### Payne has message for heavyweights

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAT WHITES
Craig "The Tiger" Payne's prey
didn't have a prayer Tuesday at
Budweiser's Fight Night at the
Palace of Auburn Hills.
And for Westland's Steve Darnell, his prayer was answered
from the judge's decision in his
bout for the State Super
Middleweight Championship.
Payne, fighting out of the Livonia Boring Club, won after his opponent quit at 2:05 of the second
round with a broken jaw, while
Darnell earned a hard-fought and
controversial 10-round draw in
the card's main event.
Payne, sporting a new nickname and tatoo of a tiger on his
upper back, improved to 7-1-1
since his return after a long layoff
after a successful amateur career.
"I am the tiger, they are the
meat — come in the ring with
Tiger, you will be beat," chanted
the always-colorful Payne after
the fight.
"Everybody talks about my
weight," added Payne, who
weighed in at 256. "I used to be
372 and I'm 271 now. But forget
about my weight, I came here tonight to deliver a message to alt
the heavyweights in the state. I

am going to beat all of the heavyweights in Michigan and then the world."

Payne pummeled Detroit's Arthel Lawhorn (21-16-2) from the opening bell, using left hand jabs to set up his powerful right hooks. Payne, who knocked out Lawhorn's mouth piece in the first round, repeated the feat in the second round. As Lawhorn's mouth bled profusely, he turned away from Payne resembling Roberto Duran's famous." no max' plea.

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After the fight, Payne jokingly challenged Thomas Hearns, a ringside observer, to a future fight. Hearns declined with a laugh.

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Payne was supposed to face
Buster Mathis dr., but the two
might square off next month for
the State Heavyweight Champinoship. If that falls through,
Payne has his sights on a battle
in North Carolina with Pinklon
Thomas, the International Boxing
Organization heavyweight championship.

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Darnell (26-2-2) had his hands full with Detroit's Dorrell Van Horn (11-4-1). Darnell, one of De-troit's top rising boxers in 1986, is

attempting a comeback at the age of 28.

Neither fighter could afford a loss at this point of their careers.

Darnell was the busier of the two fighters in the action-filled 10 rounds, but it was Van Horn's punches that was inflicting the most damage. Darnell fought most of the bout with a large bruise under his left eye.

But when the decision was announced, one judge had Van Horn shead 95-93, one had Darnell winning 97-92, while the third judge had it 95-all — the result a draw.

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"I'll take it," Darnell supply the was an unfair decision," Van Horn said. "He was a busy fighter and that's what the judges saw. He never burt me. I'll have a rematch with him — the sooner the better."

The key to the draw was a point taken sway from Darnell in the fifth round for hitting after the referce break. Darnell probably would have gotten away with it ihe had not hit the referee with the errant punch. If it was not for the

point deduction, Darnell would have been ahead on two of the three scoring cards.

"He threw a flagrant elbow in the second round which did some damage, but he didn't see that, Darnell said.

Between the Payne and Darnell fight, International Boxing Federation middleweight champion James "Lights Out." Toncy (Ann Arbor) was challenged by contender and former Detroiter Tyrone Trice. Trice wanted to schedule a future title fight with the champion who was in the crowd, but tempers began to flare as Trice requested a fight into the Palace loud speaker.

Both men stood face-to-face in the ring before Trice and Toncy exchanged pushes. The pushes led to punches and a fight ensued, bringing total chaos into the ring. "The altercation was not planned." Trice said. "I want to fight him, but only an idiot would fight and not get paid for it."

Prior to the Payne fight, heavy-weight Randall "Ter" Cobb recorded a TKO at 2:30 in the first round over Jeff May, Cobb (35-7:1) is attempting a career in Holly-wood.

#### SWIMMING

The Clarenceville Cohoes Swim Club scored 7,106 points to gain first in a field of 25 teams at the Okemos Seabawks Pentathlon Meet, Oct. 11 at Okemos High.

The Golden Serpents Swim Club was a distant second with 2,889.

Each swimmer competed in five events: butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle and individual medley with 50 points going to the first place finisher, 49 for second . . Trophies were awarded to the first place finish-ers, medals for places 4-6 and rib-bons through ninth.

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## Pilots send Rice to sideline with 2-1 regional win

By Mine Rosenbaum
For most of Tuesday's Class A
regional soccer game, Birmingham Brother Rice was outpleyed
by Waren DeLaSaile.
However, as the game pressed, it appeared the Worriors' first-half goal might allow
Rice to advance to the regional
final. But the Pilots struck for
two goals in the final 21:10 and
escaped with a 2-1 victory.
Rice has a 14.5-1 overall
record, DeLaSaile 14.4-1. The
Catholic League Central Division rivals had split a pair of
repular-season contests.
DeLaSaile scoring ace Krawczyk, whom the Warriors
were watching closely all night,
netted the winning goal with
1:50 left.
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#### Ocelots win volleyball title

This was unexpected.
At least Schoolcraft College volleyball coach Tom Teeters didn't think it would happen. He was rebuilding his team this season with just one full-time starter from a year ago returning (Nancy Ehlert) and, with the anticipated improvement of the Eastern Conference, SC's usual dominance (one loss in Teeter's last eight years) was in doubt.

So much for that. The Lady Occiots rallied to win game two, withstood a Flint Mott CC rally and managed to pull out a 15-8, and 16-14, 11-15, 9-15, 15-9 win Tuesday at Mott.

The win means SC clinches the conference title with a 10-0 mark (29-9-2 overall), its eighth-straight. It was also the second (Mo.) 15-5, 11-15, 15-11; 16th-straight. It was also the second (Mo.) 15-5, 11-15, 15-15; 15-11; 16th-straight. It was also the second (Mo.) 15-6, 11-15, 15-15; 15-11;

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Defensively, the Ocelota all
contributed: Jennifer Damphousse had 27 digs, Shannon
Capstick had 22 and Sproul add-





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