

Playoff finale

Roger Penske and Star Lincoln-Mercury grabbed the spotlight in the Southfield Over 30 Hockey League playoff finale last week at the Civic Center Arena. But there was plenty of action in the other games too. In a game which meant nothing as far as the final playoff standings are concerned, Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home and Concourse Camera mixed it up. At right, a Sawyer-Fuller player tries to move the puck through a pack of Concourse players. Below, Concourse's Rich Gauthier (4) jams Sawyer's Tom Magnell (9). Sawyer-Fuller won the game, 5-4.



Cellar-dwellers to champions

Penske makes comeback complete

By TOM BAER

Roger Penske Chevrolet's hockey team should thank the Southfield Over 30 League for having a post-season playoff.

Penske's accomplishments in that seven-game series made a lot of regular-season misery easier to take. Penske finished dead last in the regular season standings with a 7-13-3 record - a dismal season if it had to end there.

But then came the playoffs, and Penske made the most of its second chance by compiling a 6-1-0 record and winning the league championship. Penske clinched the crown by stopping Star Lincoln-Mercury, 4-0, at the Southfield Civic Center Arena last week.

One reason for Penske's resurgence was goaltender Ken Hanks. His shut-

out against Star was his third of the playoffs and the fifth of the season. He allowed just nine goals during the playoffs.

Most of the scoring in the playoff finale came within three minutes midway through the first period. Paul Keszle scored the first goal on a play set up by Zory Sarkisian and Ray Brunett. Jack Porter put Penske up by two goals when he found the range about two minutes later. Keszle and Brunett assisted on the goal.

Then Nick Leo, returning from a four-game absence, scored from John Waterman to make it 3-0. John O'Dell capped the scoring with a goal early in the third period. Brunett had his third assist of the night.

ABLEY'S FIRESTONE, which stayed alive in the title race until the final game, nipped Spartan Concrete,

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Final Playoff Standings

Team	W	L	T
Roger Penske	6	1	0
Abley's Firestone	5	1	1
Star Lincoln	4	2	0
Northland Heating	3	3	1
Sawyer-Fuller	2	3	1
Spartan Concrete	2	4	0
Sawyer-Fuller	2	5	0
Concourse Camera	0	6	1

2-1, and finished in second place with a 5-1-1 record. Firestone's Russ Stabile scored from Myron Kaadan and Jay Holiday in the opening period. The winners made it 2-0 in the second period when Jim Bradley tallied from Kishik and Bob Young.

Spartan, which won the regular-season title with a 12-3-4 record, avoided the shutout when Ray Tremblay

Boston team wins tourney

Massport girls stop Squaws in nationals

The Boston Massport Jets had little trouble proving that they're the best girls' hockey team in the nation - or at least the best team in the "national" tournament played at the Spectrum Arena in Romulus last week-end.

Massport topped the Teen Division (13-18 years of age) tourney field by winning five straight games, including a 6-1 victory over the Southfield Indian Squaws. The Jets defeated another Boston-area team, 6-0, in the final game.

"They're all excellent hockey players, really excellent skaters," said Southfield coach Dan O'Mara of his Massachusetts opponents. "They've all been playing together for about five years."

"These girls are just super. The Jets had beaten the Mississauga Indians, a real good Canadian team from the suburbs of Toronto. Some of those girls are just as fast as boys are. They have a sense of puck direc-

tion and a nose for the puck around the net. And they don't let anyone get in their way."

Southfield opened its tournament play with a 3-0 victory over Taylor. Both teams are members of the Inter City Girls' Hockey League. Janice Moran scored two goals, while Cathy Ouse added another.

Then the Squaws ran into Massport, which was defense-oriented for that game. Southfield managed just eight shots for the entire game. Squaw goaltender Lori Zwirkowski faced 37 Boston shots.

BOSTON'S RITA Medango took care of the offense by scoring three goals and assisting on another. Sheila Peterson and Patti Jones also scored for the winners. Robin Drake scored Southfield's lone goal.

Burnsville, Minnesota then defeated Southfield, 2-1, on Saturday night. Dee Ferrara fired in two goals for Burnsville, and Finley Johnston added a third. Kathleen Kennedy and Miss

Moran scored Southfield's goals.

Southfield may have lost out on the "national championship," but O'Mara and the Indian Squaws can look back on two fine seasons of local competition.

Their accomplishments include two Inter City League crowns and two Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) state titles. The Squaws sport a 28-0-0 record in league play this past season and a 39-9-1 overall record.

Miss Zwirkowski's shutout against Taylor was her 17th of the season. Miss Drake's goal against Massport was her 33rd of the season. Miss Moran's three goals in the tournament also lifted her total to 33 this season.

Southfield defeated the Westland Wildcats, another Inter City League entry, 5-3, in the finals of the MAHA state tournament.

"We're exceptionally good skaters, and we play position hockey really well," said O'Mara, who lives in West Bloomfield. "I don't have any one girl who tries to do it all. They all work together as a team. A lot of teams have one or two good skaters and a good goalie. But I have three good lines and all the girls are about equal in talent."

Sports coming up

- Baseball**

Thursday (April 17) Royal Oak St. Mary at Southfield Christian, 2000 Lahar Road, 4 p.m.

Friday (April 18) Berkley High at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lahar roads, 4:18 p.m.

Friday (April 18) Farmington High at Farmington Harrison, 2000 Twelve Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Friday (April 18) Southfield-Lathrup at Bloomfield Hills Lahar, 3408 Lahar Road, 4 p.m.

Saturday (April 19) North Farmington vs. Garden City East in Les Anders Tournament, Cass Boston Park, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday (April 19) Farmington Harrison vs. Garden City West in Les Anders Tournament, Nankin Mills Park, 12:30 p.m.
- Track**

Thursday (April 17) Bloomfield Hills Lahar at Southfield-Lathrup, 1801 Twelve Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Thursday (April 17) Livonia Revere at Farmington High, 2000 Shawanese Road, 4 p.m.

Thursday (April 17) North Farmington at Livonia Franklin, 2100 Joy Road, 4 p.m.
- Girls' Track**

Thursday (April 17) Berkley at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lahar roads, 4 p.m.
- Girls' Softball**

Thursday (April 17) Farmington Harrison at Walled Lake Western, 600 Beck Road, 4 p.m.

Friday (April 18) Southfield-Lathrup at West Bloomfield, 4025 Orchard Lake Road, noon.

Softball clinic set

A clinic for girls' softball coaches will be held April 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Farmington Our Lady of Mercy High School, 2000 Eleven Mile Road.

Rose Sutcliffe, the softball coach at Mercy, will conduct the clinic. Also participating will be Mary Juley, softball coach at Union High; Diane LaFey, softball coach at Harper Woods South High; Mike LeMay, coach at Wayne State University; and Gale Stevenson, an outstanding AAU coach.

The fee is \$50 per coach. It is not intended for 200 girls' coaches. It is intended for 200 girls' coaches. It is intended for 200 girls' coaches.

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