

Iafrate hopes to lift Leafs off bottom

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Al Iafrate's agent, Rick Curran, said Tuesday that he doesn't anticipate any problems in negotiating a contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Iafrate, the 17-year-old Livonian and member of the U.S. Olympic hockey team, was selected fourth overall in the NHL draft Saturday by the Leafs.

Curran belongs to the Toronto-based Branda Sports Ltd. and has represented such clients as NHL Rookie-of-the-Year Tony Barras of the Buffalo Sabres; Rick Vaive, the Leafs' leading scorer; John Barrett and Dwight Foster

of the Red Wings.

"We'll be dealing with Jerry McNamara, the general manager," said Curran. "They feel Al is a hockey player with tremendous offensive talents."

"I'd like to think we have a good rapport with the Leafs. Things have worked out well in the past."

Iafrate, in Montreal last weekend for the draft festivities, was pleased with being picked by the Leafs.

"I talked to them that (Saturday morning) and they showed me interest," said Iafrate, who graduated yesterday with his classmates at Bentley

hockey

High School. "I liked Toronto because they're rebuilding. They have a young team and they need defensemen."

Curran said he wouldn't talk dollars, regarding Iafrate's contract.

"I don't prefer to negotiate through the newspapers," he said. "Obviously, the fourth pick carries some distinction."

"But it's sometimes based on what the No. 1 and No. 2 pick goes for. Every

year is different, but the we hope to command respect with the fourth position. And defensemen are very important to the Leafs."

Maris Lesiainen, a center from Laval of the Quebec Major Junior A Hockey League was the first pick overall. He was taken by the Pittsburgh Penguins. Kirk Muller, a center from Guelph, Ont., was next pick, chosen by the New Jersey Devils. Iafrate's Olympic team-

mate, right winger Ed Olczyk, was the third choice overall by the Chicago Black Hawks.

"I CONSIDER Al as a brother and I want to see their family happy," added Curran.

Curran said he first met Iafrate and his family two years ago when Al was a member of the Compware Midgets.

"I had heard a lot about Al when I talked to the scouts," Curran said. "I went to see Pat LaFontaine (of the New York Islanders) play and Al really stood out. I introduced myself to his mother (Alice) and they invited me to come here and talk. I feel the relation-

ship between us has grown."

Iafrate's immediate plans include playing twice a week in the Compware Summer League against college and pro players, and working at hockey schools.

On Monday, he'll travel to Toronto to meet with Leaf management.

"I think it's nice (Toronto) and close," said Mrs. Alice Iafrate. "Toronto is one of the original six (NHL) teams."

Training camp begins Sept. 15 and Iafrate will be a welcome addition. The Leafs finished last in the Norris Division and failed to make the NHL playoffs.

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baseball

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN ALL-LEAGUE BASEBALL

FIRST TEAM

Pitchers: Greg Sonaville, senior, Redford Thurston; Mike Runk, junior, Garden City.

Catchers: Paul Kist, senior, Garden City; Don Taylor, senior, Redford Thurston; Cass Sampson, junior, Westland John Glenn.

First base: Mike Harris, senior, Redford Thurston.

Infielders: Scott Draper, senior, North Farmington; Bruce Balgus, senior, Westland John Glenn; Tim DeMarco, senior, Redford Thurston.

Designated hitter: Dave Kiese, senior, Redford Thurston.

SECOND TEAM

Pitchers: Jeff Maiek, senior, Livonia Franklin; Dino Picano, senior, Redford Thurston.

Catchers: Kevin Moore, junior, Redford Thurston.

First base: Scott Kravins, senior, Livonia Franklin.

Infielders: John Sontay, senior, North Farmington; Dave Dobosik, junior, Redford Thurston; Brad Martin, junior, Westland John Glenn.

Outfielders: Keith Manuz, senior, Redford Thurston; Bob Maczek, senior, Redford Thurston; Dean Aulaisis, junior, Livonia Franklin.

Designated hitter: Keith Weyher, senior, North Farmington.

WESTERN LAKES ALL-STAR BASEBALL

Pitchers: Dan Gabelko, senior, Walled Lake; Weston, Chris Senko, Livonia Churchill.

Catchers: Scott Anderson, senior, Plymouth Salem.

First base: Steve Schneider, senior, Northville.

Infielders: Brian Porter, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Mickey Newman, senior, Northville; Bob Ford, senior, Livonia Churchill.

Outfielders: Mike Cindrich, senior, Plymouth Salem; Jim Olson, senior, Plymouth Canton; Bob Wascenak, senior, Farmington Harrison.

Designated hitter: Jeff Olson, senior, Plymouth Canton.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION

Pitchers: Dan Nielsen, senior, Northville; Mark Bennett, senior, Plymouth Canton.

Catchers: Mark Colovos, junior, Farmington Harrison.

First base: Drew Baird, senior, Livonia Churchill.

Infielders: Dave Longridge, senior, Northville; Mike Cugarski, senior, Walled Lake Western; Brian Gombinski, sophomore, Farmington Harrison.

Outfielders: Greg Wudyka, senior, Livonia Churchill; Scott Fralick, senior, Northville; Bob Bingham, senior, Walled Lake Western.

Designated hitter: John Kilde, junior, Farmington Harrison.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION

Pitchers: Rick Rozman, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Rick Bernal, senior, Plymouth Salem.

Catchers: Chris Tancill, sophomore, Livonia Stevenson.

First base: Dan Gilman, senior, Livonia Stevenson.

Infielders: Neil Davis, senior, Farmington; Scott MacDonald, junior, Livonia Bentley; Mark Mayner, junior, Walled Lake Central.

Outfielders: John Wells, senior, Livonia Bentley; Bob Uile, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Dave Cassack, senior, Farmington.

Designated hitter: Brian Trivakhan, senior, Livonia Bentley.

softball

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN ALL-LEAGUE SOFTBALL

FIRST TEAM

Pitchers: Tracy Leitch, sophomore, Livonia Franklin; Kathy Garrett, senior, Westland John Glenn.

Catchers: Patti Kadick, junior, North Farmington.

Infielders: Amy Austin, senior, North Farmington; Masey Lundy, junior, Westland John Glenn; Chris Bruce, senior, Redford Thurston; Alicia Leitch, senior, Livonia Franklin.

Outfielders: Jill Walker, senior, Redford Thurston; Beth Payton, senior, Redford Thurston; Jo Phipps, junior, Livonia Franklin.

SECOND TEAM

Pitchers: Tracy Owens, senior, Redford Thurston; Karen Krzyzewska, senior, Redford Thurston.

Catchers: Chris Ahmed, senior, Livonia Franklin.

Infielders: Kelley Kennedy, junior, Redford Thurston; Penny Dengel, junior, Redford Thurston; Carol Hall, junior, Westland John Glenn; Katrina Walcott, junior, Garden City.

Outfielders: Kim Johnson, sophomore, Westland John Glenn; Donna Konarski, junior, North Farmington; Kelly Kangas, sophomore, Redford Thurston.

HONORABLE MENTION

Franklin (7-3): Carolyn Smith and Dawn Gager.

John Glenn (7-3): Cheryl Dotter, Kelly Watts, Julie Puot and Karen Dauber.

Thurston (8-1): Karen Diers, Denise Weber, Chris Baird, Gandy Putnam and Sally Geris.

North Farmington (5-3): Michele Rosen, Linda Pleasent and Suzette Greenberg.

Redford Thurston (5-3): Patti Lemisz, Sue Sheeran and Kim Zankov.

Garden City (2-10): Ann Owsley, Kathy England and Stacy Tempton.

WESTERN LAKES CONFERENCE ALL-STAR SOFTBALL TEAMS

ALL-CONFERENCE

Pitchers: Lisa Bokovoy, Livonia Stevenson; Catchers: Laurie Dyer, Livonia Bentley; First base: Robin Wheeler, Walled Lake Central.

Infielders: Terri Leontak, Plymouth Salem; Tracy Greenwald, Livonia Churchill; Shannon Snyder, Livonia Stevenson.

Outfielders: Liz Gargano, Livonia Stevenson; Cindy Rango, Plymouth Salem; Lorie Payne, Livonia Bentley.

Utility: Linda Loeffler, Livonia Stevenson; Chris McCowan, Northville.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION

Pitchers: Sue Carlson, Plymouth Salem.

Catchers: Debbie Gromski, Plymouth Salem.

First base: Cathy Gage, Livonia Stevenson.

Infielders: Leslie Culver, Plymouth Salem; Karen Devine, Farmington; Jenny Kraczar, Walled Lake Central.

Outfielders: Leslie Pichis, Plymouth Salem; Michelle Ingala, Farmington; Gerslone D'Donofrio, Livonia Stevenson.

Utility: Allen Lundquist, Walled Lake Central; Denise Tackitt, Plymouth Salem.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION

Pitchers: Katie Boedman, Walled Lake Western.

Catchers: Marie Beach, Walled Lake Western.

First base: Val Hall, Walled Lake Western.

Infielders: Laura Darby, Plymouth Canton; Tracy Shauer, Walled Lake Western; Monika Benedict, Plymouth Canton.

Outfielders: Lynn Dudgey, Northville; Patti Schmitt, Livonia Churchill; Margaret Gilgan, Plymouth Canton.

Utility: Barry Gross, Walled Lake Western; Patti Wisney, Northville.

HONORABLE MENTION

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Stevenson (12-1): Kathy Balcott, Joan Fryminger and Carol Makiela.

Salem (11-2): Cheryl Vale.

W.L. Western (6-4): Day Musch, Denise Crostee and Melissa Schenke.

soccer

ALL-CATHOLIC SOCCER TEAM

First team: Annette Ruggieri, Jenny Horst and Betty Eds, Farmington; Anne Schwarz and Jana Moyle, Livonia Ladywood; Rene Porto and Rita Devon, Redford Bishop Borgess; Debbie Woltschke, Sharon Beselle and Angie Capaldi, Birmingham Marian; Jeanne Hest, Harper Woods Regina; Kelly Konczak, Harper Woods Gallagher.

Second team: Banu Rangarajan, Edna Montemboe and Amy DeMatta, Farmington; Mary Kate Malarini and Julie Christ, Birmingham Marian; Colleen Oyster and Anita Emmert, Redford Bishop Borgess; Susan Foreman and Wendy Carne, Madison Heights Bishop Foley; Kathy Vidano, Harper Woods Regina.

Third team: Amy Stock and Renee Gibasu, Farmington; Shannon Bowler and Laura Day, Livonia Ladywood; Andrea Baccalone and Sherry Rakowski, Harper Woods Regina; Evette Burzynski and Karl Gieson, Madison Heights Bishop Foley; Karen Baane and Colette Smythe, Redford Bishop Borgess; Renee Laperance and Lisa Piker, Birmingham Marian; Julie Hansen and Jenny Hebert, Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher.

Coeach of the year: Terry Dvoroth, Marian.

Final league standings: 1. Birmingham Marian, 7-0-2; 2. Farmington, 6-1-2; 3. Harper Woods Regina, 4-3-0; 4. Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 3-3-1; 5. Livonia Ladywood, 3-3-1; 6. Redford Bishop Borgess, 2-4-7; Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, 1-6-0.

Catholic League playoff champ: Mary.

ALL-WESTERN LAKES GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

ALL-CONFERENCE

Goalie: Doreen Daugh, Livonia Stevenson.

Defenders: Cheryl Galsino, Livonia Stevenson; Sheri Wolfe, Livonia Bentley; Sue Battrum, Farmington.

Midfielders: Kim Patterson, Livonia Bentley; Lisa Russell, Plymouth Canton; Doreen Duda, Livonia Churchill.

Forwards: Mary Kay Hussy, Livonia Stevenson; Lisa Rignati, Livonia Bentley; Lisa Cahill, Northville; Leisa Kils, Livonia Stevenson.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION

Goalie: Pam Fudrow, Farmington.

Defenders: Kirtia Green, Livonia Bentley; Lisa Broccardo, Livonia Stevenson; Colleen O'Connor, Plymouth Salem.

Midfielders: Stephanie Dock, Livonia Stevenson; Jamie Kuchick, Livonia Bentley; Amy Weber, Livonia Bentley.

Forwards: Colleen McCueen, Livonia Bentley; Danielle Montroy, Livonia Stevenson; Kirtie Molian, North Farmington; Julie Torsia, Plymouth Salem.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION

Goalie: LaDonna Gaskis, Livonia Churchill.

Defenders: Margie Wenglich, Plymouth Canton; Cheryl Sparran, Northville; Chris Lesper, Livonia Churchill.

Midfielders: Kathy Karow, Northville; Jill Calmetto, Livonia Churchill; Gayle Wagner, Northville; Terri Grant, Livonia Churchill.

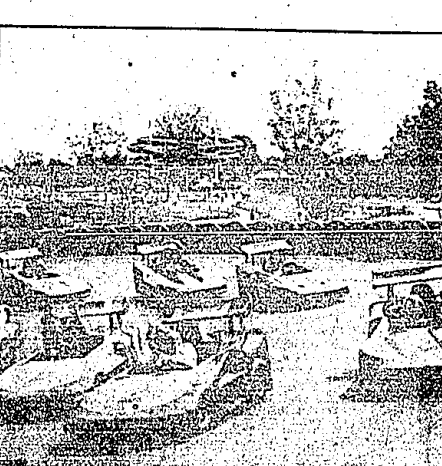
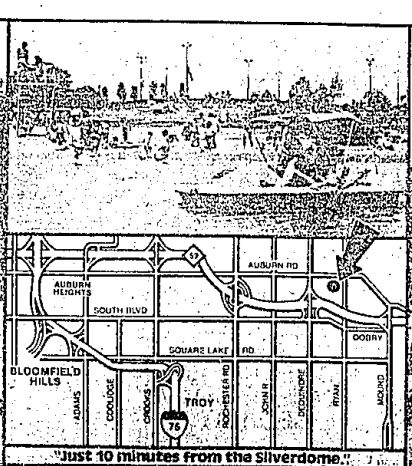
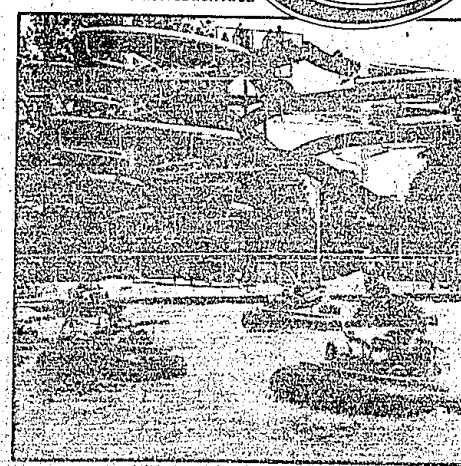
Forwards: Jennifer Powers, Livonia Churchill; Jennifer Huggel, Livonia Churchill; Beth Frigo, Plymouth Canton.

HONORABLE MENTION

Livonia Bentley: Penny Strong and Dana Dugan; Farmington: Leslie Martin and Lori Diggle; North Farmington: Michelle Mackie and Jean Anderson.

Livonia Stevenson: Marzi Jernog and Pam Cagle.

Livonia Churchill: Lori Hilden and Sheri Aczelt; Northville: Julie Nowka and Sue Bortwick; Livonia Franklin: Kim Owens and Laura Aloia; Farmington Harrison: Michele Wise.



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