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LIVONIA ALL-STATE HOCKEY TEAM		
F-Jesse Hubenschmidt	Redford CC	
F-John Fenech	Liv. Stevenson	
F-Matt Sharkey	Liv. Franklin	
FIRST TEAM		
G-Matt Fennelly	Redford CC	
D-B.J. Eglington	Liv. Stevenson	
D-John Brodun	Liv. Stevenson	
F-Keith Bozyk	Redford CC	
F-Paul Pirronello	Redford CC	
F-Matt Cichy	Liv. Stevenson	
SECOND TEAM		
G-Kevin Brady	Liv. Stevenson	
D-John Gallagher	Liv. Churchil	
D-Joe Cyrek	Redford CC	

## 1st team selections



Matt Fennelly  
Redford CC

B.J. Eglington  
Stevenson

John Brodun  
Stevenson



Keith Bozyk  
Redford CC

Paul Pirronello  
Redford CC

Matt Cichy  
Stevenson

## 2nd team selections



Kevin Brady  
Stevenson

Joe Cyrek  
Redford CC

Collin Gallagher  
Churchil

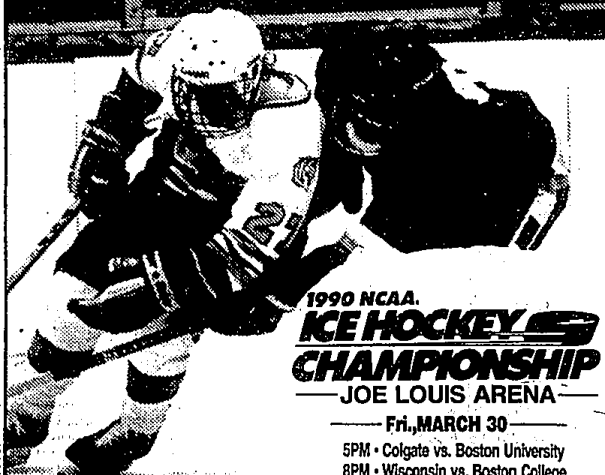


Jesse Hubenschmidt  
Redford CC

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## Observer icers blend individual talent

By Brad Emons  
staff writer

**I**T WAS A QUICK ending for both the Detroit Red Wings and area prep hockey teams this season, but despite the abbreviated seasons some outstanding Steve Yzerman-like individual performances were recorded.

Observerland's four area teams — Livonia Stevenson (10-8-5), Redford Catholic Central (12-7-3), Livonia Churchil (12-9-2) and Livonia Franklin (4-18-1) — all failed to make it out of regional play.

But Stevenson, behind first-year coach Paul Ferguson, came away with another Suburban Prep Hockey League crown, the fourth straight for the Spartans.

Ferguson, selected Observerland Coach of the Year, returned to the bench after a five-year layoff.

He was the head coach for six seasons (1973-79) at Franklin. Ferguson also coached the Michigan Sharks, a Banham AAA team, to state and national titles in 1976.

Ferguson most recently coached at the University of Michigan-Dearborn from 1979-85.

"This season we had a lot of talent and the hardest thing the coaching staff had to do was get the boys to play as a team," he said. "They did that and the season was a success. Next year will be a challenge after graduating 12 seniors."

Both Stevenson and CC, each ranked among the top 10 teams in Class A, dominate this year's All-Observer squad as selected by the sports staff.

### FIRST TEAM

Matt Fennelly, goalie, Redford CC: The 5-foot-11, 185-pound senior showed marked improvement between his junior and senior years. This season he posted a goals-against average of 3.25 per game.

His save percentage was 85.7. Fennelly also had a shutout against Windsor (Ontario) Massey.

"When his mind was in the game he played very, very well," said Redford Catholic Central coach Jack Gumberton.

B.J. Eglington, defenseman, Liv. Stevenson: The senior captain excelled along the blue line this season.

"B.J. is an excellent defensive defenseman," said coach Paul Ferguson. "He controls the play in our end, and owns the corner and in front of the net. He had a very heavy shot from the point."

"This year he was definitely a team leader and team player."

Eglington, who had five goals and 12 assists, was an All-League and honorable mention All-State selection.

John Brodun, defenseman, Liv. Stevenson: The senior scored 14 goals and added 13 assists for the Spartans.

"John is a strong defenseman with strong offensive skill," said Ferguson. "He handles the puck well and possesses an accurate shot from the blue line."

Brodun was also an All-Suburban Prep League choice and made honorable mention All-State.

Keith Bozyk, forward, Redford CC: The 5-11, 170-pound senior left winger was the Shamrocks' captain and leading point producer (71) with 31 goals and 40 assists.

He was also voted first-team All-State (Class A) and All-West Division in the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League.

"He has skills," said the CC coach. "He played hard and was able to move the puck a lot."

Paul Pirronello, forward, Redford CC: The 5-11, 170-pound right winger was just a shade behind Livonia Bozyk in the scoring department with 31 goals and 39 assists for 70 points.

Pirronello also made the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association Class A All-State squad. He also earned All-Metro and West Division MVP honors.

"He's a tough kid with a good shot," Gumberton said. "He also moved the puck around."

Matt Cichy, forward, Liv. Stevenson: The senior was a major point-producer for the Spartans with 22 goals and 21 assists for 43 points.

"Matt is a strong skater with speed to burn," said the Stevenson coach. "He had a knack for putting the puck in the net. He anticipates well and usually was in the right place at the right time."

Cichy was also voted All-Suburban Prep League and honorable mention All-State.

### SECOND TEAM

Kevin Brady, goalie, Liv. Stevenson: At 6-4, the junior neiminder was tough to get the puck past.

During league play, Brady posted a goals-against average of 1.32, overall he had a 2.58.

"Kevin was one of the main reasons we set the fewest goals-against record for the league at 15 (total) this season," said the Stevenson coach. "He's strong and has good size, and he is very quick. He controls the puck and doesn't give up many second chances. . . excellent hand-eye coordination with great anticipation."

Brady was also an All-League and honorable mention All-State.

Collin Gallagher, defenseman, Liv. Churchil: The 5-10, 160-pound junior was called a "Bobby Orr-type" by coach Rudy Varvari.

"He's got skills, an all-around player," said the Churchil coach. "He was the quarterback on our power-play. He was a valuable asset because he could play forward."

The All-SPHL pick scored a pair of goals against state runner-up Tontion in the regional.

He was also voted the team's MVP defenseman.

Joe Cyrek, defenseman, Redford CC: The 6-2, 167-pound alternate captain was called "a steady influence on our team" by coach Jack Gumberton.

The senior, labeled "a defensive defenseman," still managed to score four goals and added 14 assists.

He played in the Michigan All-State Game and was a first-team All-State pick by the Coaches Association.

Cyrek also took second-team All-Metro (West Division) honors.

Jesse Hubenschmidt, forward, Redford CC: The 5-8, 158-pound junior centered one of the state's most potent lines.

He ranked third in the team in scoring with 29 goals and 38 assists for 68 points.

"Jesse is a crafty playmaker with a lot of skills," said the CC coach.

Hubenschmidt was also second-team All-West Division in the Metro.



Joe Cyrek, a defenseman for Redford Catholic Central, was selected to the second-team All-Observer hockey team.

## Top coach

John Fenech, forward, Liv. Stevenson: The senior All-Leaguer tallied 19 goals and 30 assists this season for 49 points to pace the Spartans.

"John is a very smart hockey player and an excellent playmaker," said the Stevenson coach. "He was voted MVP by his teammates. He has good command of the ice surface."

Fenech was also honorable mention All-State.

Matt Sharkey, forward, Liv. Franklin: A shining light in an otherwise dismal season for the Patriots, the 5-11, 150-pound senior center was "Mr. Everything," according to coach Terry Jobbitt.

"He was very coachable, a joy to be with and a real asset," Jobbitt said. "He won 71 percent of his faceoffs and was only one of four players on our team with a plus (sic) rating."

The senior captain led Franklin in scoring with 11 goals and 29 assists. He was ninth in the league in scoring and made first-team All-State.

During his career, Sharkey notched 111 points on 35 goals and 76 assists.



Paul Ferguson  
Stevenson coach

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