

Chargers upset Trojans, 3-2

This high school hockey score should raise a few eyebrows around state — Livonia Churchill 4, Trenton 3.

The Chargers overcame a 3-2 second-period deficit with a pair of third-period goals Wednesday to upend the defending state Class A champions in a non-leader at Edgar Arena.

Trenton, winners of eight state titles and five runner-up finishes since the post-season tourney began, came in ranked fourth in Class A.

Unranked Churchill improved to 3-2-2 overall with the win. The Trojans fall to 5-2.

"One game doesn't make a season and we made some mistakes, but we finally got the monkey off our back," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "We've been close on a number of occasions, but I don't think we've ever beaten them in 22 years."

Goalender Ryan McBroom was the defensive and offensive hero for Churchill.

Besides coming up big in the nets, McBroom's clearing pass set up teammate Nathan Jakubowski for the game-winner with 1:45 left in the game.

"Anything can happen with this team," Hatley said. "We can get outshot, outskated and outplayed, but Ryan is always going to be our X-factor."

Jakubowski's power-play goal from Adam Krug and Ed Rosseto to with 7:51 remaining tied the game at 3-3.

Brad Zancanaro scored all three Trenton goals, including one at 7:53 of the first period after Churchill's Chuck Leight opening the scoring at 1:03 from Krug and Justin Chirnoch.

Krug then made it 2-1 at 1:01 of the second period, but Trenton forged ahead on two more Zancanaro goals at 3:27 and 6:26 (power play).

"In the second period we took some bad penalties," Hatley said. "You can't put Trenton on the power-play or they'll kill you."

"But I'm proud of the kids. They showed maturity and were able to pull together, come back and win the third period."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 5, GP NORTH 2: The battle of unbeaten was almost over before it started.

Redford Catholic Central reeled off the first four goals of Wednesday night's game and never looked back in upping its record to 8-0. Host Grosso Pointe North dropped to 9-1.

"All wins are good," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "You just hope they keep coming."

Keith Rowe had a goal and three assists to lead the Shamrocks in scoring while Brandon Kaleniecki had two goals plus an assist.

Twice the Shamrocks scored at the 20-second mark of the first two periods.

Kaleniecki opened the game with a goal before it was a minute old, assisted by Brad Holland and Rowe. The second period wasn't 20 seconds old when Rowe scored, assisted by Chris Morrell

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David Most, assisted by Matt Van Heest, scored for Catholic Central at 4:20 of the first period. Kaleniecki padded the lead to 4-0 at 14:27 of the second period with his second goal, assisted by Brian Yost and Rowe.

"I think they're tanning the game pretty well," St. John said. "Obviously you're happy to win, but you want to win doing things the right way. We still have a lot of stuff to work on."

Grosso Pointe North narrowed the margin to 4-1 but Derek Gonick expanded it again at 9:22 of the final period. Rowe and Holland drew the assists.

The Norsemen notched the game's final goal at the 13-minute mark of the final period.

Ben Dunne worked the first two periods in goal for CC with Matt Modetski picking up the action in the third. CC had a 27-23 edge in shots on goal.

Catholic Central will obviously retain the No. 1 ranking. It has held this season.

"It's hard to stay there all season,"

St. John said. "You're bound to have some bumps along the way. We'll take one game at a time, and let the rest take care of itself."

"Our kids are gamers. But it's early in the season. You don't want to take anything for granted. Everybody's shooting for us."

That's how it is when you're No. 1.

FRANKLIN 3, WL CENTRAL 2: Brandon McCullough's third period goal gave the Patriots a 3-1 cushion and they skated it home from there.

Trevor Skogen, assisted by McCullough, got Livonia Franklin off to a 1-0 start after a scoreless first period Wednesday night and Josh Garbutt made it 2-0 off assists by Tony Sala and Frank Geluso.

The Vikings narrowed the margin on Matt Fries' unassisted goal but Sala and Andy Garbutt set up McCullough for the game winner. Chris Haven closed the scoring for Central.

"We had a lot of shots on net," Coach Terry Jobbitt of Franklin said, "but not many quality shots."

The Patriots held a 41-21 edge in shots, with Rob Williams earning the win.

Whalers to be without 5 players

For the Plymouth Whalers, this has to come under the good news/bad news department.

The good news is that five Whalers have been selected to play for their respective countries at the World Junior Hockey Tournament. The bad news is, they'll be at the tournament for 10 days, which runs from Dec. 26-Jan. 5.

That happens to be during a very busy period for the Whalers. They play six games in that span — five of them on the road.

Now they'll have to play them without their top two defencemen, Paul Mara and Nikos Taelios, and center David Legwand, who was selected second overall in the NHL Draft last June. All three will play for Team USA.

Also missing will be wing Tomek Valtonen, who will play for Team Finland. In addition, Harold Bruken — the leading scorer in the Ontario Hockey League with 38 goals and 64 points (through Wednesday) — is in Team Canada's training camp and is a favorite to make the squad.

A total of 10 countries will compete at the World Junior Tournament (under 20 age group), to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Two pre-tournament exhibitions between the USA and Sweden teams are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor.

Whalers will be on TV

The Plymouth Whalers can be seen locally on cable television, with some games broadcast live and many others as replays.

Live telecasts by MediaOne begin at 7:10 p.m. with the pre-game show, featuring play-by-play announcer Eric Pensley and John Bower. Games on Dec. 29, Jan. 16, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 20 and March 13 have been selected to be televised live by MediaOne on channel 26 in Plymouth, Canton and Northville. Playoff game coverage will be announced at a later date.

Replays of other Whaler games can be seen on channel 26 at 6:30 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays, following live telecasts. Other communities (besides Plymouth, Canton and Northville) who will receive this service are Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Dearborn Heights, Hazel Park, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Roseville, Southfield, West Bloomfield and Westland.

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