

**SKATER**

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born in Puerto Rico. It was only the second PRFSC competition; the first attracted 12 skaters.

One of the requisites for ISU recognition is having an ice rink, which is not a common site on a Caribbean island. The first will be dedicated in June.

"We're looking forward to her eventually representing Puerto Rico if it gets ISU recognition," Mark Reina said. "We're hoping she has a

chance to actually represent Puerto Rico, if not the U.S., although that's a much taller dream.

"It's still a dream of hers, but I think this is more realistic. You have to be pretty darn good to beat the likes of Michelle Kwan."

Reina also will participate in the Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club's Seventh Annual Ice Skating Show May 16-17 at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

A hundred young members of the PRFSC and the Learn to Skate Program will perform synchronized and figure skating routines to a "Skating

Across America" theme.

Reina has a solo performance and is in two group numbers. One of the latter is with her precision compulsory team, the "Material Girls," who have taken three first-place awards and one second place in local competitions.

Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors 62 and older and students up to high school graduation.

There is no charge for children 5 and under. For further information about the show, call the Farmington Hills Ice Arena at (248) 478-8800.

**WHALERS**

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hole of Kitchener goaltender Scott Dickle on a 3-on-2 rush to give Plymouth its second road win of the series.

"Gagnon has been a great character guy and faceoff man for us all through the playoffs," Whalers coach Mike Vellucci said. "It helps when you have a lot of depth on your team, and different guys can step up with big goals. In the last game, it was (Chris) Thorburn and (Chino) LaRose."

Thorburn and LaRose are the team's two leading scorers in the playoffs, but Gagnon has been more of a role player and defensive presence for the Whalers in this playoff year.

In addition to his overtime game-winner, Gagnon broke a scoreless tie at the 9:31 mark of the second period, popping in his third of the playoffs. Jonas Fiedler and Sean Thompson picked up assists on the first goal, while Tim Sestito and David Liffon had helpers on the second.

Vellucci said his team got off to a slow start, and felt fortunate to get out of the first period with a 0-0 score.

"They get a lot of shots on us," he said. "But we came back and were much stronger in the second period."

For the second straight game, Whalers goaltender Paul Drew was huge between the pipes.

After being pulled from Games 2 and 3 in the series, Drew has answered the bell in Games 4 and 5, saving 62 out of 62 shots in those games. "He's been unbelievable the



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Plymouth's Cole Jarrell (2), Karl Stewart (6) and Chris Thorburn celebrate Thorburn's second goal in Tuesday's Game 4 against the Kitchener Rangers. The Whalers had another reason to celebrate Thursday night, taking a 3-2 series lead on the Rangers thanks to a 2-1 overtime win.

past couple games," Vellucci said of his goaltender. "Game 5 was one of his best in the playoffs. He also had a great game at London in a game we won 2-1. He's a tough competitor and knows how to bounce back."

Vellucci said the London series helped to make his team playoff tough, which has been apparent in its last two playoff wins.

"London is a great playoff team, and I don't think they get the kind of credit they should," Vellucci said. "They just battle you to the very end. We missed some guys in that series, and we had to play through some adversity. But I think we learned a lot in that series and it's showing."

Kitchener had rolled through the playoffs until this series, winning eight out of its nine games in the first two rounds.

The Whalers defeated London in seven games after sweeping past Owen Sound in the opening round.

Forward Derek Roy scored Kitchener's lone goal, 9:10 into the third period to tie the game 1-1. Neither team scored a power play goal on a combined nine chances, including five for Plymouth.

Vellucci said he expected Kitchener's toughest game of the series in Game 6.

"They will be a desperate team, but we're used to playing that way," he said. "We've approached all our games like that, where the next one is the most important."

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**BROTHER RICE**

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ters went down in order. In the seventh inning, Nick Holter walked to lead-off the inning and Mike Piernick doubled him to third. However, the Maples went down one-two-three right after that.

Brother Rice scored twice in the second and put the game

away with a six-run fifth inning. The Warriors added four runs in the seventh inning to hike its overall record to 14-2.

Senior shortstop Dan Lentz, who had a great game defensively, led the offense with three hits and two runs scored. Junior catcher Doug Pickens had two hits and scored twice. Kelmigian had a pair of singles and a double.

"It just got away from us. It

went from 2-0 to 8-0 in a matter some four ground balls that found their way through the infield," said Porter.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game and we knew we had to play well," he said. "They just have a lot of weapons."

Scholten plays Monday afternoon at district rival Groves. Brother Rice plays 4 p.m. today against the University of Detroit-Jesuit at the University of Detroit-Mercy College.

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