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Stevensen record: 7-4 overall, 1-0 WEAM Lakes Division.

## Whalers splatter Sting in 6-1 rout

BY NICHOLAS A. GISMONDI SPECIAL WRITER

SPLATI
Like a bug in the summer, the
Sarnia Sting never saw the
windshield coming Wednesday
when they met the Plymouth
Whalers in an Ontario Hockey Whaters in an Ontaine Rockey
League game at Compuware
Sports Arena. The result was a
mess no car wash could over
clean up, a 6-1 Whaler win —
their third straight over the

clean up, a 6-1 Whaler wintheir third straight over the Sting.

The Whalers hustled to take a 4-0 lead through two periods, and adjusted to take a toget that kept them undefeated in 2001.

Stephen Weiss opened the scoring for the Whalers at the scoring for the Whalers at the scoring for the Beaston, on an assist by Cole Jarrett.

As 338 of the second Stacey Britstone, third among the OHL's plus/minus leaders at 101-28, and of the evening, assists going to Weiss and Rob McBride. Britstone's power-play goal was the result of quick passing down low in the Sting sone, leaving an uncovered Britstone who easily found the net for his 16th this season.

Rookies Gregory Campbell and Karl Stewart paired to make it a 3-0 game at 1405 of the second period on a play that started with a turnover in the neutral zone. Stewart dished the puck to a waiting Campbell at the left side of the net, and he tipped it past Sting goalie Robert Gherson.

Britstone then finished the

son.

Britstone then finished the period the way he started it, scoring his second of the game

#### HOCKEY

and 16th of the season at 19:57 to give Plymouth a 4-0 lead. McBride and Ryan O'Keefe assisted. Through two periods, the Whalers had a 32-18 advantage in shots on goal.

The Sting averted a shutout when Julius Halfkenny got a goal at the 11:21 mark of the third period, narrowing Plymouth's lead to 4-1. But goals from former Mississauga lee Dog

mouth's lead to 4-1. But goals from former Mississauga Ice Dog Chad Wiseman and Stephane Gervais, each in their second game as Whalers, scored in an 11-second span provided the Whalers with their winning mar-

11-second span provided the Whalers with their winning margin.

Tomas Kurka assisted on Wiseman's goal at 12:24, his 18th of the season. Gervais scored his first OHL goal at 12:35, assisted by Campbell and Stowart.

"It was a good game for us tonight," said Whalers' coach Pote DeBoer. "We got things going offensively and the rest of the team filled in with good play defensively. Rob Zepp was strong back in net as well. It's always good when you can pick up two points within your division."

With the victory, the Whalers edged closer to the OHL lead, which is currently held by the Eric Otters. Plymouth improved to 25-6-4-1, good for 55 points and first place in the OHL's West division — two points behind the Otters.

More offense for 2001

#### More offense for 2001

The Plymouth Whalers acquired another player from the



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMAN

Bad connection: Plymouth's Tomas Kurka (19) is tied up with Kris Newbury's hockey stick through his skate.

Junior A ranks in free agent Chad Larose to bolster their offense. A former member of the Compuware Midget program, Larose played the last two years for Sioux Falls in the United

for Sioux Falls in the United States Hockey League.

After 24 games this seczon, Larose was seventh in the USHL in acoring with 11 goals and 22 assists (33 points). Last season, Larose collected 29 goals and 26 assists for 55 points.

The 5-foot-10, 170-pound right wing/center is a native of Fraser. He was expected to join the team last Friday in Kitchener.

WHALERS' USTRUIL WINS GOLD

Defensemen Liber Ustruil made his trip home to play for the Czeck repolition in the World Junior Championships a Griden of the World Junior Championships a Finden 24. Friday in the title game. The Wheler's American Loam representatives, Damian Surma and Kris Vernarsky, Dipoya Friday against Switzerland in the fith-place game. Wishlewski — Carthan MarRica? Whaler rookle defensemen James Wishlewski a Canton notive, is playing quite well for Team USA at the Under-17 championships in Nova Scotla.

Championships in Nova Scotle.
Wisniowski has two goals and five assists for seven points as the USA remained undefeated in that internation-

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intensity level."

intensity level.

Anderson had a combined time of 41.90 while Burek clocked 42.49. Marry Godlew was 15th with a time of 45.5, and Melissa Desautel finished 27th at 51.67.

"As with the boys," Gable said, "all six gris finished. As a coach, that's what you like to see.

The Catholic Central skiers saw Matt Gable finish first overall with a combined 31.64 in the slatom, the first run was 13.61 and his second 17.86 and his second 17.86 and 19.76 in his second for a combined 34.65 that was good for third place.

good for third place.

"The boys are odds on favorites this season,"
Gable said. "They had a bit of a slow start but won the

Gable said. They nan a unof a slow start but won the
meet quite convincingly.
"Matt Gable akied well
and John Goobel was right
behind him."
Joe Murray finished 12th
with a combined 39.41, and
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Sullivan 34th with a 40.76.
"There's a lot of pressure
on these boys," Gable said.
They're going to have to
learn how to handle that
pressure and perform.
"Some of them can ski s,
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