Schoolcraft places 3rd in national tournament

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Going into the consolation game of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's soccer tournament Sunday, the Schooleraft College team wanted to prove it was one of the best in the nation.

After beating Iowa Central Cowith just 10 players, 1-0, the Ocelots left little doubt they are descripted of a bird-they are descripted of a bird-they are descripted of a bird-they are descripted of a bird-

the Occiots left little doubt they are descring of a third-place finish. Wortch Sampson saved the day when he drove home a shot from 18 yards with six minutes left in regulation to lift the Occiots to victory. He's been hurt for the lax wo months? Schooleraft assistant coach Jozef Kurta said. "He nlayed great and we

said. "He played great and we won the game."

COLLEGE SOCCER

Despite Schoolcraft pulling out an improbable victory, Kurta was still stinging about losing to Mercer County (N.J.) on Friday, 1-O. Yavapai (Ariz.) won the NJCAA title on Sunday with a 2-1 victory over Mercer County.

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"I still think we could have
finished first," Kurta said.
"But, overall, finishing third in
the country is acceptable."
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Schoolcraft finished the sca-son at 17-7 overall. Two Schoolcraft players, Salvador Djeukeng (Cameroon) and Leonardo Moyn (Costa Rica), carned all-tournament honors.

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Whalers skate to 5th consecutive win

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Five Phymouth Whalers collected their fifth-straight win Saturday, getting two goals and an assist from John Wighlante and three assists from John Mitchell in a 6-3 triumph over the Peterborough Petes at Phymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Whalers improve to 16-62-1 overall; their 35 points ties them for first in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with the Sarnia Sting.

The game was tied at 1-all after one period, Plymouth getting a goal from Ryan Ramsay (from David Liffton and Chad LaRose) and Peterborough countering with a score from Josh Patterson.

The Whalers took command with three second-period goals. Jonas Fiedler got the first (from Mitchell) at 6:52. The Fetes trimmed it to 3-2 with a goal from Jordan Morrison, but a LaRose power-play goal at 18:05 (from Ramsay and Cole

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Jarrett) pushed Plymouth's lead back to two. Gary Klapkowski (from Jimmy Gagnon and Tim Sestito) and Vigilante (from Fiedler and Mitchell) account-ed for the Whalers' third-period goals. Patterson scored for the Petes.

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Jeff Weber was superb in goal for Plymouth, making 44 saves.
The Whalers have a pair of home games this weekend, hosting the Saginaw Spirit at 7:30 p.m. Friday and the London Knights at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday at Compuware Arena.

JARRETT AN ALL-STAR

Whaler defenseman Cole Jarrett has been added to the OHL Western Conference all-star team, one of three addi-tions to the team. He joins teammate Chad LaRose, already chosen to the squad, Originally, former Whaler Stephen Weiss — currently playing with the Florida Panthers — as well as Rick

Nash of the London Knights (and Columbus Blue Jackets), Carlo Coliadacovo of the Brie Otters (and Toronto Maple Leafs) and Steve Eminger of the Kitchener Rangers (and Washington Capitals) were all-star selectees. Since Weiss was not returned to the Whalers, Jarreit was added to the team.

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For the season, Jarrett (a
fifth-round draft choice of the
Blue Jackets in 2001) is fourth
on the Whalers in scoring with
six goals and 18 assists
(through 23 games).

RAMSAY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Ryan Ramsay was named the OHL Player of the Week for the period ending last Sunday, joining Canton native James Wisniewski as the second Whaler so horored this season. Ramsay, a left winger, started his scoring streak with a goal and two assists in Plymouth's 5-down over the Saginav Spirit last Thursday (Nov. 21). He added three goals and an Sist in a 5-4 win over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds on Friday, then had a goal and an assist in a 6-3 victory over the Fault Stereborough Petes on Sattleday.

His five goals and four assists chisak@oe.homecomm.net [(734) 953-2108

in the three victories gave him 16 goals and 30 assists (46 points) for the season, second best among the Whalers.

WHALERS ADD DEFENSE

With the possibility of three defensemen being absent dur-ing the World Junior Championships, the Whalers ing the World Junior Championships, the Whalers figured they'd better add some depth in that area, so they trad-ed an eighth-round dark choice in 2004 to the Brampton Battalion for defenseman Grant

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Buckley.

A former first-round draft
choice of the Mississauga Ice
Dogs, the 6-foot-1, 195-pound
Buckley was traded to
Brampton in November, 2001. He collected three goals and
nine assists in 61 games last
season with the Battalion; this
year, he had two goals and two
assists.

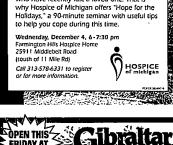
"Grant is an experienced
player in this league, said
Whalers' coach/general manageor Mike Vellucci. "With the possibility of having three defensemen playing in the World
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