

Lakers 1st in regular season, hope to add tournament title

The Lakers go into the Metro Summer Hockey League playoffs this week as the top-seeded team after posting a 10-1 record in the regular season.

They had already clinched first place but tuned up for the post-season tournament Thursday with an 11-5 win over the Bulldogs.

Nick Jardine scored four goals to lead the Lakers, who also had two apiece by Matt Frick, John Vigilante and Ryan Marshall.

Vigilante also had three assists, while Sean Baltazar, Brian Jardine, Marshall, Jim Wheaton and Mike Vigilante contributed two apiece to the win.

The score was tied, 3-3, after one period at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills and 5-5 late in the second.

Frick and John Vigilante scored goals in the final two minutes of the second, and Jardine netted the first of the third to give the Lakers an 8-5 lead.

Mike and John Vigilante scored 1:13 apart late in the game to make it 10-6 and cement the victory.

Jason Basile scored two goals and had two assists to lead the Bulldogs. Jamie Milam had two goals, Andrew Martin four assists and Ryan Kessler one goal and two assists.

Lakers goalie John Picklo played the first half of the game and shared the victory with Lanny Jardine.

Lutz, Datar pace victory
The Wolverines built a 5-1 lead Thursday and held on for a 6-4 victory over the Huskies.

Scott Lutz and Dave Datar scored two goals and had two assists apiece for the winners.

Rick Neilson and Datar gave the Wolverines a 2-0 lead. Lutz got two goals just 26 seconds apart in the second period, and Datar scored again four sec-

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onds after Lutz' second to make the score 6-4.

Mark R. Pietila scored twice for the Huskies, who closed the gap with three third-period tallies.

Nate Shopball was in goal the entire game for the Wolverines.

Spartans have hat tricks

John Marzolf and Aaron Jakubowski scored three goals apiece Thursday as the Spartans outscored the Warriors, 12-10.

Brian Sommariva knocked in two goals and had one assist. Dale Swims, Jim Stephenson and Pete Mazzoni chipped a goal and an assist each.

Jason Turri accounted for the remaining tally. Jack McCoy recorded four assists, and Marzolf also had one.

The Spartans led 3-1 early in the game, but the Warriors tied it at four apiece.

With a six-goal second period, the Spartans moved out to leads of 6-4, 9-5 and 9-6 at the end.

Goals by Stephenson, Jakubowski and Marzolf upped the margin to 12-7 midway in the final period.

Dave Moss scored four goals and had two assists to lead the Warriors. Joe Moreau had a goal and four assists, Brandon Kalenicki one goal and two assists.

Jeff Harris, Ryan Yost, Brian Sutherland and John Schultz chipped in single goals, and Matt Van Hest assisted on three.

Jacob Archer went the distance between the pipes for the Spartans, as did Mark Lavender on behalf of the Warriors.

Townsend has key goal

Keith Townsend's goal early in the second period broke a 2-2 tie and sent the Broncos on

their way to a 6-4 win over the Warriors Wednesday.

Vic Decina gave the Broncos a two-goal cushion a short time later, and Scott Marlinga's goal with 46 seconds left made it 5-3 at the end of two periods.

Decina and Townsend netted two goals apiece, and Brad Zarem accounted for the other Broncos goal. Rich O'Connell had three assists for the winners.

Justin Riccardi, Daryl Keys, Chris Fairbanks and Andy Weidenbach put the puck in the net for the Wildcats.

Broncos goalie Ryan Davis started and shared credit for the victory with Bobby Pruchnik, who played the second half of the game.

Huskies prevail in end

Bill Kiiilunen and Trent Daavettilla scored the last two goals of the game Wednesday to break an 8-8 tie and clinch a 10-8 victory for the Huskies over the Whalers.

Kiiilunen's game-winner came with 2:28 remaining in the third period and Daavettilla's insurance goal with 38 seconds left.

The Whalers had produced three straight goals by Jim Hukiminen (9:11), David Gill (7:11) and Dwight Helminen (6:21) to create the 8-8 tie.

Mark R. Pietila had three goals and one assist to lead the Huskies. Aaron Kiiilunen had two goals and one assist, Trent Daavettilla and B.J. Gayford one goal and one assist.

Matt Hearnigan, Tyler Sturges and Bill Kiiilunen contributed one goal apiece, and Josh Moyses and Joe Kondratiek had two assists apiece.

Rick Munson started in goal for the Huskies, and Travis Miller took over at 7:54 in the second.

Rich Storm and Dwight Helminen did most of the scoring for the Whalers with three goals each.

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An operation followed to remove a hematomata and relieve the pressure on the brain. Doctors are waiting for the swelling to go down before they can close the opening in a third procedure.

The best estimate is Hippler will be able to come home in two to three weeks, according to his father.

"He still has his sense of humor; his memory is still intact," Mark said. "There's been significant progress since the operation."

"Right after the operation he was able to respond to commands. That was the big issue at first. It's encouraging."

"Sometimes you think the worst, but now we're starting to think for the best."

The U.S. team returned to this country Tuesday, but the coaches and players want to visit Hippler before they leave.

"They filed into his room, two

by two, to wish him well," Mark said. "He made some good friends while he was over there."

Hippler, who also is on the Farmington American Legion and Michigan Panthers rosters this summer, has signed to play baseball at Henry Ford Community College next year, but his athletic future is uncertain.

"The prognosis at this point is pretty good," Mark said. "We need to wait and see how this is going to affect his mobility."

"The progress we've seen is very good. Hopefully, he'll be able to play baseball again."

The mechanically-skilled Hippler raised the \$3,500 needed to make the trip by doing odd changes and odd jobs, including putting up drywall, in the last year.

A fundraising effort is under way to assist the Hipplers with their expenses. Anyone wishing to make a donation can send a

check, made payable to the Nick Hippler Recovery Fund, to Bruce and Donna Belsky at 36057 Almond, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

If you'd like to write to Hippler in Holland, you can do so at the following address: Isala Hospital-Sophia, Doktor VanHesweg No. 2, Post Bus 10400, 8000 GK-Zwolle.

Baseball All-Stars also had been posting updates on Hippler's condition on its Web site at http://home.4.worldonline.nl/~1882024/index_us.html

Mark Hippler
—Nick Hippler's father

Cobras from page B1

The Cobras had solid hitting from Brad Hanter, Eli Lewitt, Steven Kanter, Jarret Levine, James Long, Robert Sallen, Cory Davis, Jake Holloway and Alex Goldfarb. The defense was led by center fielder Eric Altman.

Game 2 was a little tougher for the Cobras, who got an early lead on home runs by Lewitt and Manooagian as NFWB defeated the Shelby Tigers in a see-saw game, 8-7.

Kanter pitched the first four innings and received relief help from Holloway, Altman and Andy Buchanan led the defense.

No play was bigger than Hanter's theft of home plate on the Shelby catcher's throwback to the pitcher, however.

In a battle between undefeated

teams in the next game, the Cobras beat the St. Clair Shores Devil Rays, 18-10.

Holloway closed down the Devil Rays with his pitching, and NFWB had big hits from Hanter, Lewitt, Kanter, Levine, Sallen, Davis and Goldfarb.


The Cobras clinched the trip to the AABC regional in Marshall by defeating Dexter in the final game, 28-2. Buchanan was the winning pitcher.

The Cobras are 37-9 overall and also won the USSSA NIT World Series Qualifier in Lansing and the Brighton Youth Baseball Tournament.

The winner of the AABC regional goes to the national tournament in Knoxville, Tenn.

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