Smooth as ice

Observerland team features state's best

all area hockey

1991-92 ALL-OBSERVER HOCKEY SQUAD

FIRST TEAM

G-Mike Brusseau	Redford CC
D-Kevin Bush	Liv. Stevenson
D-Corey Swider	Liv. Churchill
F-Kit Mastroberto	Liv. Stevenson
F-Pat Casey	Redford CC
F-Jamie Allen	Liv. Churchill

SECOND TEAM

G-Mike Williams	Liv. Stevenson
D-Mike Kasper	Redford CC
D-Ryan Lukiewski	Liv. Churchill
F-Todd Siedlaczek	Liv. Churchill
F-Joe Blaznek	Redford CC
F-Anthony Flevaris	Liv. Stevenson

THIRD TEAM

G-Joe Huber	Liv. Franklin
D-Matt Gorski	Redford CC
D-Frank Dubo	Liv. Stevenson
F-Bill Baski	Redford CC
F-Rick Bernard	Liv. Franklin
F-Chris Rennie	Liv. Stevenson

COACH OF THE YEAR

Terry Jobbitt . . . Liv. Franklin

HONORABLE MENTION

Livonia Stevenson: Scott Johnson, Aaron Moorehouse, Matt Commeau; Redford Catholic Central: Brian Roneyne, Mike Giordano, Jeff Wolfschlager, Marc Lorek; Livonia Churchill: Mike Johnson, Larry Allen; Livonia Franklin: Bryan Berger, Mike Nutting, Sitane Hastings, Jeremy Klosowski

By Brad Emons
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IT WAS ANOTHER quality season of prep hockey for four area schools.

Suburban High School League champion Livonia Stevenson (18-4-2) held the No. 1 ranking in Class A during one stage of the regular season. The Spartans reached the regional final before eventually bowing out to state champion Birmingham Brother Rice, 2-1.

Redford Catholic Central (16-5-2) was also highly touted, earning a consistent top 10 rating throughout the season.

And Livonia Churchill (15-7-1) came on strong during the regional, nearly upsetting Rice before losing in triple overtime, 3-2.

Stevenson, CC and Churchill each placed four skaters on the first and second All-Observer squads.

Coach of the Year honors go to Livonia Franklin's Terry Jobbitt, who guided the Patriots to a 15-6-2 campaign after successive 4-18-1 seasons.

Jobbitt, 44, boasts a career record of 119-103-12 in 10 seasons. He was also named Suburban High School Hockey League Coach of the Year.

"This team really came around," said Jobbitt, who works in sales for the Frank Hand Insurance Agency of Farmington Hills. "This team went above and beyond my expectations. There was definitely a big difference with my boys this year."

JOBBITT, a Detroit native, began playing organized hockey at age 7.

The defenseman played one year of Junior A hockey in Canada. He also was a member of the Port Huron Junior College squad before

Terry Jobbitt
Coach of Year

moving on to Western Michigan University where he captained the team (1969) and earned his degree.

He began his coaching career in 1970 moving up from the AAA and AA ranks.

Jobbitt and his wife, Kathy, live in Canton.

Presenting the 1991-92 All-Observer hockey squad:

FIRST TEAM

Mike Brusseau, goalie, Redford CC: The sophomore carried at 2.06 goals-against average and a save percentage of 91.5 en route to Class A All-State (Coaches Association) and third-team All-Metro honors.

"He's cool, calm and doesn't get rattled," said Catholic Central coach Jack Gumbleton. "He had a high percentage of saves because of being in the right place at the right time.

"He's a solid goalie who's consistent. And he's a hard worker who never complained. Mike has a good attitude."

Kevin Bush, defenseman, Liv. Stevenson: The senior made first-team All-Suburban and Class A All-State (Coaches Association).

Bush collected 20 points and eight goals and 12 assists.

"He handles the puck well and is a heads-up defenseman," Stevenson coach Paul Ferguson said. "He's difficult to get around and he seldom gets beat.

"Kevin plays with a lot of heart and is a gutsy performer who will sacrifice for the team."

Corey Swider, defenseman, Liv. Churchill: In just 10 league games, the 5-foot-10, 150-pound junior accumulated 16 points on one goal and 17 assists.

"He was very steady and reliable," said Churchill interim coach Ron Griffin. "He anchored our power-play and was a nice addition to the team this year."

Swider also was named to the All-Suburban High School Hockey League squad.

Kit Mastroberto, forward, Liv. Stevenson: The senior led the Suburban circuit in scoring with 23 goals and 18 assists for 41 points.

His total for the season was 67 points on 39 goals and 28 assists (leading the team) en route to Dream Team (coaches association) honors.

Mastroberto is also an academic all-stater, carrying a 4.258 grade-point average.

"He approached the game with smarts," Ferguson said, "and he pays attention.

"He works at his game and puts in his time. He's good around the net and sees the ice well."

Pat Casey, forward, Redford CC: The 5-9, 157-pound senior led the Shamrocks with 22 goals and 21 assists for 43 points. His plus-minus rating was a plus-41. He led the tough Metro circuit in scoring.

The Dream Team selection and first-team All-Metro choice was called "a super worker and a team player, who did everything that was asked," according to his coach.

"He's a good kid," Gumbleton said. "He worked to improve and tried to be better."

Jamie Allen, forward, Liv. Churchill: The 6-foot, 165-pound senior finished eighth in the SHSHL in scoring with 24 points on 14 goals and 10 assists. He made All-Suburban.

The unselfish center had five goals, however, in only two regional games.

"He's an outstanding hockey player who has all the skills required to play at a high level," Griffin said. "He's a nice young man and a pleasure to coach."

SECOND TEAM

Mike Williams, goalie, Liv. Stevenson: The senior gave up only 44 goals this season (2.72 goals-against) with a save percentage of .92 (449 total saves).

He made All-Suburban after posting a 2.21 goals-against average in league play.

"Mike rose to the occasion and came up big in the big games," Ferguson said. "He played well and played steady. He kept us in the big games and gave us a chance to win."

Mike Kasper, defenseman, Redford CC: The 5-10, 152-pound junior made third-team All-Metro and honorable mention All-State (Class A).

He was a regular on the power-play and penalty-killing units.

"He's a defensive defenseman," Gumbleton said. "He's steady and a hard worker."

Kasper scored four goals and had 13 assists with a plus-25 rating.

Ryan Lukiewski, defenseman, Liv. Churchill: The 5-9, 155-pound senior was smooth in his own end as he made All-Suburban.

"He's another steady and reliable defenseman," said the Churchill coach. "He's a hard-working kid, one we could count on back there."

Todd Siedlaczek, forward, Liv. Churchill: The 5-10, 175-pound junior winger finished second in the Suburban league in scoring with 16 goals and 16 assists for 32 points.

"He was another pleasant surprise," Griffin said of the All-Suburban pick. "He has good scoring skills and is a hard worker. He also plays a pretty physical game for his size, but had only six penalty minutes in league play."

Joe Blaznek, forward, Redford CC: The junior was CC's second-leading scorer with 18 goals and 21 assists for 39 points. He had a plus-31 rating and was a member of the power-play unit.

"He was a team player," Gumbleton said of the third-team All-Metro selection.

Anthony Flevaris, forward, Liv. Stevenson: The senior finished third in the SHSHL in scoring with 30 points (16 goals and 14 assists).

He finished 42 points overall with 23 goals and 19 assists.

"He was a big hitter who scored a lot of goals," Ferguson said. "He provided body work. We had heavy in the corners, but also had a good touch around the net. A good skater, too. He gets the puck and puts it in the net."

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hockey

NINTH ANNUAL MICHIGAN ALL-STATE HOCKEY GAME
(March 28 at Houghton)

NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

Goalies: John Bruzza, Portage Northern, Joe Huber, Livonia Franklin.

Defensemen: Mark Ostrander, East Grand Rapids; Mark Landis and Dan Rose, Southgate Anderson; Tom Babcock, Trenton; Chad Morton, East Kentwood; Chris Salani, Hancock.

Forwards: John Unacke, Big Rapids; Matt Johnson, East Kentwood; Jay Storm, Hancock; Berry Marietta, Marquette; Pete Gildea, Portage Central; George Chevara and Scott Nelson, Portage Northern; Brian Lamma, Sault Ste. Marie; Sean Sisler and Greg Obrycki, Trenton; Troy Luzyness and Jason Young, Riverview Gabriel Richard.

AMERICAN TEAM ROSTER

Goalies: Jon Gishno, Calumet; Tim Thomas, Davison.

Defensemen: Jamie Schmidt, Brighton; Mike Jukuri, Calumet; David Auld, Grosse Pointe South; Kent Osmond, Linden; Matt Gorski, Redford Catholic Central; Jeff Richards, Midland Dow.

Forwards: Tony Skiba, Alpena; Damon Berring and Jason Pentala, Calumet; Brian Curtis, Flint Carman-Ainsworth; Jamie Allen, Livonia Churchill; Brian Crane, Grosse Pointe South; Steve Nelson, South Lyon; Anthony Flevaris, Livonia Stevenson; Dave Beckwith and Jay Worley, Swartz Creek; Mitch Murlick and Matt Allen; Birmingham Brother Rice.

sports roundup

● SOCCER CHAMPS

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Rockers, an under-12 girls team, recently took first place during the second session at the Canton Soccerdome.

Bob Willim is the coach of the Rockers. Players include: Kim Baruzzini, Kelly Bassett, Kristin Dougherty; Lisa Fabirkiewicz, Lanette Moss, Heather Ninnis, Jennifer Valentine, Laura Wilkinson, Michelle Willim, Cheryl Short, Lisa McDonald and Lindsey Young.

● SOCCER TRYOUTS

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club is accepting spring season registrations for the following age groups: girls under-10 (born Aug. 1, 1981 to July 31, 1983) and boys under-19 (born Aug. 1, 1972 to July 31, 1975).

The games begin on April 25. Registration forms are available at the Livonia Parks and Recreation or call 525-0663 (after 6 p.m.)

● GOLF LEAGUE

Women who would like to play nine holes of early morning golf without rigid league rules are invited to join The Thursday Group.

An informational meeting will be held at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23 at Hilltop Golf Course.

Play begins on April 30.

For more information, call 451-0575 or 455-9496.

● AAU VOLLEYBALL

Registration will be held on Sunday, April 5 for those interested in playing AAU girls volleyball.

The registration times at Madonna University are as follows: 12-and-under and 14-and-under (4 p.m.); 16-and-under (5 p.m.); 18-and-under (7 p.m.). Registration will consist of a variety of physical tests, volleyball skills testing and playing.

The program fee is $225 ($100 for 12-under).

For more information call Brian McClain at 471-6233.

● HOCKEY CHAMPS

● The Michigan Nationals of Redford were Mite AA Tier 1 Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League champions with a 4-0 win last week over Allen Park. Team members include: Steve Badger, Ryan Murray, Matt Malmsten, Billy McSween, Tom York, Jim Tudor, Dominic Osman, Brandon Williams, Brian Williams, David Sellin, Shaun McDonnell and B.J. Deldotto. The team is coached by Harold Vella and assistant Jerry Deldotto.

● Ryan Sinks tallied the game-winning goal and goalie Bob Pernak made several key saves, leading the Wayne Squirt A Raiders to the Little Caesars League Tier II championship with a 3-2 win Sunday over the USA Warriors at Canfield Arena in Dearborn Heights.

Other members of the Raiders include Nathon Jacobowski, David Damitio, Derek Genrich, Steve Bland, Mike Guilbault, Glen Wyscaver, Jason Springer, John Savickis, Derek Silvani, Nick Anselm and Kenny Mosier.

The coaching staff consists of Art Gleniak, Frank Hunt and Al Damitio.

● BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Open baseball tryouts for the Westland Federation Sandy Koufax team (ages 13-14) will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4; 5 p.m. Sunday, April 5; and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 12 at Jaycee Park in Westland.

For more information, call manager Bill Hardin at 562-4667.

● SORENSEN INSTRUCTS

Lary Sorensen, a 10-year major league pitcher, has signed on as an instructor for Grand Slam, U.S.A., 42930 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mi. 48375.

Sorensen, who retired nine straight batters in the 1978 All-Star Game and pitched for six different Major League clubs, will work with youngsters on baseball fundamentals in conjunction with Grand Slam's classes and camps.

A resident of Novi, Sorensen is a baseball broadcaster at ESPN.

For more information, call 348-8338.

● CRACKERBOX LEAGUES

Spring and summer men's softball leagues, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Farmington Hills, will begin the week of April 20.

For more information, call Mike Callahan at 473-8873.

● RACE FOR THE CURE

Women of all ages and athletic abilities are encouraged to participate in the Detroit Race for the Cure, a 5K run/walk/racewalk beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 11 at the Detroit Zoo. (Registration is 7:30-8:30 a.m.).

The Meyer L. Prentis Comprehensive Cancer Center of Metropolitan Detroit will stage the race with proceeds going to the 10th anniversary of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The event is in member of Alexa Kraft, a talented Detroit runner who died of breast cancer on April 10, 1988 at age 39.

For more information, call 833-0710, Ext. 245 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) or 884-7320 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. any day).

swimming rankings

OBSERVERLAND BEST BOYS SWIMMING/DIVING

Following are the best swimming times and diving scores recorded by athletes at area high schools. The Observer extends a thank you to Plymouth Canton coach Hooker Wolman for his help in compiling the weekly list.

200 MEDLEY RELAY
(state cut 1:43.91)

North Farmington	1:36.28
Redford Catholic Central	1:37.35
Livonia Stevenson	1:38.55
Plymouth Canton	1:40.31
Plymouth Salem	1:41.99

200 FREESTYLE
(state cut 1:49.99)

Bryan Morrison (Stevenson)	1:42.60
Chris Knoche (N.Farmington)	1:44.31
Jonathan Kershaw (N.Farmington)	1:44.89
Mike Orris (Canton)	1:46.03
Randy Teeters (Redford CC)	1:48.47
James Leslie (Redford CC)	1:48.64
Gordy Gatewood (Stevenson)	1:49.12
Pat Lancaster (Canton)	1:49.62
Kevin Markell (Redford CC)	1:49.92
Zach Kasprzak (Churchill)	1:50.88

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
(state cut 2:03.19)

Randy Teeters (Redford CC)	1:54.36
Gordy Gatewood (Stevenson)	1:56.60
Karl Kozicki (N.Farmington)	1:57.42
Aaron Reder (Stevenson)	1:57.80
James Leslie (Redford CC)	1:58.33
Mike Drelles (N.Farmington)	2:02.96
Steve Reinke (Redford CC)	2:03.05
Ryan Freeborn (Stevenson)	2:03.26
Alex Goecke (Stevenson)	2:04.28
Mike Orris (Canton)	2:06.13

50 FREESTYLE
(state cut 22.69)

Alex Goecke (Stevenson)	22.29
John Brogan (Redford CC)	22.30
Craig Steshetz (Canton)	22.35
Chris Knoche (N.Farmington)	22.36
Pat Lancaster (Canton)	22.58
Devon Fekete (Redford CC)	22.62
Jeff Clark (Canton)	22.63
Jason Bodden (Wayne)	22.67
Tom McIntyre (Wayne)	22.69
Scott Frump (Farmington)	22.79

DIVING

Steve Satherley (Salem)	271.50
Rob Moore (Churchill)	269.85
Brandon Richardson (Farmington)	265.00
Nick Atwell (Canton)	258.70
Ben Boedigheimer (Stevenson)	249.10
Jeff Berens (Stevenson)	248.50
Mike Bencik (Stevenson)	206.25
Justin Richardson (Salem)	207.50
Dan Casey (Redford CC)	203.95
Joe Keifer (Franklin)	194.90

100 BUTTERFLY
(state cut 55.59)

Mike Drelles (N.Farmington)	51.78
Steve Reinke (Redford CC)	52.68
Gordy Gatewood (Stevenson)	53.19
Mark Salovaga (Canton)	54.87
Mike Grevna (Stevenson)	54.72
Matt Erickson (Salem)	55.07
Chris Mack (Redford CC)	55.07
Randy Teeters (Redford CC)	55.77
Keith Lee (N.Farmington)	55.94
Bryan Morrison (Stevenson)	56.58

100 FREESTYLE
(state cut 50.19)

Chris Knoche (N.Farmington)	46.89
Bryan Morrison (Stevenson)	48.43
Aaron Reder (Stevenson)	48.88
Steve Reinke (Redford CC)	49.43
Pat Lancaster (Canton)	49.65
John Brogan (Redford CC)	49.84
Mike Orris (Canton)	49.95
Devon Fekete (Redford CC)	50.14
Gordy Gatewood (Stevenson)	50.33
Jeff Clark (Canton)	50.85

500 FREESTYLE

Bryan Morrison (Stevenson)	4:37.96
Karl Kozicki (N.Farmington)	4:41.93
James Leslie (Redford CC)	4:50.93
Mike Orris (Canton)	4:51.99
Randy Teeters (Redford CC)	4:55.83
Aaron Reder (Stevenson)	4:56.05
Gordy Gatewood (Stevenson)	4:58.14
Eric Peterson (Stevenson)	4:58.26
Chris Knoche (N.Farmington)	5:00.69
Aaron Berlin (Salem)	5:01.18

200 FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cut 1:31.99)

Livonia Stevenson	1:28.08
Redford Catholic Central	1:28.19
Plymouth Canton	1:31.09
Plymouth Salem	1:31.27
Wayne Memorial	1:31.68

100 BACKSTROKE
(state cut 57.29)

Jonathan Kershaw (N.Farmington)	53.58
James Leslie (Redford CC)	53.62
Mike Drelles (N.Farmington)	54.12
Steve Reinke (Redford CC)	54.70
Randy Teeters (Redford CC)	54.95
Aaron Reder (Stevenson)	55.07
Ryan Freeborn (Stevenson)	55.33
Scott Frump (Farmington)	57.22
Mike Orris (Canton)	57.26
Scott Helmstadter (Salem)	57.95

100 BREASTSTROKE

Randy Teeters (Redford CC)	57.63
Alex Goecke (Stevenson)	59.18
Randy Cobb (Franklin)	1:01.91
Adam Kammer (N.Farmington)	1:02.59
Craig Steshetz (Canton)	1:02.95
Gordy Gatewood (Stevenson)	1:03.35
Jeff James (Farmington)	1:03.89
Dan Barnett (Wayne)	1:03.92
Aaron Reder (Stevenson)	1:03.96
Kevin Yoder (Farmington)	1:03.98

400 FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cut 3:22.79)

Livonia Stevenson	3:11.26
North Farmington	3:13.74
Redford Catholic Central	3:16.64
Plymouth Canton	3:17.97
Plymouth Salem	3:29.90

Kelly swims fast pace

Erich Kelly, competing in the boys 13-14 age division, was the top finisher for the Livonia-Novi Spartan Aquatic Club at the 13-and-over state swim championships held last weekend at Michigan State University.

Kelly took third in the 400-yard individual medley; fifth, 200 IM; sixth, 100 backstroke; and seventh, 200- and 1,650 freestyles.

The Spartans wound up seventh in the team standings with 494½ points.

OTHER SPARTAN FINISHERS

Boys 13-14: Jon Booms — 10th place, 100-yard breaststroke.

Girls 13-14: Susan Pritchard — sixth, 200 freestyle; seventh, 100 freestyle; Mary Corazza — eighth, 1,000 and 1,650 freestyles.

Boys 15-18: Randy Cobb — third, 200 breaststroke; fifth, 100 breaststroke; Mike Orris — seventh, 500 and 1,000 freestyle; eighth, 200 freestyle, 10th, 200 butterfly; 12th, 200 backstroke; Mike Lafferty — ninth, 100 freestyle, 10th, 200 and 500 freestyles; Jason Fisher — fourth, 1,000 freestyle; fifth, 200 freestyle; sixth, 200 backstroke, 10th, 100 backstroke; Craig Steshetz — sixth, 50 freestyle; Aaron Berlin — ninth, 1,650 freestyle; 10th, 1,000 freestyle, Peter Gutenberg — 10th, 1,650 freestyle.

Girls 15-18: Tara Dichkoff — first, 1,650 freestyle; second, 1,000 freestyle, fifth, 200 freestyle, 10th, 500 freestyle, 11th, 200 backstroke, 12th, 400 individual medley; Jill Melka — fifth, 100 and 200 breaststroke, 100 and 200 butterfly, Megan Goble — third, 1,000 and 1,650 freestyle; ninth, 500 freestyle

RELAY EVENTS

Boys 13-14: Erich Kelly, Jon Booms, Jason Schad and James Gatland — eighth, 400 medley and 400 freestyle, ninth, 800 freestyle.

Girls 13-14: Susan Pritchard, Mary Corazza, Gina Palmeri and Colleen Creehan — sixth, 800 freestyle; Katie Goble, Pritchard, Corazza and Andrea Moretti — sixth, 400 freestyle; Goble, Moretti, Corazza and Pritchard — seventh, 400 medley; Goble, Lauren Tengler, Moretti and Amy Kohl — 10th, 800 freestyle; Sherri Hall, Palmeri, Kohl and Creehan — 10th, 400 freestyle, Michelle Pantaleo, Kohl, Creehan and Palmeri — 11th, 400 medley.

Boys 15-18: Mike Orris, Mike Lafferty, Craig Steshetz and Jason Fisher — fifth, 400 freestyle, Lafferty, Fisher, Orris and Zach Kasprzak — sixth, 800 freestyle, Peter Gutenberg, Aaron Berlin, Eric Peterson and Steshetz — ninth, 800 freestyle; Berlin, Chris Yelcho, Kasprzak and Gutenberg — 11th, 400 freestyle.

Girls 15-18: Megan Goble, Liz Sorokac, Jill Melka and Tara Dichkoff — sixth, 800 freestyle, seventh, 400 freestyle; eighth, 400 medley; Brandi Gary, Sara Larson, Shannon O'Brien and Shelly Bodner — 11th, 800 freestyle; Michelle Gaford, O'Brien, Gary and Bodner — 12th, 400 freestyle.