

## SOCCER

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It was only the second time in the last eight years the Lakers, who won the OAA Division III title, have beaten the Raiders.

"We played probably our ugliest game of the year," North coach Ron Meteyer said. "It was Senior Night, and we started all the seniors. The distractions of the pregame and the lack of a warm-up showed. (The Lakers) came in with a very confident team. They have a lot of kids who've been playing together for a long time."

West Bloomfield (14-2-2) took a two-goal lead in the first six and a half minutes.

Noah Stern was left unmarked and scored the first just 3:01 into the game.

The Lakers got the second 3.5 minutes later when Dan Belke raked the grass with an earth-hugging shot from 22 yards out.

North's Gareth Lewis passed to Jon Parker, who hit at Belke's breakaway and put the ball

past the opposing keeper at 29:52. The halftime score stood at 2-1.

West Bloomfield got an insurance goal with 34 minutes remaining when Belke drove home a hard shot to the upper left corner for his second of the night.

"Except for the brain-dead first six minutes, we came back and outplayed them," Meteyer said.

"You have a bad night once in a while and nothing clicks. Every time we tried different combinations of players nothing clicked. I think there were too many distractions tonight."

West Bloomfield came out with the intent of proving they're as good as their record showed. I think our guys knew they had a good team but didn't take them as seriously as they should have and were flat. Tonight (the Lakers) were the better team."

The Raiders take an 11-5-2 record into a Division I district tournament game Monday night at Wallied Lake. You can follow the game at [dome900e.home.com.net](http://dome900e.home.com.net) | (734) 953-2741



## Soccer city champs

The Farmington High School soccer team won the city championship again this year with victories over Harrison and North Farmington. The team members are (kneeling, left to right) Eric Gaughan, Jeff York, Adrian Adams, Matt Konopinski, Ryan Laverly, Joe Russo, Chris McDoniel and Tim Wasmer; (standing, left to right) coach Luke Jurski, John Amis, Matt O'Brien, Derrick Golia, Aaron Helisek, Kacey Lopata, Matt Cave, Drew Martin, Jeff Durow, Andrew Amis and assistant coaches Matt Gasparetto and Steve Montgomery. Not pictured is Sohali Bala.

## It's business as usual for Red Wings' 'Dominator'

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Standing 6 feet, 5 inches, and tipping the scales at 225

pounds, Red Wing defenseman Jiri Fischer normally doesn't need anybody to cover his back.

That's unless his name is the Dominator, better known as one of the world's best hockey goal-tenders, Dominik Hasek.

The former Detroit netminder stopped through Livonia on Tuesday afternoon at the launching of Perani's Hockey World's new store on 19330 Middlebelt, just north of Seven Mile.

Fischer's former Czechoslovakia mate was there to introduce his fall-winter Dominator Clothing Collection, a line of men's and women's sports apparel and accessories.

The 22-year-old Fischer says "It feels a lot different," without the All-Star netminder around. Hasek retired shortly after

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the Wings won the coveted Stanley Cup last June.

"You certainly miss him on and off the ice," Fischer said. "He's a guy I could talk to because he's the only guy from Czechoslovakia."

"I wouldn't say he was my mentor because he's a goalie and he had a different job than I do. But he helped me out a lot this summer quite a bit. He covered all my mistakes. He's just awesome."

Cheerleaders from Eastern Michigan University modeled the Dominator line in a mini-fashion show.

Hasek was also in town to pick up his Stanley Cup ring during pregame ceremonies for Thursday's home opener against Montreal at Joe Louis Arena.

It's tough to say if he (Hasek) misses hockey because

he hasn't been out for too long," said Fischer, who was born in Horovice. "I'm sure he still loves the game and he'll still get to play with his buddies back in the Czech Republic."

"I've known about his clothing line for two or three years. I knew he was planning to bring it to America. He has his own factory in Czechoslovakia where he has a few employees and they do a great job."

Hasek recently introduced his Dominator Clothing line to North America and the opening of a new Perani's Hockey World store, formerly in the old KidsRUs location, seemed to be the perfect fit.

Toronto native Bob Perani, who calls himself a Red Wing fan, plans to enlarge the currently 22,000-square-foot location into the world's largest hockey outlet, which offers a wide selection of items, along with repair and customizing of equipment.

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"We'll be around 36,000 square feet once we move into the adjacent building next store," said Perani, who has eight Michigan locations along with stores in Windsor, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Duluth. "We want this to be our flagship store because Livonia is one of the best hockey areas in North America, and it's certainly the best in the U.S."

"The response has been good. We have a big following in Livonia and this is a good way to kick it off."

The Dominator Collection also offers a fitness line besides sporty and casual wear. National fitness competitor Danielle Bird gave a demonstration along with the EMU cheerleaders.

Red Wings Sean Avery and Jesse Wallin joined Fischer to sign autographs, but Hasek as clearly the center of attention.

"I waited a long time to feel that moment," said Hasek of his 2002 Stanley Cup experience to local television crews. "It was always my dream to win the Cup, but I have no regrets

about deciding to retire."

"It's over now and it's time for the other guys on the team to refocus and try and win another Cup."

"But I'll always come back to Detroit because the people here treated me and my family so well."

Another winner Tuesday was the inner-city Detroit Hockey Association, one of the oldest minority youth hockey programs. Along with the support of Louisville Hockey, a supply of limited edition Hasek prints were sold at Perani's.

The print, titled "For Dominators Everywhere," was personally commissioned by Hasek as a tribute to athletes young and old.

Half of the sale amount of these will go directly to The Friends of Jack Adams, with proceeds going to the Inner-city program.

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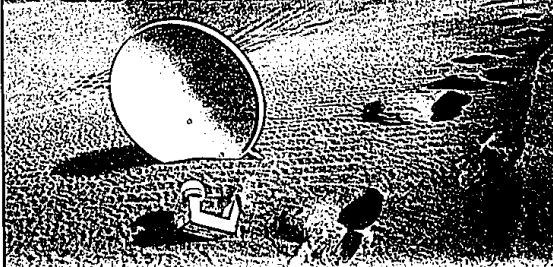
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