

WEEK-AHEAD

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball
 Toronto vs. Boston, 7 p.m.
 Yankees vs. Red Sox, 7 p.m.
 W. Chicago vs. N. Chicago, 7 p.m.
 Kansas City vs. St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Football
 Minnesota vs. Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Baltimore vs. Buffalo, 7 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. Cleveland, 7 p.m.
 Denver vs. Kansas City, 7 p.m.
 Houston vs. Dallas, 7 p.m.
 Indianapolis vs. Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
 Miami vs. New York, 7 p.m.
 Oakland vs. San Francisco, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay vs. Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Tennessee vs. Atlanta, 7 p.m.
 Washington vs. New England, 7 p.m.

Hockey
 Chicago vs. St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
 Dallas vs. San Jose, 8 p.m.
 Detroit vs. Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
 Florida vs. Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
 Los Angeles vs. Vancouver, 8 p.m.
 Montreal vs. Boston, 8 p.m.
 New Jersey vs. Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
 New York vs. Washington, 8 p.m.
 Phoenix vs. Colorado, 8 p.m.
 San Diego vs. Dallas, 8 p.m.
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Shamrocks rout Falcons in rematch, 7-1

The long and the short of it is that Redford Catholic Central added two more wins to its hockey total during the weekend.

Catholic Central made a long drive up to East Kentwood on Friday night and won a rematch of last year's state championship game, 7-1.

Then the Shamrocks came back on short rest Saturday morning and defeated the Midway Major Ice Dogs, 6-4, at the Arctic Pond, by netting two goals in the third period.

The two victories left the top-rated Redford Catholic Central team with a 13-1 record heading into Saturday's game against Grosse Pointe North (8 p.m., Redford Ice Arena).

"The game against the Ice Dogs was great," Coach Gordie St. John of the Shamrocks said. "It's a big story because they are supposed to be a very good team."

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"The kids played very well during the weekend."

The game against the Ice Dogs was difficult because Catholic Central played at 11:30 a.m. after arriving back from East Kentwood 10 hours earlier.

Brett John scored on the game's first shift, assisted by Joe Moreau and Sean Gerich.

The Ice Dogs tied the score but Jim Spiewak, assisted by Dave Moss and Jarred Ross, put the Shamrocks briefly back in front. The Ice Dogs scored on a power play to make it 2-2.

The Ice Dogs scored their second straight power play goal to start the second period scoring and take a 3-2 lead but the Shamrocks rallied on a strong rush by Brian Williams which resulted in the

tying goal being scored by Mike Ratigan. Moreau also assisted on the score.

Redford Catholic Central took a 4-3 lead for 22 seconds when Joe Hillebrand scored from the point. The Ice Dogs tied it up before anybody had a chance to get tired.

Moss took a picture pass from Ross to break the deadlock early in the third period. Spiewak also assisting. Spiewak then gave the Shamrocks an insurance goal three minutes later, assisted by Ross and John Bowers.

Ben Dunne made several excellent close-in stops late in the game to preserve the victory.

On Friday night, Catholic Central was playing the school it defeated, 2-0, to win last year's state hockey title.

But this year's CC team was simply to big and strong for East Kentwood to handle. Andrew McCoy was denied the

shutout at 6:33 of the final period.

By that time it was 5-0 as Brandon Kaleniecki ended up with a goal and four assists.

Kaleniecki opened the scoring 45 seconds into the game, assisted by Ratigan and Williams. The Shamrocks scored on a power play at the 10-minute mark to make it 2-0. Moreau scored off assists by Kaleniecki and Ryan Yost.

Williams scored at 8:22 of the second period, assisted by Ratigan and Kaleniecki, and Ratigan extended the lead to 4-0 at 12:24 off assists from Andrew Eggert and Kaleniecki. Spiewak scored on a power play at 13:24 to make it 5-0, with Moss and Yost assisting.

Yost responded with a goal at 7:51 after East Kentwood scored. Kaleniecki and Moss drawing the assists. Joe Hillebrand rounded out the scoring at 13:40, assisted by Moss.

Whalers rebound with pair of OHL victories

Thought that seven-game winning streak the Plymouth Whalers put together a couple weeks back was an illusion? Think again.

Two losses and a tie followed that streak, adding fuel to the suspicion that this team, which was supposed to be in a rebuilding year, just got hot for a few weeks.

Now: Flash forward to the last weekend, when the Whalers had to travel all the way to Sault Ste. Marie for a game against the division-leading Greyhounds Friday night, then had to bus six hours back to Plymouth for a Saturday night game against the Owen Sound Platers.

The outlook for success wasn't good. The results, however, were.

A goal by Tomas Kurka with 22 seconds left in the third period lifted Plymouth to a comeback behind 3-2 triumph over the Greyhounds Friday. That seemed to energize the Whalers; on Saturday, they made short work of the Platers, rolling to a 7-0 victory.

The two wins boosted Plymouth into second place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with a 26-16-4 record.

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five points behind Sault Ste. Marie (26-18-4). The 'Hounds, however, have played three more games.

Owen Sound slipped to 13-28-4 (34 points), last in the Midwest Division.

At Sault Ste. Marie Friday, the Greyhounds scored twice in the first period to put the Whalers in a hole. John Osborne got a goal at the 8:09 mark and Ryan Jardine made it 2-0 on a power-play marker with 23 seconds left in the period.

However, the Whalers retaliated quickly in the second period. Justin Williams got his 20th of the season with a power-play goal scored 4:02 into the second; Kris Vernarsky and Jared Newman assisted.

Damian Surma then netted his 19th goal of the season 1:55 later to tie it at 2-2, with Shaun Fisher and Newman assisting. The game-winner earned Newman his third assist of the game, with Kurka getting his 21st goal of the year. Libor Ustrnial also assisted.

The Whalers certainly dominated play offensively, unleashing 36 shots at Sault Ste. Marie goalie Jason Flick. Rob Zepp got the win in goal for Plymouth; he stopped 15 shots.

If the long trip depleted the Whalers in any way, it didn't show Saturday against Owen Sound. They led 3-0 after two periods, and then in the third — when fatigue should have been a factor working against them — they put four goals on the board.

Steve Morris put together a hat trick and had an assist. Too. Fisher scored two goals as well,

with Randy Fitzgerald and Jon Billy scoring single goals. Stephen Weiss totaled three assists, and Kurka had a pair.

Zepp was in goal again, stopping 23 shots to earn the shutout win. Curtis Sanford faced 42 shots in goal for the Platers.

Top Ambassadors

Alex Sawruk of the Compuware Ambassadors scored one of the two goals registered by the Eastern Division all-stars in an overtime shootout last Saturday, leading the Eastern stars to a 5-4 win over their Western Division counterparts at the North American Hockey League's All-Star game played at Fox Valley Ice Arena in Geneva, Ill.

The East trailed 4-0 in the second period before rallying. The Ambassadors' Steve Swistak scored to make it 4-2 late in the second period, and Sawruk got a

goal at 5:27 of the third period to narrow the gap to one goal.

Craig Kowalski started in goal for the Eastern Division, stopping 25 of 28 shots before giving way to Cam Ellsworth of the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians.

In last Friday's NAHL All-Star Skills Competition — won by the Eastern stars, 29-25 — Sawruk won the fastest skater title and Kowalski was first in the rapid fire event.

In their last action prior to the NAHL all-star break, Compuware posted a 5-2 win over Cleveland thanks to a four-goal final period in a game played at Compuware. Sawruk accounted for two of the Ambassador goals.

The win boosted Compuware's Eastern Division-leading record to 24-11-2 (50 points), three more than the Soo Kewadin Indians.



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