

Whalers win fight-filled series opener

By Ed Whelan
Staff Writer

Following Saturday night's raucous opening game of the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference final between Plymouth and Sault Ste. Marie, it was safe to assume the two teams would not be sitting down to Easter dinner together the next day.

"No, I think we'll be eating in different restaurants," cracked Whalers coach Pete DeBoer moments after his team posted a convincing, 4-1, home victory in the series opener.

It was a hockey game that started to evolve into a World Wrestling Federation event mid-way through the third period.

"Everybody on the ice was battling for territory," DeBoer said. Both teams went out to send a message, "I think we did."

"Even though there were a lot of penalties and fights, I think our team played with discipline. We didn't have any retaliatory penalties that gave them power play," DeBoer said.

Game-indecisive penalties were distributed as generously as marshmallow bunnies at an Easter egg hunt in the rugged third period, which ended like it began — with players from both teams squaring off in a series of mini-boxing matches. The teams were whistled for

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40 minutes of penalties including five-minute majors in the game's final 30 minutes.

During a post-game stoppage of play with 23:33 seconds left, Greyhound left-winger Josh Bennett boldly skated slowly in front of the Plymouth bench, gasping with his stick. Whaler players: He was eventually escorted off the ice by officials to a chorus of boos from the 2,987 people in attendance.

The home team was not immune from taunting in this intensely physical struggle.

Following one fight late in the game, a Plymouth player directed a universal hand gesture at the Greyhounds' bench to show them that the Whalers were "tougher" on the only night the index finger to get his point across.

DeBoer predicted the excessively chippy play would not continue throughout the series despite the bad blood that is brewing between the two teams.

"I don't think you'll see as much of this extracurricular activity" until the rest of the series because neither team wants to risk getting in a lot of short-handed situations in the playoffs," DeBoer said. "It's not worth it."

After allowing the game's first goal six minutes into the contest, Whaler goalie Rob Zepp was flawless over the final 54 minutes, smothering 20 Greyhound shots.

"Our best penalty killer is Rob Zepp," DeBoer said, smiling. "He didn't do anything real spectacular tonight, but he was solid throughout the game."

Plymouth, which hadn't played in over a week, as it waited for a winner in the Sault Ste. Marie series, looked rusty in the game's opening period.

The Whalers managed 10 shots on Greyhound goalie Jason Flick during the first 15 minutes, however some came close to finding the mark.

Trailing 1-0 with the final seconds ticking down in the first period, the Whalers received an injection of momentum from Justin Williams.

The smooth-skating winger collected a pass from linemate Stephen Weiss at mid-ice, cut-manuevered two defenseman and faked a shot to Flick's glove side before depositing the puck in the net past the flailing goalie's outstretched gloves.

The goal, scored at the 19:37 mark of the period, tied the score at 1-1.

"That was a huge goal," DeBoer said. "If you let them go

Plymouth takes lead

There were 3,823 fans of the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds who no doubt were still cheering after their hero of the moment, John Osborne, knocked in a power-play goal with 3:60 left in regulation to pull the Greyhounds even with the Plymouth Whalers at three goals apiece.

That joy lasted 70 seconds.

Forty-four seconds later SSM's Daniel Passero headed to the penalty box for hooking. It didn't take long for the Whalers to cash in, with 2:46 remaining, Cole Jarrett blasted in the game-winning goal, lifting Plymouth to a 4-3 triumph Wednesday.

The victory gives the Whalers a 2-to-1 edge in their best-of-seven Ontario Hockey League Western Conference final. The series heads back to Plymouth, where it will resume with Game Four at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Compuware Arena.

Jarrett's goal, assisted by Stephen Weiss and Randy Fitzgerald, was his second point of the game. He also assisted on the second of three Whaler goals scored in the second period.

Rob Chapman gave SSM the early lead, scoring at 8:11 of the first period. Weiss knotted it for Plymouth at 8:36 of the second.

Fisher put the Whalers ahead with a power-play goal at 12:43 of the second, assisted by Jarrett and Eric Cooley.

Williams tied the game with just 10 seconds left in the second.

Trevor Daley's goal 4:06 into the third period drew the Greyhounds to within one, setting up the late drama.

S.S. Marie 2, Whalers 0: They had their chances, but Greyhounds goalie Ray Emery proved unbeatable Monday in the second game of this OHL Western Conference final. Emery stopped 40 Plymouth Whaler shots.

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Maniaci, who started the Western Michigan Boxing Club and served as its president, had accepted an offer eight months ago to work for the accounting firm of Deloitte and Touche when he was done at WMU.

The security of that arrangement and knowledge he would graduate with honors afforded him the time and opportunity to pursue his longtime goal.

"I figured it was pretty much a last shot for me, because I'd be graduating from college and starting work soon," said Maniaci, who spent six months in serious preparation.

"I keep myself in shape but for actual competition it takes much more dedication. I worked a lot on endurance, running sprints, jumping rope for long periods of time, swimming, biking; I did a lot of that stuff."

"I was still doing well in school. I already had a job, so I had a little extra time. As long as I kept it high enough, I didn't

have to shoot for a four point every semester.

"I had to cut out other things. I probably don't party as much as most college students. I did as much school work as I could and trained as much as I could."

"There were a lot of long days, especially being president of the club. There are a lot of responsibilities in that, too. I was pretty busy, but it was well worth it."

Don't look for Maniaci to pursue a future in boxing, not as a fighter. If you see him in the corner of a ring, he'll most likely be on the outside of the ropes.

"My love is actually coaching," he said. "If anybody wants to train, I'm willing to show them the beginning stuff."

"A professional career is probably too much for me. I landed a really good job, and it's never been my goal to be a professional boxer."

"I was definitely did it for fun and to see what I could do."

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In the Matter of the Application of **CARL KEVIN BIXBY**, Petitioner.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

WHEREAS, CARL KEVIN BIXBY, petitioner, has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing petitioner's name from CARL KEVIN BIXBY to LAZARUS SATON;

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above matter appear in the Law and Motion Department of this court, located at No 1 Court Street, Oroville, California, on May 22, 2000, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in *The Observer & Eccentric Newspaper*, a newspaper of general circulation printed in Oakland County, Michigan, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.

JEROME E. WARREN
 Judge of the Superior Court

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 Published: April 20 and 27, May 4 and 11, 2000

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for technology lab furniture and equipment at Harrison High School as described in the specifications at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shiawassee, Farmington, MI 48336 until 1:30 P.M. local time on Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at which time they will be opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. No oral, telephonic, telegraphic or facsimile proposals will be considered. No proposals will be considered after the time of closing of bids.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any item in the bid; to accept or reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder. Prices bid are to be F.O.B. Farmington, Michigan. All purchases are to exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. All bids shall be firm for one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the bid opening. All bids to be considered must meet or exceed all specifications herein. Bid documents may be obtained by calling the Purchasing Department at (248) 489-3344.

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Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for: **SALE OF USED PORTABLES** at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shiawassee, Farmington, MI 48336 until 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2000 at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regular scheduled meeting. No oral, telephonic, telegraphic or facsimile proposals will be considered. No proposals will be considered after the time of closing of bids.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any item in the bid; to accept or reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the high bidder.

Bids will be on an "as is" basis. A cashier's check or money order for 25% of the bid amount must be included with the bid. The successful bidder will be expected to remove the portables by Friday, June 30, 2000 pending notification of their success.

Any questions should be referred to Mr. Ron Aten, District Architect, at (248) 489-3435.

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KATHRYN A. DORNAN
 City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT ZONE 2 PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

DATE: Monday, May 15, 2000
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.
 PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336
 CONTACT: Teri Arbenwiler (248) 473-9500 business days 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills on the adoption of a proposed resolution designating the boundaries of a proposed brownfield redevelopment zone 2 within which the City of Farmington Hills Brownfield Redevelopment Authority may exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. The description of the proposed brownfield redevelopment zone 2 is: Land situated in the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, described as follows:

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