, gritty, physical game on both sides," Hall said. "Dakota is a good team. We had to make sure we slowed down the tempo and take away their scoring chances."

Swimming

IN THE WAKE

MACOMB COUNTY'S TOP TIMES

200 MEDLEY RELAY

Anchor Bay (Andrew Leopardi, Nick Victor, Aaron Shields, Bradford Scott) 1:46.24	Romeo (Chris Fazzalare, Adam Rhein, Matt Ruman, Sam Kimpan) 1:47.91	Dakota (Sean Smith, Brett Impemba, Joe Cuniberti, Alex Francisco) 1:50.08	Stevenson (Christian Szymaszek, Brandon Kennedy, Damiak Dusevic, Jon Duvall) 1:50.99	South Lake (Joe Orachiola, Austin Killgore, Shawn Hoover, Tyler Arnold) 1:51.49	Fraser (Charles Ross, Mike Girard, Brad Barry, Joey Ball) 1:52.72	Chippewa Valley (Matt Beyer, Jeff Voss, Craig Pertler, DeAndre Gatson) 1:52.81	De LaSalle (Townsend Montgomery, Chris Mandell, Mack Biggart, Anyell Pasternak) 1:54.37	Cousino (John Bechtel, Kevin White, Paul Stabile, Alex Sedik) 1:54.43	L'Anse Creuse (Ryan Redoute, Zak McCrossin, Logan Jordan, Zach Leach) 1:54.66	Division 1 1:45.19; Division 2 1:47.39; Division 3 1:48.99; MISCA 1:52.19
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200 FREESTYLE

Jack Dischler 1:50.43	Ford 1:52.67	Sean Smith 1:52.72	Dakota 1:54.02	Aaron Shields 1:54.38	Anchor Bay 1:54.87	Nick Victor 1:55.98	Anchor Bay 1:56.21	Samuel Haddad 1:56.55	Eisenhower 1:56.82	Logan Jordan 1:56.82	L'Anse Creuse 1:56.82	Jeff Voss 1:56.82	Chippewa Valley 1:56.82	Kurt Schnell 1:56.82	Stevenson 1:56.82	Anthony Bollini 1:56.82	Stevenson 1:56.82	Danny Abbott 1:56.82	Romeo 1:56.82	Division 1 1:49.89; Division 2 1:52.09; Division 3 1:55.39; MISCA 1:56.39; County 2:05.99
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Jeremy Podgorski 2:04.20	Warren-Mott 2:05.35	Sean Smith 2:05.35	Dakota 2:07.01	Nick Victor 2:10.45	Anchor Bay 2:10.60	Logan Jordan 2:12.02	Eisenhower 2:12.14	Mack Biggart 2:14.90	De La Salle 2:15.19	Zak Melcher 2:15.65	Stevenson 2:15.65	Brandon Kennedy 2:15.65	Utica 2:15.65	Anthony Russo 2:15.65	Fraser 2:15.65	Charles Ross 2:15.65	Division 1 2:04.29; Division 2 2:08.19; Division 3 2:13.19; MISCA 2:14.19; County 2:28.59
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200 FREESTYLE

Aaron Shields 23.01	Anchor Bay 23.13	Alex Francisco 23.30	Dakota 23.30	Nick Victor 23.30	Anchor Bay 23.30	Mack Biggart 23.30	De La Salle 23.30	Jon Duvall 23.30	Stevenson 23.30	Sam Kimpan 24.14	Romeo 24.18	Samuel Haddad 24.18	Eisenhower 24.18	Alex Sedik 24.18	Cousino 24.18	Constantine Constandache 24.18	Utica 24.18	Division 1 22.89; Division 2 22.89; Division 3 23.39; MISCA 23.64; County 25.69
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DIVING

Max Lennon 214.00	Romeo 214.00	Kevin White 196.05	Cousino 196.05	Ben Hunter 188.10	Ford 188.10	Jacob White 183.70	Anchor Bay 183.70	John Allen 174.85	Anchor Bay 174.85	Sal Ciraulo 169.70	Chippewa Valley 169.70	James Spataro 151.95	De La Salle 151.95	Adam Zmyski 151.10	Eisenhower 151.10	Jason Butler 146.45	Fraser 146.45	Stephan Figurski 146.15	Romeo 146.15	MISCA 190.00; County 120.00
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100 BUTTERFLY

Aaron Shields 55.53	Anchor Bay 55.59	Alex Francisco 56.52	Dakota 56.52	Jeremy Podgorski 57.57	Warren-Mott 57.57	Mack Biggart 57.57	De La Salle 57.57	Adis Jakupovic 57.53	L'Anse Creuse North 58.01	Damenik Dusevic 58.47	Stevenson 58.47	Zak Melcher 58.82	Stevenson 58.82	Nick Victor 58.89	Anchor Bay 59.34	Mack Biggart 59.34	Eisenhower 59.34	Kris Hector 1:00.10	Utica 1:00.10	Anthony Russo 1:00.10	Utica 1:00.10	Division 1 55.59; Division 2 56.39; Division 3 59.19; MISCA 59.69; County 1:07.29
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Aaron Shields 49.64	Anchor Bay 50.25	Nick Victor 51.55	Anchor Bay 51.55	Alex Francisco 51.91	Dakota 51.91	Samuel Haddad 52.37	Eisenhower 52.37	Jeff Voss 52.94	Chippewa Valley 53.03	Jon Duvall 53.11	Stevenson 53.11	Mack Biggart 53.53	De La Salle 53.53	Logan Jordan 53.72	L'Anse Creuse 53.72	Charles Ross 53.72	Fraser 53.72	Sam Kimpan 53.72	Romeo 53.72	John Ptachnik 53.74	Anchor Bay 53.74	Sean Smith 53.74	Dakota 53.74	Division 1 50.09; Division 2 50.59; Division 3 51.29; MISCA 51.79; County 56.99
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500 FREESTYLE

Jack Dischler 4:58.29	Ford 4:59.42	Sean Smith 4:59.42	Dakota 4:59.42	Jeremy Podgorski 5:02.25	Warren-Mott 5:02.25	Logan Jordan 5:03.97	L'Anse Creuse 5:03.97	Kristiaan Hector 5:05.34	Eisenhower 5:05.34	Adis Jakupovic 5:14.88	L'Anse Creuse North 5:14.88	Mike Martin 5:20.50	Anchor Bay 5:20.50	Kurt Schnell 5:20.65	Stevenson 5:20.65	Ryan Nichols 5:21.31	Utica 5:21.31	Samuel Haddad 5:21.90	Eisenhower 5:21.90	Division 1 4:59.29; Division 2 5:04.29; Division 3 5:19.99; MISCA 5:22.49; County 5:49.99
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200 FREE RELAY

Anchor Bay (Aaron Shields, Nick Victor, Brad Scott, Jon Ptashnik) 1:35.24	Dakota (Kohl Kohrman, Dwayne Haywood, Kyle Alinder, Alex Francisco) 1:37.54	Romeo (Danny Abbott, Sam Kimpan, Matt Ruman, Shane Kent) 1:38.04	Stevenson (Jon Duvall, Brandon Kennedy, Damiak Dusevic, Zak Melcher) 1:39.35	De LaSalle (Anyell Pasternak, Miles Mianrecki, Townsend Montgomery, Mack Biggart) 1:39.44	L'Anse Creuse (Ryan Redoute, Zach Leach, Logan Jordan, Jake Feyers) 1:40.25	LCN (Vince Vente, Steve Ursem, Adis Jakupovic, Ryan Vanpoppel) 1:40.88	Utica (Constantine Constandache, Nick Brown, Anthony Russo, Ryan Nichols) 1:41.22	Fraser (Mike Girard, Daniel Ross, Joey Ball, Charles Ross) 1:41.58	Ford (Jake Pehur, Zach Snyder, Mike Rykaczewski, Jack Dischler) 1:41.77
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100 BACKSTROKE

Mack Biggart 58.85	De La Salle 58.85	Kris Hector 59.28	Eisenhower 59.54	Samuel Haddad 1:00.23	Anchor Bay 1:00.69	Andrew Leopardi 1:00.69	Anchor Bay 1:00.70	Ryan Rykaczewski 1:01.23	Dakota 1:01.23	Alex Francisco 1:01.52	Chippewa Valley 1:01.52	Matt Beyer 1:01.56	L'Anse Creuse 1:01.56	Ryan Redoute 1:01.56	Ken Mayer 1:01.56	Roseville 1:01.56	Chris Fazzalare 1:01.67	Romeo 1:01.67	Division 1 57.69; Division 2 59.19; Division 3 1:00.89; MISCA 1:01.39; County 1:07.99
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100 BREASTSTROKE

Sean Smith 1:04.16	Dakota 1:05.15	Nick Victor 1:07.64	Anchor Bay 1:07.85	Adam Rhein 1:08.17	Romeo 1:08.17	Brandon Kennedy 1:08.17	Stevenson 1:08.17	Jon Ptashnik 1:08.17	Anchor Bay 1:08.17	Ben Winn 1:08.31	Romeo 1:08.31	Brett Impemba 1:09.67	Dakota 1:10.10	Jeff Voss 1:10.10	Chippewa Valley 1:10.10	Mike Ciesielski 1:11.43	Dakota 1:11.43	Ryan Vanpoppel 1:11.99	L'Anse Creuse North 1:12.03	Harjot Mann 1:12.03	Stevenson 1:12.03	Division 1 1:03.79; Division 2 1:05.19; Division 3 1:07.39; MISCA 1:07.89; County 1:14.99
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400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Anchor Bay (Aaron Shields, Bradford Scott, Jon Ptashnik, Nick Victor) 3:34.77	Dakota (Sean Smith, Eric Bahman, Ethan Childers, Alex Francisco) 3:35.49	Ford (Jake Pehur, Tim Oja, Jack Dischler, Ben Hunter) 3:38.43	Stevenson (Anthony Bollini, Kurt Schnell, Jon Duvall, Zak Melcher) 3:38.11	Romeo (Matt Ruman, Sam Kimpan, Chris Fazzalare, Danny Abbott) 3:38.84	L'Anse Creuse North (Adis Jakupovic, Steve Ursem, Sebastian Rajewski, Ryan Vanpoppel) 3:44.61	Chippewa Valley (Jeff Voss, Craig Pertler, Matt Beyer, DeAndre Gatson) 3:44.90	Fraser (Joey Ball, Dan Ross, Matthew Gough, Charles Ross) 3:45.02	Eisenhower (Kristiaan Hector, Alex Williams, Nick Mahoney, Samuel Haddad) 3:45.08	De LaSalle (Mack Biggart, Anyell Pasternak, Miles Mianrecki, Townsend Montgomery) 3:46.31	Division 1 3:25.69; Division 2 3:31.39; Division 3 3:35.49; MISCA 3:40.59
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Fitzgerald can't hold off Madison

Eagles roar past Spartans 78-72

By Jon Machota
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Two of the Macomb Area Conference's highest scoring boys basketball teams squared off Wednesday night and the offensive performance held up to the billing.

Fitzgerald and Madison each entered the contest averaging over 64 points a game.

However, both squads topped that number with four minutes still remaining in regulation.

But when the track meet finally ended and the dust settled Madison was left standing with a 78-72 MAC Blue Division road victory.

"We do like to believe we're very good defensively," Madison coach Steve Rhoads said. "(But) if you watched our last couple of games you'd be really skeptical in that regard."

"We just came off a game that was totally reversed. We had a big lead against East Detroit and let it get away in the second half. So, I'm pleased with our resiliency."

The Eagles were the ones playing catch-up on Wednesday.

With less than 10 seconds left in the third quarter, Fitzgerald looked in control. The Spartans were ahead 63-51 following a Devon Johnson short jumper.

But a pair of Damon Bozemon free throws and an R.T. Merritt put-back began what would turn into a 16-2 Madison run.

"It looked like (Fitzgerald) got a little tired to me," Rhoads said of his teams' second half run. "A lot of times when you have a big lead like that and it starts to squeeze down, things tighten up a little bit."

"They didn't play quite as loose and relaxed as they did in the first half."

After that spurt put the Eagles ahead, 67-65, a battle between guards that wear the No. 1 broke out. The Spartans' Denzel Raines, who scored seven of Fitzgerald's nine fourth quarter points, went back-and-forth with Madison's Ashton Curd.

When Raines would make an impressive drive and layup, Curd would answer on the other end.

Curd's jumper with under a minute to play put the Eagles up, 73-72. Seconds later a Madison steal turned into an acrobatic right-handed layup by Curd with a defender in his face.

"Impossible is nothing," Curd said of the tough lay-in. "I feel like if I can get it up, it can go in the rim."

Tony Oglesby energized the Spartans in the first half with quite an offensive display. The 6-3 guard netted 21 first half points on an array of jumpers, runners, a two-handed flush and a buzzer-beating three from near half court, ending the first quarter.

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The first-quarter dunk gave Fitzgerald its first lead of the game, 14-12, five minutes into the action.

But after picking up his second foul late in the first half the senior never scored again.

Despite the final score, the Eagles defense in the second half is what secured the victory.

"(Allowing) 46 points at half-time isn't good enough," Curd said. "We pride ourselves on defense and that's what we do to win ball games."

Joining Oglesby in double figures were Larry Masters with 18, Devon Johnson with 15 and Erik Johnson with 10.

Merritt netted 14 for Madison and Bozemon chipped in 13.

The victory over a MAC Blue rival was huge for the Eagles division championship hopes.

Madison stands one game back of East Detroit and now a game ahead of Fitzgerald.

"It keeps us in the hunt," Rhoads said. "Being two (games) back wouldn't take you out of it but we'd prefer to be just one back."

Fitzgerald coach Joe Kopicki declined comment after the game.

Madison (6-2, 4-1) tries to pick up another division win Friday at Anchor Bay. Fitzgerald (5-3, 2-2) will try to right the ship at Fraser on Friday.

Madison 21 14 20 23 - 78	Fitzgerald 21 25 17 9 - 72
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MADISON (6-2): Ashton Curd 21, R.T. Merritt 14, Damon Bozemon 13, Tony Lowry 8, Tevin Washington 8, Valdez Showers 6, Danny Larkin 4, Deante Byrd 4. Totals: 31 (2) 14-22 78.

FITZGERALD (5-3): Tony Oglesby 21, Larry Masters 18, Devon Johnson 15, Erik Johnson 10, Denzel Raines 8. Totals: 31 (4) 6-9 72.

MAC RED DIVISION

FORD 55, L'ANSE CREUSE 49: Alan Ciochetto scored 16 points, and Aaron Cox added 13 points as Ford snapped a two-game losing streak.

Ford 11 14 14 16 - 55	L'Anse Creuse 10 13 13 13 - 49
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FORD (2, 5-5): Alan Ciochetto 16, Aaron Cox 13, Ramon Johnson 8, Evan Crank 8, Nick Boguth 6, Alben Djokic 2, Anton Marki 2. Totals: 21 (4) 9-16 55.

L'ANSE CREUSE (0-4,): Wright 4, Dujuan Henderson 7, Clinton Komeffell 3, Jawuan Doggett 4, Jerome Doggett 7, Giovanni Gordon 13, Herman Washington 7, Devin Mitchell 4. Totals: 22 (3) 15-22 62.

STEVENSON (1-4, 3-7): Dave Brown 3, Joe Kachi 17, Savio Riskallah 8, Eugene Pratt 11, Josh Corbin 11, John Sulek 5, Mike Puzzuoli 2. Totals: 23 (3) 8-12 - 57.

UTICA 55, GROSSE POINTE NORTH 38:

Andrew Bommarito scored 13 points as Utica won for the third time in four games. Connor Hinebaugh added 11 points, six rebounds and six assists, and Andrew Thompson had nine points, five rebounds and four steals for the Chieftains.

Shane VanFleteren also had six rebounds for Utica.

Utica 13 11 18 13 - 55	Grosse Pointe North 9 12 7 10 - 38
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UTICA (3, 4-5): Wes Rasmussen 2, Jake Baldwin 2, Connor Hinebaugh 11, Andrew Bommarito 13, Shane VanFleteren 2, Derek Nichols 2, Robbie Korhals 1, Matt Tatge 2, Aaron Thompson 7, Josh Hart 4, Andrew Thompson 9. Totals: 19 (3) 14-20 55.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH (2, 3-6): Malone 2, Akiel Smith 2, George Greer Jr. 7, Bryan Brown 9, Adam Adziczak 4, Troy Williams 2, Balazs Juhasz 4, Christopher Collins 3, Will Ritchie 4, Young 1. Totals: 13 (3) 9-20 38.

ROMEO 50, CHIPPEWA VALLEY 49:

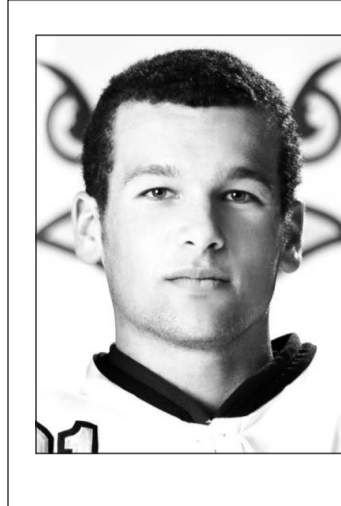
Ryan Grzegorzewski converted a three-point play with six seconds left to lift Romeo to the victory. Grzegorzewski scored 11 of his 17 points in the second-half, and Eddie Theut grabbed nine rebounds, including six offensive boards in the second half. Ryan Thomas added 10 points and four assists with just one turnover for the Bulldogs.

Romeo plays at Eisenhower next Tuesday.

Christian Fincher and Robert Love each scored 10 points for Chippewa Valley.

Romeo 11 10 16 13 - 50	Chippewa Valley 15 8 7 19 - 49
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ROMEO (4-1, 5-4): Ryan Thomas 10, Spencer Szejwik 6, Jason Schirmer 6, Ryan Grzegorzewski 17, Steven Saliga 2, Eddie Theut 6, Nate Fraeyman 3. To



Ryan Maloney

School: Eisenhower
Sport: Hockey

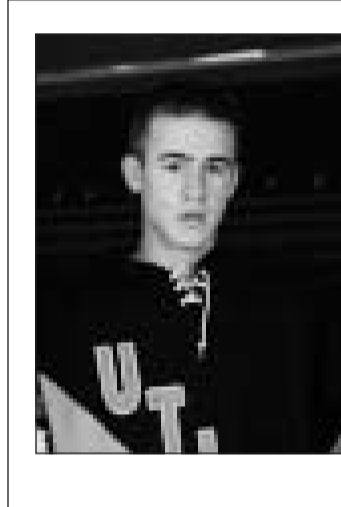
Highlights: Maloney scored a goal and assisted on another in the Eagles' victory over Stevenson in the Utica Cup semifinal, and he scored twice in a 3-1 triumph over Utica in the tournament championship game.



Lauren Hopfner

School: Stevenson
Sport: Basketball

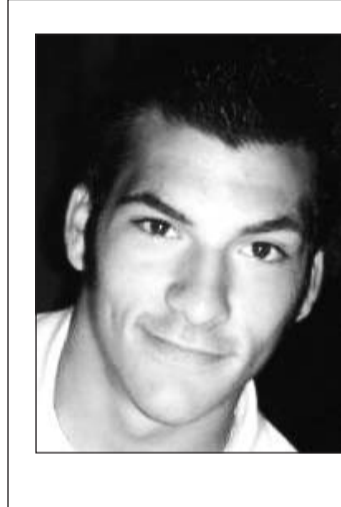
Highlights: Hopfner, a junior guard, scored 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds in Stevenson's victory over Fraser on Jan. 13. She had 12 points, four rebounds and two steals in a triumph over Eisenhower on Friday.



Devin Wheeler

School: Utica
Sport: Hockey

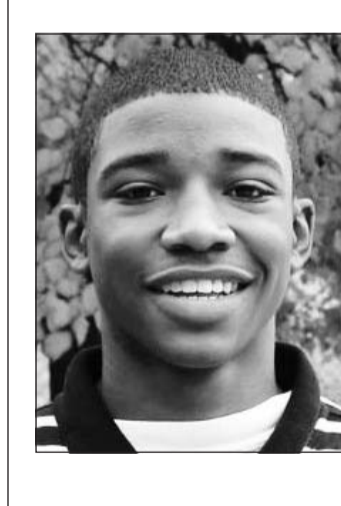
Highlights: Wheeler had five goals and an assist for Utica in two games at the Utica Cup. He scored four goals in a 6-2 triumph over Ford, and he had the Chieftains only goal in a 3-1 loss to Eisenhower.



Nick DiTomaso

School: Eisenhower
Sport: Wrestling

Highlights: DiTomaso has posted a 16-2 record this season for the Eagles, and he has not lost a match since before Christmas.



Darnell Canady

School: Warren Woods-Tower
Sport: Basketball

Highlights: Canady, a senior point guard, recorded 20