

# Richmond grapplers eye road to repeat

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Richmond's Brian Henke and Roger Crump enter today's Division 3 individual regional tournament with the same goal in mind — defend their regional titles.

However, both have much different paths to do so.

Henke, who won a second straight district title last week, faces a 145-pound bracket sprinkled with ranked wrestlers all the way to the finals.

Crump, who won his third straight district title last week, has just one ranked wrestler at

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160 pounds to worry about. "Everyone in the bracket is tough," said Henke, who's 40-0 this season. "I can't wait for tomorrow. Having a tough bracket is fun."

If Henke gets past his first opponent, Caro's Mike Daniel, he will more than likely face Saginaw Swan Valley's Matt Beebe. Beebe is ranked fourth in the state at 145.

Awaiting Henke, who's ranked second in the state behind Big Rapids' Garrett Schaner, in the finals should be Caro's Travis

Jaster. Jaster is ranked third in the state.

"I've really picked up the intensity at practice this week," said Henke, who placed second in the state at 145 last season. "Knowing what I've got at regionals, it's easy to get my intensity level up."

Henke, who beat Daniel at the first round of regionals last season, beat Jaster as a freshman at the state finals to reach the match for third place. He got the Caro grappler in a headlock to win by pin.

"I'm going to go out there and look for the same things," said Henke, who wound up placing



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CRUMP

fourth in the state as a freshman. "I'm assuming the match with be completely different, but I'm going to wrestle like I want to wrestle."

Crump on the other hand would just like to know a bit more of what lies ahead of him today.

"I don't know anybody in the weight class," said Crump, who placed second in the state at 160 last season. "It's kind of nerve wracking. I've just got to wrestle my match. If I do that I can beat anybody."

The lone ranked wrestler besides Crump, who's ranked second behind Kelloggsville's Chris Brown in the state, is Caro's Sterling Hermann. Hermann is ranked fifth.

"I feel a bit of pressure being a defending champ," Crump said. "I go out and expect to win every match. When you don't is when bad things happen."

Crump is 48-6 this season. All

six of his losses have come against wrestlers from other divisions or ones who are at different weight classes in the Division 3 state tournament.

"I feel pretty confident," Crump said.

Richmond's Casey Martin won a regional title at 103 pounds last year.

The county's other defending regional champs are Anchor Bay's Larry Rybarz, L'Anse Creuse's Josh Batkins and Roseville's Josh Roberts and Chris Nash.

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# Hungry Tigers in BWAC title hunt

**By Shelly Watkins**  
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All it took was two tough practices for Armada's boys basketball team to get hungry again.

The Tigers' loss to

Almont on Tuesday was a reality check for them and they responded by winning handily over Croswell-Lexington 62-44 in the Blue Water Area Conference game at home last night.

The game was a must-win for Armada to stay in contention for a piece of the BWAC championship.

"Our loss Tuesday reminded us that anyone can beat anyone on any night," said senior Jacob Moegle. "It was good to have a reality check, it will keep us hungry now."

Moegle lead the hungry bunch as the team's top scorer with 17 points. He also contributed 10 assists, three blocks and four rebounds.

"We are elated that the guys responded to all of the things we've worked on the last two days," said Armada coach Joe McDevitt. "The last couple of days have been work, work, work. They were able to rebound, control dribble penetrations and make our defense just as important, if not more important, than our offense. The effort is what we are most proud of tonight."

Armada's first score of the game came from a block and fast break layup by Tyler Kinch (five steals). Senior Clint Hyatt added seven points in the opening eight minutes to help the Tigers to a 19-8 lead after the first quarter.

Hyatt was strong all night, totalling 15 points and five rebounds.

The second quarter saw a strong block from Kinch with a quick pass to senior Jacob Zentz resulting in a crowd-pleasing dunk. Zentz scored 14 on the night, two of which came via the dunk, and took down five rebounds.

"The kid can jump," said McDevitt on Zentz. "He is a transfer, he didn't play last year and he's improving by leaps and bounds."

The Tigers (9-2 BWAC, 14-2 overall) took a 37-18 lead into halftime and increased it to 48-26 after the three quarters.

Moegle added a pair of triples in the fourth quarter.

"It was a blast playing tonight," said Moegle. "We were all clicking and playing the way we know we can. It was good to bounce back from earlier this week."

All sixteen Tigers got to play Friday, which was something McDevitt was proud of.

"For every kid to be able to touch the floor against a great team like Cros-Lex and to make it a complete team victory was very special. We feel like we've tested our character and have moved forward."

The Pioneers fall to 4-7 in the BWAC and 6-10 overall.

Croswell-Lexington 18 10 8 18 - 44  
Armada 19 18 11 14 - 62

**CROSWELL-LEXINGTON (4-7, 6-10):** Andrew Bringham 5, Josh Vandergraaf 2, Anthony Mini 8, Robert Burns 6, Nathan Cornwell 8, Justin Kowal 1, Steven Sharon 7, Codee Sutton 1, Nicholas Fabbri 3, Abe Lema 1. Totals: 14 (2) 14-23 44.

**ARMADA (9-2, 14-2):** Tyler Kinch 6, Matthew Noble 2, Jake Moegle 17, Jake Zentz 14, Mitch Kallek 3, Blake Stewart 3, Clint Hyatt 15, Mark Wolf 2. Totals: 25 (3) 9-16 62.



Dakota's Miranda Bates (23) looks for a shot while Warren Woods-Tower's Holly Wisniewski (30) defends against the play.

# TITANS: Senior center Stacey Griebe tallied 14 points

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Pemberton.

Senior center Stacey Griebe contributed a team-high 14 points including the front end of three 1-and-1 free throw opportunities in the final minute. After Dakota missed its chance to send the game to overtime, Griebe secured the rebound and was fouled to conclude the scoring.

"This was a great win. We lost the first time (by 22 points) we played and we wanted to come out and do it this time," Griebe said. "We needed to come out with intensity and we did. My team got me fired up and I knew I had to defend their big girl and that's what I did. I knew I had to make those shots at the end."

Griebe had offensive help from Weeks and Holly Wisniewski who each added nine points. But, Griebe and the Titans sagging defense finally quieted Dakota's 6-foot-2 Kehrer. Kehrer finished with a game-high 17 points but was limited to just four free throws in the final quarter.

Dakota had raced to a 9-2 lead in the opening quarter and after Kehrer sank a layup and foul shot with 2:25 to play in the first half, the Cougars had built their biggest lead of the night at 25-12. Kehrer scored 11 of Dakota's 14 points in the second

quarter but six straight points down the stretch by the Titans, including Griebe's buzzer-beater narrowed the Dakota half-time lead to 27-21.

The teams traded six points in the third quarter as the Titans defense ratcheted up the pressure to stymie Dakota's offense.

"That was a total team effort. I'm so excited. We're back in the thick of things. They came out in the second half and played with intensity and executed. There was a lot of adrenaline going on out there. When your adrenaline is flowing you tend to play a little bit harder and you tend to anticipate a little better," said Weidman-Pemberton. "I was very happy that we kept battling and battling. It was a battle to win the war."

Dakota, the top scoring offensive team in the White, went stone cold in its three point attempts once WWT closed off access to Kehrer down low and the frustrated Cougars never recovered.

"We just turned the ball over too many times," said Dakota coach Phil McCune. "Tower played very well. You got to look at their effort, plus we missed a lot of easy looks that we normally hit. We've got to come back and win two in a row in the

White."

Dakota 13 14 6 6 - 41  
Woods-Tower 6 15 6 18 - 45

**DAKOTA (5-3, 12-6):** Ashley Thomas 4, Olivia Savage 2, Kourtney Thomas 2, Miranda Bates 7, Kaitlyn Downey 2, Lauren Galanty 2, LaQwana Dockery 5, Heather Kehrer 17. Totals: 16 9-10 - 41.

**WARREN WOODS-TOWER (4-4, 10-7):** Shelby Weeks 9, Becca VanDosen 5, Marisa Marx 5, Jenna Worsowicz 3, Holly Wisniewski 9, Vicki Gusowski 0, Danika Spears 0, Stacey Griebe 14. Totals: 12 (3) 12-25 - 45.

**MAC GOLD DIVISION**

**ROSEVILLE 63, MARYSVILLE 44:** Erica Martin scored a career-high 28 points as Roseville readied for Wednesday's showdown against Marine City for the MAC Gold Division championship. Martin added six assists, Angela Martin scored 12 points and Sam Gray grabbed 13 rebounds.

Roseville 17 15 13 18 - 63  
Marysville 9 13 9 11 - 44

**ROSEVILLE (8-1, 13-6):** Angela Martin 12, Erica Martin 28, Sam Gray 6, Allison Denaault 3, Aja Williams 4, Dajanae Wilson 2, Dannelle Brooks 2, Shelby Saikowski 6. Totals: 25 (5) 5-13 63.

**MARYSVILLE (1-8, 3-16):** Jenae Curley 6, Kaitlyn Hoffman 2, Blair Hodzinski 13, Alex Miller 6, Jessica Fowler 10, Haley Davis 5, Casey Leneway 2. Totals: 16 (6) 6-13 44.

**MIAC RED DIVISION**

**INTER-CITY BAPTIST 46, PARKWAY CHRISTIAN 42:** Hannah Durham scored 10 points for the Eagles (7-5, 10-7) and Jade Sills grabbed 15 rebounds to go with eight points.

Inter-City Baptist 4 12 15 13 - 46  
Parkway Christian 5 12 12 13 - 42

**INTER-CITY BAPTIST:** Koryne Claypool 26, Lauren Runkle 6, Jillian Kratz 6, Rachel Muscat 8. Totals: 33 (0) 13-25 46.

**PARKWAY CHRISTIAN (7-5, 10-7):** Kari Merling 2,

Katie Burns 9, Hannah Durham 10, Caroline Sherri 8, Jade Sills 8, Janelle Pierik 5. Totals: 35 (0) 7-17 42.

**IFAC**

**FAITH CHRISTIAN 37, WEST HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN 18:** The smiles exited stage left following the Patriots' Friday night win.

Everybody was happy because everybody who played scored for Faith Christian. Emily Hinsen-kamp scored 15 to pace the Patriots (3-5, 6-6). She also had seven rebounds. Brittany Withenshaw scored six and had five steals. Stephanie Zinner had eight points.

Faith Christian opens the Michigan Association of Christian Schools tournament Friday at home against Faith Baptist of Davison.

Faith Christian 10 8 9 10 - 37  
West Highland 0 4 6 8 - 18

**WEST HIGHLAND:** Mavin 10, Schneider 4, Letarte 2, Sims 2. Totals: 9 (0) 0-18.

**FAITH CHRISTIAN (3-5, 6-6):** Dajiah Mann 2, Brittany Withenshaw 6, Elizabeth Ray 2, Stephanie Zinner 8, Emily Hinsenkamp 15, Lauren Fenton 2, Monica Raden 2. Totals: 17 (0) 3-11 37.

**BWAC**

**CROSWELL-LEXINGTON 48, ARMADA 40:** Becky Teller scored 12 points, and Kaitlin Holston grabbed nine rebounds for Armada.

Croswell-Lexington 18 3 17 10 - 48  
Armada 7 10 6 17 - 40

**CROSWELL-LEXINGTON:** Bostic 2, Mendoza 4, Regan 6, Force 15, Bressman 3, Ange 4, Turcott 10, Quinn 4. Total: 21 (5) 1-5 48.

**ARMADA (3-9, 7-11):** Becky Teller 12, Kaitlin Holston 6, Taylor Pettrino 2, Megan Lacavera 6, Katie Kortas 9, Jessie Hyatt 5. Totals: 11 (0) 18-29 40.

# Titans keep MAC White hopes alive

**By Fred Costello**  
Special To The Macomb Daily

In order to win crucial hockey games, a team absolutely must have strong goaltending.

Stevenson certainly got it on Friday night, topping Macomb Area Conference White division rival L'Anse Creuse North, 5-2, behind a 39-save performance from goalie Mason Henige.

"We were pretty fortunate," Titans coach Al Korolewicz said. "Today was all about Mason standing on his head for us. Every game he's played this year has been at a very high level. Even the games where he's not at his best, he still gave us a chance to win."

As usual, Stevenson (6-2 White, 16-6 overall) got outstanding play from its top line of Justin Zyvon, Mitch Brinker and Drew DeMarti. Coming into the

## Hockey

contest, the trio of seniors had amassed an otherworldly 127 total points. They added another seven to that total as Brinker scored twice with an assist, and DiMarti added a pair of goals and assists.

The loss erased the mathematical chance for the Crusaders to take the White title.

L'Anse Creuse North is 5-3-1 in the White and 12-6-3 overall. However, the Crusaders are in the bizarre position to help Stevenson, who trails Eisenhower by two points. LCN will battle Ike tonight.

Despite making discipline a large part of the game plan, LCN almost immediately fell victim to the lethal Stevenson power play.

Brinker took an excellent

cross-ice pass from DeMarti, cashing in at 12:58. Senior forward Taylor Weiss picked up an assist as well — one of two on the evening. DeMarti scored to give the Titans a 2-0 lead after the first.

Senior forward Brandon Rentz scored his 24th goal of the season to get the Crusaders on the board in the second period. Sophomore forward Evan Corbett cashed in on a breakaway goal in the second, pulling the team to within 3-2, again following a Brinker power play marker.

It looked as though LCN would be behind by just one heading into the third, but disaster struck in the waning moments.

DeMarti scored a beautiful short-handed goal on a breakaway with just 1:31 left in the second. He took a long bomb pass from junior forward Steve Mi-naudo, then beat Stephore

goalie Brian Ellis with a backhand-to-forehand deke.

It was a stellar night for the Titans' top offensive unit.

"They're natural goal-scorers," Korolewicz said. "DeMarti and Zyvon have played together since pee wee's and they just have a sixth sense on the ice."

L'Anse Creuse North had its chances, but could not find another way past Henige — even with six power play opportunities.

"The score wasn't indicative of the game," LCN coach Chris Rojem said. "When all those shots weren't going in, I just thought to myself that it wasn't our day. When you get 41 shots and only two goals, what are you going to do? It's not for lack of trying. I told the boys after the game that if we consistently get that many shots on goal, good things are going to happen."

# LCN: Hanson scores 15

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a game-high 15 points to help the Crusaders win their sixth straight game and improve to 8-1 in the MAC Red Division.

With wins in the final three division games — at L'Anse Creuse and at Dakota next week before closing the season at home against Ford — the Crusaders can win their second league championship in three years. (LCN claimed a share of the MAC White in the 2007-08 season).

"This does put us in the driver's seat," said L'Anse Creuse North coach Jay Seletsky, whose team improved to 14-2 overall. "But I compare the MAC Red to the Big Ten. Any team can beat any other team."

Eisenhower can attest to that. The Eagles won their first eight league games, but they have lost their last two division games by a combined total of four points to fall out of first place.

"It was a good basketball game," Eisenhower coach Brandon Lemley said.

Joe Wirth scored 13 points, and Dylan Valko added 11 points for the Eagles (8-2 MAC Red, 11-5 overall), who led 12-11 at the end of the first quarter.

But Zach White opened the second quarter with a pullup jumper to give LCN a 13-12 edge, and the Crusaders never would trail the rest of the game.

A steal and layup by Hanson with 13 seconds left in the second sent LCN into halftime with a 28-22 advantage, and the Crusaders led by as many as eight points in the third quarter.

Eisenhower, though, hung tough. Wirth hit a layup and Valko hit a 3-pointer at the end of the period to bring the Eagles within 34-31 going into the fourth quarter.

Another 3-pointer by Valko brought Ike to within two points at 41-39 with 4:12 remaining in the game before Hanson took charge.

He made a layup, and then followed with a steal and layup to increase the Crusaders' lead to six. Hanson then came up with another steal and fed Calvin Curry for a layup to give LCN a 47-39 advantage with 3:03 remaining.

"I was just thinking I can't let us lose this game," Hanson said. "I had to step up and be a leader. And everyone else stepped up, too."

Again, though, Eisenhower would not quit. Wirth hit a put-back, and Andrew Henk hit a 3-pointer with 1:42 left to make it a one-possession game at 47-44.

Neither team would score again. A turnover and a missed one-and-one by LCN gave Eisenhower two chances to tie, but the Eagles could not even the game.

Henk missed a desperation 3-pointer from the corner as time expired, setting off a celebration by the Crusaders.

Eisenhower 12 10 9 13 - 44  
L'Anse Creuse North 11 17 6 13 - 47

**EISENHOWER (8-2, 11-5):** Dylan Valko 11, Andrew Henk 6, Joe Wirth 13, Corey Petros 9, Brandon Bartneck 5. Totals: 18 (6) 2-2 44.

**L'ANSE CREUSE NORTH (8-1, 14-2):** Derrick Hanson 15, Calvin Curry 8, Ryan Lombardo 3, Zach White 7, Craig Smelley 3, Mike Osterman 4, Drew Isabell 2, Jesse Schienke 5. Totals: 18 (7) 4-10 44.

## Schedule

SATURDAY, FEB. 20

- Boys Basketball**
- Catholic League Quarterfinals
- Boys Hockey**
- Anchor Bay at St. Clair Shores Unified (SCSCA)
- Dakota at Troy Athens (TSC)
- Chippewa Valley at St. Clair (MA)
- Romeo at L'Anse Creuse (GLSC)
- L'Anse Creuse North at Eisenhower (SIM)
- Fraser at Warren-Sterling Unified (VA)
- Willow Run at Warren-Mott (VA)
- Catholic League Championship
- Girls Hockey**
- Cranbrook at Regina (SCSCA)
- Wrestling**
- Individual Regionals