

Sun Devils win softball title



NFWB champions: The Sun Devils earned first place in the Junior Division of the North Farmington-West Bloomfield softball organization. The Sun Devils are (seated, left to right) Alexa Kahn and Molly Lester; (kneeling) Hannah Feiten, Demetra Bachalukas, Chelsea Liebowitz and Ashley Trotsky; (standing) coach Scott Cooper, Marissa Katz, Annie Cooper, Brittany Flory and manager Larry Flory; and (rear) scorekeeper Tracey Trotsky. Kalli Rosen, Shayna Blase, Alexandra Grodin and Sonya Sandu are not pictured.

It's still about teaching kids

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When school starts this fall, Pat Carmichael will begin his 25th year as a history teacher at Detroit Country Day Junior School. Every summer during that time, Carmichael puts his books and papers on ice and teaches with a different set of tools — sticks, skates and pucks. Carmichael is one of five head instructors for the popular Suburban Hockey School clinics that take place throughout the summer at different arenas across metro Detroit.

The 50-year-old Northville resident has spent six weeks out of every summer for the past 24 years teaching youngsters how to skate skillfully, pass properly and shoot smartly. Like in the classroom, instructing athletes on skates is a profession Carmichael cherishes. Whether it's a room full of desks or a sheet of ice, patience and organization are the two key elements to educating.

"There is a great deal of similarity (between the two)," says Carmichael.

"You need the same patience in the classroom as you do on the ice, or vice versa, because you have kids that just don't pick it up right away. They may need more time with certain skills. Like they say, patience really is a virtue."

"And I pride myself as both a school teacher and as an instructor as being very organized," he says. "I'm always here quite early making sure everything is in line for the next day, or for



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACQUEZ

Teacher: Pat Carmichael's classroom in the summer months is an ice arena.

that day that we'll be teaching." Carmichael certainly keeps his campers hopping during a typical Suburban Hockey School session. He says the school philosophy is to "individualize the program as much as possible", with not more than an 8-1 student/instructor ratio.

Thursday, for instance, at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills, Carmichael and his four assistant instructors kept his young players hustling for nearly two-and-a-half hours.

The session included about 40 youngsters - boys and girls - who sweated through vigorous individualized workouts, energetic group workouts and a grueling

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session-ending scrimmage. Carmichael kept the players constantly working, with occasional rest periods and water breaks while he explained certain strategies or skill developments on a chart clipped to a piece of plexiglass in the penalty box.

According to Carmichael, kids' curiosity and equipment improvements are two of the biggest differences he's seen over the years.

"The equipment certainly has changed, but I find one of the biggest differences is that it seems the kids today ask more questions," Carmichael says. "They tend to be more inquisitive."

"I see that in school as well. They certainly are growing up in a sophisticated world now."

Carmichael grew to love hockey at a young age; he was a member of seven national championship teams covering the peewee to juvenile stages of his career. He played hockey for a couple of years at the U.S. Air Force Academy and later coached at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

His duties as a summer hockey instructor take him from Birmingham to Southgate to St. Clair Shores. He also serves as an amateur scout for the Atlanta Thrashers of the NHL.

"I just love hockey. I've been in it now more than 40 years as a player and a coach," he says. "I know eventually I'll have to give it up. But this is an sport I really enjoy."

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freshmen-to-be like Liz Ghanam, Mo McNeil and Kristen Kluka. They were pretty solid contributors.

The Hornets coaching staff, which includes assistants Phil Doughty and Roy Spaulding, was pleasantly surprised by the team's success.

"Part of the challenge is always 'Is everybody going to

come and play, or are we going to have a different group of girls every night?" Schrock said.

"The fact the girls showed up consistently was a little surprising. It hasn't always been that way. It's not like a high school team where everyone is going to be there every game unless somebody is hurt.

"If all the girls came and

stayed with it, we could certainly play, because we had a little more experienced team than last year."

An incredible all-star game will follow the championship game at 3 p.m. today. Representing the Hornets will be Cleland, Schrock, Smylie, Sinawi, Leeb and Doughty.

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Huskies and was replaced by Rick Marmon (Canton) at 7:53 of the second period.

The Warriors got two goals each from John Schultz (Canton), Joe Moreau (Farmington Hills) and Brandon Kalenjecki (Livonia) Thursday night, plus singles from Dave Moss (Livonia) and Chris Morelli (Livonia) in brushing aside the Bulldogs. Moreau's second went into an empty net with 57 seconds to

play. Kalenjecki also had two assists. Joseph Rutherford started in goal for the Warriors with Mark Lavender (Farmington Hills) coming in at 7:11 of the second period.

The Warriors built up a 6-3 lead after two periods.

Jason Basile, Ian Smith, Dan Cook (Livonia) and Matt York scored for the Bulldogs, whose Troy Milam had two assists along with Basile.

Dan Dobrowski was the starting goaltender for the Bulldogs, and Matt Swanson came in at 9:24 of the second to finish up.

LAKERS 5, SPARTANS 4 (OT): Mike Vigilante's goal 50 seconds from the end of overtime let the top-seeded Lakers slip into the MSHL semifinals.

Vigilante converted from Brian Jardine on Wednesday night at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington to keep the Lakers alive.

The Spartans got a goal from Steve Brudzewski 31 seconds into the third period to create a 4-4 tie. Brudzewski had his team's first goal and added an assist.

Chris Powrosnick (Rochester) scored the Spartans' other two goals. Jacob

Archer (Livonia) went the distance in goal.

Brian Jardine scored twice for the regular season champion Lakers, who started Lanny Jardine in goal and replaced him with Picklo at 9:18 of the second period.

Marshall (Livonia) and John Vigilante also scored for the Lakers, who trailed 2-1 and 3-2 in the first period before taking a 4-3 lead after two. Sean Smith (Livonia) and Mike Vigilante each had two assists.

HUSKIES 5, BRONCOS 4: Third-period goals by John Pietila and Bill Killunen gave the Huskies enough of a margin to withstand a late charge by the Broncos in a quarterfinal game Wednesday night.

Pietila's goal eight seconds into the last period broke a 3-3 tie that had existed since Gaylor had scored with 3:48 left in the second period.

Killunen's tally made it 5-3, which proved to be just enough as Keith Townsend scored three minutes later for the Broncos.

Trent and Josh Davetta also scored for the Huskies, whose Marmon and Miller evenly split the playing time in goal.

Vic Decina (Canton), who had two assists, scored a goal for the Broncos, who had Bobby Pruchnik (Livonia) in the nets the whole way. Nick Smyth and John Fritz (Plymouth) also had goals for the Broncos.

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