

Wolverines have fast start in MSHL

The Metro Summer Hockey League got off to an explosive start — at least for the Wolverines, who scored four goals in each period in dispatching the Redhawks, 12-4, Monday at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

Brandon Kalenieceki (from Livonia) scored four goals for the Wolverines and Dave Moss (Livonia) assisted on five of them. J.J. Swistak (West Bloomfield) collected two goals and three assists, Joe Hillebrand got two goals and an assist, Nick Martens and Daniel Rieckhoff each had a goal and an assist, and Teddy Theodoroff and Christopher Barzduk (Livonia) each had a goal.

The Redhawks' Derek Patrosso accounted for three of his team's goals. Nick Cristian also had a goal.

Joseph Rutherford started in goal for the Wolverines; he was

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replaced by Bernie McDonnell (Livonia) midway through the second period. Brian Markowicz was in the net for the entire game for the Redhawks.

SPARTANS 13, BUCKEYES 5: Michael Crowley (Canton) scored three goals and assisted on three others, and Alan Foster (Canton) collected three goals and two assists to pace the Spartans' win over the Buckeyes in a MSHL game Monday at Farmington Suburban Training Center.

Nine Spartans scored goals in the game. Michael Kondratieff (Canton) got a goal and three assists to lead the Buckeyes. Nick Casey, Shreyez (Canton), Brian Sommariva and Jeff Stempin (Livonia) each had a goal and an assist.

David Gill (Canton) and Jim Stephenson (Troy) also scored goals, and John Miller had two assists.

Three Powazrok (Redford) had a goal and three assists to lead the Buckeyes. Nick Smith (Rochester Hills) and Aaron Baker (Canton) each added a goal and an assist, with Robert Riley (Bloomington) and Bryan

Karl (Rochester Hills) scoring goals and Sean Burke (Livonia) assisting on two.

Josh Baker (Canton) started in goal for the Buckeyes; he was replaced by Matt Gales (Canton) midway through the second period. Rick Maroon (Canton) was in goal for the Spartans the entire game.

HUSKIES 10, MUSTANGS 10: The Huskies overcame a two-goal deficit in the final 8:43 to salvage a draw with the Mustangs in a MSHL contest Monday at Suburban Training Center.

Lars Holmberg's second goal of the game — he also has an assist — with 3:24 left tied it at 10-10. David Rohlfis led the Huskies with three goals and an assist, while Dwight Heininen contributed two goals and three assists. Kurt Kivisto had two goals, Josh Davarillo got one, and Trent Baerella, Bill Kuonen and Matt Ritz had two assists apiece.

For the Warriors, Jason Bloomington (Canton) got four goals and an assist and Adam Smith (Livonia) scored twice. Mitch Carrak (Redford) got a goal and three assists, with Jason Moul (Livonia) and Brent Meden (Livonia) finishing with a goal and an assist each, and Michael Radzavovich (Livonia) getting a goal. Chris Fairbanks and Adam Krug (Livonia) collected two assists apiece.

Brandon Tucker and Brent Boscon (Troy) divided time in the Mustangs' goal. Stephen Yu (Garden City) and Chris Bahash split time in the Warriors' net.

Marian lands Division II title

**BY MARTY BUDNER
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Chris Wasniewski saw an opening, went for it and it resulted in the biggest goal of her high school career.

A senior midfielder, Wasniewski booted home the deciding goal which gave Birmingham Marian its first state girls soccer championship in school history. The clutch shot came with six minutes remaining in the second overtime, lifting the Mustangs to a thrilling 1-0 triumph over Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in the Division 2 state championship game played Saturday afternoon at Richland Gull Lake High School.

After a great shot by Central midfielder Ashley Hinton went just wide of the Marian net, the Mustangs counterattacked. Senior forward Meghan Garrity found herself with the ball just to the right of the Central goal, and passed it over to Wasniewski who made no mistake in booting it into the upper right corner of the net.

"Everybody kind of went toward (Garrity) and she kicked it back to me," said Wasniewski, who scored two

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other game-winning goals in Marian's march to the state title.

"That was one of the few times I came forward in the game. I just rushed to the net and all the pressure was on her, and I was just there," she said. "No one was coming forward so I just decided to go in the box. This was a huge way to end my high school career."

While regulation time was filled with a number of good opportunities by both teams, the two overtime sessions were extra-special. Both teams had plenty of scoring opportunities, only to be thwarted by opposing netminders Lea Perz of Marian and Meredith Evans of Forest Hills Central.

Perz came up huge in the first overtime, coming out of the net to make a pair of spectacular saves.

The second save pounded off the side of her head and ricocheted to the corner and she booted it downfield out of her own zone.

In the second overtime, Marian outshot a tiring Forest

Hills squad, 7-1, and dominated the action. On three different occasions, Marian's forwards forced Evans out of position, only to either shoot wide or be rebuffed by Central defenders who kept the ball out of the net with their heads or legs.

Wasniewski then ended all the suspense with her historic goal. The Mustang players and coaching staff immediately stormed the field and pounced on top of Wasniewski in a tremendous outpouring of emotion.

"There were a lot of counter-attack opportunities for both teams in the overtime, but we had those two or three outstanding opportunities in overtime and we just felt it was going to come," said Marian co-coach Christopher Courage, whose team lost in the state title game last year to East Grand Rapids. "It would either come or we were going to run out of time."

"Everything starts defensively with Lea, and she certainly was up to the task in overtime," he said. "We didn't make a good showing in the state championship game last year, but this year I think we showed the east side of the state has really good soccer."

Colts nip Bulldogs in state final, 2-1

**BY JIM TOTH
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The last two trips to the girls state soccer finals have been anything but joyous for the Troy Colts.

Not so Saturday in Novi. Senior Lauren Skinner's goal in the second overtime put an exclamation point on the Colts' already successful 2003 season as coach Henry Steinwascher's club outlasted Brighton 2-1 to claim the Division I crown at Meadows Stadium.

Skinner found the back of the Bulldogs net with 7:26 to go in the second extra session on a direct free kick. That attempt came less than two minutes after a previous try that sailed over the top of the goal.

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"I've been here four years and I've been to the state semis and I just wanted to win a state title," exclaimed Skinner, one of six Troy seniors who truly experienced a special graduation present with the win.

"That's all I wanted, and to put the last goal in the net..."

The two teams played to a scoreless first half before the Colts opened the scoring a little more than 10 minutes into the second half.

Junior Kristi Mitchell sent a beautiful pass over to Eileen Larkin, who redirected a shot past Brighton keeper Ashley Temby.

The lead was short-lived, however, as the Bulldogs, who tasted defeat also in last year's

final, came back one minute later to tie the game when Allison Matson blasted a shot by Troy keeper Annie Decker.

The game remained tied, despite several golden scoring chances by both teams, until Skinner's heroics in overtime.

"I got the monkey off my back," Steinwascher said.

"In all the years that we've been here, and all the success we've had, there's only one thing this program hasn't done and that's win a state championship. And we did that this year."

The other Troy seniors enjoying the outcome were Decker, Erin Goldhof, Corinne Marozzi, Sarah Johnson and Kristen Barbieri.

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