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MSHL to flourish in 3rd season



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Calgary's Rich Kromm (No. 22), evading a check from Red Wings Randy Ladouceur and Steve Yzerman during a game last season, is one of three pros skating in the MSHL this summer in Plymouth.

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

Summer hockey returns to Plymouth this week as the Midwest Summer Hockey League, sponsored by Little Caesars and Chrysler-Plymouth, kicks off its third season at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

And according to league president A.J. Baker, the league has never been better.

"We feel very fortunate, and proud since we put an awful lot of hard work into it, that the league has improved one full fold in terms of the quality of players we have," Baker said.

Last year the league featured NHL players Richard Kromm (Calgary) and Wayne Presley (Chicago) as well as college standouts Mike Donnelly (Michigan State) and Jim McCauley (U-M). The MSHL sent four players to semipro teams in Sweden and earned four others scholarships to U-M Dearborn.

And Baker is confident this year's crop is even better.

KROMM, SON of former Detroit Red Wing coach Bobby Kromm, will return to the league this year.

Joining him from the pro ranks are Mark Hamway of the New York Islanders' Springfield farm club and Ted Speers, the MVP of the Red Wings' Adirondack farm club.

From the college ranks, Donnelly, the MSHL's leading scorer a year ago, returns. Also, Ken Stelmach (Ferris State), Rick Osburn and Chuck Irwin (U-M), Paul Kobylarz (U-M), Tim O'Connor (U-M), Tracy Thurn (Western), Rick Testa (RPI) and Kerry Kennedy (Bowling Green).

Baker has also brought home American players playing in Europe: Gordie MacDougall (Scotland), George Baker (Sweden) and Rich Hutchison (Sweden).

But what will make the league so much tougher this year, Baker said, is the influx of talented high school and junior players. For the first time, the league had to hold tryouts and make cuts.

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The league has garnered the best players without turning its back on the local players.

Representing Plymouth are such standouts as Tony Esser, Steve Norton, Steve Guelwood and Joel Kovalek. From the Observer & Eccentric area are the likes of Jim Kowalski and Tim Olchanski (Livonia Franklin), Mark Tardish and Brian Glimcity (Country Day), Jeff Temple (Livonia Stevenson), Rick Robitaille and Ed Shepherd (Livonia Churchill), Dan Lambert and Ray Nagy (Cranbrook) and many others.

"OUR GOALS are still the same as they were when we started," Baker said. "The league gives the younger players a chance to showcase their talents in front of college and pro scouts. And, it gives the older players a chance to get in shape in an environment where they can feel safe; where they know there won't be any cheap shots coming at them."

Baker also hasn't lost sight of the reason he began the MSHL: To increase public recognition and support for amateur hockey and to help support Special Olympics. The MSHL has raised \$1,000 in each of the last two years for Special Olympics.

The 1985 season began Sunday and will carry on through Aug. 12. The eight-team league is divided into two divisions, the Bakes and the Wolves. Baker and his assistants will shuffle rosters throughout the season to keep the teams balanced.

The season will culminate with a summer league regional playoff in Chicago with teams from Illinois, Minnesota and Missouri.

Three games were played Sunday. Tonight, the Huskies play the Lakers at 8 p.m. On Tuesday, the Falcons and Broncos square off at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Wolverines vs. the Bulldogs.

Complete '85 Midwest Summer Hockey League rosters

TEX CONFERENCE

FALCONS

Country Day
Senior A
A.A. Huron
U-M
Plymouth Jr. C
Cabrini
U-M
U-M
Country Day
Beverly Hills
M.D. Dow
Farris State
Farris State
Lakeland
U-M

WOLVERINES

MSU
Erie Blades

Terry Conway
Dave McArthur
Paul Mitter
Ferry Road
Bart Garmarata
Darin Schmidt
Scott Varga
Tony Byrne
Rich Brown
Chris Keller
Dennis Ryan
Mell Wiljanen
Steve Norton
David Hale
Steve Guelwood
Ned Olyson
George Baker
Stephen Wakeham
Fritz Brown
Andrew Garmarata
Ted Speers

BRONCOS

U-M
Farris State
Plymouth Jr. C
Eastland Jr. C
Sweden
Mich. National
Loy North
MSU
Adirondack Wings

Rich Hutchison
Larry Wingard
Pati Morphy
Todd Voyager
Dave Campana
John Smith
Kenny Chapell
Bob Senge

BULLDOGS

Walter Edwards
James Boshuau
Mike Miller
Colin Aymond
Todd Tamburino
Joel Kovalek
Mike Stanley
Brad Johnson
Pete Johnson
Ken Vopni
Jon Dooley
Todd Hohl
Mark Hamway
Joe Hamway
Rock Testa

Sweden
Loy North
U-M
U-M
Iowa State
Plymouth Jr. C
Southfield
South Lyon

WILDCATS

Keith Walk
Chris Tancoll
Tom Dolan
Dennis Smith
Joe Friedrich
Brad Heavner
David Ward
Sean Flynn
Mike Donnelly
Kerry Kennedy
Mike Halber
Mike Finn
Tim Halber
Greg Stedman
Mike Dolan
Paul Dolan
Tim Ganley

SPARTANS

Steve Tamburino

BAKES CONFERENCE

Chubbill
Compwest Midget
AA Senior
Erie ACHL
Midget AAA
AA Senior
Cranbrook
MSU
GPD
A.A. Pioneer
A.A. Pioneer
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A.A. Pioneer

HUSKIES

Jeff Serinsky
Jim Kowalski
Tom Gornish
Steve Guelwood
Erie ACHL
Bob VanDiestrouck
John Arlin
Arthur Garmarata
Tom Robinson
Leif Gustafson

LAKERS

George Abbott
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Krumm hurls Adray 9 into 1st place deadlock

By Robert McElhaneey
special writer

Livonia Adray's Todd Krumm managed to cool off hot hitting Walter's Appliance Wednesday in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League (LCBL) showdown at Ford Field, hurling a five-hitter and striking out six as Adray prevailed, 7-1.

"I threw them a lot of breaking stuff which kept their hitters off balance," said Krumm, who raised his record to 4-0. "They were waiting for the fastball and the key was to get ahead of them on the count."

Adray coach Stu Rose, taking over managerial duties for the vacationing Ron Heiler, complimented Krumm and said his team is solidifying.

"Krumm was able to hold down a good hitting team," said Rose. "We're an improving club and people will have to take us a little more seriously." Krumm surrendered just one unearned run, which Walter's scored in the first inning to grab an early lead.

STEVE FRELLECK started things off with a single to right field, but Gary Hall forced him at second with a grounder. Hall took third on John Stolt-

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siadis' ground out and came home when Adray third baseman Dave Austin threw wildly to third.

Three hits, two walks, a hit batsman and two errors helped Adray to a five-run fourth inning, giving Krumm a comfortable working margin.

Krumm, a football/baseball letter winner at Michigan State, helped start the surge by drawing a walk. He advanced to second on a stolen base and raced home when teammate Pete Rose reached base safely on an error.

Rose also stole second and moved to third on a throwing error by Walter's catcher Dave Donigan. Greg Kuzia walked and Bill Uile poked a single to right field, scoring Rose with the go-ahead run as Kuzia moved to second.

Austin followed by hitting into a force play at third.

AT THAT POINT Walter's starter Ed Jost pitched Chris Senk was relieved by Dan Nielsen, who was greeted by Dennis Bushart's single to center,

loading the bases. Tom Michael then was hit by a pitch, forcing Uile home. Deron White followed with a double down the left field line, scoring Austin and Bushart to make it 5-1.

Uile later said he was only looking to make contact with the ball to bring home Rose.

"I just wanted to get the run in," explained Uile, who came into the game hitting .408. "I went with the pitch. Right now I'm seeing the ball real well."

A 380-foot homer over the left-center field fence by Rose in the fifth inning made the score 6-1. Adray closed out the scoring in the sixth on a suicide squeeze bunt by White, scoring Austin.

"SEMIK GOT THE BALL up in the fourth inning," said Walter's manager Mike Keller, whose team fell to defeat for only the fourth time this season. "Krumm did a nice job of keeping our hitters off balance and Adray had his hitting shoes on today."

Going into Sunday's action, Walter's and Adray are in a deadheat for first place with identical 15-4 records. Adray also beat the Livonia Angels on Wednesday, 11-1.



Todd Krumm led West Bloomfield High to the state Class A baseball title in 1983 and is trying to do the same this summer for Livonia Adray in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League (LCBL). The right-hander kept Walter's off balance Wednesday, tossing a five-hitter in a 7-1 victory.

Caesars stays in chase by bouncing Garden City

Don Taylor's two-run single in the sixth inning keyed a five-run outburst as Redford Little Caesars broke open a close game and went on to beat Garden City, 10-4, in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League (LCBL) action Wednesday at Capitol Park.

Pitcher Rob McCamant, who went the first 3 1/2 innings and allowed only one run, took the win. Mike Harte finished up.

The win keeps Caesars (15-5) one-half game behind co-leaders Walter's Appliance (15-4) and Livonia Adray (15-4).

Garden City, fighting for the fourth and final LCBL playoff spot with Westland Federation and Northville, got two hits from Len Pinkowski.

LIVONIA ADRAY, fresh from beating Walter's in the first game of a double-header Wednesday at Ford Field, buried the last place Livonia Angels in the nightcap, 11-1, in five innings (mercy rule).

Dave Austin, Jeff DePorter, Dennis Bushart and Pete Rose each collected two hits for the winners. Austin, DePorter and Bushart also drove in two runs each.

Jeff Price, the Adray starter, held the Angels scoreless over the first three innings to pick up the victory. Kevin Harrah finished up.

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