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Dinner time

The Macomb Daily's annual basketball awards dinner will take place March 28 at 7 p.m. at the Best Western Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights.

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MACOMB COUNTY CLASS A ALL-STAR BASKETBALL

Players make their point for A team

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Good point guard play was a point well taken this basketball season in Macomb County.

Three point guards were among those voted by coaches to the annual Macomb County Class A First Team.

Junior Don Fowler of Warren De La Salle, senior T.J. Gore of Macomb Township Dakota and Brian Kaiser of Shelby Township Eisenhower all directed their teams to winning seasons from the point guard position.

Fowler led De La Salle in points, steals and assists to help the Pilots win their eighth consecutive Class A district championship.

Gore, who will play collegiate soccer at Vermont in the fall, guided Dakota to MAC White Division and district championships en route to the Cougars' most

successful season in school history.

Kaiser, a two-year starter, averaged 14 points and 5 assists per game for an Eisenhower team that reached the district finals for the third straight year.

Dex Battista, a senior at Utica and the fourth member of the First Team, earned MVP honors in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division after averaging a double-double with 17 points and 10.5 rebounds per game for the Chieftains.

Senior Danny Stiefel, a two-year starter at guard who averaged 15.5 points, 4 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game as the Titans won a district championship, filled out the First Team that was chosen after district tournaments were complete and before regionals began.

All members of the Class A team, and the Class B-C-D team, which was announced in The Macomb Daily on Tues-

day, will be guests of the newspaper at its annual basketball awards dinner that begins at 7 p.m. March 28 at Best Western Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights.

At the dinner, players named to the Class A and Class B-C-D all-star teams will be introduced.

Also, players named to the All-Macomb County team — a combined Class A and Class B-C-D team — will be introduced. That team will be selected by the sports staff at The Macomb Daily.

In addition, winners of the county Team, Coach and Player of the Year awards winners will be announced.

Players named to the Class A team were nominated by their coaches.

Three players from Dakota made the Class A First through Fourth teams.

In addition to Gore, James Moceri made the Second Team and James Stallons the Fourth Team.

Romeo, Macomb Township L'Anse

Creuse North, De La Salle, Eisenhower, Stevenson and Utica all had two players each on the First through Fourth teams.

Sophomore Blake Cushingberry earned a spot on the Second Team and junior Doug Sharples on the Third Team for MAC Red champion Romeo, while senior Jeff Lindsay made the Second Team and sophomore Erik Thompson the Third Team for L'Anse Creuse North.

Fowler and Third Teamer Cody Edwards were De La Salle's; Kaiser and Fourth Teamer Kyle Pantalone were Eisenhower's; Stiefel and Second Teamer L.J. Robertson were Stevenson's; and Battista and Fourth Teamer Frankie Carlesimo were Utica's.

Ian Findlay of Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse and Kurtis Fournier of Warren Cousino filled out the Second Team.

Sterling Heights junior Sean Mattia

completed the Third Team in addition to Edwards, Sharples and Thompson.

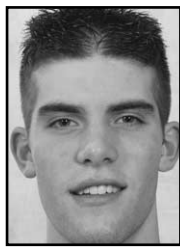
Eli Boike of Fraser, Josh Voss of Clinton Township Chippewa Valley and Kyle Wilson of Eastpointe East Detroit rounded out the Fourth Team.

Tickets for the awards dinner are \$20 apiece. They may be purchased from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Macomb Daily office, 100 Macomb Daily Drive, off North River Road, next to Gibraltar Trade Center, Mount Clemens (Interstate 94 exit 237.) Parking is available near the front entrance to the building.

Tickets also may be purchased at the door the night of the dinner, but advance purchase is encouraged to help planning for the event.

Best Western Sterling Inn is on Van Dyke south of 15 Mile Road.

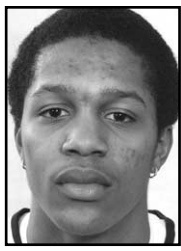
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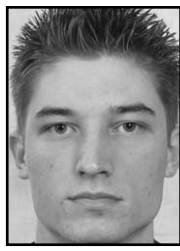
BATTISTA



FOWLER



GORE

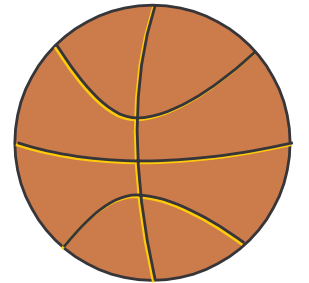


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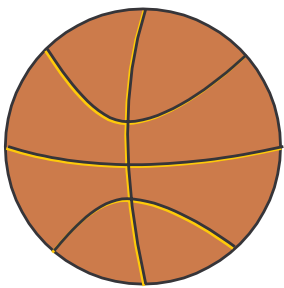


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CLASS A FIRST TEAM



NAME	SCHOOL	HGT	CLASS	HIGHLIGHTS
DEX BATTISTA	Utica	6-8	Senior	MAC Red MVP averaged a double-double with 17 points and 10.5 rebounds per game
DON FOWLER	De La Salle	6-1	Junior	All-Catholic pick led team in points (15.5), steals (52), assists (98); triple-double vs. Cath. Central
T.J. GORE	Dakota	6-1	Senior	MAC White MVP led team in scoring and rebounding; 43-percent 3PT; will play soccer at Vermont
BRIAN KAISER	Eisenhower	6-3	Senior	Three-year starter averaged 14 points and 5 assists per game; led team in steals; made 45 3PTs
DANNY STIEFEL	Stevenson	6-1	Senior	Two-year starter averaged 15.5 points, 4 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game for Titans



CLASS A SECOND TEAM



CUSHINGBERRY



FINDLAY



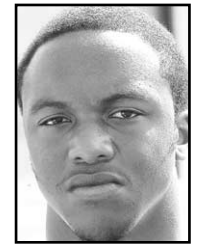
FOURNIER



LINDSAY



MOCERI



ROBERTSON

NAME	SCHOOL	HGT	CLASS	HIGHLIGHTS
BLAKE CUSHINGBERRY	Romeo	6-3	Soph.	Versatile player averaged 17 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists per game for MAC Red champions
IAN FINDLAY	L'Anse Creuse	6-5	Senior	Three-year starter averaged 9.8 points, 3 rebounds and 2 assists per game for the Lancers
KURTIS FOURNIER	Cousino	6-4	Senior	MAC Blue MVP averaged double-double with 12.5 points, 10 rebounds per game for Patriots
JEFF LINDSAY	L.Creuse North	6-4	Senior	Purdue-bound football recruit averaged 11.1 points and 10.1 rebounds per game on the court
JAMES MOCERI	Dakota	6-1	Junior	Guard averaged 14.4 points per game and shot 45 percent on 3-pointers for MAC White champions
L.J. ROBERTSON	Stevenson	6-2	Senior	Guard averaged 28 points in three games to lead Titans to Class A district championship



EDWARDS



MATTIA

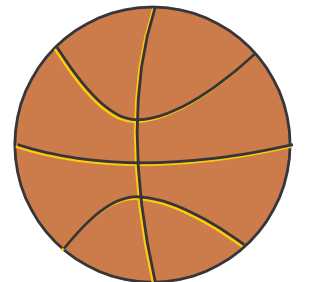


SHARPLES

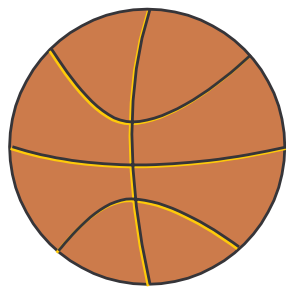


THOMPSON

CLASS A THIRD TEAM



NAME	SCHOOL	HGT	CLASS	HIGHLIGHTS
CODY EDWARDS	De La Salle	6-1	Junior	Post player averaged 9.8 points and 6.5 rebounds per game for De La Salle; enjoys rapping
SEAN MATTIA	S. Heights	6-8	Junior	Guard averaged 19 points and made 54 3-pointers on season; scored 27 points vs. Cousino
DOUG SHARPLES	Romeo	6-4	Junior	Swingman made 37 consecutive free throws this season; scored game-high 28 points
ERIK THOMPSON	L.Creuse North	5-11	Soph.	Point guard averaged 11.8 points, 4.7 assists, 3 steals per game; 87 percent free-throw shooter



CLASS A FOURTH TEAM



BOIKE



CARLESIMO



PANTALONE



STALLONS



VOSS



WILSON

NAME	SCHOOL	HGT	CLASS	HIGHLIGHTS
ELI BOIKE	Fraser	6-8	Senior	Guard averaged 9 points, 5 rebounds per game for Ramblers
FRANKIE CARLESIMO	Utica	6-1	Senior	Scored in double figures 11 times for Chieftains; guard averaged 8 points per game
KYLE PANTALONE	Eisenhower	6-4	Senior	Guard shot 38 percent on 3-pointers; averaged 11 points and 5 rebounds per game for Eagles
JAMES STALLONS	Dakota	6-6	Junior	Guard averaged 18.2 points per game on 48 percent shooting; helped Cougars win district title
JOSH VOSS	Chippewa Valley	6-2	Senior	Guard scored 16 points in victory over Clintondale; had 17 points in win vs. Grosse Pointe North
KYLE WILSON	East Detroit	5-10	Junior	Averaged 14 points, 6 assists, 5 rebounds; had 25 points, 7 assists in victory over Utica

CLASS A HONORABLE MENTION

AMER ALL, Warren-Mott; NICK CARRERI, L'Anse Creuse; MIKE CORLESS, Utica; SAM GRILLO, De La Salle; ZACH MARTIN, L'Anse Creuse North; JAVIN MESI, Stevenson; JOE RIVARD, Cousino; MATT SLATER, Roseville; TOM SHARPLES, Romeo; CHARLES WOJDYLA, Ford.