**SPORTS ROUNDUP** 

### WHALERS SKATE TO 9-2 VICTORY

WIMLERS SKATE TO 9-2 VICTORY; Guess those new follas are going to fit in real well.
Friday's game at Compuware Arena, against the Ontario Hockey Lengue's worst team—the Mississauga fee Dogs—wasn't exactly a major test for the Plymouth Whalers, who remain case of the OHL's best.
The Dogs did get the game's first goal, but three of the Whalers' newcomers—forwards Chad Wisseman, obtained from Mississauga, Chad LaRoses and Preston Mizzi—were all multi-

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The win pushed the Whalers' record to 26-7-4-2 overall, first in the OHL's West Division. Mississaugn fell to 3-29-6-1.
The Ice Dogs scored just 28 seconds into the game, but Bryan Thompson erased that deficit less than a minute later with the Whalers' first goal. Kris Vernarsky then put Plymouth ahead, scoring on the short side on a pass from LaRose.
It took just 20 seconds for the Whales to push their lead to 3-

1, this goal coming from Damian Surma with assists from Greg Campbell and Karl Stewart. The Whalers' lead was 6-2 by the end of the second period, and they coasted home from there. LaRose finished as the game's top star, collecting two goals and two assists. Mizzi, obtained in a trade with Sarnia last Wednesday, contributed two goals and Wissman had three assists.

MERCY SKIERS WIN AGAIN Catholic Central took the top two individual spots of the meet,

How all about you

but Brighton had its four finishers place in the top four as the Buildogs won the boys salom meet at Mount Brighton on Thursday.

Brighton had 40 points, to CCs 46, with South Lyon finishing third with 66 points.

On the girls side of the meet, Farmington Hills Mercy continued to surprise everyone—including their coach—as the Marlins came in first with '37 points to outdistance runnership Birmingham Groves with 57.

"It's definitely a surprise, but a good surprise," said coach Tom Gable. "The nice part is the top two have been freshman Lix Kujala and sophomore Nicola Zeleski, so it's always good to have underclassmen deing well." The seniors did the job for CC as Matt Gable wan with a combined time of 31.18 and John Goobel was second in 34.13. Ryan Boudreau was 20th in 39.85 and Joe Murray was 23rd in 41.64.

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(45.37), just ahead of teammate Dane Woolsey in 16th (45.67).

CCC MEN DOWN DELTA
Oakland Community College overcame a one-point halftime deficit Wednesday to defeat visiting Delta in men's basketball, 100-95.

The Raiders, who were outscored by the Pioners in the first half, 50-49, had five players in double figures.

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and William Motley 12 apiece and Cornelius Stanford 10.

Stanford had nine rebounds, Allison and James Woodworth seven each. OCC had a 43-37 edge on the boards.

Charles Underwood and Roy Davis had 18 peints to lend peits, 0-3 in the MCCAA Eastern Conference and 1-12 overall. OCC is 2-1 and 6-8.

The Delta women improyed to 3-0 and 12-1 with a 76-45 victory over OCC.

Eleven players scored for the Pioneers, who had two in doubles — Amanda Aldrich with 19 and Anne Bringer with 14.

Michello Blake and Danielle Lawson natted 10 points apiece to lead the Lady Raidors, 1-2 in the conference and 5-7 overall. Debbie Wesa added nine points; she also had four assists and five steals. Kate Reed led OCC with 13 rebounds. Shannon Storm added seven points and nine rebounds.

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match, and tonight was the first

match, and tonight was the first home match."

Tossa Kuykendall, Kristin Loridas, Morgan Hughes and Anne Rossvelt led the attack Tuesday and again Thurnday in a 16-14, 9-15, 15-7 win over Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Loridas had 18 kills, Kuykendall, a 6-foct-3 middle hitter, 12 and Hughes eight. Rossevelt had 22 kill sets and Deidre Jones IZ. Katte Dismoro served seven acces, including five in the first game.

game.
"We started out on fire and did
really well," Ruhl said. "We hit a

couple flat spots and forgot how
to serve-receive, and we gave
them eight points in a row. But
we got the momentum back and
won the game.

"Foloy played very, very well
in the second game, and it
looked like we tired. The
momentum didnt shift as much
as Foley would have wanted,
because we scored the first nine
points of the third game.

"It was just a matter of a stall
that last three quarters of the
(second) game. We were playing
conservatively, and Foley took it
to us.

"In the third game, we came alive and did some really nice. things."

The Marlins are 9-3 in all matches, and Ruhi couldn't bemore pleased with the start.

"Today was a good test as far as being able to win a long-game match and take the momentum back," he suit to Birmingham Mariani will be a really good match.

"It was serve-receive better than them, it will be a walse of agme. If we have a bunch of errors, it won't be."

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