

Wolverines win MSHL, take act on road

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staff writer

Michelle Donnelly, the scorekeeper for the Midwest Summer Hockey League, leaned over the glass at the Plymouth Cultural Center ice arena and shouted at Terry Shook, a hard working defenseman for the Wolverines.

"Come on Terry, get another one," Donnelly said. "OK," Shook said.

A couple minutes later, Shook complied by blistering a shot past Laker goalie George Abbott with 21 seconds left in the second period.

It gave the Wolverines a 4-1 lead (Shook figured in all four goals) and sent them on their way to an 8-4 win over the Lakers Monday in the MSHL championship game.

The win also earns the Wolverines a trip to Chicago this weekend to play the champions of the Chicago Summer Hockey League and an all-star team from the greater Chicago area.

"I WAS REALLY looking forward to playing," said Shook, who played hockey last year in the ACHL for the Eric Blades. "I wanted to go to Chicago. Hey, if you can't get up to play in the final game, then you can never get up."

Shook scored two goals and had two assists in addition to a strong game in the defensive zone, but he was far from the Wolves' lone star.

Don Krussman, out of Fraser, scored three goals; Darrin Schmitz scored a goal and added two assists; and goalies Dave Church and Tom Nowland combined to keep the Lakers at bay.

The Wolverines, coached by Marty Read and runners-up in the Tex Conference during the regular season, also got goals from Bart Cammarata and Tony Byers.

"Their forwards were strong and very effective around the net," said Laker coach and MSHL commissioner A.J. Baker. "They just didn't miss. And, on our side, our forwards were not very effective at all."

KURT KRUGER, Jason Tratechud, Darryl Moise and Mark Stevenson scored for the Lakers, runners-up in the Bakes Conference. For the most part, though, it was a case of missed opportunities for the Lakers.

With the Wolves clinging to a 2-1 lead late in the second period, the Lakers had several golden scoring chances. Tratechud, a 15-year-old sophomore at Farmington Harrison High School, was robbed point-blank by Church. Then, J.P. Carter and Stevenson, line mates at Eastern Michigan, took turns firing wide at an open Wolverine net.

Not two minutes after the Lakers' near misses, the Wolverines got a goal from Krussman to go up 3-1.

Overshadowed by the defeat was a sterling performance by Laker goalie Doug Brown. At one stretch in the second period he kicked away five straight shots in one sequence during a Wolverine

power play. In the first eight minutes of the second period he steered away 11 shots, seven from close range.

"He played a fantastic game, didn't he," said Baker of Brown.

BROWN GAVE way to Abbott halfway through the second period. It was Abbott who faced the Wolverines' four-goal-in-17-shot barrage in the third period.

The Wolverines' road to the championship was anything but smooth. On Saturday, the Wolves edged the Falcons 9-6 thanks to another hat trick by Krussman.

On Sunday, the Wolves slipped a leg-weary Bulldog team 10-6. The Bulldogs, coached by Danny Bellare, Jr., defeated the Broncos 7-6 on Friday despite having only seven skaters and two goalies available.

The Lakers survived until the title game by whipping the Wildcats 5-2 Saturday and the Huskies 11-4 on Sunday. Against the Huskies the EMU connection, Carter and Stevenson, accounted for seven of the goals: four goals and four assists for Stevenson, a goal and six assists for Carter.

The Lakers had won six straight games coming into Monday's finale. Instrumental in that spree was Western Michigan product Troy Thrun, the Lakers' top scorer. He was unable to play Monday and his absence was conspicuous.

MSHL WRAP-UP: It was the best of seasons and the worst of seasons for the three-year-old Midwest Summer Hockey League, according to commissioner A.J. Baker.

In terms of talent and competitive play, the

league has never been better. But in terms of on-ice violence, it had never been worse.

"I don't understand it," Baker said. "The players were testing me, I think. The play at times got real feisty. But there will be repercussions. The players will know how much the over-aggressive play is frowned upon in this league."

Two players already know. Scott Varga and Perry Head were booted out of the league for incessant fighting. Six other players were slapped with one-game suspensions for fighting.

On the whole, though, the MSHL did come of age this season. The level of play was brilliant for a summer league and it attracted some of the biggest crowds in the league's history.

"I'm already looking forward to next year," Baker said.

"I was really looking forward to playing. I wanted to go to Chicago. Hey, if you can't get up to play in the final game, then you can never get up."

—Terry Shook
Wolverine standout

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GOLF

The 1985 Buick Open will be played today through Sunday at the Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club in Grand Blanc. Lanny Wadkins, Woody Blackburn, Mark McCumber, Joey Sindelar, Bob Eastwood, Chi Chi Rodriguez, T.C. Chen, Gary Player, Andy Bean, Rex Caldwell, David Graham, Calvin Peete, Bill Glasson and defending champion Denis Watson are among the touring pros scheduled to play. Warwick Hills is a par-72, 7,014-yard course. The prize fund is \$450,000.

The seventh annual Bobby Jones Open is Saturday, Aug. 24, at the University of Michigan golf course in Ann Arbor. The tournament is open only to players named Robert or Roberta Jones. A practice round starts at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, followed by a reception at the Ann Arbor Inn. Proceeds support research on syringomyelia, a neurological disease which claimed the life of golfing great Bobby Jones in 1913. For more information, call 357-4200.

The fourth annual Wayne State University Tartar Football Benefit Golf Tournament will be Sept. 10 at the Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville. Sponsored by the Wayne State Football program, proceeds will be used to support the Tartar gridiron program. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets or hole sponsorships, call 577-4288 or 577-4280.

RUNNING

The Michigan MDA 10-kilometer run starts at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 18 at the Southfield Civic Center. The course follows a flat, scenic route through Southfield. Awards will go to the top five finishers in various men's and women's age groups. Entry fee is \$8. Runners are asked to gather pledges to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. For more information, call 356-0830. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are co-sponsoring the event, and race results will be published here at a later date.

The ninth annual Bobby Krim 10-Mile Road Race in support of Special Olympics will be held 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, in Flint. Labeled as this country's single largest one-day fund-raiser, the event has raised more than \$750,000 for Special Olympics since its inception in 1977. The race is expected to attract approximately 5,000 runners. For more information, call 767-7903.

COACHES SOUGHT

The Farmington Public School District is accepting applications for non-teaching coaching positions for the fall of 1985. Positions open are girls basketball, boys and girls cross country, freshmen football and junior varsity soccer.

Resumes should be sent to Ron Holland, 22500 Shiawassee, Farmington 48024 or call 471-6537 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.