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very good and Grosse Pointe South will be tough.

"There are several teams, including ours," Harris said, "that have a chance to win our league. We're extremely excited because we'd like to defend our title. But it should be pretty interesting."

The Spartans (17-7-2) must replace all-state honoree Darin Fawkes and academic all-state pick Jeff Lang. Stevenson has eight key seniors returning who are expected to play leadership roles.

Among the returnees are second team all-area forward Ryan Sinks, the team's leading goal-scorer, along with forwards John May, Willie Wilson, Dan Cieslak, Tim Allen and Mike Zientarski. Defenseman Joe Sacher, a third team all-area selection, also returns.

Hatley's Churchill team will be built around four-year starter Ed Rossetto, Dan Cook and Chuck Light. He should have solid goaltending from senior Dwaine

Jones and newcomer Ryan McBrook, a star with the Compumex Midget Major team.

Hatley welcomes junior center Justin Charnock off the Michigan Nationals Midget Major team along with a talented trio of Jakubowski — freshman Aaron, a forward; freshman Adam, a defenseman; and sophomore Nathan, who played for the Belle Tire Triple A and Plymouth Midget Double A teams.

"Since our loss in the regional final to Trenton," Hatley said, "our kids played in a spring league together, a summer league, a fall league and we've been in the weight room since the end of June."

"We've really picked up our off-season conditioning. We needed to because we're definitely in the rebuilding stage."

Hatley is aiming to get the mix ready by the end of the season.

"We really don't worry too much about the league," he said. "Our focus right now is on player development. We put our eggs in

a different basket."

Franklin might be thin but it has two key seniors returning in Sexton and Sain. Juniors will be the key to Jobbitt's chances.

Goalie Rob Williams is a junior, along with center Brandon McCullough and left wing Trevor Skoczen. Defensemen Nick Tilt and Chad Van Hulle are also juniors.

"McCullough stepped forward big time last year," Jobbitt said, "and Skoczen's really got wheels. He's our fastest player."

The Garbutt family will provide three new Patriots. Brothers Josh, a sophomore, and Andy, a freshman, are centers while cousin Chris is a sophomore goalie.

Sophomore John Grebinski is a promising transfer from Oklahoma.

"This is a year I'm real excited about," Jobbitt said. "We don't expect a lot from them, but everything is going to be an accomplishment for us."

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**Mike Harris**  
—Stevenson hockey coach

stronger this season as the united teams gain experience. The presence of the unified teams grips Jobbitt.

"Our league is going to be tough this year," he said. "Especially all these unified teams, which I'm totally against. Redford, Dearborn and Farmington. It's totally unfair."

"Stevenson, Northville and Churchill will be strong, and Northville is even better than last year. Unfortunately, I'm in the league."

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are juniors Danny Mooney (5-10, 160), Scott Salomonson (6-3, 190) and Aaron Wilkin (6-1, 160) and sophomores Kirk Laird (6-10, 138) and Dan Panock (5-8, 145).

Laird and Close have good speed, handle the puck well and could be attacking defensemen, according to Breuhan.

"We're very pleased with the size, speed and quality of the defensemen," he said. "We had a group of nine defensemen who tried out for six spots. We asked three of them to play forward positions, so we could keep them on team."

Breuhan plans to rotate junior Logan McLean (6-0, 195) and sophomore David Filak (5-10, 154) at the goalie position. McLean is another team captain, but rules don't allow him to be an on-ice captain.

"We're real pleased with their abilities," Breuhan said. "I think we have two quality goaltenders. I think it will be a strong part of our game."

The Flyers also have a taxi squad with five alternate players who are allowed to practice but not dress for the games.

The reserves are sophomore goalie Greg Diven, junior for-

wards Rob Salter and Eric Zelman and sophomore forwards Nick Guent and Nick Truch.

Breuhan is assisted by coaches Bernie Buller (goalies), Dennis Cregar and Cully McLean (defense) and Bill Newton and Tim McMurray (offense).

The 44-year-old Breuhan, who played in over 30 leagues in Farmington and Dearborn until last year, is looking forward to the new challenge.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," he said, adding he had played the game since he was 5 years old. "This year I kicked around the idea of playing and decided to devote all my time to coaching the high school team."

The Flyers will compete in the Suburban High School Hockey League's South Division with the three Livonia teams, Northville, Redford Union, Dearborn, Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western.

Farmington is back in action Friday against West Bloomfield. Game time is 8 p.m. at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena. The Flyers are on the road Saturday, playing Walled Lake Western at the Lakeland Ice Arena at 5:20 p.m.

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