

IN BRIEF

LMC men move on in district tourney

The Lake Michigan College men's basketball team beat Ancilla, 76-71, Tuesday night in its District 9 district tournament opener.

The Red Hawks (18-12) were led by 26 points from Ken Coates and 10 assists from Loren Johnson.

"It was a great performance by him (Johnson)," LMC coach Doug Schaeffer said. "He hurt his hand the other day and it was wrapped up pretty good, so to be able to dish them out like he did tonight was impressive."

LMC advances to the regional semifinal to play Glen Oaks at 3 p.m. Thursday at Delta College.

The Red Hawks led at the half by one and were able to hold off Ancilla for the postseason win.

"It was a hard fought, really good college basketball game," Schaeffer said. "I'm proud of the guys for making plays down the stretch."

W. Michigan beats N. Illinois 61-56

KALAMAZOO (AP) — Lawrence graduate Shayne Whittington scored 21 points Tuesday and David Brown added 18 as Western Michigan downed Northern Illinois 61-56.

Western Michigan (20-9, 13-4 Mid-Atlantic Coast States) has already clinched at least a double-bye to the MAC tournament quarterfinals, and can still take

No. 1 seed with two wins and a Buffalo loss this week.

Northern Illinois (13-6, 7-10) led 25-24 at halftime after Aaric Armstead's layup.

The Huskies pulled ahead 35-30 in the second on Jordan Threlloff's two-point tip shot, but the Broncos took a 49-48 lead on a free throw by Brown. Armstead's three free throws tied it at 55, but Connor Tava's layup put the Broncos up 57-55, then Austin Richie and Whittington each made a pair of free throws to clinch the win.

Armstead finished with 15 and Threlloff 13 with 13 boards.

Blackhawks fall at home to Avalanche

CHICAGO (AP) — Tyson Barrie scored a tie-breaking power-play goal with 7:10 left in the third period, and the Colorado Avalanche beat the Chicago Blackhawks 4-2 on Tuesday night for their third straight win.

Barrie got open in the left circle and one-timed Erik Johnson's perfect cross-ice feed high past Corey Crawford on the glove side.

It was Barrie's second game-winner against Chicago this season, following an overtime goal against the Blackhawks on Jan. 14.

Ben Smith and Jonathan Toews scored for Chicago, which was without veteran forward Marian Hossa.