



Spartans win hockey tourney

The Farmington Hills Spartans won the Sports Weekend Extravaganza Hockey Tournament Jan. 17-19 in Chicago. Competing in the Pee Wee A2 Division, the Spartans defeated Ann Arbor, 5-0, and St. Louis (Mo.) Kirkwood, 7-1, and tied Winthurst (Ohio), 1-1, to qualify for the championship game. In the final, the Spartans defeated Winthurst, 6-2. The Spartans are (front) goalie Joel Mattana, (first row, left to right) Matt Zulch, Kyle Brandon, Austin Murtland, Andrew Rauth, Aaron McIntyre, Ben Ferrai; (back row) Kyle Abdullah, Ryan Carlson, Jake Atkinson, Liam Vincent, Derek Gumluk and James Long. The coaches are (left to right) Tom Zulch, Randy Abdullah and Scott Brandon.

CC regroups to record impressive hockey win

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A night after playing one of their toughest games of the year, Redford-Detroit Catholic Central's hockey team bounced back with one of its best.

CC avenged a Friday loss to Gates Mills (Ohio) Gilmour Academy with a 5-1 win on Saturday.

"It was one of our better games," CC co-coach Todd Johnson said. "We had very little energy when we played on Friday, but Saturday we had high energy."

"We moved the puck; we finished checks. We did the things that we hope to maintain heading into the playoffs."

That Coldren opened the scoring in the first period, getting a goal four minutes into the game on assists from Mike Monterrey and Eric Reinhardt.

Two minutes later, Jason Levarne scored a power-play goal from Brandon Naurato and Andrew Eggert.

Coldren scored in the second period on another power-play goal from Monterrey and Reinhardt.

The Shamrocks (16-3) added

two more in the third period

— one by Naurato (from Drew Kahle and Ramsey Mullens) and the other by Travis Henway (from Naurato and Tim Buttery).

Gilmour (40-10-3) got its lone goal in the third period, scoring against Andrew Godoshian, who played the last 10 minutes in goal for CC.

The Shamrocks outshot Gilmour, 39-18, with Jimmy Blanchard making 15 saves for the winners.

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Whalers stay at top despite tough week

It hasn't been a good week for the Plymouth Whalers. They opened a stretch of three games in four days, all at Compuware Arena in Plymouth, with a 3-2 loss in overtime to the Saginaw Spirit last Wednesday (Feb. 6).

They followed that with a 4-3 loss to the Owen Sound Attack on Friday. Now losing is one thing, but losing to teams like Saginaw, which is last in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division at 11-32-3-7 (32 points), and Owen Sound, third in the OHL's Midwest Division at 21-25-4-3 (49 points) — especially when your team is one of the league's best, is difficult to take. Plymouth remained atop the West Division with a 3-2 victory over the Oshawa Generals Saturday, which gave the Whalers three out of a possible six points for the weekend. They remain first in the West Division at 32-11-8-2 (74 points), the third-best record in the OHL.

Oshawa was 28-22-2-1 (69 points) through Sunday, fourth in the very-tough Eastern Division.

Against Oshawa, Cole Jarrett, Ryan Ramsay, Karl Stewart and Chad LaRose accounted for all of the scoring. Jarrett's power-play goal in the first period was assisted by Ramsay and Stewart and gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead. The Whalers made it 2-0 2:25 later when Ramsay scored (assisted by LaRose). The Generals pulled to within one on a score by John Neal at 11:53 of the first, then tied it at 2-2 on Nathan Horton's short-handed goal 4:34 into the second period.

The game-winner came from Stewart at 15:18 of the second (from Jarrett and LaRose). Goalie Paul Drew made that lead stand up, turning away 30 shots.

Chris Beckford-Thu had 22 saves for Oshawa. The Owen Sound game last Friday wasn't so pleasant. Six days earlier, Plymouth

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had beaten the Attack 3-1 in Owen Sound; they weren't so fortunate at Compuware.

The Attack got two goals apiece from Patrick Jarrett and Matt Passfield, and two assists each from Juris Stals, Brad Richardson and Mike Argelidis, which gave them a 4-2 lead 1:39 into the third period.

The Whalers had a 2-1 lead after one on goals by John Mitchell (from John Vigilante and James Wisniewski) and Jarrett (from LaRose and Ramsay). But after Owen Sound scored three straight times, they could get no closer than 4-3, on LaRose's 50th goal of the season at 7:27 of the final period (from Stewart and Jarrett).

Drew had 25 stops in goal for Plymouth. Dan LaCosta and John Ceel divided time in goal for the Attack, making 24 saves between them.

Last Wednesday's game against Saginaw was marred by a fight-filled first period. The Whalers' Jonas Fiedler and Chris Thorburn were given game misconducts in the opening period; so were Saginaw's Josh Tutaryn and Steve Dix.

Thorburn got a goal before being ousted, scoring at 9:36 of the first period (from Tim Sestito and Ramsay). Sean Thompson's unassisted goal at 15:44 of the first made it 2-0 in the Whalers' favor.

The Spirit countered with a goal with 10 left in the first period, scored by Alex McDannell; they tied it at 17:43 of the second period on a goal by Geoff Platt. Jeff Weber had 30 stops in goal for the Whalers. Tyson Kellerman had 29 saves for Saginaw. Plymouth plays at Windsor tonight, then hosts Saginaw once again at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Mississauga at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Compuware.

Marian, Rice standouts hope to win DAC awards

Two area high school students are among a dozen scholar-athletes vying for Michigan High School Athlete of the Year.

Erin Foglits from Birmingham Marian and Matt Christian from Birmingham Brother Rice are among the 12 scholar-athletes who have been nominated for the Detroit Athletic Club's High School Athlete of the Year. The announcement is scheduled to take place March 11 at the Fox Theater in downtown Detroit at the Dodge National Athletic Awards banquet. One male and one female athlete will receive the honor.

Proceeds raised by the banquet support the March of Dimes efforts to save babies through programs of research, community service, advocacy and education. Last year's event raised more than \$300,000.

Foglits, a senior, has played volleyball at Marian High School for four years. She's played AAU volleyball and has won national and state awards. Foglits is a top honor student who has won awards in both English and microbiology. She has devoted volunteer time to a variety of causes, including the Pontiac Rescue Mission.

Christian is a highly-skilled tennis player who will take his talents to Northwestern University next year. He captured the boys 16-under Supersnational championship in Arizona and has lost only one high school match in three years. He is ranked number one academically in his senior class at Brother Rice.

The high school athletes will share the limelight with nationally renowned figures from the world of sport. Jim Kelley, NFL Hall of Fame quarterback formerly from the Buffalo Bills, is one of the 2003 honorees.

The award recognizes athletes for their performance on and off the field of play. Among the past winners of the DAC High School Athlete of the Year are former Detroit Country Day basketball star Shane Battier who now plays professionally with the Memphis Grizzlies and Brighton High School graduate Drew Henson who played college football at the University of Michigan.

Tickets to the Dodge National Athletic Awards are \$200. For further information, call the March of Dimes at (248) 359-1550.

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 - c. Grades 7-9
 - d. Grades 10-12
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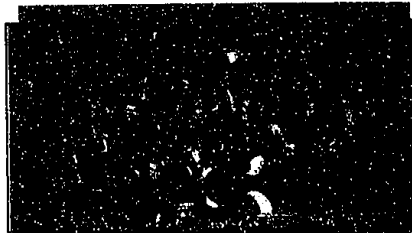
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