

Frontenacs top Whalers, 5-4

Too bad their penalty-kill wasn't as effective as their power-play.

The Plymouth Whalers rallied from a goal behind to take the lead midway through the third period of their game Saturday against the visiting Kingston Frontenacs, scoring a pair of power-play goals.

But with 7:37 remaining, Travis Lisabeth collected Kingston's second power-play goal in four chances to tie the game at 4-all and eventually force overtime. At 1:08 of the extra period, Lisabeth fed Andrew Ianiero and Ianiero found the net to give the Frontenacs a 5-4 victory.

The result left Plymouth with a 29-7-4-3 record; however, the Whalers' 5-1 win Friday at Sault Ste. Marie managed to throw them into a tie for the overall lead in the Ontario Hockey League with 65 points, matching the Erie Otters' point total (Erie has played two more games).

Kingston was 20-16-9-1 through the weekend.

A first-period power-play goal by Cole Jarrett (assisted by Damian Surma and Preston Mizzi) was offset by a power-play goal scored by Kingston's Brett Clouthier. Plymouth took a 2-1

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lead when Bryan Thompson scored at 5:13 in the opening period, assisted by Ryan O'Keefe and Chad Larose.

The Frontenacs dominated the second period, getting goals from Chris Cook and Cory Stillman to take a 3-2 lead. The Whalers recaptured the momentum early in the third period with power-play goals by Tomas Kurka and Surma; Mizzi assisted on both. Surma and Stephen Weiss also assisted.

Kingston goalie Peter Hamerik earned the win, improving to 17-11-6 with a 2.90 goals-against average. He made 26 saves. Rob Zepp took the loss for Plymouth, making 22 saves in his 25-9-2 overall with a 2.37 goals-against average and a .911 save percentage.

On Friday at Sault Ste. Marie, the Whalers' specialty-team play was exceptional. They scored twice on the power play and twice more short-handed in subduing the Greyhounds.

Weiss did a lot of the damage, getting two goals and assisting on another; the two scores gave him a team-leading 28 goals (and 65 points) for the season.

Weiss' first goal, on the power play, came 4:14 into the opening period. James Wisniewski (from Canton) and Jarrett assisted.

Mizzi made it 2-0 just 2:15 later with a short-handed score, assisted by Surma. It was Mizzi's 18th goal of the season.

Wisniewski made it 3-0 with another power-play marker 1:31 into the second period; Weiss and Stacey Britton assisted.

The Greyhounds (16-24-4-2 through the weekend) narrowed the gap to 3-1 on a goal by Rob Chapman at the 15:03 mark of the second period.

But Weiss' second goal of the game (Jarred Newman assisted) and a short-handed score by Stewart in the third period safely put the game away for the Whalers, who were 2-for-4 on the power play and successfully killed off six power plays.

Zepp made 21 saves. Ray Emery faced 37 shots in goal for Sault Ste. Marie.

It will be a busy weekend for the Whalers. They play at Guelph, which boasts the third-best record in the OHL, on Friday, return home for a 7:30 p.m. game Saturday against Kitchener at Compuware Arena, then travel to take on the Windsor Spitfires at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Shamrocks rally to beat Huskies

Down by two goals with nine minutes to play, Catholic Central was in real danger of losing for the first time in 24 games.

Jared Ross wasn't about to let that happen.

The senior forward scored two goals and had two assists in the last stretch of the game to lead the Shamrocks to a 8-6 win over Port Huron Northern on Saturday.

"He pretty much put us on his back," said CC co-coach Todd Johnson. "We were not prepared to play a game on Saturday night. We had six guys who showed up mentally and, fortunately, those six guys were good enough to win this particular game. The team that deserved to win, didn't win. They played much harder than we did."

CC (12-0-2, 4-1 Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League) trailed 8-4 with about nine minutes left. Ross scored an una-

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assisted power-play goal to make it 6-5, then set up Brett John for the tying goal with four minutes left.

Ross then scored the game-winner with 1:40 left and set up John with an empty net goal with 30 seconds to play to ice the win.

John wound up with a hat trick for CC, which hasn't lost since a 4-1 defeat to Trenton last season, while Jim Spiewak had two goals and an assist and John Perkovich added the other goal.

The Shamrocks had 32 shots on net, while Andrew McCoy and Darryl Bridges combined to make 12 saves.

different for the Livonia Churchill team.

The Chargers put up quite a battle Saturday night before losing to host Trenton in a battle of state-ranked teams, 3-2.

Trenton is 10-1-1 overall, while Churchill dropped to 9-3-4.

Goals by John Hockett and Jeff Ford in the opening three minutes gave Trenton a quick 2-0 advantage.

"We settled down after that and played pretty well," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said.

With just 4:12 left in the first period, Churchill's Matt Krug scored an unassisted power-play goal to make it 2-1.

After Churchill had a goal disallowed because it was kicked in by a skate, the Chargers capitalized on another power-play goal at 6:04 of the second period when Aaron Jakubowski scored from Brandon Thom and Krug.

But Trenton's Mark DeSena tallied the game-winner with 4:13 remaining.

Trenton outshot the Chargers, 19-18.

Churchill netminder Ryan McBroom made 16 saves.

TRENTON 3, CHURCHILL 2: Take away the first five minutes and the final five, and the outcome might have been

SPORTS ROUNDUP

PLAYERS WELCOME FRHA PLAYERS

Farmington's unified high school hockey team will have another Farmington Hills Hockey Association appreciation night Friday, Feb. 2.

The Flyers will play host to Northville at 7:30 p.m. at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Any FRHA team member wearing a FRHA jersey will be admitted free of charge.

"We'd like to motivate and encourage them to one day try out for the (high school) team," Flyers coach Mike Harris said.

"Hopefully, we'll have three teams in the future. We just want more kids to play hockey."

WOMEN'S OFFICIALS CLINIC

The Michigan High School Athletic Association will have a one-day clinic for women interested in becoming officials from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at DeWitt High School.

The program, titled Two-Das, Trained Women Officials: Dedicated, Accomplished, Educated, will provide insight, encouragement and training to become an entry-level candidate to launch a career as an MHSAA official. All 12 MHSAA sports are offered.

The \$30 registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch and a gift. The clinic is being held in conjunction with the MHSAA's annual Women in Sports Leadership Conference Sunday and Monday, Feb. 4-5, at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel.

For more information, call the MHSAA at (617) 392-5046.

WINTER BASEBALL CAMP

Total Baseball, located at 30990 Wixom Road, will be staging a baseball camp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 19-21.

Fundamentals of hitting, pitching and fielding will be covered. Player will be clocked on a radar gun and given individual tips to improve their game. The cost is \$115 per player (\$100 discount for second child). To register, call (248) 688-0166, or e-mail totalbaseballcamps@gmail.com.

MAJORS NEED COACH

Farmington Hills Mercy High School is searching for a JV softball coach. Anyone interested in the position should contact Mercy Athletic Director Nancy Malinowski at (248) 476-2838.

CLARENCEVILLE NEEDS COACHES

The Livonia Clarenceville High School is seeking a junior varsity baseball coach and an assistant track coach for the spring season.

For more information, call Clarenceville athletic director Tim Wilson at (248) 473-8926.

HIPPLER ON U.S. TEAM

Farmington High School honor student Nick Hippler will travel to Belgium in July as a select member of the United States Baseball Stars, who will compete against a team of Belgian Olympic hopefuls.

Hippler, the catcher on the Farmington varsity team, must raise the money necessary to pay for the trip.

His fundraising efforts are being sponsored by Glendale Auto Supply, located on Orchard Lake Road, just north of Shiawassee.

Anyone interested in obtaining an oil change coupon that would benefit Hippler's cause should call 474-8993 and ask for Nick.

BOAT, FISHING SHOW AT DOME

The 18th annual Michigan Boat, Sport and Fishing show at the Pontiac Silverdome is scheduled for Jan. 31 to Feb. 4. Show hours are 9-5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 6-14. Kids under 6 get in free. Included will be a helium balloon ride to the top of the dome.

PREP COACHES SOUGHT

Catholic Central is looking for an assistant varsity lacrosse coach and assistant junior varsity lacrosse coach. If interested, contact athletic director Bob Santello for more information at (313) 634-2798.

Redford Union is looking for a junior varsity baseball coach, a varsity softball coach and a track coach for Hilbert Jr. High. Interested candidates are asked to send a letter of application and a resume to athletic director Brett Steele, Redford Union High School, 17711 Kintoch, Redford, MI, 48240. For more information,

call (313) 692-3408.

LIAL REGISTRATION

The Livonia Junior Athletic League will hold boys baseball and girls fastpitch softball registration (ages 8-18) from 10 a.m. until noon at the Bentley Center, located on Hubbard and Five Mile roads.

The cost is \$65 per person (extra cost for competitive and travel teams).

MAY DAY CLASSIC

The Waco Wolves will host the third annual May Day Classic age group baseball tournament Saturday-Sunday, May 6-7 at the Canton Softball Center (home of the USSSA World Series).

Winners in each of the following age groups advance to the USSSA World Series - 14-, 13-, 12-, 11-, 10- and 9-and-under.

The cost is \$325 per team (add \$25 if not registered by the USSSA). The cost includes four-game guarantee and awards for first and second-place teams.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (313) 692-4667.

BALLPLAYERS WANTED

The Waco Wolves U.S.A. travel baseball team, affiliated with the USSSA and AABC, is seeking players for its 15-year-old team for the upcoming summer.

To be eligible, you must be born before Aug. 1, 1986. The next tryout will be Sunday, Feb. 4 in Dearborn Heights.

For information, call Lou Jammick at (734) 595-2975.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Jason Barola, a Canton native who plays for the Capital Centre Pride, has been named the North American Hockey League's player of the week. A 5-foot-8, 165-pound forward, Barola totaled seven goals and two assists in three games for the Pride last week.

In a pair of games against the USA NAHL team, Barola scored two goals and assisted on another in a 5-2 victory on Jan. 19, then scored USA for four goals and an assist in an 8-1 triumph Jan. 20. On Jan. 21, he scored the Pride's only goal in a 4-1 loss to Danville. For the season, Barola has 20 goals and 21 assists (41 points) in 36 games.

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