

Fire wins holiday tourney

Farmington Hills Fire Squirt A hockey team is on fire! The Fire won its second tournament of the season, adding the Compuware Holiday Classic to the Little Caesars Thanksgiving Tournament it had won earlier.

The Fire finished the Compuware Classic with a 3-1 record, defeating the Jackson Jaguars, 3-2.

In the first game, the Fire was shrt-handed against the Livingston Lightning, missing Santino Mateo and T.J. Schaffer, and lost 4-1.

The four goals allowed was well above the Fire's 1.85 season average. Its lone goal came from captain Steve McCollom, who was assisted by Joseph Stefan and Steve Dawson.

The Fire rebounded to defeat Woodhaven in its next game, 6-1. A key goal by Matt Pietila, with an assist by Jon Falvo, got the Fire rolling.

Stefan contributed one goal and two assists. Goaltender Ross Tashjian frustrated Woodhaven, turning away 21 of 22 shots.

The third game determined who would play in the finals, and Farmington Hills defeated Sylvania (Ohio) 2-1 as McCollom scored both goals.

The Fire had strong goaltending from Tom Whiting, who stopped 20 shots, and good defensive play from Falvo, Steve Dawson, Brett Deneco, Matt Pietila and Ryan Duncan.

Tournament MVP Kyle Potociki and forwards Shane Dwyer,

Jacob Gumink, T.J. Schaffer and Grant Ponto led the Fire to the win over Jackson in the championship game. The contest became a nail-biter when the Fire received a penalty with two minutes left in the game.

The Jaguars pulled their goalie for a 6-on-4 advantage and scored to get within a goal. At full strength again, the Fire held on to win.

The Fire is 20-3-6 overall and battling for first place in its division. Ron Dawson is the Fire's head coach; the assistant coaches are Greg Stefan, Britt Ponto and Tom Potociki.

The Fire won the Thanksgiving tournament by defeating the Rochester Canadians in the final and finishing with a 4-0 record.

Hockey champs



Freeze chills touney foes: The Farmington Hills Freeze, a pee wee hockey house team, won the Battle Creek Cereal City Tournament in December, defeating Muskegon (3-1), Midland (6-0), Battle Creek (5-1) and another Farmington Hills team (3-1). Team members are (front row, from left) Jordan Sherman, Matt Bills, Katherine Shaw, (second row) Michael Welsh, Michael Schuyler, Michael Colton, Michael Bernabe, Ryan Sharron, (third row) Adrienne Shaw, Brian Coltrier, Kyle Law, Joel Zager, John Khoury, Chris Hoffmeister, (fourth row) coach Tom Colton, head coach Neal Shaw, goalie Dan Coltrier and Zach Carroll.

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22 stops. Adam DeLeeuw scored his 13th and 14th goals in the first and second periods, respectively, for Barrie.

Troy Smith scored a short-handed goal for Plymouth in the second and Mark McMahon tallied the equalizer from Adam Colagiacomo and Shaun Fisher at 6:16 of the third period.

On Friday, East Division opponent Belleville skated to a 6-3 win over the Whalers.

It was 1-1 after one period as Derek Campbell scored for the Bulls and Eric Goody (from Smith and Randy Fitzgerald) countered for the Whalers.

Although outshot 36-31 on the night, Belleville scored five of the next six goals — Kevin Baker, Michael Jacobsen, Randy

Rowe, Justin Papineau (his 27th) and Kelly Padden.

Fisher scored his fifth for the Whalers in the second period from Colagiacomo and Fitzgerald. Smith scored in the second period from Colagiacomo and Goody.

Holsinger stopped 19 of 25 shots, while the Bulls' Cory Campbell turned back 30 of 33.

Belleville defenseman Jason Lawmaster (Westland John Glenn) was penalized three times.

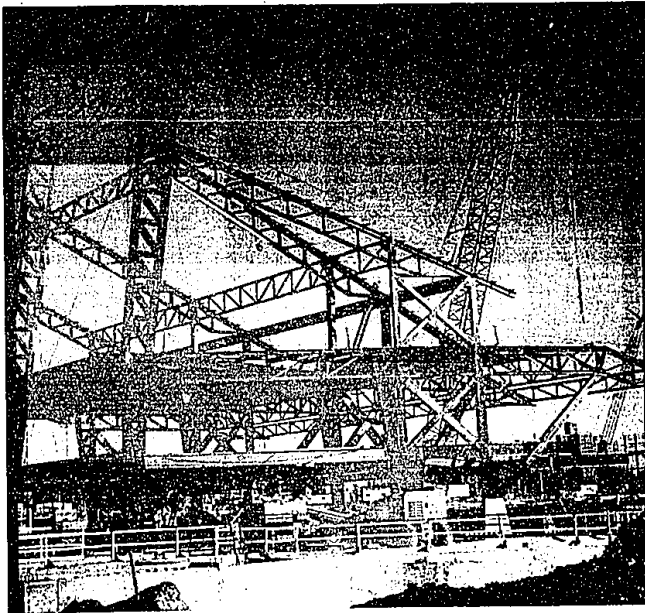
The four-game swing began Wednesday before 2,402 in Owen Sound with the host Platers winning 4-2, despite being outshot, 35-24. Owen Sound goaltender Curtis Sanford made 33 saves.

After a scoreless first period,

Owen Sound outscored Plymouth 3-1 in the second on goals by Wes Goldie (his 15th), Chad Woodard (his 20th) and Joel Ward (his 15th). Platers leading scorer Dan Snyder also beat Holsinger in the third period.

Rick Smith scored for the Whalers from Colagiacomo and Fitzgerald in the second. Left winger Jamie Lalonde added a goal in the third from Smith and Kevin Holdridge.

"I thought all of our rookies stepped it up, starting with Zepp on up," DeBoer said. "We have an older, experienced team and a lot of them (rookies) haven't had an opportunity to play as much, but once they got thrown into the fire, they more than held their own."



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On Thursday, February 4th, 1999 the Elysia Pefley Foundation will host their 3rd Annual Skate-A-Thon with the Detroit Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena.

All proceeds from the event will go to the **McCarty Cancer Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, Michigan Pediatric Hospice Foundation.**

Elysia Pefley was the little girl who was adopted by the Red Wings as their little angel. Although she lost her fight with cancer on St. Patrick's Day 1996 her courageous spirit lives on through the Foundation and Detroit Red Wings.

Everyone is invited to participate!

Concourse activities are open to the public and include an interactive Hockey Hall of Fame, large Silent Auction with a variety of sports memorabilia, Zamboni Photographs, Octo Bowl, Hourly 50/50 Raffles, Clowns, plus much more!

Any person who raises \$50 or more in donations will skate at the "Joe" with the "stars" and receive a T-shirt and refreshments. All individuals that raise pledges of \$300 or more will receive an autographed photo plaque by one of the Red Wings. The top four individuals who raise the most in donations will receive a special autographed Red Wing memorabilia.

For those who want to participate please complete the donor sheet, collect donations in advance and submit them to the foundation. Early registrants will receive ice time preferences. Donations can still be accepted after one has registered, just bring the additional funds on February 4th.

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