

Skiing for life

Heidi Apol of Farmington Hills won the junior division of the novice heat for females in the Blue Cross-Blue Shield cross country ski race "Ski For Health." Daniel Harrison, also of Farmington Hills, won the grand-prize drawing of an all-expenses paid weekend trip to Toronto.

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was pinned in 3:22 by Livonia Church-ill's Salem Yaffal, who remained un-

Ill's Satein toman, and Dameron, met twice last year and McNaughton wen them both," Krueger said. "McNaughton is real lough. Dave can't make mistakes and expect to beat him. He's going to have to wrestle his best match.

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flers) I think they all have a shot at the state meet," Krueger said.

Other regional champions from Ob-serverland included Dan Schimansky of Westland John Glenn at 145 and Dan Parilo of Parinlagton at 198.

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Pariso had to come from behind in his final against Huron's David Jones, winning 6-4.

The Class A state meet is Saturday, March 1, at Grand Valley State College in Allendale.

Hollywood ice folly?

Movie focus hits, misses junior hockey life

Rob Lowe could only act out on film what some area hockey players live out every day in Canadlan junior hockey circles.

The filve-hour bus rides, the loneliness of being away from home, and to a lesser extent, the violence pertrayed in the movie "Youngblood" is a true story for Mike Hartman, Mike Vellucci, Doug Strombach, Adam Burt and Scutt Green.

The Ontario Hockey League (OIII), a fertife ground for NIII, Latent, has its rosters dotted with U.S. teen-agers playing in such places as Belleville, North Bay and Sault Ste. Marie.

It's a fast-skating and hard-checking circuit where the bottom line is to make it to the NIII.

VELLUCCI, A DEFENSEMAN from Farmington who plays with the Belleville Bults, viewed "Young-blood." In part, he said the movie captures the essence of what playing juntor hockey in Canada is all about

about.

That is except for the fighting, which in the movie makes the World Wrestling Federation look paie makes the World V

crissue in comparison.

"In ways (it's the same), especially coming into play and the initiations," sald Vellucci, who's a friend and former teanmate of Toronto Maple Leaf Al Infrate at Belleville. "The fighting, though they say that's the way it was in the old days, is not realistic. I haven't seen any of it."

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The non-fictional players admit fighting is a fact of life in the OHL. Especially if a player is to survive in the early going.

FOR HARTMAN, from West Bloomfield and a member of the North Bay Centennials, quick fists could provide an avenue to the NIII. Last year, though available, he was passed up in the NIII. am-ateur draft.

Hartman, who has played two seasons in the OHL, stands 5-feet-11 and weighs 190 pounds — not gigantle by pro-standards.

After the personable right winger was traded from Belleville to North Bay in October, Centennials coach Bert Templetion wanted Hartman to be more of "a grinder." Before, he was a finesse play-

He now leads the team in penalty minutes (160) and has tangled with the likes of Shayne Corson and Scott Meteatle, both highly rated juniors. Corson is property of the Montreal Canadiens.

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"I've only lost two fights all year," said Hartman: who has 12 goals and 14 assists, "I've fought just about all the tough guys. "I really don't like lighting," he's quick to add. "I don't come from a tough family or anything."

FOR MOST, though, fisticuffs is just a way to

"Sometimes each team has three or four tough guys," said Burt, a defensemañ with North Bay who is from Westland. "You have to do some scrapping, especially in the beginning of the year to show you won't be pushed around."

Burt, 16, is in his first year with the Centennials. He's considered a definite pro prospect. One teammate said Burt could go as high as the first round in this year's draft.

The dream of playing in the NIIL is the main selling point of the Canadian Junior system. But crities say education takes a back seal and the ones who fail to make the NIIL have nothing to fail back on.

"You always hear about the Craig Wolanins and Al Iafrates," said A.J. Baker, coach of the Redford Hennessey Engineers in the North American Junior Hockey League, "You don't hear about the ones who don't make it."

ALL OF THE players Interviewed said they attend school on a regular basis. According to Green, who is from Livonia and is a left winger with the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, a player who skips school is fined \$10 for a missed class.

Each player in Sault Ste. Marie receives \$20 a week in spending money. The team also pays room and board and puts \$15 a week into a saving ac-

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Half-a-week's pay is a stiff penalty for playing hookey, Yet, a couple of players voiced some concern about teammates whose only interest is the NHL.

"Most of the guys want to make it a career," said Vellucci. "Some of them are already making it a career because they've signed with NHL teams. Veluce went to training camp with the flaritoral Whalers last September but was sent back to Belleville. The 6-loot defenseman, who was in the car when Infrarte had a notable accident a while back, teads the Dulls in points for a defenseman with 34. He has nine goals and 25 assists.

ANOTHER PLAYER to get a crack at the pros was Strømbach, a Redford resident and right winger with North Bay, Strømbach, 18, was drafted by the Washington Capitals in the sixth round last

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Skating in training camp with the likes of Rod Langway was an eye-opening experience.

"It was kind of weird, said Strombach, who has 22 goals and 26 assists for 40 points this section. You dream about something like this all your life. You're kind of scared and intimidated at first. Then see was the start, you're all the start of the same start of the



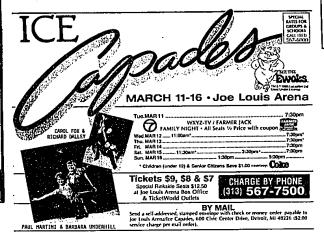
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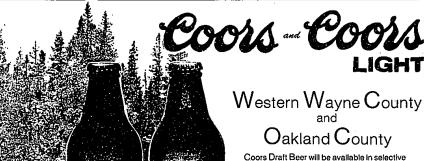
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