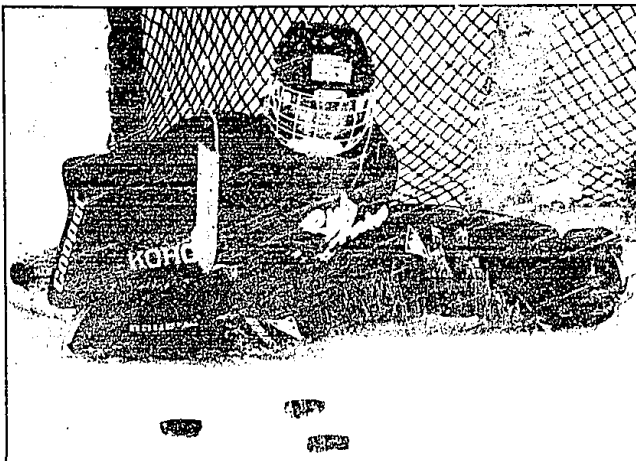


At age 61, goalie has lofty goals

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Students in Rick Heinz' Goalie School at Redford Arena last week received a progress report and overview of their talents from instructors on the final day. It's likely that one of the students wasn't graded as much on potential. After all, he's already 61 years old.



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Shot blocker: 8-year-old Anthony Heath practices stopping the puck during a session of the Heinz Goalie School, which offers instruction to young and old netminders.

HOCKEY

Old enough to be a grandfather of other students, and instructors for that matter, Livonian Mike Hungo still fit right in with the two seasons by Heinz, a former NHL goalie who has more than 80 goalie schools in the United States and Canada.

Instructor J.J. Weaks has accomplished quite a lot as a hockey goaltender in his 19 years, his latest coup making the Western Michigan University hockey team.

But Weaks could have made a National Hockey League team already and still not be sure if that's more than what Hungo accomplished just by showing up.

"I think the world of him," Weaks said. "It took a lot for him to come out here and admit there are some things he needs to improve on, and he's 110 percent into it. I will be very, very happy

if I'm able to do what he does when I'm that age."

Hungo is a member of the Broken Blades Adult Hockey Association out of Waterford, which is for players at or near retirement age, but he also plays regularly in over-20, 30 and 40 leagues, in which he is an elder statesman.

He heard about the Heinz Goalie School through one of Heinz's instructors, Nick Zuk of Westland, who works at Ace Sports in Dearborn Heights.

"I'm just one of the boys," Hungo said. "I just want to improve my game and this is a

great place to learn."

Heinz was mostly a backup in 10 NHL seasons with the St. Louis Blues and Vancouver Canucks. He has been running Goalie Schools for 11 seasons, including annual stops in Redford and other Michigan locations. Players have three-hours of on ice training and one hour of outdoor training per day and their play will be videotaped and analyzed by instructors.

Hungo understands he's one of Heinz's oldest students ever but not the oldest.

"Mr. Heinz said the oldest was

a 70-year-old in Manitoba and the next oldest was 65 in Chicago," Hungo said.

Give Hungo time; he'll have the honor some day.

The Heinz Goalie School is coming back to Redford Arena Aug. 9-13. For information on the Heinz Goalie Schools, call (877) Heinz-77 or find it on the web at www.rickheinz.com

Michigan Cobras earn hockey title

Toronto is considered the birthplace of hockey in North America, and last weekend the Michigan Cobras made their trip to the homeland a memorable one.

The Cobras, a team of returning select high school players, played five games at the Toronto Lakeview International Classic July 9-11 and won them all, beating a Toronto-area select squad 5-2 in the final. All seven of the other teams competing in the tournament were of Junior A or Midget AAA caliber.

Jim Spiewak, from Redford Catholic Central, and Grosse Pointe North's Dan Socia each scored twice in the title game. Todd Bentley, another CC student, contributed a goal and two assists, and another Shamrock teammate, goalie Andrew

McCoy, had 22 saves.

In the semifinals, the Cobras utilized some strong goalkeeping by Livonia Stevenson's Kevin Marlowe in a 5-2 triumph over the Junior Bulldogs of London, Ontario.

Other team members are Andy Green of Trenton, Adam Krug and Nate Jakobowski of Livonia Churchill, Mark Nebus of Stevenson, Dave Sellin of Redford Unified, and Ryan Yost, Derek Genrich, Joe Hillsbrand, Bryan Marshall, Brandon Kaleniecki, Joe Moreau and Dave Moss of CC. The team was coached by a pair of Stevenson graduates, Scott Johnson and Frank Eupizi.

The Cobras also won the Lakeshore Memorial Tournament over Memorial Day weekend.

HOCKEY SCHOOL

The Detroit Vipers 1999 Hockey School, directed by Bloomfield Hills resident and Detroit Vipers defenseman Keith Aldridge, is scheduled for Aug. 2-6 at the Troy Sports Center. The camp will feature three groups of 35 students, including three goalies, 10 defensemen and 18 forwards. Group 1 includes 6-7 year olds with a \$250 fee; Group 2 includes 8-9 year olds

with a \$300 fee; and Group 3 includes 10-11 year olds with a \$300 fee.

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12:13 mark of the second period. But the Broncos stayed motivated. Field got a goal at the 11:00 mark, then got another with 5:11 left, trimming the deficit to 6-5 and setting the stage for Crank's heroics.

Field finished with three goals for the Broncos, and Crank had two and one assist. Kyle McNeillance (Livonia) added a goal and two assists, and Baron Becker (Waterford) had two assists.

Rick Mannon (Canton) was in goal for the Broncos.

Mike Schmidt (Livonia) and

Adam Krug also scored goals for the 'Dogs, with Prater adding three assists and Krug two. Eric Bratcher added two assists.

HUSKIES 10, WOLVERINES 8: The first period of this MSHL game Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center was a scorefest, with the Huskies emerging on top by a 6-5 margin. After that, the high-paced scoring continued — at least for the Huskies, who took over first place in the MSHL with a victory.

Four Huskies scored multiple goals in the game, and four others had multiple points. Glen Pietilla led the way with three goals and two assists; Jim Tudor (Canton) added three goals and an

assist. Ben Blackwood had three goals, and Ron Pietilla chipped in with two goals and two assists.

Dwight Helminen contributed a goal and four assists for the Huskies. John Pietilla had a goal and two assists. Matt Pietilla picked up three assists. Phil Pietilla had a goal and an assist, and Frank Bourbonais had a goal. J.J. Weaks was in goal for the Huskies.

The Wolverines got three goals from Eric Hawkins (Redford/CC) and two more with an assist from Kyril Arman (West Bloomfield). Bill Trainor (Canton), Ryan Ward and Brad Feiler (Canton) added a goal and an assist apiece, and Chris Morelli (Livonia/CC) and Jim Westcott (Plymouth) had two assists apiece.



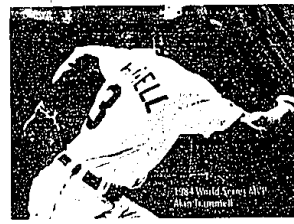
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Bulldogs	5	2	1	11
Lakers	4	3	2	10
Wildcats	4	4	0	8
Wolverines	3	5	0	6
Broncos	2	4	2	6
Spartans	1	5	3	5

LEADING SCORERS (Through July 15)

Name (Team)	G	A	Pts
Brian Kawa (Wildcats)	23	11	34
Brian Jardine (Lakers)	14	15	29
Eric Bratcher (Bulldogs)	10	16	26
Am Tudor (Huskies)	10	9	25
Carlin Silvester (Wildcats)	7	18	25
Neyin Swider (Bulldogs)	10	7	23
Corry Swider (Bulldogs)	11	13	22
John Pietilla (Huskies)	12	9	21
Eric Dolezal (Lakers)	12	7	19
Eric Hawkins (Wolverines)	12	7	19
Phil Pietilla (Huskies)	10	0	19
Dwight Helminen (Huskies)	8	10	18
Kyril Arman (Wolverines)	5	13	10
Kyle McNeillance (Broncos)	12	5	17
Ben Blackwood (Huskies)	6	8	17
Glen Pietilla (Huskies)	4	12	16

LEADING GOALKEEPERS

Name (Team)	GA	Avg.
Phil Deane (Bulldogs)	6	3.57
J.J. Weaks (Huskies)	17	4.85
Art Baker (Huskies)	13	5.23
Rick Mannon (Broncos)	26	6.55
Brandon Hothem (Lakers)	23	6.70
Will Hamel (Spartans)	17	5.74
Ted Martens (Bulldogs)	23	6.61



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Ice time: Dwight Helminen advances the puck for the Huskies as Bill Trainor of the Wolverines gives chase.

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