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## Michigan Tech ends losing streak at seven games

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)

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**Michigan Tech** ended its losing streak in the WCHA at seven games with a win over Minnesota Duluth this weekend.

Friday night's 6-5 victory was also the first league win for first-year Huskies coach Jamie Russell.

"I liked a lot of the things I saw," Russell said. "There were some areas that we obviously need to be better ... . It was particularly nice to see our power play score four times."

The Huskies (3-8-3, 1-7-2 WCHA) scored four goals in the first period and added two more in the third to hold of Duluth (9-6-2, 7-3-0). Colin Murphy scored **Michigan Tech's** first and last goals of the game. Brandon Schwartz, Taggart Desmet, Chris Conner and Marek Dora also found the back of the net for the Huskies.

Duluth scored three goals of its own in the second period to pull to 4-3. Evan Schwabe, T.J. Caig and Nick Anderson all converted to give the Bulldogs a chance for the win. In the end, third-period goals by Josh Miskovich and Tim Hambly of Duluth weren't enough to move past **Michigan Tech**.

On Saturday, Duluth handed **Michigan Tech** a 4-0 loss, outshooting the Huskies 30-21.

Duluth got on the board with a goal by Marco Peluso at 11:04 in the second. Evan Schwabe scored a power-play goal seven minutes later to make it 2-0. Justin Williams and Steve Czech put the game out of reach for the Huskies, each scoring in the third. **Michigan Tech** got 26 saves from Cam Ellsworth.

In other WCHA action: St. Cloud State skated past Colorado College 2-0 Friday only to fall to the Tigers 6-1 Saturday; Wisconsin extended its unbeaten streak to 12 games with a 2-2 tie with Denver Friday and a 3-1 win Saturday; and Minnesota handed Alaska-Anchorage a 4-0 loss Friday and then fell to the Seawolves 6-4 Saturday.

St. Cloud State (10-4-2, 8-2-2) used third-period goals by Joe Jensen and Brock Hooton to beat Colorado College (9-2-3, 4-2-2) Friday. Adam Coole had 27 saves for the league-leading Huskies.

On Saturday, the Tigers came back to stun the Huskies with a 6-1 win. It was St. Cloud's worst defeat since a 6-0 loss Nov. 5, 1999, at North Dakota.

Brett Sterling and Trevor Frischmon each scored twice for the Tigers, who powered past St. Cloud with four goals in the first period. Mike Doyle scored the Huskies' only goal of the game at 16:36 in the first. Matt Zaba had 25 stops for Colorado.

"It was just one of those nights, but I never expected this," Huskies coach Craig Dahl said. "It was a combination of bounces going against us but we didn't have our feet moving and it snowballed on us. We can't get down by four."

St. Cloud's only other loss this season came against top-ranked North Dakota by a 2 - 1 score Nov. 15.

Wisconsin (9-3-4, 4-2-4) and Denver (9-5-2, 3-5-2) both scored twice in a feverish third period that ended in a 2-2 tie Friday.

Robbie Earl and Nick Licari scored for the Badgers at 5:46 and 12:14 respectively in the third. But Denver came back as Greg Keith and Lukas Dora each scored for a 2-2 tie. Adam Berkhoel stopped 36 shots for the Pioneers while Bernd Bruckler had 31 saves for Wisconsin.

The Badgers scored two goals in the final period Saturday to pull past Denver 3-1.

Tom Gilbert scored a goal for Wisconsin at 8:21 of the second while Brett Skinner notched a goal for Denver five minutes later. Ryan MacMurchy and Jake Dowell sealed the game for the Badgers with third-period goals. Berkhoel had 33 saves for Denver.

Minnesota (7-8-1, 4-7-1) outshot Alaska-Anchorage 43-18 Friday night en route to a 4-0 victory. Minnesota goalie Kellen Briggs tallied his second career shutout. Keith Ballard, Troy Riddle, Barry Tallackson and Thomas Vanek each scored for the Gophers. Chris King stopped 39 shots for Alaska (5-7-2, 2-6-2).

The Seawolves scored three goals in the third period in a come-from-behind win over Minnesota Saturday.

The Gophers jumped out to a 4-3 lead heading into the third period after scoring three times in the second. Gino Guyer scored two goals within four minutes of each other in Minnesota's offensive surge. But the Seawolves mounted a comeback with goals by Spence Gilchrist, John Hopson and Charlie Kronschnabel.

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## UMD men shut out Tech

BY KEVIN PATES  
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Minnesota Duluth winger Marco Peluso made sure to get the game puck from referee Derek Shepherd on Saturday night for goalie Josh Johnson.

Johnson earned the first shutout of his college career in his first Western Collegiate Hockey Association start as UMD beat **Michigan Tech** 4-0 before 2,995 at MacInnes Ice Arena.

Johnson, a freshman from Esko, probably wouldn't mind sharing the puck with his teammates. The Bulldogs made a significant turnaround from Friday's 6-5 loss.

"We didn't have our best game Friday, but good teams find a way to rebound," said Johnson, who had 21 saves, just one in the third period. "This was just a great defensive effort all the way around. I really didn't have that many tough saves."

On Friday, **Michigan Tech** scored four first-period goals, four power-play goals and got four goals from its explosive top line. There was none of that in the rematch. There was just one shot on goal in four power plays on the way to UMD's first shutout since a 12-

0 win at Bemidji State one year ago.

The Bulldogs (9-6-2 and 7-3 in the WCHA) continued second in the league by getting second-period goals from Peluso and Evan Schwabe, and third-period goals from defenseman Steve Czech and Justin Williams.

**Michigan Tech** (3-8-3 and 1-7-2) remains last in the WCHA. The Huskies had some decent scoring chances, including a handful in the second period, but couldn't dent UMD's defense.

"That was the biggest two points we've gotten this season," said Czech. "We had 22 guys who were ticked off after Friday and we knew we had to play better in the defensive zone, especially when (**Michigan Tech** was on a power play). We finished our checks and did the hard-working things you need to to win."

Johnson was making his third start of the season after playing the final two periods Friday in place of sophomore Isaac Reichmuth, who has 47 starts in two years.

While the first period was scoreless, UMD dominated much of the 20 minutes and put the Huskies on their heels. At the same time, Johnson came up with some tough stops, including one on

winger Brett Engelhardt. **Michigan Tech** winger Frank Werner had Johnson out of position for a point-blank attempt with 90 seconds left, but his shot went off the leg of Czech.

"Friday night it seemed everything we shot went in and tonight I was shaking my head saying 'How did that not go in?' A lot of that was their goaltending. He was outstanding," said **Michigan Tech** coach Jamie Russell.

Two second-period goals gave UMD its first lead of the series. Peluso finished a 2-on-2 rush as Tim Stapleton made a cross-ice pass with 8:56 left. Peluso jammed the puck inside the left post for a 1-0 advantage. That came as the teams skated 4-on-4.

A power-play goal made it 2-0 with 89 seconds to go. Schwabe had little net showing as he held the puck low on the right side yet snapped a shot that beat goalie Cam Ellsworth to the near side. It was the fifth goal of the season for UMD's top assist man.

Czech's first goal of the season put UMD up 3-0 at 4:14 of the third period. His power-play drive from the right point beat Ellsworth cleanly. **Michigan Tech** center Taggart Desmet was off for tripping Tyler Brosz. Schwabe then fed Williams alone in front of

the **Michigan Tech** net with 5:13 to play.

"I was happy we got the two points for the win, but I was more happy with the team effort to get the shutout," said UMD coach Scott Sandelin, whose team outshot the Huskies 30-21. "We set the tempo on our first three shifts and even though it was a tight-checking game, we didn't sit back after we got the lead. That ranks with the best games we've played this season."

UMD continues on the road at No. 1-ranked North Dakota this Friday and Saturday in Grand Forks, N.D.

Minnesota Duluth 0-2-2--4  
**Michigan Tech** 0-0-0--0

First period – No scoring. Penalties – Josh Miskovich, UMD (holding), 10:09; B.J. Radovich, **Michigan Tech** (high-sticking), 13:40.

Second period – 1. UMD, Marco Peluso 3 (Tim Stapleton, Tim Hambly), 11:04 (4x4); 2. UMD, Evan Schwabe 5 (Tyler Brosz, Stapleton), 18:31 (pp). Penalties – Tyler Skworchinski, **Michigan Tech** (holding), 10:09; Brosz, UMD (interference), 10:22; Junior Lessard, UMD (high-sticking), 11:45; Colin Murphy, **Michigan Tech** (holding), 12:31; Frank Werner, **Michigan Tech** (boarding), 17:38.

Third period – 3. UMD, Steve Czech 1 (T.J. Caig, Neil

Petruic), 4:14 (pp); 4. UMD, Justin Williams 3 (Schwabe), 16:47. Penalties – Taggart Desmet, **Michigan Tech** (tripping), 2:42; Chris Conner, **Michigan Tech** (elbowing), 6:18; Ryan Swanson, UMD (instigating), 10:29; Bryan McGregor, UMD (roughing), 10:29; John Scott, **Michigan Tech** (roughing), 10:29.

Shots on goal – UMD 9-10-11--30, **Michigan Tech** 6-14-1--21. Goalies – Josh Johnson (3-1), UMD (21 shots-21 saves); Cam Ellsworth (1-3-1), **Michigan Tech** (30 shots-26 saves). Power plays – UMD 2-of-6, **Michigan Tech** 0-of-4. Referee – Derek Shepherd. Assistant referees – Joe Romano, Brien Ricci. A -- 2,995.

# Grand Forks Herald

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## WCHA-AREA COLLEGE HOCKEY ROUNDUP: Colorado College buries St. Cloud State early

Herald Wire Reports

Colorado College blitzed Western Collegiate Hockey Association leader St. Cloud State with four goals in the first period Saturday on its way to a 6-1 victory over the visiting Huskies at the World Arena.

Trevor Fischmon scored twice and Brett Sterling and Scott Thauwald a goal apiece as the Tigers raced to a 4-0 lead before the game was 13 minutes old.

Mike Doyle put St. Cloud on the board with his goal late in the first period, but the second goal of the game by Sterling in the second period and one by Weston Tardy in the third period wrapped up the scoring.

CC outshot St. Cloud just 27-26. CC goalie Matt Zaba had 25 saves, while Adam Coole and Tim Boron combined for 21 saves for St. Cloud. Coole gave up four goals on the eight shots he faced.

Wisconsin 3, Denver 1: Wisconsin extended its unbeaten streak to 12 games with a win in Denver.

Tom Gilbert put the Badgers up 1-0 in the second period with a power play goal, but the Pioneers tied it up a 1-1 on a Brett Skinner goal later in the period.

Ryan MacMurchy gave the Badgers the lead in the third period and Jake Dowell sealed it with an empty-net goal.

Minn.-Duluth 4, **Michigan Tech** 0: Josh Johnson posted a 21-save shutout as the Bulldogs won at MacInnes Arena in Houghton, Mich.

Marco Peluso and Evan Schwabe scored goals in the second period for the Bulldogs and Steve Czech and Justin Williams added goals in the third period.

Duluth converted on 2 of 6 power plays, while **Michigan Tech** was scoreless in four chances. The Bulldogs, who lost 6-5 to **Michigan Tech** on Friday, outshot the Huskies 30-21.

Bemidji St. 5, Wayne, Mich. 2: Brendan Cook had a hat trick for Bemidji State as the Beavers skated past visiting Wayne State of Michigan. Bemidji State is 7-5-2 overall and undefeated through four CHA games for the first time since the 1997-1998 season. Late Friday

Minnesota 4, Alaska Anchorage 0: Kellen Briggs tallied his second career shutout with 18 saves as Minnesota won in front of 3,937 fans at Sullivan Arena in Anchorage late Friday night.

Forwards Troy Riddle and Thomas Vanek, along with defenseman Keith Ballard, led the Gophers with a goal and an assist each. Barry Tallackson scored Minnesota's other goal.

Minnesota outshot Anchorage in every period and 43-18 for the game.

# Saint Paul Pioneer Press

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## COLLEGE HOCKEY: Clarke, U women sweep Bemidji State

From news services

La Toya Clarke scored two first-period goals as the University of Minnesota women's team defeated Bemidji State 6 - 1 Saturday afternoon in Ridder Arena for a sweep of their two-game weekend series.

The No. 1-ranked Gophers improved to 13-0-1 overall this season, 9-0-1 in the women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association and are 16-0-3 all-time against the Beavers (2-13-1, 0-10-0).

Minnesota started strong, scoring three goals in the first six minutes and led 4 - 0 after the first period. Clarke scored first just 1:04 into the game, followed by power-play goals by Natalie Darwitz at 3:24 and Lyndsay Wall at 5:58.

After Anik Cote replaced Jill Luebke in goal, Clarke scored her second goal at 10:59 of the first period.

Becky Wacker and Krista Johnson scored the Gophers' other goals, both in the second period, as Minnesota build a 6-0 lead. Freshman Helana Tageson scored Bemidji State's only goal with 38 seconds left in the game, ruining Jody Horak's shutout bid. Horak made 18 saves as the Gophers outshot the Beavers 44-19.

Minnesota State (Mankato) 3, St. Cloud State 3: Minnesota State and St. Cloud State skated to a tie in St. Cloud, Minn. MEN

Minn.-Duluth 4, **Michigan Tech** 0: Josh Johnson stopped 21 shots, and Minnesota-Duluth defeated **Michigan Tech** to split their weekend series at Houghton, Mich.

Marco Peluso and Evan Schwabe scored second-period goals for the Bulldogs, who lost 6-5 Friday night. Steve Czech and Justin Williams had third-period goals for Duluth.

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## Michigan Tech 6, Minn.-Duluth 5

HOUGHTON, Mich.

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Colin Murphy had two goals and an assist to lead **Michigan Tech** to a 6-5 win over Minnesota-Duluth Friday night.

The victory was the first in league play for the Huskies (3-7-3, 1-6-2 Western Collegiate) and ended a seven-game losing streak.

**Michigan Tech** led 4-0 after one period and scored four power play goals in the game.

Duluth scored with less than a minute to go after pulling their goalie to put the score at 6-5, but they failed to get the equalizer.

**Michigan Tech** netminder Bryce Luker had 30 saves in the win.

Isaac Reichmuth played the first period for Duluth and had three saves on seven shots. Josh Johnson went the final two periods and made 13 saves.

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Marco Peluso and Evan Schwabe scored second-period goals for the Bulldogs (9-6-2, 7 - 3-0 WCHA), who lost 6-5 a night earlier. Steve Czech and Justin Williams had third-period goals for Duluth.

Cam Ellsworth made 26 saves for the host Huskies (3-8-3, 1-7-2).



# Duluth News-Tribune

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Minnesota: SPTS

## Tech's fast start finishes Bulldogs

WCHA MEN:UMD can't overcome an early 4-0 deficit against last-place Huskies

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**Michigan Tech** used this formula to win its first Western Collegiate Hockey Association men's game of the season Friday night: score four first-period goals, add two third-period power-play goals and hang on.

It was enough for the last-place Huskies to defeat second-place Minnesota Duluth 6-5 before 2,104 at MacInnes Ice Arena.

UMD (8-6-2, 6-3 WCHA) rallied after trailing 4-0 after one period, but could never pull even and saw a five-game unbeaten streak evaporate.

**Michigan Tech** (3-7-3, 1-6-2) handed first-year coach Jamie Russell his first league win while ending a seven-game winless streak.

Igniting the Huskies was the No. 1 line of Chris Conner, Taggart Desmet and Colin Murphy, which started the season with a flurry of points but had tailed off the past five games. By the end of the first period each linemate had a goal.

"Things weren't going our way no matter what we did, so the team started from scratch again," said Murphy, a junior

right winger. "Coach brought in a system that suits us, a run-and-gun system that depends on a good forecheck, and we had gotten away from that."

Murphy showed the way by scoring on **Michigan Tech's** first shot on goal 6:52 into the first period. Three goals in 6 minutes sent the Bulldogs reeling later in the period (two power-play goals and one short-handed). Left winger Chris Conner finished **Michigan Tech's** most productive first period in a decade by adding his Division I-leading 13th goal of the season.

UMD aided **Michigan Tech's** effort with 15 penalties, leading to four power-play goals.

Last Saturday, Minnesota State-Mankato trailed 4-0 at the DECC and ultimately forced overtime before UMD won 5-4.

"We weren't that down in the dumps after the first period because we remembered what Mankato did to us. We knew we had it in us," said UMD junior defenseman Tim Hambly, who played despite being diagnosed with mononucleosis this week and had a goal and an assist. "We battled so hard to get back, but **Michigan Tech's** a good team and we could just never get out of the hole."

The WCHA's highest-scoring team gave it a try. UMD coach Scott Sandelin replaced starting goalie Isaac Reichmuth after the first period with freshman Josh Johnson and the Bulldogs responded with the only three goals of the second period, and ultimately outshot **Michigan Tech** 35-22.

Center Evan Schwabe connected in a 5-on-3 power play and 74 seconds later defenseman Steve Czech sent T.J. Caig in for a breakaway power-play goal that went through the legs of goalie Bryce Luker. Winger Nick Anderson then batted a puck out of the air at 9:21 and it hit the ice in the crease and bounced past Luker.

UMD was within 4-3 with a period to play.

"After the first period I told them that they still had 40 minutes to win a game," Sandelin said. "But then we took stupid penalty after stupid penalty in the third period. **Michigan Tech** was able to take advantage of its opportunities and stay ahead. That was just too big of a lead to recover from."

Freshman defenseman Marek Dora scored his first collegiate goal on a power play 2:54 into the third period for a 5-3 **Michigan Tech** advantage. Josh Miskovich's first goal of

the season cut that to 5-4 at 5:39, then Murphy provided the game-winner with his first-power play goal in three seasons with the Huskies. That came with 6:45 to play and made **Michigan Tech** 1-0 in December after going zero-for-November.

"We have played some other good games in the league this season, games that we could've won. We tied at St. Cloud State and tied at Mankato," said Russell, a former **Michigan Tech** defenseman who was a Cornell assistant the past four years. "We have such a young team that it was nice that we showed a lot of poise tonight and were rewarded."

With 97 seconds to play, four skirmishes broke out in UMD's offensive zone and four players on each team received penalties. UMD's Anderson was given a game disqualification for leaving the bench to join the altercation and cannot play in today's 6:05 p.m. rematch. Hambly scored with 32 seconds to play after Johnson had been pulled for an extra attacker.

Minnesota Duluth 0-3-2--5  
**Michigan Tech** 4-0-2--6

First period – 1. **Michigan Tech**, Colin Murphy 10 (Tag-

gart Desmet), 6:52; 2. **Michigan Tech**, Brandon Schwartz 4 (Marek Dora, Jon Pittis), 12:50 (pp); 3. **Michigan Tech**, Desmet 5 (Chris Conner, Murphy), 16:42 (pp); 4. **Michigan Tech**, Conner 13, 18:50 (sh). Penalties – Conner, **Michigan Tech** (interference), 3:43; Lars Helminen, **Michigan Tech** (roughing), 8:24; Tyler Brosz, UMD (slashing), 8:24; Marco Peluso, UMD (high-sticking), 11:58; Bryan McGregor, UMD (slashing), 14:44; Dora, **Michigan Tech** (interference), 18:09; Brosz, UMD (high-sticking), 19:27.

Second period – 5. UMD, Evan Schwabe 4 (Brosz, Tim Hambly), 4:50 (5x3 pp); 6. UMD, T.J. Caig 8 (Steve Czech, Josh Johnson), 6:04 (pp); 7. UMD, Nick Anderson 2 (Neil Petruic, Luke Stauffacher), 9:21. Penalties – Dora, **Michigan Tech** (unsportsmanlike conduct), 3:11; Clay Wilson, **Michigan Tech** (holding), 4:14; Caig, UMD (tripping), 10:37; Jay Hardwick, UMD (checking from behind), 14:30; John Scott, **Michigan Tech** (tripping), 18:15.

Third period – 8. **Michigan Tech**, Dora 1 (Helminen, Pittis), 2:54 (pp); 9. UMD, Josh Miskovich 1 (Hardwick, McGregor), 5:39; 10. **Michi-**

**gan Tech**, Murphy 11 (Helminen, Wilson), 13:15 (pp); 11. UMD, Tim Hambly 2 (Schwabe, Junior Lessard), 19:28 (pp). Penalties – Todd Smith, UMD (holding), 1:04; Pittis, **Michigan Tech** (tripping), 7:48; Caig, UMD (high-sticking), 10:42; Miskovich, UMD (slashing), 11:44; Anderson, UMD (5-minute leaving the bench during altercation, 10-minute game disqualification), 18:23; Tim Stapleton, UMD (roughing), 18:23; Ryan Swanson, UMD (roughing), 18:23; Luke Stauffacher, UMD (double-minor roughing); 18:23; Schwartz, **Michigan Tech** (roughing), 18:23; Brett Engelhardt, **Michigan Tech** (roughing), 18:23; Wilson, **Michigan Tech** (roughing), 18:23; Scott, **Michigan Tech** (double-minor roughing), 18:23.

Shots on goal – UMD 10-8-17-35, **Michigan Tech** 7-9-6-22. Goalies – Isaac Reichmuth (6-5-2), UMD (7 shots-3 saves); Josh Johnson (2-1), UMD (15 shots-13 saves); Bryce Luker (2-5-2), **Michigan Tech** (35 shots-30 saves). Power plays – UMD 2-of-6, **Michigan Tech** 4-of-8. Referee – Derek Shepherd. Assistant referees – Joe Romano, Brien Ricci. A -- 2,104.

# Saint Paul Pioneer Press

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Minnesota: SPORTS; Pg. 4D

## St. Cloud State tops Colorado College

From news services

Adam Coole saved 28 shots, and Ryan LaMere and Brock Hooton scored as St. Cloud State defeated Colorado College 2-0 on Friday night at Colorado Springs, Colo.

LaMere scored a 4-on-4 goal at 9:01 in the second period on a breakaway after a long cross-ice pass from Billy Hengen. Casey Borer also assisted on the play for St. Cloud (10-3-2, 8-1-2 WCHA).

Hooton got an empty-net goal in the final minute.

Matt Zaba saved 29 shots for Colorado College (8-2-3, 3-2-2).

Colorado College was 0 for 4 on penalty-play chances and St. Cloud was 0 for 3. Colorado College has killed 25 consecutive penalties.

It was St. Cloud's first road shutout since Dec. 7, 2001, a 3-0 victory over the Colorado College.

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Bemidji State 3, Wayne (Mich.) 2: Anders Olsson's power-play goal early in the second period proved to be the difference as host Bemidji State held off Wayne State.

Riley Riddell and Jared Eanowski also scored for Bemidji (6-5-2). Riddell finished with a goal and an assist

Nathan Rosychuk and Mark Cannon scored for Wayne State (3-6-3).

The Beavers outshot Wayne 50-14.

Matt Kelly stopped 47 shots for Wayne. Grady Hunt had 12 saves for the Beavers.

Briefly: North Dakota got goals from four players as the Sioux beat the U.S. National Under-18 Team 4-1 in an exhibition game at Grand Forks, N.D.

Quinn Fylling scored on a short-handed breakaway 14 minutes into the game, and Rory McMahon also scored in the first period to give the Sioux a 2-0 lead.

North Dakota got goals from Chris Porter and Erik Fabian within a span of 60 seconds to take a 4-1 lead into the third.

Nate Ziegelmann made 10 saves for the Sioux.

The victory does not count on North Dakota's record. The national team (11-12-1) is now 1-8 against NCAA Division I schools.

# Times Herald

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SPORTS; Pg. 5C

## 5 players start play in GLIAC

Staff  
Times Herald

Five Blue Water Area basketball players opened play Thursday night in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Port Huron Northern graduates Scott Jamison and Joel Whymer are playing for Lake Superior State University.

Steve Folson, a New Haven graduate, is a red-shirt freshman at **Michigan Tech**, while 6-foot-8 Spencer Clayton of Marysville starts in his first season at Grand Valley State University after being red-shirted last season.

Harbor Beach's Nathan Wruble is a senior center at Ferris State.

Whymer, a freshman guard, and Jamison, a junior power forward, combined for 37 points in the Lakers' 88-77 loss at Hillsdale.

Through five games, Jamison is averaging a team-high 15.6 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. Whymer, who tossed in 19 points Thursday against Hillsdale, is averaging 12.6 points and leads the Lakers with nine 3-pointers.

Lake State, which is 3-2 overall, travels to Wayne State for a 3 p.m. tipoff today.

Folson, a 6-3 guard/forward, has scored 18 points and grabbed 19 rebounds in five games for **Michigan Tech**, which edged rival Northern Michigan University, 52-48, Thursday at home.

Grand Valley is off to a 6-1 start and Clayton has played in three games. The Lakers downed Ashland 94-84 on the road.

Wruble, who has been battling some sickness for the past week, played Thursday night for the Bulldogs. He scored six points in a 69-58 loss at Findlay.

GRAPHIC: Scott Jamison; Joel Whymer

# Detroit Free Press

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Saginaw Valley tops Wayne State, 88-84

### FREE PRESS NEWS SERVICES

Saginaw Valley State got 27 points from Anthony Parker and made 21 of 26 free throws in an 88-84 victory over Wayne State in a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opener Thursday night at the Matthaei Building.

Parker was 10-for-19 from the field and 6-for-6 from the free-throw line for the Cardinals (5-1).

Tim Fralick scored 22 points on 7-for-16 shooting, and David Williams was 7-for-11 for 15 points. Maurice Brown's 15 boards helped Saginaw Valley to a 44-34 rebounding advantage.

James Davis scored 26 points, and Kendon Edwards had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Warriors (3-3).

Davis made all three of his free throws and set a school record for consecutive free throws in a season with 23, surpassing Terry Cuples' 22 straight in 1967-68.

### MORE STATE MEN

**Michigan Tech** 52, Northern Michigan 48: Josh Buettner scored 18 points and Jason Marcotte 13 for **Michigan Tech** (7-0, 1-0 GLIAC). Antwan Holt and Milan Azanjac each scored 15 for the visiting Wildcats (4-2, 0-1).

Northwood 70, Gannon 62: Kirby Forrest had 11 points and 12 rebounds, and Brandon Andrews scored 18 points for host Gannon (6-1, 1-0 GLIAC). Dallas Logan scored 21 points and D. J. Hughes 18 for Northwood (4-2, 0-1).

Findlay 69, Ferris State 58: Dustin Pfeifer scored eight of his 15 points during an 18-0 run for host Findlay (5-1, 1-0 GLIAC). Ferris State (0-5, 0-1) went scoreless for nearly nine minutes after Willie Thomas hit a jumper and two three-pointers to give the Bulldogs a 47-42 lead with 13:11 left. Jeffery Shanahan had 12 points and 10 rebounds for Ferris State. Michael Daniels added 12 points and Thomas 11.

Hillsdale 88, Lake Superior State 77: Cory Coe scored 25 points for host Hillsdale (4-3, 1-0 GLIAC). Joel Whymer scored 19 for the Lakers (4-3, 1-0).

Grand Valley State 94, Ashland 84: Courtney James had 20 points and 12 assists, Mike Hall scored 19 points and Marcus Wallace 16 for the visiting Lakers (6-1, 1-0 GLIAC). Michael Fowler scored 18 points for Ashland (3-3, 0-1). Jeff Grauzer and Nate Bassett each scored 10 for Grand Valley State.

Michigan-Dearborn 88, Adrian 80: David Myers scored 24 points and Antoine Wilcox 20

for the visiting Wolves (5-6). Brian Schaefer scored 21 for Adrian (2-3).

### TOP 25 MEN

Florida 59, Central Florida 39: Matt Walsh scored 19 points as No. 2 Florida (4-0) won the first game played at Jacksonville's Veterans Memorial Arena. Josh Bodden scored 14 points for the Golden Knights (2-2), who did not attempt a free throw in the game.

Texas 103, Wofford 72: Brandon Mouton scored 20 points as the No. 8 Longhorns (4-0) won their 19th straight home game. Adrien Borders led the Terriers (2-3) with 20 points.

### STATE WOMEN

Michigan Tech 66, Northern Michigan 60: Andrea Novak scored 19 points and Maria Schneider 15, and Chelsey MacNeil had 13 points and seven rebounds for host Michigan Tech (5-1, 1-0 GLIAC). Andrea Brooke scored 19 points and Tera Opperman 16 for Northern Michigan (5-1, 0-1).

Mt. Vernon (Ohio) Nazarene 100, Concordia 66: Katie Keller and Erin Arnett each scored 21 points, and visiting Mt. Vernon (3-4) led at half-time, 62-28. Sarah Palmer scored 20 points and Andrea Savage 19 for Concordia (3-7).

Ferris State 78, Findlay 76:Lucy DeMartin scored 22 points, Erin Miller 17 and Sarah Duesing 13 for visiting Ferris State (5-1, 1-0 GLIAC). Michelle Vorst scored 23 points for Findlay (4-2, 0-1).

Saginaw Valley State 71, Wayne State 66:Jennifer Brogger had 25 points and nine rebounds, and Valerie Smith had 17 points and 14 boards for visiting Saginaw Valley (6-0, 1-0 GLIAC). Jodi Young scored 17 points and Ebony Vincent 14 for Wayne State (1-4, 0-1).

Mississippi State 63, Detroit Mercy 48:Tiania Burns had 17 points and 11 rebounds for host Mississippi State (2-2), which held Detroit to 32.3 percent shooting. Sara Crum and Lindsey Pasquinzo each scored 15 for the Titans (2-2).

Gannon 70, Northwood 55:Emily Thornbury scored 16 points for host Gannon (5-3, 1-0 GLIAC), which had five players with at least five rebounds. Devon Hillstrom had 14 points and 10 rebounds for Northwood (2-2, 0-1), but Gannon held a 52-36 rebounding advantage. TOP 25 WOMEN

Minnesota 82, Creighton 71:Lindsay Whalen scored 30 points for the No. 9 Gophers. Janel McCarville had 21 points and 10 rebounds for Minnesota (6-0), which tied a school record with its 14th straight home win. The Bluejays (2-3) got 20 points from Christy Neneman.

Utah 88, Gonzaga 64:Reserve Julie Wood scored 16 points and Kim Smith 15 for host No. 19 Utah

(5-1). Reanna Jewell paced Gonzaga (2-4) with 15 points.

Portland 76, Oregon 58:Khalila O'Reilly-Williams scored 17 points for host Portland (2-2). Corrie Mizusawa led No. 20 Oregon (5-1) with 12 points.

Notebook: Ryan O'Hara, the third-string quarterback at Arizona, was added to the seventh-ranked Wildcats' basketball roster.

Forward Isaiah Fox had knee surgery Tuesday and will miss at least three months.

O'Hara, a 6-foot-6 freshman, began the football season battling Nic Costa and Kris Heavner to start at quarterback, but was a third-stringer by season's end. He will play forward in basketball.

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Minnesota: UNMAP

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## MINNESOTA DULUTH (8-5-2) AT MICHIGAN TECH (2-7-3)

The series at a glance What: WCHA men's series When: 6:05 p.m. today, Saturday Where: MaclInnes Ice Arena (4,200), Houghton, Mich. Ranking: Neither team is ranked Radio-TV: KDAL, 610 AM; No TV Series: **Michigan Tech** leads 109-58-13, although UMD won three of four games last season Coaches

Jamie Russell is 2-7-3 in his first season at **Michigan Tech**

Scott Sandelin is 50-72-14 in four seasons at UMD Huskies update **Michigan Tech** is looking forward to a WCHA home series after playing three of their first four on the road -- at St. Cloud State, Minnesota State-Mankato and Minnesota. The Huskies, off last week, have a seven-game winless streak (0-5-2). Their last win was Oct. 31 at home vs. Vermont 7-3 (Vermont is 0-10-2). Sophomore D Clay Wilson of Sturgeon Lake, a former Cloquet-Esko-Carlton player, has a goal in 11 games and is on power-play and penalty-killing units. Sophomore C B.J. Radovich of Hermantown has no points in eight games. **Michigan Tech** is 5-4-1 the last 10 games vs. UMD. Freshman G Bryce Luker starts today and junior Cam Ellsworth goes Saturday Bulldogs update

UMD finishes 2003 with road trips to last-place **Michigan Tech** and No. 1-rated North Dakota. The Bulldogs are down to just 18 skaters because of injuries to D Beau Geisler and Ryan Geris, and F Dan Kronick and Brett Hammond. D Tim Hambly, who leads the team at plus-9, has been sick but is on the travel roster. Geisler sat out last week after playing in 81 straight games. Junior W Tyler Brosz has 9 points (3 goals, 6 assists) the past five games. Senior W Junior Lessard was WCHA offensive player of the week vs. Minnesota State-Mankato. UMD is 2-0-2 in overtime this season after going 1-5-5 last season

PROBABLE LINES Tyler Brosz-Tim Stapleton-T.J. Caig Marco Peluso-Luke Stauffacher-Nick Anderson Justin Williams-Evan Schwabe-Junior Lessard Jesse Unklesbay-Jeff McFarland-Josh Miskovich

DEFENSIVE PAIRS Neil Petruic-Ryan Swanson Todd Smith-Tim Hambly Jay Hardwick-Steve Czech GOALIES Isaac Reichmuth and Josh Johnson

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## Traders hanging in

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EDMONTON - The Fort Saskatchewan Traders are next to last in their division, where they finished last season. The difference is that they are keeping pace with the fast crowd in the Alberta Junior Hockey League's North Division.

"It's a scramble for everyone right now," said Nolan Crouse, coach of the seventh place Traders who sit a game under .500 with a 12-13-4 record.

With three games in hand over most of the division, the Traders are just eight points behind second place St. Albert, as they begin a home-and-home series with the Saints tonight at 7:35 p.m. at the Jubilee Rec Centre.

They visit Akinsdale arena Saturday at 7 p.m.

"It's conceivable that the entire division could be over .500 at the end of the year, so there's no opportunity to take a night off," said Crouse.

Having given up the most goals and scored the second fewest in the North, the Traders have still found a way to hang in.

"We're grittier, bigger now," said Crouse, who added four new defencemen during the off-season.

That gritty element, according to Crouse, was lacking last season during a tailspin when the club won just four games after November and lost 20. They finished 14 points out of the playoffs.

Goals remain at a premium with offensive talent Mitch McGillvary having been sidelined almost since the start of the season.

He's out with a deep thigh bruise.

Team captian Tyler Hawryluk has been hot of late with two goals and an assist in Wednesday's 5-4 win over Drayton Valley, but no Trader is among the league's top 20 scorers.

"Right now it's a requisite that to win, we do it by committee," said Crouse.

### AROUND THE AJHL

Canmore Eagle Chad Lacasse, with four goals in his last three games, has jumped into the lead in goal scoring (25 in 33 games).

Former leader Nick Johnson of St. Albert (22 goals in 28) could be out until after Christmas with a shoulder injury.

Sherwood Park Crusader leading scorer Michael Ringrose had two goals and two assists in two games with St. Albert this week.

Saints captain Tim Yaworski had three goals and an assist in

those games. Both teams won on home ice.

### ON THE WHL FRONT

The Western Hockey League had 16 players invited to the Canadian World Junior team tryout camp.

Of the 12 defencemen at camp, eight are from the Dub including five of the top 34 picks in June's NHL draft.

Edmontonians Dion Phaneuf with the Red Deer Rebels (No. 9 overall, Calgary) and TriCities' Shawn Belle (No. 30, St. Louis) will be at the selection camp next week in Kitchener.

Portland Winter Hawks' Braydon Coburn was No. 8 overall (Atlanta) and six-foot-six Lethbridge Hurricane Brent Seabrook was picked by No. 14 by Chicago. Tough nosed Calgary Hitman blueliner Mike Egner went No. 34 to Tampa Bay.

### IN THE NCAA

Former Fort McMurray Oil Baron Colin Murphy is fifth in NCAA scoring with nine goals and 19 points in 12 games for **Michigan Tech**. The 23-year-old winger became a father this summer to a boy, Easton.

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## Michigan Tech 52, N. Michigan 48

HOUGHTON, Mich.

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Josh Buettner scored 18 points to lead **Michigan Tech** to a 52-48 win over Northern Michigan in Thursday night's conference opener for both teams.

Jason Marcotte added 13 points for the Huskies (7-0, 1-0 Great Lakes Intercollegiate), who never trailed in the game. Jeff McHenry pulled down eight rebounds to go with his nine points.

Antwuan Holt led Northern Michigan (4-2, 0-1) with 15 points and Milan Azanjac chipped in 10 points and eight rebounds.

**Michigan Tech** led 25-15 at the half, but Northern Michigan shot 54.5 percent in the second half to the Huskies' 39.1 percent to tighten the scoring gap.

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SPTS

## UMD can play more than defense

The highest scoring team in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association?

If you said Minnesota Duluth, you're a true WCHA statistic freak. The Bulldogs haven't finished first in league goal-scoring since 1992-93 (when they won the MacNaughton Cup and advanced to the NCAA Division I tournament.)

But through eight games this season, UMD has the WCHA's top offense with 4.88 goals a game. Top-ranked North Dakota is second at 4.83.

While defense always will be stressed by coach Scott Sandelin and his staff, having a few extra goals has been a benefit. The Bulldogs are in second place in the league after 8-5 and 5-4 home wins last weekend over Minnesota State-Mankato.

"If you're winning, scoring a lot of goals is fine," says Sandelin. "If you're losing, it doesn't matter."

UMD made a point of winning with defense last season, especially in going 11-4-1 the final 16 games. The Bulldogs allowed just 2.81 goals per game (second-best in the league) and scored 3.34 on offense.

This season the Bulldogs are fifth among 10 teams in WCHA defense – allowing three goals a game.

"I'd like to cut our goals-against down by one goal," said Sandelin.

The Bulldogs (8-5-2) head into Friday and Saturday games at last-place **Michigan Tech** with the league's No. 1 power play (29.7 percent efficiency) and No. 1 scorer in senior winger Junior Lessard (12 goals, nine assists, 21 points).

UMD has a five-game unbeaten streak (4-0-1), including a unique last four games. The Bulldogs trailed at Union College by two goals each night and rallied for a tie and win, and against Mankato led by five goals Friday and four goals Saturday before holding on to win.

"The feeling (Saturday) after getting a 4-0 lead was that we had enough goals and should just play defense, and sometimes that thinking can get you in trouble," said UMD winger Justin Williams, who scored the winning goal in overtime.

Getting the lead has been a UMD strength. The Bulldogs have outscored opponents 21-11 in the first period this season. HURTING DOGS

Sandelin left defensemen Beau Geisler and Ryan Geris, and forwards Dan Kronick and Brett Hammond, at home with injuries this weekend. Defen-

seman Tim Hambly made the trip to **Michigan Tech**, but has been sick all week.

Because UMD has just five healthy defenseman, junior winger Josh Miskovich of Pengilly spent time on defense at practice this week.

### TECH SCORERS COOL

First-year **Michigan Tech** coach Jamie Russell got to see the top-scoring line in Division I during the first month of the season. Wingers Chris Conner and Colin Murphy, and center Taggart Desmet play for the Huskies.

While those three have cooled recently, Russell believes the line is as good as any in the WCHA and hopes it gets untracked this weekend against UMD in Houghton, Mich.

Russell, 37, a former **Michigan Tech** defenseman who followed Mike Sertich as coach, has brought in a more aggressive style.

"This was a more passive team and now we really go after teams," says Russell, a Cornell assistant the past four years.

The Huskies (10-24-4 last season) are young. In their last series, two losses at Minnesota on Nov. 21-22, they had 13 freshmen and sophomores in the lineup.

Scoring leader Murphy (9-10-19), a junior, has one goal the past four games. Conner (12-6-18), a sophomore, has been held without a point the past five games. Desmet (4-8-12), a freshman, has one assist the past five games.

Not coincidentally, **Michigan Tech** (2-7-3) is on a seven-game winless streak at 0-5-2 and is winless in the league at 0-6-2.

#### HOT BADGERS

The Wisconsin Badgers (8-3-3) are the hottest team in Division I. They're on a 10-game unbeaten streak (7-0-3) following weekend road wins at Michigan 3-1 and Michigan State 2-1 in overtime.

Remember the Badgers last season? They were 10 games under .500 and placed eighth in the WCHA under first-year coach Mike Eaves (13-23-4).

"We're kind of on the other end of the spectrum from last year," sophomore defenseman Tom Sawatske of Duluth told the Wisconsin State Journal.

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## In brief

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College football

Pointers' Johnson nabs academic honor

STEVENS POINT -- University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point lineman Craig Johnson (Green Bay Preble) has been named to the CoSIDA academic all-America college division football first team.

Johnson led the Pointers with 19 tackles for loss and six sacks. The junior carries a business administration major and has a 3.81 grade point average.

High schools

Enders is named the state's AD of the year

Laona's Chuck Enders was named the state athletics director of the year by the Wisconsin Athletic Directors' Association.

The award is given to an athletics administrator who is an educational leader and maintains athletics as a part of the total education program.

Green Bay Southwest's Tim Moran was named AD of the year in District IV.

College basketball

Huskies' Buettner is GLIAC player of week

HOUGHTON, Mich. -- **Michigan Tech's** Josh Buettner (Shawano), was named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference North Division men's basketball player of the week after helping the Huskies to three road victories.

Buettner, a 6-foot-9 sophomore forward, had 19 points and seven rebounds in a 68-58 victory over the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, 19 points and seven rebounds in a 72-57 victory over Minnesota-Duluth and 24 points, four rebounds, three steals and three blocks in a 75-67 win over Winona State.

\* UW-Stevens Point forward Eric Maus (Green Bay Southwest) was nominated for the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference men's basketball player of the week.

Arena football

Blizzard will hold tryout in Franklin

The af2's Green Bay Blizzard will hold a tryout in Franklin on Saturday.

The event will be held at the Milwaukee County Sports Complex. Advance registration is \$50. Walk-up registration is \$55 and will be held 9-9:30 a.m.

For more information, call (920) 405-1264.

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