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the puck off the faceoff, slid it between the legs of the Chargers' center, whacked at it, sending it off a stick, up in the air, and over McBroom's back into the net with 7:30 left. "Just like a sand wedge," Mazzoni said.

"I don't think he ever saw it," said Ross. "I sidestopped the center after I put the puck between his legs and kind of flicked it. It hit a stick and went over everybody."

The Chargers still had chances in the third and could have had its best opportunity on a 5-on-3 powerplay thanks to two separate penalties assessed to CC goalie Andrew McCoy. He was penalized for delay of game with 7:19 left, then got an unsportsmanlike conduct minor with 6:08 left for wearing jewelry on the ice.

Not only did McCoy, who looked a little sloppy in the first two periods, respond with some outstanding saves, but his teammates took advantage of a lapse by Churchill.

Ross stole the puck from a Churchill defenseman and headed off on a 2-on-1 with Sean Gerich. The Churchill defender played the pass, but still got enough body on the puck to bump Ross. Ross still managed to get the shot off and slipped the puck past McBroom for a shorthanded goal and a 3-1 lead.

"I got the pass and took off," said Ross. "I kind of fell as I shot it, but he gave me the five-hole and I got it there."

The Chargers got on the board with 2:33 left in the game on a 2-on-1 as Rory Cesar headed to the net and got the puck past the CC defenseman and over to Sean Srostak. Srostak shot and McCoy, who had 18 saves on the night, blocked most of it, but the puck still had enough left that it trickled over the goal line.

"We wanted to slow the game down, make it as ugly as possible and go into the third period with a chance to win," said Mazzoni. "We were where we wanted to be. But we struggled to get the puck out and take advantage of some things. It's the way it's been all year."



Goal scorer: Jared Ross celebrates after scoring a CC goal Thursday night.

Stevenson brushes aside RU

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Livonia Stevenson did its part. Stevenson reached the finals of the Redford Arena Hockey regional Thursday night by defeating co-host Redford Unified, 4-1.

Stevenson played Redford Catholic Central in the regional championship game — a contest many felt would produce the state champion in Division I hockey.

The Shamrocks did their part with a 5-1 victory over stubborn Livonia Churchill to set up the Saturday night showdown.

"They're ranked No. 1 in the state," Stevenson coach Ed Shepler said. "And to accomplish our goal — a state title — you've got to go through the best teams."

"And Catholic Central right now is the best team in the state."

(The Stevenson-Catholic Central game finished after the Observer went to press. Details will be in Thursday's Observer.)

The task Redford Unified faced Thursday was much tougher than Stevenson's assignment. Stevenson countered Catholic Central's four lines with four of its own. Redford Unified matched two lines against four.

"The kids can be very proud of themselves for having played that way this season," said coach Jack Gumbleton, whose Panthers-Eagles had a bench shortened by injuries and ineligibility all season.

It's a little like a basketball team trying to play full-court pressure ball a whole game — with a six-man roster.

RU used two sets of forwards and two pairs of defensemen to counter the four-line rotation Shepler has used all year long.

Garbutt finished with 35 saves, while surviving a 13-2 Gabriel Richard barrage in the first period.

Gordie Statham's goal with 1:39 left in the second period gave Franklin a two-goal lead.

The Patriots then stymied a Richard power-play with just under three minutes left to earn their first trip to a regional final since 1986.

Franklin, which met Southgate Anderson in the regional final Saturday at Yack Arena, improved to 17-3-6 with the win.

HOCKEY

Stevenson came out buzzing right from the start and notched a quick goal that caught goaltender Eric Pagel by surprise, because it apparently hit somebody's skate and redirected past him.

Jamey Messer was credited with the goal off the initial shot by Brian Shekell to get the Spartans (21-1-4) off to a 1-0 start with the game just 2:55 old.

Mark Blazok made it 2-0 with 8:50 left in the opening period, grabbing a loose puck and backhanding it by Pagel from the slot. RU was unable to clear the puck from a cluster of players in front of Pagel. Dave Westerman drew the assist on the play.

"We started out real well," Shepler said. "But it seemed like we got lackadaisical after we got the lead. They had some opportunities they shouldn't have had."

Stevenson was whistled for the only penalty of the period with 4:24 to play, and that seemed to energize the Panther-Eagle combo squad.

Brad Johnson had been stopped from point-blank range on a breakaway that produced the Stevenson penalty and goaltender Kevin Marlowe had a pad stop on a shot by Cody Bartlett with 2:17 left.

Gumbleton praised his goaltender and his team for their effort and hard work.

Redford Unified had to practice at 5:30 a.m. three times a week with its roster.

RU made it interesting 2:11 into the second period with its only goal of the game.

Sophomore Kevin Spouts, trailing at center ice while his winger battled to break free along the right boards, took a pass and slapped a shot past Marlowe from the top of the right faceoff circle.

Bret Venesay and Mike Perrains drew the assists on the score.

The Spartans continued to dominate play, however, and broke back with 8:42 left in the middle period to regain its two-goal margin, 3-1.

Sophomore Tommy Zagata, assisted by brother Bobby and Facundo Marginet, knocked in a rebound from the right side of the net.

Stevenson got its second insurance goal with 7:32 to play.

Venesay, assisted by Shekell and Ken Koehler, popped in a rebound to make it 4-1.

The Spartans enjoyed an edge in shots in every period, concluding with a 40-14 margin.

"At times we played real well," Shepler said. "But at times we didn't."

It was enough to get the shot at CC that it wanted, however.

WEEK AHEAD

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Tuesday, March 6
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Whalers vs. Windsor
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Wednesday, March 7
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at Palace of Auburn Hills, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 10
Whalers vs. New York
at Palace of Auburn Hills, 7:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 10
Whalers vs. Cleveland, 7:30 a.m.

Garbutt leads Patriots to win

Livonia Franklin was clinging to a 2-1 lead in a regional tournament hockey game Thursday when Riverview Gabriel Richard's Matt Yarbrough appeared to have a wide open shot on net.

Ironically, Franklin was on a power-play at the time when goaltender Chris Garbutt made one of his biggest saves of the year. He reached out with his glove and picked it out of mid-air, much to the chagrin of Yarbrough and his Richard teammates.

"That was an NHL game saver," said Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt, whose team went

on to post a 3-1 victory. "Chris made another one in the third period."

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