

Hawks best in tourney

The Farmington Hills Hockey Association Hawks avenged an earlier loss to the Redford Ice Dogs in the championship game and won the Sports Weekend Pee Wee B Tournament Jan. 25.

The Hawks won their first two games before losing to Ice Dogs, 2-0. But the Hawks came back later that day (Jan. 25) to score a 4-1 victory over the Ice Dogs in the final at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube.

Coach Mike Lautenbach and his Farmington Hills staff devised a new game plan between games and produced a strategy the Hawks applied successfully.

The Hawks stormed the net early and maintained the pressure on the Ice Dogs. With eight minutes left in the first period, Brandon Cummings scored the first goal with assists by Jim Simon and Brandon Reith.

The period ended with Farmington Hills on top 3-0 following goals by Richard Wentworth and Michael Armstrong. Strong forechecking by Alex Sharpe led to the Wentworth goal, and Graham Appleford assisted on the Armstrong goal.

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Hawks goalie Mitch Depace turned away numerous Redford shots in the second period to keep the Hawks on top.

Keith Bange and Simon also were instrumental in applying offensive pressure. Defensively, Kevin Haller, Kevin Vincent, Chris Lautenbach, Jeff Forbes and Brett Schneider shut down the Redford attack.

Appleford made it 4-0 with a third-period goal that earned an assist for Armstrong. Rory Douglas scored a late goal for the Ice Dogs.

"The kids showed character and class against some very tough competition during the three-day tournament," coach Lautenbach said. "The kids have really come together as a team, and they know what hard work will do for them."

The Hawks started the tournament with a 5-0 victory over the Livingston Lightning. Michael Schuyler scored two goals; Sharpe and Wentworth had one goal and one assist each, and

Cummings accounted for the last goal. Bange, Lautenbach, Schneider, Armstrong and Forbes also earned assists. Depace made 17 saves.

In their second game, the Hawks rallied to win an emotional, hard-hitting game from the Shaker Heights (Ohio) Raiders, 3-2.

The Hawks trailed 2-0 after two periods but began their comeback with a goal by Adam Scruggs, who put the puck just under the crossbar.

Reith scored the tying goal with five minutes remaining and the game-winner with two minutes left. He stole the puck from a defenseman and scored his second goal while being pulled to the ice.

The Raiders had a power play in the final minutes and pulled their goalie for a 6-on-4 attack, but Depace's goaltending and strong defense denied the Raiders a tie score and chance in overtime.

The Farmington Hills assistant coaches are Chris Depace, Bill Reith, Mike Schuyler and Bob Wentworth.



Hockey champs: The Hawks are (front) goalie Mitch Depace, (kneeling, from left) Mike Armstrong, Brandon Cummings, Kevin Vincent, Graham Appleford, Alex Sharpe (hidden behind trophy), Michael Schuyler, Brandon Reith, Richard Wentworth, Kevin Haller, (middle, standing) Jeff Forbes, (standing) Keith Bange, Jim Simon, Chris Lautenbach, Adam Scruggs, Brett Schneider, (back row) coaches Bill Reith, Chris Depace, Mike Lautenbach, Mike Schuyler and Bob Wentworth.

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Big weekend puts Whalers near top

Make that three in a row. And one back.

The Plymouth Whalers concluded an immensely successful weekend by routing the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds (thanks to Andrew Taylor's hat trick), 7-2 Sunday in Sault Ste. Marie.

The win was the third-straight for the Whalers, and it accomplished just what they hoped it would: Both Plymouth and the London Knights, leaders of the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, have now played 64 games.

The victories pulled the Whalers to within a point of the leaders; London is 32-18-4 for 68 points, Plymouth is 31-18-5 for 67 points.

The Whalers also did just what coach Peter DeBoer wanted them to — win the games they're supposed to win.

After raising their level of play to beat the Peterborough Petes 3-2 (thanks to two third-period

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goals) Thursday at Compuware, the Whalers completely dominated Toronto St. Michaels Majors, shutting them out 6-0 Saturday at Compuware, and the Greyhounds Sunday.

Against the Majors, the Whalers put five goals on the board in the first period, by five different players. Yuri Babenko was one of them; he added a second goal in the third period, giving him 19 for the season.

Jesse Baulerice opened the scoring with a goal (his 17th) just 29 seconds into the game. He also had three assists. Steve Wasyliko and Nikos Teelios contributed a goal and an assist each, Eric Goudy got three assists, and David Legwand got a goal, his 46th.

Robert Holinger was in goal for the shutout; he turned away 28 shots from the Majors in earning his second shutout of the season.

At Sault Ste. Marie Sunday, the Whalers spotted the Grey-

hounds a 1-0 lead early in the game. But a goal by Taylor with 3:22 left in the first period evened the score, and another by Sergei Fedotov with just 49 seconds remaining put Plymouth ahead to stay.

Another goal by Taylor and one from OHL Player-of-the-Week Harold Druken (his 30th) in the second period cemented the Whalers' victory. Taylor completed his hat trick in the third period, giving him 26 goals on the season. Steve Wasyliko, who also had an assist, and Legwand (his league-leading 47th) also got goals.

Druken also had three assists in the game and Legwand, Baulerice and Paul Mara each had two.

Robert Esche was in goal for the victory; he made 16 saves, making his record 24-11-2 and his goals-against average 2.93.

CHURCHILL S. W.L. CENTRAL 1: On Saturday, the Chargers broke up a close game by outscoring host Walled Lake Central 4-1 in the first period in a game played at the Lakeland Ice Arena. The loss dropped Central to 6-14-2 overall and 3-8-1 in the South.

Ed Rossetto scored twice for the winners, including a short-handed goal at 1:41 of the third from Chuck Light.

Frank Furdere, Dan Cook and Light also scored goals for the Chargers. Jason Turf had two assists, while Antti Kervinen, Tom Sherman, Matt Wysocki, Matt Grant, Anton Sutovsky and Light had one apiece. Greg Siwka went all the way in goal for Churchill.

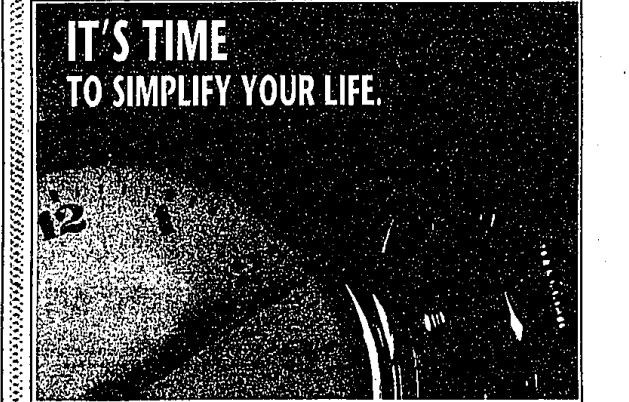
CRANKBROOK 4, REDFORD CC 1: This one of the close ones that got away from the Shamrocks.

Redford Catholic Central (13-3-2 overall) never led against Bloomfield Hills, Cranbrook (15-5-0 overall) and saw a 2-1 game turn into the final score during the final 5:35.

Dustin Kim, Johnny Kim, Rick Clark and Mike Lipa scored goals for the Cranes.

The Cranes got a goal at 9:25 of the third period to expand their lead to 3-1 and added an empty netter by Lipa at 14:22 Saturday at Redford Arena.

The Shamrocks got their only goal off the stick of Brandon Kelanicki, assisted by Erik Hawkins and Ian Ogden, to tie the score at 5:53 of the second period.



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