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Dowagiac competes in Battle of the Fans

Dowagiac High School will host the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Battle of the Fans contest when the Chieftains play Edwardsburg on Friday.

The varsity boys game is set to start at 7:15 p.m.

The Battle of the Fans is an MHSAA sponsored contest to recognize the top student cheering section in the state.

Dowagiac is one of five finalists. Buchanan is another finalist.

The winner will be announced in a video presentation during the girls and boys state basketball finals at Michigan State University's Breslin Center.

LMC women pick up road win over Lansing

LANSING — Nicole Decker scored 19 points to pace the Lake Michigan College women's basketball team in a 66-50 win over Lansing Community College.

Decker led all scorers with her 19 points, including three RedHawk scorers in double figures.

"Lately, we have been scoring pretty well," LMC coach Jason Cooper said. "We didn't shoot very well, but it was a team effort as we battled in the second half to get quality shots."

Shalay Stevens notched a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Jasmine Love scored 14.

LMC improves to 10-2 in the MCCA West Division and 18-7 overall to remain in second place in the division.

LMC men drop game to Lansing 83-79

LANSING — The Lake Michigan College men's basketball team fell behind early and could never recover.

The RedHawks trailed by as many as 14 in the first half before eventually losing 83-79 to Lansing Community College.

"It was too big of a hole to get out of against a very good team in their gym," LMC coach Doug Schaffer said. "Give credit to their defense because they never let our offense find a rhythm."

The RedHawks (9-3 MCCA, 18-7) cut Lansing's lead to nine at the break and pulled within three late, but failed to take the lead.

Alec Brown led LMC with 19 points and LaBradford Sebree added 14.

Despite the loss, the RedHawks still hold a one-game lead in the MCCA West Division.

Martinez expected back by opening day

-DETROIT (AP) — Victor Martinez is expected to be ready for the start of the season after the Detroit slugger had surgery on his left knee Tuesday.

The Tigers say their designated hitter should resume full activity in 4-6 weeks. General manager Dave Dombrowski says they are happy the surgery went well.

Detroit announced last week that Martinez tore the medial meniscus in his left knee during offseason workouts. Dr. James Andrews performed surgery in Pensacola, Florida.