

# Junior leads Lancers over LCN

## D'Almeida nails pair of big 3's in second half to preserve win

**By Chuck Pleiness**  
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Junior point guard Tina D'Almeida had a case of the nerves Saturday night at L'Anse Creuse North High School.

By the start of the third quarter, those nerves were a thing of the past.

D'Almeida, making her first start of the season on varsity, knocked down a pair of triples in the third quarter and helped settle down a team that saw its 13-point lead cut to eight at the break as the Lancers rolled to a 51-35 win over the Crusaders in a Macomb Area Conference cross-over game.

"Coach just told me to be confi-

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dent with the ball," said D'Almeida, who finished

with 12 points. "So I just went out there and forgot about the past."

"She was frazzled in the second quarter," said L'Anse Creuse coach Lisa Downey, whose team improves to 11-1 overall.

Out of halftime, the Lancers quickly worked the ball around the perimeter before it found its way into the hands of D'Almeida. Her shot hit nothing but net to put LC up 30-19 and end a 7-0 run the Crusaders had going into halftime.

After Christina DeMaster hit a jumper, D'Almeida hit a free throw and then popped in another triple to give the Lancers a 36-19 advantage.

"She got confident and her

whole tempo changed," Downey said. "She ran the offense under control and didn't force anything. She was calm and it helped us settle into the game a little better."

Crusaders coach Bob Johnston said the triple by D'Almeida took a lot of the energy his squad had taken into halftime.

"They made some really nice adjustments and you saw that on the very first play of the second half," said Johnston, whose team falls to 4-8 overall. "They caught her on the backside, skipped the pass across and she buried the three. Our kids are young and they're not used to that. They kind of got complacent."

LCN did jump ahead 4-2 early in the game, only to watch as the Lancers went on a 9-0 run to end the first quarter.

They scored the next three

points in the second quarter to go up 16-4 and force Johnston to take a timeout.

With the Lancers' lead up to 27-12, the Crusaders seven straight points in the final 40 seconds to get back in the game. Five of the points came from Ashley Dunford, who led LCN with 10 points. She buried a triple and sank a pair of free throws.

"We seem to get those leads and then we stop doing good things," Downey said. "We kind of relax and stop doing what's working and start rushing. And when teams get behind they pick it up because they have nothing to lose."

Carly Stahl led L'Anse Creuse with 13 points, while DeMaster chipped in 12.

Alanna Chambry had seven assists for the Lancers.

L'Anse Creuse	13	14	13	11	-	51
L'Anse Creuse North	4	15	2	14	-	35

**L'ANSE CREUSE (11-1):** Christina DeMaster 12, Tina D'Almeida 12, Kelsey Castiglioni 3, Alanna Chambry 4, Carly Stahl 13, Carly D'Almeida 7. Totals: 18 (2) 13-19 51.

**L'ANSE CREUSE NORTH (4-8):** Emily Nieman 2, Ashley Dunford 10, Kayla King 5, Elizabeth Rawski 2, Marisa Oleksiak 5, Jessica Finegan 2, Katarina Bartley 5, Alexandra Michayluk 2, Jazmine Brown 2. Totals: 10 (4) 11-16 35.

**MARINE CITY 50, ST. CLAIR 45:** Micah Dewey scored 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Mariners (10-4). Tori Wesley finished with 10 boards, eight steals and seven assists.

St. Clair (1-12) got 15 points from Rachel Kehoe and 11 out of Haley Rutledge.

Marine City	16	14	6	14	-	50
St. Clair	8	12	11	14	-	45

**MARINE CITY (10-4):** Tori Wesley 3, Erika Snyder 5, Avery Scarcelli 2, Shannon Gilbert 6, Ashley Salenac 6, Micah Dewey 18, Maranda Isaac 7, Paige Thayer 3. Totals: 19 (3) 9-26 50.

**ST. CLAIR (1-12):** Kelsey Liverance 3, Brianna Britz 6, Jamie Verbeke 5, Brianna Schmid 4, Haley Rutledge 11, Abbie Ingles 1, Rachel Kehoe 15. Totals: 16 (2) 11-18 45.

## Boys Basketball Standings

BWAC		
Division		Overall
Richmond	50	91
Armada	51	101
Capac	51	82
Cros-Lex	33	56
Yale	33	56
Almont	14	47
Algonac	15	38
Imlay City	06	110

METRO		
Division		Overall
Cranbrook	40	74
Lutheran North	31	49
Hamtramck	13	28
Clarenceville	13	110
Harper Woods	13	112

NCTL SOUTH		
Division		Overall
Peck	73	75
Carsonville-Port Sanilac	73	75
Memphis	55	57
Kingston	46	57
Dryden	27	28

CATHOLIC CENTRAL		
Division		Overall
Brother Rice	31	75
U-D Jesuit	31	45
Catholic Central	22	63
De La Salle	13	83
OL St Mary	13	37

CHARTER SCHOOLS EAST		
Division		Overall
Michigan Collegiate	61	85
University Prep	51	
Westin Academy	24	
Cesar Chavez	06	

## Girls Basketball Standings

BWAC		
Division		Overall
Almont	61	84
Imlay City	62	94
Yale	53	76
Richmond	43	66
Algonac	33	56
Cros-Lex	35	57
Armada	26	58
Capac	17	37

METRO		
Division		Overall
Lutheran North	51	86
Clarenceville	32	57
Harper Woods	33	58
Cranbrook	33	48
Hamtramck	05	

NCTL SOUTH		
Division		Overall
Memphis	111	112
Kingston	84	94
Carsonville-Port Sanilac	55	56
Dryden	37	311
Peck	110	111

CATHOLIC CENTRAL		
Division		Overall
Marian	50	121
Divine Child	32	95
Regina	23	84
Ladywood	23	76
Mercy	15	67

# Macomb wins county wrestling battle

The Macomb Daily Sports Staff

Macomb County rules. Wrestling teams from the county combined to defeat Oakland County schools 13-12 in the Gold Division at the Macomb-Oakland Duals on Saturday.

**Wrestling**  
Richmond went 4-1, defeating Lake Orion 31-27, Rochester Adams 48-21, Clarkston 56-12 and Holly 48-18. The Blue Devils lost to Oxford 29-22.

Steve Ireland led Richmond by going 5-0 at 103 pounds, and Justin Russo (130) went 4-0. Dominic Cattera (112) went 3-0, and Dustin Pitcel (112) and Grant Hafner (125) each went 2-0.

Garrett Edwards (119), Preston Treend (135) and Roger Crump (160) each went 4-1 for the Blue Devils.

Romeo went 3-2 in the Gold Division, losing to to Holly 49-21 and Oxford 59-3. But the Bulldogs defeated Clarkston 47-28, Lake Orion 43-31 and Rochester Adams 40-31 to help Macomb County prevail.

Orrin Bryant (150) and Adam Bennett (285) each went 4-1 for Romeo.

Tayron Womble (103/112), Evan Richardson (112/119), Joe Sinsitha (119/125), Jeremy Ward (135), Zach Schafer (152) all went 3-2 for the Bulldogs (28-12 overall).  
Richmond, Anchor Bay, Roseville and

L'Anse Creuse also competed in the Gold Division.

## Wrestling

**MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY INVITATIONAL:** Lutheran North finished 2-3 on the day, beating Saginaw Swan Valley (39-36) and Lutheran Northwest (42-24). The Mustangs lost to Birch Run "B" (58-16), Michigan Lutheran Seminary (60-24) and Eau Claire (60-21).

Kyle Hudson (112 pounds) and Andrew Devroy (171) both went 5-0, while Mitch Davis (130) and Jake Sassin (135) each went 4-1. Nathan Wolber (125) was 3-2 and Parker McGoldrick (103) went 2-2.

**DAKOTA WRESTLING FESTIVAL:** Milford won the tournament, defeating runner-up Dakota 43-26.

Dakota's Kenny Seelye (119 pounds) and Greg Day (130) each went 5-0, and Jimmy Miller (112), Dom DeRita (125) and Jared Wilks (135) all went 4-1 for the Cougars.

Northville defeated Midland by criteria 33-33 in the third-place match.

**MEMPHIS TEAM TOURNAMENT:** Lake Shore finished second, defeating Bad Axe 72-12, Armada 72-12, Memphis 54-27 and Inter-City Baptist 72-12. The Shorians lost to Almont 40-32 in the championship.

Top wrestlers for Lake Shore were Jacques Moore (103), Cody Morris (112), Steve Martinez (119), Zach Siemel (189), and David Lane (285), who all went 5-0.

Travis Joseph (215) and Nick Bruneel (140) went 4-1 for the Shorians. Joshua Carr picked up career victory No. 100.

## Boys basketball

### NON-LEAGUE

**DE LA SALLE 50, ROCKORD 45:** Bryan Mitzner recorded a double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds as De La Salle broke a three-game losing streak.

Connor Tava added 13 points, and Vaughn AVECILLA had nine points for the Pilots.

"We're proud of that, now we just have to take care of business in the league," Greg Esler said. "I was really happy with the overall effort."

De La Salle	12	10	11	17	-	50
Rockford	6	15	9	15	-	45

**DE LA SALLE (9-3):** Vaughn AVECILLA 9, Brad Law 6, Ryan Payne 2, Sterling Johnson 3, Bryan Mitzner 17, Connor Tava 13. Totals: 16 (2) 16-23 50.

**ROCKFORD (8-4):** Ryan Darby 6, Ryan Marley 13, Matt Karamol 8, McCane 3, Kline 3, Peirson 5, Keller 7. Totals: 15 (6) 9-11 45.

## Hockey

**MAC BLUE DIVISION**  
**WARREN-MOTT 3, FRASER 1:** Ryan

Wilson, Tyler Majewski and Nick Wujcik scored to lead Warren-Mott. Wilson, Reid Majewski, Chris Kiely and Adam Merrifield had assists, and Zach Zielonka made 30 saves for Warren-Mott.

## MAC CROSSOVER

**L'ANSE CREUSE NORTH 2, LAM-PHERE 0:** Robert Howard and Tim Kernen scored for LCN. Goalie Alex Sypniewski made 10 saves for the Crusaders (11-4-2).

**ANCHOR BAY 4, L'ANSE CREUSE NORTH 3, OT:** Max Baker scored two goals, including the winning goal in overtime, for Anchor Bay. Chris Novara and Tom Novak also scored, and Alex Fonstad and Andy McEvoy each had two assists. Kory Constantine and Anthony Depetro also had assists, and Alan Gaglio made 35 saves for the Tars (4-10-2).

**WARREN-STERLING UNITED 6, CHIPPEWA VALLEY 2:** Marty Case and Michael Merola each scored two goals, and Nick Logie and Kyle Kozey also scored for Warren-Sterling. Mike Perini had three assists, David Pomaville had two assists, and Merola, Logie and Collin Holman also had assists. Jake DeWalt 23 saves for Warren-Sterling (9-6-1).

Jimmy Gaydos and Nick Bayagich scored for Chippewa Valley. Zach Greiner had assists for the Big Reds.

## LCN holds off Lancers

**By Jon Machota**  
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A quick glance at the Macomb Area Conference standings might have led some to believe Saturday night's game at L'Anse

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Creuse North had blowout written all over it. The Crusaders entered near the top of the Red Division and rival L'Anse Creuse, 0-5 in the division, was in the basement.

But the Lancers gave LCN all it could handle for 32 minutes in front of a packed house.

In the end, the difference was Crusaders guard Derrick Hanson, who netted 11 of his game-high 17 points in the fourth quarter, helping seal the 53-48 victory.

"This league is so brutal," L'Anse Creuse North coach Jay Seletsky said. "If anyone thinks they're going to come out and blow somebody out, it's always

going to be a 5-10 point game. I mean, L'Anse Creuse is at the bottom and we're at the top and it doesn't matter. This league is so physical and so competitive."

L'Anse Creuse (3-9, 0-6) entered the final quarter clinging to a one point lead. However, Hanson and teammate Jesse Schienke combined to score 11 unanswered points during a four-minute stretch.

The Lancers were led by Jerome Doggett's 12 points.

"We talked about how the winner of this game was going to make plays," L'Anse Creuse coach John Haas said. "We made plays to get back in the game, we made plays to take the lead, but they made the plays down the stretch to win the game. That's what a winning team does."

L'Anse Creuse	8	13	15	12	-	48
L'Anse Creuse North	12	13	10	18	-	53

**L'ANSE CREUSE (3-9, 0-6):** Jerome Doggett 12, Giovanni Gordon 9, Dujuan Henderson 8, Herman Washington 6, Terrell Wright 5, Devin Mitchell 5, Brian Keyes 3. Totals: 16 (7) 9-14 48.

**L'ANSE CREUSE NORTH (0-2, 4-1):** Derrick Hanson 17, Jesse Schienke 12, Michael Osterman 7, Ryan Lombardo 6, Zachary White 5, Calvin Curry 4, Craig Smelley 2. Totals: 20 (1) 12-19 53.

## GRAY: '(Iowa) is my kind of people'

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Gray said. "They're blue-collar people. They know how to play hard, and they know how to work hard."

Gray leaves Fitzgerald as the school's all-time leading tackler, and he prepares to enter the collegiate level with plenty of accolades.

Rivals.com rated him the 10th best high school recruit in Michigan, and the Web site also called him the 11th-best middle line-backer in the nation.

"He's just a hard-working, throwback player," Fitzgerald coach Jason Byers said. "The biggest thing is his motor. And he's a great leader."

Gray first played organized football in seventh grade on the middle school team, where he played fullback and nose guard. He started on the varsity team

at Fitzgerald as a freshman, and by his sophomore season he was a star, leading the team with 105 tackles, including three sacks.

As a junior in 2008, Gray recorded 97 tackles, 14 tackles for a loss and nine sacks to lead Fitzgerald to a share of the MAC Silver Division championship and a trip to the regional final.

Gray made 61 tackles and four sacks in a senior season that was cut short when he tore the ACL in his right knee during a freak play at a walkthrough practice.

"At first he was pretty devastated," Byers said. "Once he found out it was torn, he was pretty down. There was a fear factor that he was going to lose everything he had."

But the coaching staff at Iowa, including assistant coach Phil Parker, told Gray that once he

was a Hawkeye, he was always a Hawkeye.

"The coaches were great," Gray said. "They were really supportive. That helped me stay motivated and focused. I trust those guys. To hear that was reassuring."

Since the injury, Gray has worked hard to recover. He said his rehab is ahead of schedule — he started jogging two weeks ago — and he expects to be back to full health by May.

Gray said he will miss his coaches from Fitzgerald, but admits that he is ready to make his commitment to Iowa official.

"It's exciting," Gray said. "The closer it gets, the more excited I get."

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## No answers after battle between Red's finest

### St. Clair Shores, Dakota end up in 2-2 tie

**By Fred Costello**  
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Even overtime wasn't enough time to figure out who is the best hockey team in the Macomb Area Conference Red division. Dakota and St. Clair Shores Unified — both unbeaten in conference play — battled to a 2-2 tie on Saturday night at Shores.

Senior forward Cory Shafer scored twice for the Lakers, who are now 4-0-1 in the Red and 10-3-1 overall. Senior forwards Alex Johansons and Joe Scrima scored for the Cougars, now 5-0-1 in the division and 10-3-2 overall.

"Wow, what a game," Dakota coach Dave Koons said. "It's nice that there wasn't a winner, because both teams deserved the win. We both got what we deserved out of the game, a point. If anybody doesn't think MAC hockey is good, they need to see these teams play next time."

The game was a hard-hitting, intense and

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fast-paced affair that featured a long list of great opportunities to win for both sides.

Senior forward Matt Demers scored in overtime on Friday night to beat Utica. He found himself with another opportunity in the opening seconds of the five-minute overtime. Demers went in on a breakaway, lifting a shot that went over the right shoulder of Lakers goalie Bobby Fredal. The shot pinged off the crossbar just 15 seconds into the extra session.

St. Clair Shores had its chance with 58 seconds left in overtime. Shafer went in alone, but his shot sailed over the head of Dakota's Trevor Miller and hit the glass.

The Lakers built an early 2-0 lead on a pair of first-period goals from Shafer. The first was a rebound goal on the power play that he backhanded in at the 3:30 mark. Shafer scored again with 1:32 left in the first, this time cashing in on a turnover.

At that point, the Lakers seemed to let off the gas.

The 12-3 shots on goal advantage SCS had in the first period quickly flip-flopped as

the Cougars out-shot their opponents 16-6 in the second.

Johansons buried a rebound at 8:10, getting Dakota within one goal after two periods of play. The Cougars tied the game on its first shot of the third period, when junior forward Kyle Rojem made a nifty pass in front to Scrima, who slammed it in at 13:08.

The game was not without controversy. A Lakers shot appeared to enter the net at the 2:38 mark of the third period, but no call was made on the play, despite the wails of the St. Clair Shores faithful.

Lakers coach Frank DiCristofaro believed his team let a great opportunity slip away.

"It was a typical St. Clair Shores and Dakota war," he said. "We got up on them, and then our kids thought they could just sit back and enjoy the game and not keep playing hard. I'm just disappointed that we didn't get the win, because we should have. We have to control the game with our fore-check, but we just sat around and waited for them to give us the puck."

The teams will meet again on Feb. 24 at Mount Clemens.

## DAVIS: Stevenson DL going to Hawkeyes

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"He's light on his feet for 300 pounds," Stevenson coach Rick Bye said. "He's very agile, and he got a lot tougher."

He chose Iowa over Michigan State, Illinois and Kansas, as well as some MAC schools. He also drew late interest from Minnesota.

"It was one of a kind," Davis said of his recruiting experience. "It was different. A lot of people were like, 'Why would you go to Iowa?' There are only corn fields there. But Iowa City is like any other college town. The people there are great. I like the coaches there."

Davis also has a personal connection to the Hawkeyes. His uncle, Rich Walker, is the director of basketball operations at Iowa.

In Davis, the Hawkeyes will get a player who made vast improvement in his final two high school seasons after transferring to Stevenson from Hazel Park.

Davis did not play organized football until eighth grade, and he considered himself a basketball player first before arriving at