

IN BRIEF

Battle of the Fans finalists announced

The Buchanan and Dowagiac student sections have both been named finalists for the MHSAA Battle of the Fans IV competition.

Buchanan, the 2013 winner, and Dowagiac are two of five finalists, which include Beaverton, St. Johns and Yale.

Buchanan will be visited for its home game on Jan. 30 against Brandywine, and Dowagiac will be visited on Feb. 13 for its game against Edwardsburg.

The winner will be announced on Feb. 20.

The MHSAA will recognize the top student section during a video presentation during the boys and girls state basketball finals at Michigan State University.

LMC men roll to win over Lansing

LaBradford Sebree scored 28 points and the Lake Michigan College men remained unbeaten in league play with a 84-75 win over Lansing on Wednesday.

LMC (4-0 MCCA West, 13-4) built its lead up to 12 in the second half, but had to fend off Lansing on multiple occasions to secure the win.

"Hard fought win tonight. Total team effort," LMC coach Doug Schaffer said. "Lansing kept coming at us in the second half and we held them off every time."

Sebree, the game's leading scorer, was 15 of 16 from the free throw line to help the RedHawks down the stretch.

"We made just enough free throws to secure the win," Schaffer said.

Darrel Ivy scored 13 points and had eight rebounds, and Arsenio Arrington score 14 points while pulling down seven rebounds.

The RedHawks led 37-29 at halftime.

Cubs trade Kickham for minor leaguer

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners have acquired left-handed pitcher Mike Kickham from the Chicago Cubs in exchange for minor-league pitcher Lars Huijjer.

Seattle designated for assignment Anthony Fernandez to clear a spot on the 40-man roster.

The 26-year-old Kickham spent his entire career in the San Francisco Giants organization before being claimed off waivers by Chicago in late December. He was designated for assignment earlier this month when the Cubs signed outfielder Chris Denorfia.

Kickham was 8-8 with a 4.43 ERA last season at Triple-A Fresno. He made 27 starts and was fourth in the Pacific Coast League in strikeouts. Kickham had limited experience with the Giants, going 0-3 with a 10.98 ERA making 14 appearances over two seasons.

Huijjer did not pitch above Single-A last season in the Mariners organization.

U-M hires Jackson as secondary coach

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Greg Jackson has been hired as the secondary coach at Michigan.

Jackson will keep working with new Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh. He spent the last four seasons working with defensive backs for the San Francisco 49ers while Harbaugh was their coach.

Jackson also has experience coaching in the Big Ten. He was an assistant linebackers coach at Wisconsin in 2010, while also coaching nickelbacks.