

Metro League drops puck on 1998 schedule

Popularity in certain sports comes and goes. Then there's the Metro Summer Hockey League.

Founded by A.J. Baker (now the coach of NCAA Division II national champion University of Alabama-Huntsville), the MSHL is now in its 16th season. In that span, very little has changed in the league's focus or operation:

- Many of the same players will compete again this season — just like last year and the year before.

- All the games will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center's Ice Arena, again (well, one playoff game was in Dearborn).

- There will again be eight teams, with players ranging in age from 15 to 36.

- "We get a lot of older guys who are just trying to stay in shape," said Keith Pietila, the league commissioner. "And we get some younger guys who are trying to learn some things from the younger guys."

- Asked about possible expansion, Pietila said, "We want to keep the quality of the league up. Expand too much and you spread out the good players too far."

Each team's roster consists of 17 players, which includes two goalies. The cost of ice rental has gone up, causing a \$10 increase in per-player dues — up to \$175 each. That pays for ice time for 11 regular-season games and at least one playoff game (every team qualifies for the playoffs).



Hockey champs: The Echlin Devils Squirt B hockey team won the Pepsi Showdown Spring Championship with a 2-1 victory over the Livonia Devils. The game was tied 1-1 after three periods and a five-minute overtime before the Echlin Devils scored in a shootout. The champs finished their season with a 9-1-2 record. Members of the Echlin Devils team are (front row, from left) Keith Button, Mark Whitehead, Tom Whiting, Tim Lehto, John Keiten, Brent Hable, Dino Bernabei, (second row) Ryan Cebula, Courtney VanAntwerp, R.J. Mehall, Rich Dougherty, (third row) Nick Moug, coach Tom Lehto, Robert Escott and Jonathon Jacob. Not pictured are assistant coaches Rich Button and John VanAntwerp.

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rebound shot with less than 15 minutes remaining. Janveja responded by driving through the middle of the Celtic defense to tally the tying goal with under six minutes left.

On Sunday morning, the Fury were down an outmanned Maumee Express premier team to record an 8-1 victory.

Mukhtar and Chris Popovski tallied two goals each with assists by Horr (two), Mooney and Mukhtar. Scoring single goals were Mooney (Street), Dan Shumer (Price), Street (Lechowicz) and Mistejer (Lechowicz).

In the championship game, the Fury again was pitted against the Celtics I and prevailed, 3-2.

Toledo scored first on a well-placed indirect kick that caromed off the crossbar at the 3:11 mark of the first half.

The Fury didn't panic but roared back to dominate play and forge a lead with a hat trick by Mukhtar, who scored his first goal at 15:10 after receiving a perfect pass from Janveja.

Mukhtar scored his next two goals in little more than a minute on a header served up by winger Greg Brazianus and later on a combination from Street and Lechowicz.

The stunned Celtics rallied late in the game to score again on a 25-yard goal.

Eric Shrowbury played a solid game in goal as defenders Phillips, Mestejer, Young and Kruse frustrated the Celtics.

SWIMMING

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN LEAGUE
PLEASANT RIDGE 21A, WOODBRIDGE 22B
Woodstock double winners: Ian Garward (7-9 boys), 25 best, 22:10; 25 best, 20:37; Felix Curran (14-8 boys), 25 best, 24:00; 25 breast, 23:37; Christopher Best (9-10 boys), 50 best, 40:24; 50 free, 37:10; Jessica Satch (13-12 girls), 50 best, 38:10; 50 free, 35:47; Tommy Slat (11-12 boys), 50 free, 39:16; 50 free, 50:63.

Woodstock single winners: Thomas Naughton (11-12 boys), 50 best, 45:77; Zach Wasserman (10-10 boys), 50 breast, 52:37; Rachel Expose (15-12 girls), 100 IM, 1:20:24; Stephen Joo (13-12 boys), 100 IM, 2:05:77; Alissa Nelson (13-14 girls), 50 breast, 42:00; Casey Stanton (13-12 boys), 50 breast, 49:59.

KENILWORTH 22C, BEECHVIEW 23C
Kendallwood girls double winners: Linda Mitchell (13-14), 100 IM, 1:12:26; 50 breast, 37:29; Lindsay Fatters (15-18), 100 IM, 1:12:04; 15 breast, 24:41; Kathleen Howard (8-under), 25 free, 22:31; Kristen Muka (9-10), 50 best, 30:09; Jessi Wadecor (9-10), 50 breast, 48:41; Sarah Paak (13-14), 50 free, 31:53.

Kendallwood boys double winners: Kevin Mai (9-10), 50 free, 38:52; 50 breast, 44:82; Dan Gabriel (10-10), 50 best, 33:42; 100 IM, 1:04:28; Justin Ringer (15-18), 100 free, 59:50; 50 free, 30:34.

Single winners: Brian Church (8-under), 25 free, 24:20; Matt Walker (15-18), 50 breast, 33:47.
Kendallwood relay winners: 52-year girls 200 medley (Kathleen Best, Linda Mitchell, Sarah Paak, Jessi Wadecor), 2:55:17; 60-year girls 200 freestyle (Linda Muka, Dona Schwam, Lindsay Fatters, Maureen Corcoran), 2:52:48; 60-year boys 200 freestyle (Matt Walker, Justin Ringer, Dan Price, Craig Paak), 1:52:72.

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be the top player picked.

"I don't think anyone will know until Saturday (who will be No. 1)," said DeBoer.

He is counting on having Legwand and Holdridge return. According to NHL draft rules, a draftee must either make the NHL roster of the team that selects him or return to his junior hockey league franchise to complete his junior status.

As good as both Legwand and Holdridge are, making an NHL roster as 18-year-olds would be quite a feat. Also, the team that drafts them retains their rights for a year.

"There's no doubt about it," said DeBoer of the NHL's top

three draft selections. "They're counting on you to be a franchise player down the road."

Legwand isn't quite ready to take a struggling team to the top just yet.

"He's got to work on his physical maturity," said DeBoer of his 6-2, 176-pound centerman. "He needs add 10 pounds of muscle; he's got to work on body development."

Holdridge has improvements to make, too.

"He's a defensive defenseman who down the road can add some offense to his game," said DeBoer, noting Holdridge's four goals and 15 assists last season. "He'll play in the NHL, no doubt

about it. He's not anything flashy, but everyone needs players like that."

Holdridge is about to enter his senior year at CC, where he is an honor roll student.

Among the others ranked by the NHL scouting service are Dustin Kuk, a 6-1, 200-pound left winger from Livonia Churchill who played at the University of Wisconsin last season, scoring nine goals and 11 assists (he's ranked 131st); and Joe Blackburn, another Churchill grad who was Michigan State's backup goalie, posting a 2.23 goals against average in limited action behind starter Chad Alban.

The Whalers have lost some key players from last season's squad, notably goalie Robert

Esche, who signed a contract with the Phoenix Coyotes. Also gone is center Brian Passmore, traded along with a fourth-round draft choice to the Ottawa Generals for Adam Colagiacomo, a 25-goal-scoring right winger (58 points in 55 games last season).

While it wasn't easy giving up Passmore, DeBoer was looking at a team heavy with centers and light on right wingers, making the trade an easy one. At present, Colagiacomo (from Toronto) is slated to play on a line with Legwand and Harold Druken.

"He's a natural goal-scoring right wing, someone we think can come in and dominate for us," DeBoer said.

While 11 rookies made the team two years ago, DeBoer figures maybe six of the Whalers'

17 draftees will crack the lineup this season.

Robert Holsinger, Esche's backup in goal last season, is one of three candidates who will get a good look at the position this year. The others are Dwayne Bateman and Rob Zepf; both are from Ontario.

A pair of left wings were taken by the Whalers with their first two draft selections: Kristopher Vernarsky (Warren) and Kyle Channan from Ontario.

"He's going to be a great player," DeBoer said of Vernarsky. "He's 6-3 and highly skilled, and he's very young. He's a real good prospect."

Jared Newman, a 6-2, 190-pound defenseman from Lincoln Park, is another player DeBoer figures will help immediately.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

MONDAY, JULY 6, 1998

FOR

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1998

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF NO. 1 WARD (PRECINCT NOS. 1-8):

CITY OF FARMINGTON
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE IN CITY HALL, 23600 LIBERTY STREET, FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN.

MONDAY, JULY 6, 1998 - LAST DAY

From 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
The 30th day preceding said Election

TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE AUGUST 4, 1998 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

IN PERSON:

- At your City or Township Clerk's office or at the office of any County Clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

BY MAIL:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

City Clerk's Office
(248) 474-5500 ext. 225 or 218
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48339

NOTE: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city where the live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF FARMINGTON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - STUDY SESSION (SUMMARY)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council as held on Monday, June 22, 1998, in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1978.

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m. by Mayor Bush

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

Council met to review the Museum Development Committee Report and to consider recommendations from the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

MARY L. BUSH, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF FARMINGTON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH KIMCO REALTY CORPORATION (SUMMARY)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, June 22, 1998, in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1978.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Bush.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

Council met with Frank Deacono, a representative of Kimco Realty Corporation, regarding the closing of Farmer Jack.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

MARY L. BUSH, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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MONDAY, JULY 6, 1998

FOR

PRIMARY ELECTION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1998

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN
PRECINCTS 1-27

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE 31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, JULY 6, 1998 - LAST DAY

8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

For the purpose of RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION of the qualified electors in said city, BY LAW, Electors who wish to vote in the Primary Election must be registered to vote no later than Monday, July 6, 1998. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the county clerk's office or local clerk's office, or register by mail by calling the city clerk's office at 248/475-9564. Persons who are currently registered need not re-register.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN,
City Clerk

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