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# Preps compete in skills test

## BY JIM TOTH STAFF WRITER

Oakland County's top high school backetball players will put their talents on display and, at the same time, at the same time, at the shoot down drug and alcohol abuse when they compete in the Ninth Annual Oakland County High School Slam Dunk and 3-Point Shot Contest Tuesday at Troy High School. The competition, set to begin at 7 pm, will feature nearly 100 of the area's top prop stars, rop-resenting 47 Oakland County high schools, attempting to wear the county errown of premiser dunker and shooter.

dunker and shooter. The event is hosted by the Troy Community Conlition for the Prevention of Drugs and Alcohol Abuse. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Troy Community Conlition. Observed & Ecconstituences

Community Casilion. Observor & Eccentric-area athlotes taking part in the three-point contest are Jimmy Mehlberg (Oakland Christian), Jonte Jones (Orchard Lake St. Mary's), Jormains Gonzales (St. Mary's), John Jolly (Ontorid), Joe Cassidy (Rochester), Walker

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Russell (Rochester), Kyle Morris (Adams), Ryan Brown (Lutharan Northwest), Janito Glina (South-field), Desmond Martin (South-field), Bosmon Edwards (Lath-rup), Kim Beil (Lathrup), David Damesworth (Franklin Road Christian), Tim Fralick (Troy), Bryan O'Keefo (Troy), Brian Howard (Athens), Jason Salmi-nen (Athens), Cary Hoitsch (Walled Lake Central), Jason Obomasavin (W.L. Central), Bason Obomasiwi (W.L. Central), Bason Matthew Wildo (Work Bloom-Field), Javier Diaz (Avondale), Hayes Grooms (Brother Rico), Joff Olind (Groves), Damon Palermo (Seahoim), Jash Radabaugh (Lahaer), Neil Ashmon (Reoper), Ryan Marine (Clarkston), Greg Irish (Springfield Christian), Mike Runyan (Country Day), Matt Alikel (Farmington), Lahara Wilson (Farmington Harrison), Albort Deljasevic (North Farm-ington), Jason Miller (Lako Orion).
The list of dunkers includes BiJon Trice (Oakland Christian), Maurice Searight (St. Mary'e),

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Paul Davis (Rochestor), Paris Bernard (Adams), Konay Nethor (Southfield), Antoino Johnson (Lathrup), Brandon Edwards (Lathrup), Brandon Edwards (Lathrup), Brandon Edwards (W.L. Western), Brandon Grant (West Bloomfield), Darius Whiteside (Avondalo), Ralph Sylvestor (Brother Rico), Jamal Lamb (Groves), Mike Billingaley (Scaholm), Joe Finland (Lahser), Jama Simonton (Rooper), Joremy Bhattier (Gountry Day), Joremy Mazes (Farmington), Andrew Burt (Harrison), Emir Medun-Jantis (North Farmington) and Adam Radikk (Lake Orion). "We encourage fans to support their schools and cheer for their favorito players," asid Mary Ann Solberg, executive director of the Toy Community Conlition. "This is an entertaining evening for people of all ages. Moro to cheer for their chools together bon chool stachol abuse." "Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for atudents. Children under the age of live are free.

round." DeBoor said the game scores were more lopsided than he-expected but praised bis team for the series win. "I thought the scores would be closer, but that's a real credit to our players," he said. They dom-inated every night." Plymouth gealtender Robert Holainger, who posted the lowest goals-against-average in the Canadian Hockey League this senson (2.08), had a relatively easy night as the Whalers' defense stood firm. "Any time you only face 17 shots, it's tough, though," he said. Despite the lack of work he's had thus far, Holsinger isn't defensior corps may be playing the best it has all year. "Maybe even better," he added. "It's the playoffs, so everyone is stopping up right now."

stopping up right now." THURSDAY'S GAME: Plymouth held on for a 4.3 win to iake a 2.0 lead in its Other a 4.3 win to iake a 2.0 lead in its windows Thursday. Thursday a stopping of the stopping of the period bit outscredit the Softfries 2.1 in soch of the next two periods. Fitzgeraid and Druken each scored soconsperiod goals for Plymouth with troy Smith and Jason Ward each scored in the third for the win. Jaff Martin scored with 8:28 loft in the gone to puil the Spitflies within 4.3 but his take ouding t taby the equalizer before time aspired.

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# come back and get ready for our next opponent." Plymouth quickly opened the scoring are Paul Mara ripped a 40-foot slapshot past Windeor goaltender Ron Vogel 2:09 into the game for his first goal of the playoffs. It was Plymouth's only power-play goal of the game. Windsor turned the puck over in its own end, and Troy Smith capitalized at the 10:20 mark to put Plymouth up 2-0 midway through the first period. Randy Fitzgorald tipped a shot from the point 5:41 into the sec-ond poriod to put the Whalers up 3-0, and Druken scored his first goal of the game less than four minutes lator on a shot that somehow found its way through Vogel's pads for a commanding 4-0 lead.



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come out ready to go." Harold Druken, named the game's No. 1 ator with two goals and two assists for Plymouth, is looking forward to spending some time off working on anoth-

er sport. "We wanted to get it done tonight," he said. "We don't play again until next week, and we've got a nice day off tomorrow. Maybe we'll hit the gelf course tomorrow, all of us, and then come back and get ready for our next opponent." Plymouth quickly one and the

4-0 lead. Michael Hanson scored on the power play at the 12:32 mark to put the Spitfires on the board, but James Ramsay was credited



