

MASH on ice at Bloomfield Expo

Shedding white frocks for hockey gear

By RON HINGST

They call it "MASH on ice." They are a group of hockey-playing doctors who meet twice a week at the Bloomfield Hills Expo.

"Most of the doctors have kids playing in Southfield and many are coaches or managers," said Bill Skene, one of the non-doctors who plays.

EARLIER THIS season, Skene, who operates a medical supplies company, organized the group. Included are a heart surgeon, a pediatrician, a geriatricologist, internists, general prac-

titioners, dentists, and a radiologist. Self-employed businessmen and executives round off the roster.

Their kids' activity in hockey encouraged them to play," Skene said. Once organized, the group was broken down into two teams and twice weekly the medical professionals for- sakes the world of medicine, for the arena of competition.

"We play pretty identical to the Over-30 type leagues," Skene said.

The average age of the group is 36 with Skene the oldest at 40. Most live in Southfield, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham or West Bloomfield.

THE AVERAGE patient might not expect the average doctor to participate in a sport with the physical contact of hockey, but the Bloomfield Expo group shuns off that thought.

"It's a great game for improving your physical shape," said Dr. Herb Weisenthal, a radiologist.

"I do think though, that you should be in shape before you start playing."

Dr. Weisenthal, or "Herbie" as he is referred to by fellow players Skene, said he has always enjoyed hockey as a spectator and he traced his experience in the sport to "a lot of speed skating as a youngster."

According to Skene and Dr. Weis-

enthal, the group gave consideration to entering an organized "Over-30 league," but that idea was put into mothballs.

"I think it would be too much of a headache to get an Over-30 medical league started because of the logistics involved such as the schedules of the doctors," Dr. Weisenthal said.

Injuries of course would worry even the most average working man, but a doctor even more.

"Most of us are well equipped," said Dr. Weisenthal. "Oh, my wife has been bugging me to get a face guard and I guess I will."

"We all like the game and mostly it is a good friendly game," he added.

As a group, the most serious injury

has been a fractured elbow to Skene. And wouldn't you know it, we didn't have an orthoped in the group, Skene said.

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By TOM BAER

Detroit Catholic Central exploded for four goals in the second period and trounced Southfield High, 6-3, last Wednesday in a state regional hockey tournament game at the Grosse Pointe Community Bank.

Catholic Central of the Michigan High School Hockey Association grabbed a 3-0 lead after one period on goals by Jim Evangelista, Dave Kowal and Steve Bonness. CC's Jeff LeFebvre added another goal at 6:41 of the second period.

But then Southfield staged a rally, scoring three quick goals in the space of a minute and 23 seconds. Pete Bru-

der scored from Greg Earl and Dana Bonino at 7:12. Bonino fired in an unassisted marker at 8:04, and John McCracken scored an unassisted goal at 8:20. That surge pulled Southfield to within one goal (4-3) — and set the stage for Catholic Central's goal parade.

"I must have ignited them (Catholic Central), because they came back and started booming away," said Southfield coach Art Carmeli. "Our guys just couldn't hold them."

LeFebvre scored at 9:12. Brian Fortune added another goal at 9:53. Joe Maceri and Kowal scored later in the period to complete the scoring in the game.

"I think the big problem for us was men in front of the net," Carmeli said. "We weren't clearing guys out from in front of the net. The defense would take somebody out to the side and the centerman wouldn't cover."

SOUTHFIELD HAD the misfortune to draw Catholic Central for the first high school state hockey tournament, which begins at the district level.

"Catholic Central was rated seventh in the state a few weeks ago, but then they lost a few key players due to injuries and they lost a few games near the end of the season," Carmeli said.

"But they were all back tonight (Wednesday) and they were skating pretty well."

Southfield, which plays in the Suburban Hockey League, ended its season at 2-12-1. Both Southfield victories came against city-rival Southfield-Lathrup.

I was optimistic at the beginning of the year," Carmeli said. "I had hoped to finish somewhere around .500. Throughout the year, our big problem was that we could never ice an entire first team. There were always problems with injuries and other things."

"Greg Earl was hurt for a good part of the year. In fact, tonight he

only played for about four shifts. Then he gave out completely right after he set up that goal."

Southfield's hockey team will play a squad composed of faculty and alumni in a benefit game at 8 p.m. on Thursday (March 13) at the Beechwood Arena, Beech Road, south of Nine Mile. Admission will be charged. The proceeds will be used for the hockey program at Southfield High.

Catholic Central-Southfield

First Period
Scoring: Catholic Central-Evangelista (LeFebvre) Steve Bonness 1:05 Catholic Central-Kowal (McCrae) 5:11 Catholic Central-Bonness (Repsky) McDonald 11:52 Penalties: Bonness (CC) tripping 4:00 Fortune (CC) interference 13:51 McDonald (CC) crosschecking 11:56 Bruder (SH) tripping 14:36

Second Period
Scoring: Catholic Central-LeFebvre (Bonness) 6:41 Southfield-Bruder (Earl) Bonino 7:12 Southfield-Bonness (unassisted) 8:04 Southfield-McCracken (unassisted) 8:20 Catholic Central-LeFebvre (Evangelista) 9:12 Catholic Central-Fortune (unassisted) 9:53 Catholic Central-Maceri (Fortune) 10:23 Catholic Central-Kowal (Bonness) 14:19 Penalties: Bonness (SH) interference 11:40 Repsky (CC) tripping 11:40 Masta (SH) tripping 14:05

Third Period
Scoring: None Penalties: Bonness (SH) double minor crosschecking and crosscheck 1:03 DeMatta (CC) tripping 2:49 Michaels (CC) tripping 4:15 LeFebvre (CC) tripping 7:42 Sullivan (SH) slashing 9:18 Michaels (CC) slashing 9:55 Evangelista (CC) tripping 13:30

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