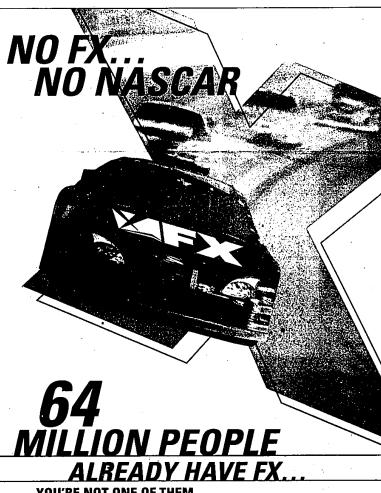
Farmington Hills Pee Wee Hockey Champs



Titans win Tier i crown: The Titans scored three early goals and went on to claim a 4-0 victory over the Storm in the Farmington Hills Hockey Association's Pee Wee Tier I championship game. The members of the Titans team are (front row, left to right) Brian Kalisher, Mike Dunleavy, Mike Caples, Cote Brown, Dan Parsell, Terry Line, Nick DiRusso, Mike Lysaght, Terry Line (middle row) Alex Janssen, Kyle Cummings, Joe Harvey, Ryan McMillen, Ryan Gendron, Nick Hersey, (back row) assistant coaches Jerry Di Russo and Mark Caples, head coach Mike Lysaght and assistant coaches John Janssen and Rich McMillen.



Homets are Tier II champs: The Hornets broke a 2.2 tie late in the third period and added an empty-net goal for a 4.2 win over the Titans in the Farmington Hills Hockey Association's Pee Wee Tier II championship game. The members of the Hornets team are (standing, left to right) Chris Miracle, Keuin Eizel, Derek Hoffman, Mike Meyer, Kyle Anderson, Andrew Stern, Brandon Winowiecki, Richard Pimlott, (middle row) Mark Whitehead, Gareth Webb, Travis Alfas, Andrew Tabaczynski, Xander Dodreff, Adam Rowe, Ben Chrisom, (center; goalie Mike Passman, (back row) assistant coaches Dean Rowe, Toby Tabaczynski and Mike Chrisom and head coach Dave Webb.



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DeBoer. "To come out with the series at 1-1, with some key guys out . . . We're pretty happy with that."

out with that." We're pretty happy with that." DeBoer added that Weiss' concussion was diagnosed as a Grade One, or the mildest form. He is expected to play tonight. "I thought we played well with the lead," added Damian Surma, who has a goal and an assist in each of the first two games. "We just need to keep things simple and to keep playing well." We just need to keep things simple and to keep playing well. In other words, if the Whalers had seripted Sunday's game, it wouldn't have looked much different.

Surma gave them the early edge (again — in 15 playoff games, Plymouth has scored first 14 times) when, while killing a penalty, he darted into the 67's end to pick off a centering pass by Brendan Bell. Surma's shot heat Ottawa goalie Seams, Symouth short handed, unassisted goal giving the Whalers a 1-0 lead with 9:07 felt in the first period.

With Lance Galbraith in the

period.
With Lance Galbraith in the box for hooking, Plymouth made it 2-0 with a power-play goal scored by Chad LaRose with 5:21 scored by Chad LaRose with 5:21 remaining in the opening period. James Wisniewski (from Canton), who had earlier in the power play had driven a shot from the point off the post, fired another that Kotyk stopped but could not smother. LaRose knocked in the robound; Cold Jarrett also assisted.

The loss the previous night had quite apparently left the Whalers orner, Just 1:35 into the second period, LaRose took a

centering pass from Surma, deked Kotyk and secred to make it 3-0. Stacey Britstone also assisted.

Plymouth cashed in on another power-play opportunity 1:28 later, with Chad Wiseman poking in another rebound off another hard shot from the point by Wisniewski, Jarrett also assisted, making it 4-0.

And causing the removal of Kotyk, John Ceei replaced him in goal, but the damage had already been done.

The Whalers lost a bit of their focus in the last half of the second period, allowing Ottawa's Joe Talbot to score a short-handed goal with 9:47 left (from Galbrath and Van Hoof) and then, with 3:58 remaining, getting a second goal from Vadim Sozinov (from Talbot and Rodney Bauman).

But the third period was vintage Whalers. They simply did not give the 67s many good scoring opportunities, allowing just one shot on goal in the first 14 minutes of the third period and five in all.

"One of the keys to our success all year has been playing with the lead," said DeBeer. "Last!

Plymouth stumbles in opener

Everything was going according to plan in Game 1 of the Ontario Hockey League Finals at least in the Plymouth Whalers' perspective. They had scored early and had a two-goal lead — the formula for victory for Plymouth (33-22 when leading during the regular season).

Not this time, however. The
Fra struck for three goals in the
second period and got three more
in the third to post a 6-3 victory
Saturday at Compuware Arena,
stealing the opening game and
home-fee advantage.
Plymouth's early lead came
courtesy of power-play goals by
Damian Surma (from Kris
Vernarsky and Cole Jarrett) and
from Jarrett (from Preston Mizzi
and Chad LaRose). Both were
scored when first Ottawa's
Bryan Rodney and then Jeremy
Van Hoof went to the penalty
box, Van Hoof on a five-minute
major and game misconduct for
boarding Stephen Weiss.
Weiss suffered a concussion
that forced him out of the rest of
the game and Sunday's as well.
He will return tonight for Game
Three.
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aree. Ottawa eliminated Plymouth's Ottawa eliminated Plymouths lead early in the second period, getting goals from Vadim Soziarov and Zenon Konopka. The 67s took the lead on Luke Sellar's power-play goal with 10:57 remaining in the second.

LaRose re-tied it for the Whalers with 1:22 to go in the second (from Surma and Vernarsky), but Ottawa iced it with third-period scores by Konopka, Sozinov and Galbraith.

