COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Michigan Tech edges Northern with late triple

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MARQUETTE

Jason Marcotte banked in an off-balance three-pointer with less than one second on the clock Monday night as Michigan Tech beat Northern Michigan, 58-56, ending the Wildcats' six-game winning streak.

Northern had the ball and a 56-52 lead with less than a minute to go, but the Wildcats missed a jumper and two free throws and gave up an offensive rebound ahead of the winning shot. Kelsey Fors' three-pointer made it 56-55.

Marcotte led the Huskies (17-4, 11-3 Great Lakes Conference) with 19 points. Josh Buettner had 13.

Ricky Volcy scored 20 and Billy Hill 13 for Northern (14-9, 8-6), which led, 41-34, before the Huskies scored 16 in a row. But Hill's three-pointer gave the Wildcats a 56-52 lead with 1:42 left.

Findlay 71, Wayne State 66: Matt Metzger scored 16 for host Findlay (19-6, 11-4). Kendall LeSure scored 14 and Oscar Sanders 11 for the Warriors (13-10, 8-6), who lost their third in a row. But they are still ahead of Northwood (8-7) and Hillsdale (5-8) in the race for two GLIAC tournament wild-card spots.

Ferris State 91, Grand Valley State 78: Corey Epps came off the bench to score 21 points and Carlton Epps added 20 for visiting Ferris State (11-13, 11-4 GLIAC). Courtney James scored 15 points to lead Grand Valley State (13-11, 5-10).

Wayne County CC 94, Henry Ford CC 79: Marc Williams had 24 points and eight rebounds, and Rickey Henderson had 22 points and nine rebounds for visiting Wayne County (15-6, 11-3 MCCAA). Lawrence Baker scored 30 points and Ron McGrew 25 for Henry Ford (10-15, 4-10).

Oklahoma State 65, Oklahoma 52: Ivan McFarlin scored 21 to lead No. 7 Oklahoma State (20-2, 10-1 Big 12) to its first season sweep of Oklahoma in six years. The Sooners (16-6, 6-5) lost at home for only the third time in 51 games.

WOMEN

Oakland 75, Centenary 60: Jayme Wilson scored 23 points for the host Grizzlies (16-8, 9-4 Mid-Continent). Amanda Batcha scored 16, Petra Manakova 12 and Anne Hafeli 11. Alexis Pettway scored 17 for Centenary (4-19, 2-10).

Northern Michigan 68, Michigan Tech 60: Emily Samuelson had 23 points, nine rebounds and six assists for the host Wildcats (18-4, 10-4 GLIAC). Andrea Novak and Maria Schneider each scored 11 to pace Michigan Tech (13-9, 8-6).

Wayne State 81, Findlay 70: Ebony Vincent scored 30 points for the visiting Warriors (10-13, 6-8), who moved ahead of Findlay for the third playoff spot in the GLIAC South. Michelle Vorst scored 20 for Findlay (14-11, 6-9).

Ferris State 72, Grand Valley State 66: Lucy DeMartin scored 23 points for the visiting Bulldogs (17-7, 12-3). Julie Zeeff scored 31 for Grand Valley (10-13, 7-8).

Men's Top 25: Stanford replaced Duke at No. 1 in the Associated Press poll, and St. Joseph's moved up to No. 2. The Cardinal (21-0) and the Hawks (22-0), the only undefeated teams in Division I, each rose one spot after Duke (21-2) lost to North Carolina State, 78-74, Sunday night. Pittsburgh (23-2) dropped one place to fifth.

Notebook: Dave Faucher resigned as Dartmouth's coach, effective at the end of the season. With six games remaining, Dartmouth is 3-19. . . Indiana forward Sean Kline will undergo surgery on his right knee and will miss the rest of the season, coach Mike Davissaid. The sopho-
more hurt his knee when he fell in the Hoosiers’ 71-56 loss Saturday at Purdue.

Players of the week: Big Ten -- Wisconsin junior guard Devin Harris (49 points in two games); Ohio State junior guard Caity Matter (51 points, 11 rebounds in two games). Mid-American Conference West -- Eastern Michigan junior forward Markus Austin (53 points, 13 rebounds in two games); Eastern Michigan senior guard Marion Crandal- lof Homer (30 points, 12 rebounds in two games). Horizon League -- Youngstown State junior guard Doug Underwood (40 points in two games); Wisconsin-Milwaukee senior center Maria Viall (40 points, 27 rebounds, seven steals in two games). Great Lakes Conference North -- Grand Valley State junior forward Eric Chessof Grand Rapids Central (43 points, 15 rebounds in two games); Ferris State senior guard Lucy DeMartinof Mason (50 points, nine assists in two games). Great Lakes South -- Hillsdale freshman forward Nikki Wustmanof Grandville Calvin Christian (25 points, 13 rebounds in one game). Michigan Inter-collegiate Athletic Association -- Hope junior guard Daane- Griffithof Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern (45 points in two games); Hope senior forward Lauren Jensenof Manistee (31 points, 21 rebounds in two games). Wolverine-Hoosier Conference -- Siena Heights senior forward Doug Grayof Adrian Lenawee Christian (40 points, 21 rebounds in two games); Aquinas sophomore guard Cassie Chanof Wyoming Godwin Heights (27 points, eight assists, six steals in two games).
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Northern Michigan (14-9, 8-6) was led by 20 points from Ricky Volcy and 13 by Billy Hill. Steve Watts came off the bench to add 10 for the Wildcats, who held a 26-22 half-time lead.

Michigan Tech hit 45.1 percent of its shots for the game. Northern Michigan hit 38.8 percent.
A look at top Canadian performers in NCAA hockey over the weekend

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS

Andrew Lackner, a sophomore defenceman from Elmira, Ont., was named CHA defensive player of the week. He had a team-high three assists for Niagara in a two-game split at Alabama-Huntsville.

Junior forward Andrew Murray from Selkirk, Man., scored a power-play goal in Bemidji State's 3-2 loss at St. Cloud State on Saturday. Murray has recorded a point in each of his four games since returning from a broken ankle injury.

Freshman forward Dominik Rozman of Wallaceburg, Ont., recorded his first career assist when he set up the game-winning goal in the Alabama-Huntsville's 4-2 win over Niagara Friday.

Travis Rycroft, a senior forward from Penticton, B.C., scored his third goal of the season in Wayne State's 4-1 loss to Northern Michigan on Friday, surpassing his total of two goals in his first three seasons.

Jeff VanNynatten of Stratford, Ont., recorded his second consecutive shutout and extended his unbeaten streak to nine games in Niagara's 8-0 win over Alabama-Huntsville. His streak ended in Saturday's 4-2 loss.

Central Collegiate Hockey Association

David Brown, a freshman goaltender from Stoney Creek, Ont., stopped 56 of 59 shots for the weekend and was Saturday's third star as the University of Notre Dame won two against Ferris State. He leads the CCHA with a 2.08 goals-against average and has an 11-5-3 record with four shutouts.

Junior Forward Matt Hunter of Edmonton had three goals and two assists in Northern Michigan University's weekend sweep of Wayne State.

Senior forward Ryan Lang of Regina had two assists in each game of the University of Alaska Fairbanks's weekend split with visiting Michigan State.

Andrew Schembri, a freshman forward from Mississauga, Ont., earned CCHA rookie of the week honours. He scored two goals Friday, including the winner, and added a goal and a game-winning assist on Saturday as the Ohio State University swept Nebraska Omaha.

Junior goaltender Jordan Sigalet of Surrey, B.C., stopped 41 of 43 shots as Bowling Green State University earned three points in their weekend series with Lake Superior State. The Boston Bruins draft pick has played over 54 minutes with a .970 save percentage and 1-1-8 record in overtime this season.
Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference

Senior defenceman Scott Basiuk of Prince Albert, Sask., scored three goals, including a game-winner, in Rensselear's weekend sweep of Harvard and league-leading Brown. Basiuk was named ECAC co-player of the week.

Byron Bitz, a freshman forward from Corman Park, Sask., had four assists in Cornell's 6-1 win over Princeton for his fifth multipoint game of the season. Bitz was named ECAC rookie of the week, and is third in the ECAC in rookie scoring.

Sophomore goaltender Josh Gartner of Richmond Hill, Ont., stopped 59 of 62 shots for Yale on the weekend, including 31 in a win over Colgate and 28 in a 2-1 loss to Cornell.

Shane Hynes, a sophomore forward from Calgary, had four points in Cornell's win over Princeton and assisted on the opening goal in a 2-1 win over Yale. Hynes was named ECAC co-player of the week.

Senior goaltender Nathan Marsters of Grimsby, Ont., stopped 64 of 66 shots on the weekend for Rensselear, including 34 in a 3-2 win over Harvard on Friday and 30 in a 4-0 shutout of league-leading Brown on Saturday.

Hockey East Association

Junior forward Preston Callander of Regina scored two goals and added two assists for the University of New Hampshire in a pair of 3-3 draws against Umass Lowell.

Senior goaltender Sean Fields of Edmonton won his second-straight Beanpot MVP title. Fields made 50 saves for Boston university in a 2-1 overtime loss to Boston College in the Beanpot final and finished the week with a 2.28 goals-against average and a .920 save percentage over three games.

Junior goaltender Keni Gibson of Stittsville, Ont., was named Hockey East defensive player of the week. Gibson made 94 saves on 98 shots over the week for Northeastern University, including 32 in a 0-0 tie with Maine.

Elias Godoy, a sophomore forward from West Vancouver, B.C., scored three goals and an assist for UMass Lowell in a pair of 3-3 ties in a weekend set against New Hampshire.

Freshman goaltender Jim Healey of Holyrood, Nfld., earned his second straight Hockey East rookie of the week award. He limited Boston University to one goal on 34 shots to lead Merrimack College to a 3-1 victory Thursday.

Western Collegiate Hockey Association

Ryan Caldwell, a senior defenceman from Deloraine, Man., netted his first collegiate hat trick in the University of Denver's 9-7 victory over Minnesota State University on Saturday night. He also had two assists Friday night in a 7-1 win over MSU. Caldwell is tied in for the scoring lead among WCHA defencemen with 12 goals and 11 assists in 30 games played.

Freshman forward Taggart Desmet of Strathmore, Alta., scored two goals in each game of Michigan Tech University's weekend sweep of Alaska Anchorage. Desmet is third in scoring overall among WCHA rookies with 11 goals and 11 assists.
Junior Lessard, a senior forward from St. Joseph deBeauce, Que., scored two goals and set up three others in the University of Minnesota-Duluth's weekend sweep of Minnesota. Lessard, in the midst of a career-high 11-game point-scoring streak, leads the WCHA in scoring with 17 goals and 17 assists in 22 games played.

Sophomore goaltender Isaac Reichmuth from Fruitvale, B.C., backstopped University of Minnesota-Duluth to a weekend sweep over Minnesota, stopping 60 of 62 shots in the two-game series. Reichmuth has a 1.74 goals-against average and .935 save percentage during UMD's current 12-game unbeaten streak.

Matt Zaba, a freshman goaltender from Yorkton, Sask., backstopped Colorado College to a 4-1 win over No. 2 ranked North Dakota Saturday night, stopping 33 of 34 shots. Zaba leads the WCHA with a 1.87 goals-against average and a .925 save percentage.
**LOCAL CLIPBOARD**

**CURLING**

Four teams advance

WAUPACA, Wis. - Four teams earned their tickets to the USA Curling men's national tournament during the Second Chance tournament, which ended Sunday.


Barcome had won four straight matches after losing his first matches in the tournament.

"The guys are really tired, but I told them to dig in," Barcome said during the midway point of his game.

In the B qualifier final earlier Sunday, Wisconsin's George Godfrey defeated Johnson 7-6 to earn a trip to nationals.

The game was won in championship fashion, with Paul Pustovar, who throws last rocks and calls the shots for Godfrey's team, drawing the button with the final shot.

"You can't get rid of me yet," joked Pustovar, a six-time national champion whose bid for a seventh title was temporarily derailed just weeks ago when his own team failed to advance in the Wisconsin state playoffs. Pustovar was picked up by Godfrey as a fifth player and quickly moved into a key role with the team.

North Dakota's Craig Disher won the A qualifier over Johnson on Saturday night.

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**COLLEGE HOCKEY**

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Huskies maul Seawolves
FUNERAL: Last-place Tech buries UAA under five first-period goals

By DOYLE WOODY
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A recorded chant of "Defense, defense, defense" played over the public address system inside Sullivan Arena midway through Saturday night's UAA-Michigan Tech hockey game.

Presumably, the audio was designed to inspire the home team and its announced crowd of 3,726. Given the circumstances, though -- the Seawolves trailed by seven goals -- the chant seemed mocking. If there was one thing UAA lacked to that point, it was any semblance of defense.

Instead, UAA came out on the victim's end of a Valentine's Night Massacre. Last-place Michigan Tech throttled, humiliated and humiliated the Seawolves, 9-4, to complete a series sweep.

Michigan Tech reeled off five first-period goals, struck twice on the power play early in the second period and turned what was intended to be a celebration into a wake. Saturday was Parents Night for the moms and dads of UAA players, and a red carpet was rolled onto the ice for them and assorted relatives in the first intermission. But by then, the mood inside the building was funereal.

UAA coach John Hill, who has been part of the school's hockey program for about a dozen years as a team captain, assistant coach and head coach, was hard pressed to recall a more disappointing evening in his green-and-gold career.

"Right now, to me, this may be the low point of my involvement with the team," he said.

And that's from a guy whose team last season endured a school-record, 35-game winless streak and did not win a game in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

Sophomore defenseman Spence Gilchrist echoed Hill's sentiments.

"Right off the bat, things weren't clicking," Gilchrist said. "We couldn't get bounces and it seemed like every chance they got was a grade-A chance, and a guy was open with no one on him. Every mistake we made ended up in our net."

Michigan Tech's nine goals were the most it has scored in a WCHA road game since December 1987, and it marked the most goals UAA has surrendered in a game this season. The Huskies' sweep -- they won 3-2 Friday night -- marked their first WCHA sweep this season and their first back-to-back victories.

"I asked the guys to come out tonight and play with a real sense of urgency and desperation, and they responded," said Michigan Tech coach Jamie Russell.

The Seawolves, meanwhile, are mired in a season-worst, four-game losing streak and will be without leading scorer Curtis Glencross for next Friday's game at Minnesota. Glencross received a major penalty and game disqualification for butt-ending late in the first period -- which led to Tech's two power-play goals early in the second period -- and NCAA rules require him to serve a one-game suspension.

Already decimated by injuries -- defenseman Mark Smith (separated shoulder) and center Charlie Kronschnabel (strained groin) missed the series -- the Seawolves ended the game with another player ailing. Winger Nick Lowe suffered back spasms Saturday, and after the game, he walked out of the training room with the shuffling gait of an arthritic, old man.

The Huskies initiated their onslaught less than four minutes into the game when speedy sophomore winger Chris Conner stripped Justin Bourne of the puck in the neutral zone and scored his nation-leading eighth short-handed goal and school record-tying 11th shorty of his career. He is just two shy of tying John Madden's NCAA single-season record of 10.

Michigan Tech pounced on turnovers time and again, and by period's end Taggart Desmet had scored two goals and Ryan Markham and Frank Werner had each scored on UAA goalie Chris King (10 saves), who was pulled in favor of Kevin Reiter to open the second period.

The Seawolves, who entered the evening averaging a league-low 2.29 goals per game in WCHA games, rolled.

"Regardless of where they are in the standings, they still have players who can score and you
have to respect them," said UAA assistant captain Jimmy Dahl.

Dahl scored two goals, including a short-hander, and Ales Parez and Chris Fournier added late power-play goals. But none of that softened the blow of being swept on home ice by a last-place team. The Seawolves huddled in their locker room for a team meeting after the game.

Hill said he encouraged his players to prevent the season from unraveling on them.

"Like I told the guys, they need to stick together," Hill said. "They can't splinter and point fingers."

Still, the Seawolves found it difficult to be upbeat after getting beat up.

"It's really disappointing for everyone," Gilchrist said. "With the things we know we can do and the way we know we can play, and to have this happen, this is inexcusable."

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First Period -- 1, MTU, Conner 24, 3:44 (sh); 2, MTU, Markham 1 (Pietila), 5:43; 3, MTU, Desmet 10 (Conner), 6:45; 4, MTU, Werner 3 (Wilson), 10:25; 5, MTU, Desmet 11 (Engelhardt), 17:46. Penalties -- Brown, MTU (holding), 2:44; Johnson, UAA (roughing), 6:28; Helminen, MTU (holding), 6:28; Stuchlik, UAA (roughing), 11:38; Ulvin, MTU, double minor (high-sticking, roughing), 11:38; Glencross, UAA, major-game disqualification, served by Stuchlik (butting), 17:46.

Second Period -- 6, MTU, Pittis 5 (Engelhardt, Murphy), 1:17 (pp); 7, MTU, Schwartz 7 (Pittis, Wilson), 2:04 (pp); 8, MTU, Ulvin 3 (Engelhardt, Helminen), 9:48; 9, UAA, Dahl 3 (Stuchlik, Lowe), 16:10. Penalties -- Parez, UAA (roughing), 10:13; Helminen, MTU (roughing), 10:13; Engelhardt, MTU (trippling), 13:25; Saittakari, MTU (holding), 18:01.

Third Period -- 10, UAA, Dahl 4 (Anderson), 6:58 (sh); 11, MTU, Hartman 2 (Wilson, Dora), 7:29 (pp); 12, UAA, Parez 4 (Johnson, Fournier), 14:58 (pp); 13, UAA, Fournier 11 (Parez), 16:06. Penalties -- McMullan, UAA (cross-checking), 6:11; Brown, MTU (holding), 8:20; Brown, MTU (holding), 13:02; Scott, MTU (interference), 15:16; Pittis, MTU (holding), 17:50.

Shots on goal -- MTU 15-12-5--32; UAA 12-13-18--43.

Power-play Opportunities -- MTU 3 of 5; UAA 2 of 8.

Goalies -- MTU, Ellsworth, 3-8-1 (43 shots-39 saves); UAA, King, 4-8-2 (15-10); Reiter, enter 0:00 2nd period (17-13).

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The Huskies’ string of eight unanswered goals was broken when Anchorage's Jim Dahl connected on the power play at 16:10 of the second and 7:58 of the third. The Seawolves added two more goals in the final five minutes.

The game handed the Seawolves their worst loss of the season and gave Huskies their highest score.

King took the loss, dropping to 4-8-2. Reiter allowed three goals on 18 attempts in the final two periods.

Michigan Tech goalie Cam Ellsworth knocked away 28 shots to improve to 3-9-1.
Michigan offense overpowers Miami

David Goricki

ANN ARBOR: Miami of Ohio freshman goaltender Brandon Crawford-West had no place to hide Saturday night at Yost Arena.

No. 5 Michigan faced No. 8 Miami for first place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, and the Wolverines were at the top of their game offensively, getting a season high in goals in an 8-5 victory to complete a weekend series sweep. U-M has won 17 in a row against Miami at Yost.

Michigan (21-8-1, 16-5-1) scored got seven goals on 21 shots to take a 7-3 lead, which led to the departure of Miami goalie Crawford-West with 6:18 remaining. The Wolverines got four goals in a span of 4:24 late in the first period to take a 4-2 lead. They never trailed.

The Wolverines, who have two games in hand over Miami (18-11-3, 15-7-2), can take command in the CCHA next weekend in a series against Bowling Green at Yost. Miami is idle.

"These were huge games to win," Michigan Coach Red Berenson said. "But how can you be happy when you give up five goals and you could have given up 10? When the score was 7-3 it could have just as easily been 7-3 with them in the lead. But that's college hockey. It's heart-attack hockey."

Dwight Helminen scored twice, and Milan Gajic, Brandon Kaleniecki, T.J. Hensick, Brandon Rogers, Matt Hunwick and David Moss also scored. Hensick had two assists.

Gajic started the four-goal, first-period flurry when he one-timed Andrew Ebbett's pass from the left circle for a power-play goal to tie the score at 1.

After Matt Davis scored to give Miami a 2-1 lead, Helminen took a centering pass from Eric Werner and beat Crawford-West with a wrist shot.

Kaleniecki got his team-best 14th goal of the season 28 seconds later when he took a pass from Hensick off the face-off and scored on a slap shot for a 3-2 lead.

Hensick made it 4-2 when he scored on a two-man advantage off a shot from the bottom of the left circle.

Chris Busby cut Miami's deficit to 4-3 early in the second, but Michigan answered with goals from Rogers, Helminen and Hunwick to send Crawford-West to the bench and take control. Moss scored for the Wolverines in the third.

Lake Superior State 0, (at) Bowling Green 0: Jeff Jakaitis made 31 saves for Lake Superior (6-16-6, 4-14-4 CCHA). Jordan Sigalet had 21 saves for Bowling Green (9-14-8, 7-11-5).

Northern Michigan 5, (at) Wayne State 2: Matt Hunter had two goals and two assists for Northern (16-12-2). Greg Poupard and Matt Boldt scored for Wayne (6-20-2).


Late Friday


WCHA ROUNDUP
Duluth sweeps Gophers for the first time ever

Herald Staff and Wire Reports

Marco Peluso scored two power-play goals to lead Minnesota Duluth, as the Bulldogs completed their first-ever season sweep of Minnesota with a 4-1 win on Saturday night in Duluth.

Junior Lessard had a goal and an assist, Luke Stauffacher added an empty-netter and Isaac Reichmuth made 28 saves for Duluth (20-8-3, 16-5-1 WCHA), which swept a four-game season series over an opponent for the first time since the 1996-97 season.

With the win and North Dakota’s loss at Colorado College, the Bulldogs who routed the defending national-champion Gophers 6-1 on Friday night moved into sole possession of first place in the WCHA.

Duluth also extended the nation’s longest unbeaten streak to 12 games.

After Peluso’s first-period goal, Minnesota’s Keith Ballard made it 1-1 with his 10th goal of the season at 7:46 of the second.

But Peluso, who entered the game with three goals on the season, answered with 46 seconds left in the period on assists from Neil Petruic and Tim Hambly.

Kellen Briggs made 16 saves for the Gophers (18-11-1, 11-10-1). Minnesota entered the weekend with the nation’s best power play, but went 0-for-10 in both games.

It was another physical game in the heated rivalry between the teams. Nineteen penalties were called 10 for roughing.

St. Cloud State 3, Bemidji State 2: Former Grafton-Park River star Garrett Larson scored the game-winning goal for St. Cloud as the Huskies edged Bemidji State in St. Cloud.

Dave Iannazzo added two goals for the Huskies (18-9-3). Andrew Murray and Lou Gianfian pushed Bemidji (15-10-2) to a 2-1 lead halfway through the second. But Iannazzo’s second goal of the game made it 2-2 in the second. Larson scored with less than 30 seconds remaining in the second period for the game winner.

The Beavers, who had 13 third-period shots on goal, outshot the Huskies 31-27.

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PREP ROUNDUP: Connelly's deflection lifts Jefferson

From staff reports

Brian Connelly’s shot hit goalie Jeff Shirley but trickled into the net with 6:38 remaining in the third period Saturday night, lifting Bloomington Jefferson to a 4-3 boys hockey victory over crosstown rival Kennedy.

It also kept the Jaguars alone in first place in the Lake Conference.

Connelly, a junior defenseman, and Matt Overman had two goals each for Jefferson (18-4-1, 14-2), ranked No. 7 in the metro. The Jaguars lead No. 3 Eden Prairie by a half-game with two games left in the conference schedule.

Dan Engberg had a goal and an assist for Kennedy (10-11-2, 5-9-2).

* Adam Davis' second goal of the game at 3:05 in overtime gave Lakeville a 2-1 victory over Eastview in a Lake Conference game. B.J. O'Brien stopped 30 of 31 shots for the Panthers (13-5-5, 8-5-3). Tyler Brigl stopped 27 of 29 for the Lightning (11-10-2, 8-8).

* Dan Sexton and Alex Coles had two goals and two assists each as Apple Valley blanked Rosemount 6-0. Matt Lundin made 29 saves to get the shutout, and Ben Goughner scored his first two goals of the season for the Eagles (11-10-1, 7-7-1).

* Eagan beat Chaska 2-1 on a goal by Tom Freeman with six minutes remaining in the third period. Jason Hansen made 27 saves for the Wildcats (12-11, 7-9).

* No. 2 White Bear Lake bounced back from its loss to Moorhead on Friday night with a 3-2 Suburban East Conference victory over Hastings. Pat Connelly scored two goals for the Bears (20-4, 13-0), who wrapped up the SEC championship earlier in the week. David Grun added a goal and two assists.

* Justin Bostrom's second goal turned out to be the winner as Mounds View (16-7-1, 8-4-1) beat Roseville 5-4 and closed to within a half-game of the second-place Raiders (14-10, 5-0). Bostrom also had an assist for the Mustangs.

* Peter Winberg scored a goal in each of the first two periods to send Woodbury (14-9, 6-7) to a 4-1 SEC victory over Stillwater.

* Hill-Murray, which clinched the Classic Suburban championship Thursday with a victory over St. Thomas Academy, kept its conference record perfect with a 5-4 victory over Tartan. But it took a goal by Billy Leier with 3:11 left in the game to win it for the Pioneers (18-5, 15-0). Aaron Purpur had two goals and two assists for Tartan (18-5, 11-4).

* North St. Paul got four goals in the second period from the line of Matt French, C.J. Wilms and Ryan Stewart and defeated St. Thomas Academy 6-3. French ignited the outburst with the first of his two goals, at 2:29 of the middle period, and he concluded it four minutes later. Wilms had a goal and three assists for the Polars (9-11-3, 6-7-1).

* Breck, the No. 4 team in the metro, won its 15th game in a row and extended its unbeaten streak to 20 with a 6-0 Tri-Metro victory over Minnehaha Academy. Dustin Fulton scored two goals, and Blake Wheeler added a goal and an assist for the Mustangs (20-1-1, 5-0), who lead eighth-ranked Blake by one game with two conference games to go.

* Ryan Kelly had two goals and three assists, and Eli Vlaisavljevich had two goals and three assists as St. Agnes/St. Bernard's/Concordia Academy beat St. Paul Academy/Mounds Park Academy 8-4. Michigan Tech recruit Eli Vlaisavljevich had two goals and three assists for SA/SB/CA (15-7-1, 2-3-1).

* Justin Kowalkowski made Scott Leistiko's first-period goal stand up with a 21-save shutout as No. 8 Blake (21-2) beat Totino-Grace 1-0 in a nonconference game. Dave Norling made 27 saves for the Eagles (14-9).

* Nick Stalock scored three goals in South St. Paul's 4-2
victory over Rochester John Marshall, and his brother Alex stopped 24 of 26 shots for the Packers (18-3-1).

* Chris Hickey scored two goals and set up another for Cretin-Derham Hall, a 7-0 winner over the St. Paul Hawks. Sam Kinne made 14 saves for the Raiders (8-11-2).

GIRLS HOCKEY

* Simley, the 11th seed, stormed back with five unanswered goals in the third period to upset third-seeded Holy Angels 7-5 in a Section 4A quarterfinal game.

Ashley Davenport set up Lizzi Schreiner for the goal that set off the Simley outburst at 3:08 of the final period, after Holy Angels had taken a 5-2 lead on Jennifer Pusch's third goal of the game. Davenport then scored at 5:50, and it was her second goal, with 1:11 left in the game, that put the Spartans (8-15-2) ahead for good.

Holy Angels, the Missota Conference champion, ended its season 19-7.

* Kelly Jensen struck for three goals, and Meaghan Pezon had two goals and an assist as top-seeded Eden Prairie (20-5-1) downed Prior Lake 6-3 in a 6AA quarterfinal game.

* No. 2 seed Wayzata (21-4-1) got a goal and three assists from Tiff Johnson, and Jill Arendt made 15 saves in the Royals' 4-0 victory over Minnetonka.

BOYS BASKETBALL

* Mark Bohland scored 15 points, and Matt Cadwell tossed in another 13 as Cretin-Derham Hall (17-4) defeated Hill-Murray 58-51 in a nonconference game. Alex Hintz had 16 for the Pioneers (13-7).

* Ryan Kees scored 14 points and grabbed 13 rebounds as Eagan beat Rochester Century 62-51. Courtney Tyler led the Wildcats (11-9) with 20 points.

* Isaiah Dahlman scored 32 points in Braham's 78-57 victory over Christ's Household of Faith. Evan Palenschat scored 16 for the Lions.

* Steve Olson scored 18 points, and Timmy Soliday added 13 as Apple Valley (10-10) beat Marshall 59-51.

* Totino-Grace got 20 points from Pat Wotta and 16 from David Combs in a 54-51 nonconference victory over Duluth Denfeld. Matt Lien scored 20 for Denfeld.

* St. Agnes held Zimmerman to three points each in the second and third quarters en route to an 89-29 victory. Justin Samuelson and Joe Koenig scored 15 points apiece for the Aggies (2-17).

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* Visitation withstood a 22-point effort by St. Agnes' Kelly Fitzpatrick to claim a 57-40 Tri-Metro victory over the Aggies. Katherine Hendricks scored 15 and Chelsea Hernandez 12 for the Blazers (11-8, 5-5).
Another one slips away
FRIDAY THE 13TH: For the Seawolves, it's just another Friday loss

By DOYLE WOODY
Anchorage Daily News

The Seawolves' season is slipping away from them, and their standing in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association is also hitting the skids.

UAA's 3-2 loss to last-place Michigan Tech at Sullivan Arena on Friday night extended the Seawolves' losing streak to three games, matched their worst stretch of the season and dropped them to eighth place in the 10-team WCHA.

Of course, a Friday night loss was status quo for the Seawolves -- they are just 1-10-1 in WCHA games played on Fridays.

"This Friday thing is getting old," said UAA's Curtis Glencross.

While it wasn't as if the Seawolves produced a total clunker of an effort, the Huskies played with more resolve and earned the result that a greater will usually generates. They outshot the Seawolves (29-26); won battles along the boards, crashed the net, played with more discipline and picked up just their second road win of the season to pull within four points of ninth-place Minnesota State-Mankato.

"We're desperate for points," said Michigan Tech coach Jamie Russell. "We're looking up at everyone. We put ourselves in a pretty good position if we get four points here."

The Seawolves, who were coming off a devastating 4-3 loss at Colorado College last Saturday -- they led that game 3-1 with less than eight minutes left -- had back their first line of Chris Fournier centering Glencross and Ales Parez. They had home-ice advantage. And they had the incentive of still being in a realistic race for sixth place.

Even so, they never put the Huskies on their heels, not when Glencross gave them a 1-0 first-period lead with his team-high 14th goal, and not when Brett Arcand-Kootenay's power-play goal late in the second period forged a 2-2 tie. Momentum was never UAA's ally.

"Character means more than anything, and that's what's beating us," said UAA assistant captain Dallas Steward. "You can work hard, but if you don't work hard with common sense, it doesn't matter."

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"I took a penalty that cost us the game," Glencross said. "I thought it was kind of a cheap call, but it was called. I take lots of blame tonight. I wasn't my usual self yet and I took a few penalties that hurt us."

Desmet's second-period goal, which gave the Huskies a 2-1 lead shortly after their power play expired, also demoralized the Seawolves. UAA blew a couple of chances to clear the puck from its zone while short-handed, and that left forward Jimmy Dahl and defensemen Brandon Segal and Chad Anderson on the ice for an ex-
hausting 2 minutes, 18 seconds straight.

And don't think the Huskies didn't notice they had a tired penalty-killing crew at their mercy.

"That gives you a second wind," Desmet said.

**Michigan Tech** junior goaltender Cam Ellsworth (24 saves) was sharp, covering rebounds before the Sea-wolves arrived in his crease.

Meanwhile, senior Kevin Reiter (26 saves) made a rare Friday start in goal for UAA. Senior Chris King had started six of UAA's previous seven series openers, but he missed some practice time, and some sleep, this week when his girlfriend gave birth to their daughter.

But no one pinned the rap on Reiter. Instead, the Sea-wolves lamented their meager two goals, which is rarely enough firepower to prosper.

"When you get to this time of the season, your best players need to be your best players," said UAA coach John Hill. "I thought Kevin was sharp and our defense for the most part played well.

"I thought our forwards weren't willing to pay the price down low. If there were two teams that were desperate, **Michigan Tech** played with more desperation."

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Shots on goal -- MTU 9-13-7--29; UAA 8-8-10--26.

Power-play Opportunities -- MTU 1 of 5; UAA 1 of 3.

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Referee -- Brad Albers. Assistant referees -- Carl Saden, Jared Moen.

TONIGHT'S WCHA rematch will be played at 7:05 at Sullivan Arena. The game will be broadcast over AM-650.

**GRAPHIC:** BOB HALLINEN / Anchorage Daily News; UAA's Curtis Glencross, center, and right winger Ales Parez (10), position themselves near the **Michigan Tech** goal amid a host of **Michigan Tech** defenders just before Glencross scored in the first period at Sullivan Arena on Friday night.; BOB HALLINEN / Anchorage Daily News; UAA's Brandon Segal moves the puck down the ice as Jon Pittis of **Michigan Tech** gives chase during first-period action Friday night at Sullivan Arena.
Same old story for UAA
ANOTHER LOSS: Huskies hand Seawolves third straight WCHA setback

By DOYLE WOODY
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The UAA hockey team suffered its third straight loss, equaling its worst stretch of the season, when it lost 3-2 to Michigan Tech at Sullivan Arena on Friday night.

UAA senior goaltender Kevin Reiter stopped 26 shots and Michigan Tech junior Cam Ellsworth turned aside 24 shots in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association game.

Michigan Tech’s Taggart Desmet provided the game-winner with his second goal of the game, on a power play 66 seconds into the third period. Desmet beat Reiter with a one-timer from the left circle. In front of Reiter were three exhausted UAA penalty killers. Forward Jimmy Dahl and defensemen Brandon Segal and Chad Anderson began the penalty kill and had been on the ice for 2 minutes, 18 seconds straight when Desmet scored.

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UAA leading scorer Curtis Glencross, who had missed two of the last three games with a hip pointer that rendered him ineffective in the one game he did play in that span, scored the only goal of the first period. After Ales Parez controlled the puck behind the Michigan Tech net, he worked it back to Glencross, who fed Anderson at the right point. Ellsworth made a pad save on Anderson’s drive, but Glencross banged in the rebound for his team-high 14th goal.

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COLLEGE HOCKEY ROUNDUP
Wisconsin upends U women, takes over sole lead in WCHA

From news services

Carla MacLeod scored an unassisted goal 2:20 into overtime to give fourth-ranked Wisconsin a 2-1 victory over the No. 2 University of Minnesota women's hockey team Friday night at Ridder Arena.

The win extended the Badgers' nation-best unbeaten streak to 10 games and moved Wisconsin into sole possession of first place in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association, two points ahead of the Gophers. The teams meet again at 7:05 tonight.

"You get into overtime, anything can happen and we were able to get the goal to give us the victory," Badgers coach Mark Johnson said. "So it's a big boost to us and gives us some energy and excitement for tomorrow night's game that you know is going to be a battle."

Minnesota got on the board first when Krissy Wendell scored a power-play goal at 14:34 of the second period. Wisconsin responded a little more than two minutes later, tying the score at 1-1 on freshman Sara Bauer's goal.

On the game-winning goal, both teams were scrapping for control of the puck when it sailed wide right in the Badgers' zone. MacLeod trapped and slapped it in to the front left corner of the net, just inches out of Minnesota goalie Jody Horak's reach.


Minnesota State (Mankato) 4, Ohio State 1: Melanie Salatino and Autumn Conway scored two goals apiece as host Minnesota State (Mankato) beat Ohio State.

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The Fighting Sioux remain in a first-place tie in the WCHA with Minnesota-Duluth.

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Denver 7, Minn.-Mankato 1: Matt Carle scored two goals and added two assists to lead host Denver to a victory over Minnesota State (Mankato).

St. Cloud State 5, Bemidji State 2: Matt Hendricks had two goals and an assist as host St. Cloud State beat Bemidji State (15-10-2) in a nonconference game.

St. Thomas 5, Augsburg 3: Brandon Wilcox scored two goals as St. Thomas (12-5-3, 10-0-1), in first place in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, defeated host Augsburg (7-10-4, 5-5-3).

St. John's 4, Bethel 1: Ryan Langenbrunner scored two goals, both in the third period, as St. John's (15-3-1, 10-1 MIAC) defeated Bethel (4-14-1, 2-9) in Arden Hills.
Michigan penalty killer pounces on bad bounces
CONNER: Huskies sophomore leads nation in short-handed goals

By DOYLE WOODY
Anchorage Daily News

To hear Michigan Tech's Chris Conner tell it, the penalty-killing wizardry that has produced his school-record and nation-leading seven short-handed goals this season is simply a case of good fortune.

"Mostly, it's the other team messing up -- a bad bounce, and me jumping in and capitalizing," said the sophomore. "I get a bounce here and a bounce there."

But Michigan Tech first-year coach Jamie Russell said that's just Conner being humble.

Most penalty killers are satisfied to keep the opposing power play from scoring, but Conner has used his speed, smarts and finishing touch to turn skating shorthanded into a scoring situation. Five of his seven short-handers have been unassisted.

"He closes on people so quickly," Russell said. "Any time they bobble the puck, he's right on them. When he's even with a defenseman, or even one step behind, he's gone.

"I think, bar none, he's the most exciting player in college hockey."

Conner, who wears No. 25, isn't just a one-trick pony. In 28 games, he also has scored 11 even-strength goals and five power-play goals, and has 23 total goals lead Division I.

Conner has accounted for 32.4 percent of the Huskies' goals. But it is his work while the Huskies are shorthanded that has attracted the most notice. With a minimum of 10 games left in the season for Tech, Conner is threatening John Madden's NCAA single-season record for shorties. Madden, who currently skates for the New Jersey Devils, scored 10 shorthanded goals for Michigan in 1995-96.

"I've always liked playing on the penalty kill," Conner said. "I feel like I'm able to use my strengths."

As a freshman last season, when he scored 13 goals and 37 points in 38 games, Conner scored three shorthanded goals.

Conner has been so dangerous this season that Russell said he has juggled lines during games in an attempt to keep Conner away from the opponents' checking line. Russell said Minnesota State-Mankato went as far as shading Conner -- that is, assigning a player to follow Conner everywhere.

"In between periods, I went in to talk to Chris and the (Mankato) guy had a stick between Chris' legs," Russell joked.

Conner, 20, is just 5-foot-7, but carries a sturdy 175 pounds from steady work in the weight room. The powerful, fast skating that is the foundation of his game was forged in early-morning power skating classes his parents, Scott and Tami, took him to as a youngster.

"I thought it was useless then -- 'Why are you taking me?' -- but it's really helped my development," Conner said.

Conner, who carries a 2.92 cumulative grade-point average in mechanical engineering, hasn't missed a game in his college career. And he'll play tonight against UAA, even though he needed 14 stitches last Saturday to close a long cut on the front of his neck. Conner was cut when a teammate was upended and the teammates' skate struck Conner in the neck.

"Pretty scary," Conner said.

Finally, something scarier than Conner on a shorthanded breakaway.

Seawolves notes

Welcome to the world, Alayna Marie Elise King.
Alayna, the daughter of senior goaltender Chris King and his girlfriend, Stephanie Grigsby, was born Wednesday afternoon and weighed in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces. When mom, dad and daughter left the hospital Thursday afternoon, they headed straight to Sullivan Arena, where Chris quickly dressed for practice and his teammates came over to get a peek through the rink’s plexiglass at Alayna as Stephanie held her.

Freshman center Charlie Kronschnabel, who has missed the last five games with a strained groin, will sit out the weekend, but hopes to be ready for the team’s following series at Minnesota. Freshman defenseman Mark Smith (separated shoulder) is also out this weekend.

Sophomore wing and team-leading scorer Curtis Glencross (hip pointer) is listed as probable. He said his injury has improved enough to allow him to skate freely, but still bothers him when he shoots the puck.

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WCHA STANDINGS
Western Collegiate Hockey Association
W L T Pts GF GA Overall
North Dakota 13 4 3 29 84 48 19-5-3
Minnesota-Duluth 14 5 1 29 91 55 18-8-3
Wisconsin 11 6 5 27 72 54 17-9-6
St. Cloud State 12 7 3 27 71 62 16-9-3
Minnesota 11 8 1 23 75 54 18-9-3
Colorado College 8 10 2 18 51 50 15-10-3
UAA 7 12 3 17 57 77 10-13-3
Denver 6 10 4 16 55 73 16-10-4
Minn. St.-Mankato 5 13 4 14 65 101 6-17-5
Michigan Tech 3 15 2 8 45 92 5-19-4
Goals for and goals against compiled for league games only
Tonight's WCHA Games
Michigan Tech at UAA Minnesota at Minn.-Duluth
Colorado College at North Dakota Mankato at Denver
Bemidji St. at St. Cloud (nc)
Saturday's WCHA Games
Michigan Tech at UAA Minnesota at Minn.-Duluth
Colorado College at North Dakota Mankato at Denver
Bemidji St. at St. Cloud (nc)
TOP WCHA SCORERS
League Games Only
Player Pos. GP G A PTS
Brandon Bochenski UND 20 15 18 33
Junior Lessard UMD 20 15 14 29
Thomas Vanek UM 20 15 13 28
Zach Parise UND 18 11 16 27
Evan Schwabe UMD 20 7 17 24
Tim Stapleton UMD 19 11 12 23
Colby Genoway UMD 20 3 20 23
Brady Murray UND 18 12 10 22
Gabe Gauthier DU 19 7 15 22
Tyler Brosz UMD 20 7 15 22
Shane Joseph MSM 22 8 14 22
Curtis Glencross UAA 20 12 9 21
Marty Sertich CC 20 8 13 21
TOP WCHA GOALTENDERS
League Games Only
Goalie Team W L T Sv% GAA
Jordan Parise UND 6 2 3 .913 2.08
Matt Zaba CC 3 6 2 .915 2.16
Kellen Briggs UM 10 6 1 .903 2.29
Bernd Bruckler UW 11 6 5 .920 2.41
Adam Coole SCS 9 4 2 .913 2.45
SEAWOLVES SCORING
All Games
Player Pos. GP G A PTS
Curtis Glencross LW 24 13 11 24
Chris Fournier C 24 10 13 23
Mark Smith D 26 4 13 17
Ales Parez RW 19 3 14 17
Dallas Steward LW 26 11 5 16
Charlie Kronschnabel C 21 5 9 14
Justin Bourne RW 26 2 8 10
B. Arcand-Kootenay C 24 3 4 7
Nick Lowe RW 25 4 3 7
Spence Gilchrist D 20 1 4 5
Justin Johnson RW 24 1 4 5
Lee Green D 26 1 4 5
Vladimir Novak C 23 2 2 4
Chad Anderson D 24 2 2 4
Jimmy Dahl LW 25 2 2 4
Daron Underwood D 20 0 3 3
Brandon Segal D 21 0 3 3
Martin Stuchlik C 11 1 1 2
Brent McMann RW 22 1 1 2
Ryan McMullan D 7 0 0 0
Kevin Reiter G 14 0 0 0
Chris King G 14 0 0 0

SEAWOLVES GOALTENDING

All Games
Goalie W L T Sv% GAA
Chris King 4 7 2 .921 3.07
Kevin Reiter 6 6 1 .905 3.52

COLLEGE HOCKEY POLL
Compiled by U.S. College Hockey Online

1. Boston College (36) 20-3-4 596
2. North Dakota (4) 19-5-3 544
3. Maine 20-6-2 504
4. Minnesota 18-9-3 465
5. Michigan 19-8-1 414
6. Minn.-Duluth 18-8-3 400
7. Wisconsin 17-9-6 376
8. Miami (Ohio) 18-9-3 313
9. St. Cloud St. 16-9-3 274
10. New Hampshire 16-10-3 190
11. Brown 14-5-4 185
12. Denver 16-10-4 170
13. UMass-Amherst 16-6-5 144
14. Ohio State 17-13-0 71
15. Colgate 15-8-5 55

UAA Seawolves
10-13-3 Overall / 7-12-3 WCHA

MICHIGAN TECH HUSKIES
5-19-4 Overall / 3-15-2 WCHA

WHEN: Tonight and Saturday night, 7:05
WHERE: Sullivan Arena (cap. 6,406)
TICKETS: $7-13.50, plus outlet fees
RADIO: AM-650 KENI

CHECK THIS:
As a player for North Dakota in 1996, Tech assistant coach Ian Kallay scored the overtime goal in one of UAA's most devastating losses, a 7-6 game the Seawolves had led 5-2 with seven minutes left.

GRAPHIC: MARC LESTER
Anchorage Daily News
Michigan Tech's Chris Conner leads Division I hockey in short-handed goals.
STATE ROUNDUP: Oakland handles Centenary, 76-64

BY MARK SNYDER
FREE PRESS SPORTS WRITER

If only the Mid-Continent tournament could be moved from Kansas City to Rochester.

Then the Oakland University basketball team would again be the team to beat.

For the third straight home game, the eighth-place Golden Grizzlies jumped all over a conference opponent, dominating third-place Centenary, 76-64, Thursday at the Oakland Athletics Center.

"When you're at home, you're going to be more comfortable," said Oakland junior guard Rawle Marshall, who finished with 19 points. "At home, you're supposed to hit your shots because you're familiar with the rims."

Oakland (10-15, 4-9) got up close and personal with the rims. The game exploded with the alley-oop dunks and showboating glares that seem possible only at home, where the Grizzlies have turned it around after dropping four consecutive close games.

Much of Thursday's inspiration came off defense, as the Grizzlies made 17 steals, nearly all leading to open-court heroics.

"When you're hustling and scraping and getting hustle plays, that's when you get the run-outs and the dunks," Oakland coach Greg Kampe said. "Our team thrives on that."

Thursday's kick-start came about five minutes into the game when Marshall and forward Cortney Scott exchanged fiery words on the bench, at least until Mike Helms stepped between and calmed them down.

The moment seemed to boost Oakland and Helms, who led the way with a little of everything, finishing with 21 points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

The game stayed close for the first 10 minutes, at least until Centenary (13-9, 7-4) self-destructed, turning the ball over a staggering 16 times in the first half.

The Grizzlies' 10-2 run to open the second half gave them a 44-27 lead and silenced any thoughts of a Centenary comeback.

Thursday was a perfect example of Oakland's confusing home/away personality. At Centenary, it was a 15-point loss, where Helms scored more than half the Grizzlies' points.

This time, he shared the load with Marshall and guard DeMarcus Ishmeal (12 points).

Oakland, which has not won consecutive Mid-Con games this season, travels to league leader IUPUI next Thursday.

The Bulldogs shot 55 percent in the second half to blow open a close game.

Northwood 63, Michigan Tech 61: Dallas Logan led the visiting Timberwolves (14-9, 8-6 GLIAC) with 16 points. Jason Marotte led the Huskies (16-4, 10-3) with 19.

WOMEN
Wisconsin-Green Bay Bay 64, Detroit Mercy 54: Abby Scharlow scored 19 and Nicole Soulis 18 for the host Phoenix (16-6, 10-2 Horizon). Nicole Anaajionu led the Titans (11-11, 8-4) with 16.

Calvin 94, Rochester 36: Lisa Winkle was 7-for-8 from the field and scored 15 to lead the host Lady Knights (18-3) to their 16th straight win. Lesa Holleman (14) and Brandi Benthem (10) scored career highs for Calvin. Becky Kirkland had eight points and five rebounds for the Warriors (11-12).

Ferris State 86, Saginaw Valley State 74: Erin Miller scored 25, and the host Bulldogs (16-6, 11-2 GLIAC) outscored the Cardinals, 59-33, in the second half. Jennifer Hagstrom led the Cards (15-8, 7-7) with 22 points.

Michigan Tech 74, Northwood 40: Andrea Novak scored 16 for host Michigan Tech (13-8, 8-5 GLIAC). Payge Salquist and Kate Deupree scored nine each for Northwood (5-17, 2-12).

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Saints' Brad Macnab achieving his goals
St. Albert centre in AJHL scoring race

Collin Gallant

EDMONTON - Brad Macnab is looking at a lot of things differently as of late.

The net looks 10 feet wide to the St. Albert Saints centre-man who's in hot pursuit of the Alberta Junior Hockey League's goal-scoring lead.

In the mirror, his flaming yellow dye job is gone, waiting two weeks to resurface in the AJHL playoffs.

"Last year, we dyed our beards for the playoffs, but I don't think most guys on this team can grow beards," said Macnab, at 19 one of the old men on the St. Albert club that boasts just four players over 18.

It's a different view around the dressing room from last year when a veteran Saints team made a big run to the league's final series.

Macnab played his role on that squad, but this season the Valleyview native has more than doubled his goal production, from 15 in 2003 to his current total of 34 – just two behind the league's leading goal-getter Chad Lacasse of Canmore.

Macnab's 62 points have him tied for seventh in league scoring, one point back of teammate Brian McNary for the team lead.

"I have to set my goals high, push myself to play the best that I can be," said Macnab.

"I'm shooting for a 40 goal season," added Macnab, who had a seven-goal burst during a six-game win streak the Saints put together after a slow start to the new year.

Still, the Saints needed overtime to beat the last-place Drumheller Dragons last Saturday night, and had their six-game roll end the following afternoon with a 5-2 loss to Sherwood Park.

"This year we've got a group of guys that if we want to win we're going to," said Macnab.

"When we come in with confidence we're pretty tough to beat."

The second-place Saints (32-20-1) will need to play plenty tough in the final half-dozen games to keep the cushion between themselves and third-place Sherwood Park (28-21-5).

The Saints play three of their next four against division leaders Grande Prairie, including two road games tonight and Saturday.

AROUND THE NCAA

Former Oil Baron Colin Murphy, now with Michigan Tech, is on the Hobey Baker radar screen, sitting fourth in the Internet voting for the top U.S. college player award.

Edmonton-born goalie Sean Fields, a Hobey Baker finalist from last season with Boston University, turned aside 50 shots during a 2-1 overtime loss to Boston College on Monday night at the annual Beanpot tournament final at a sold-out Fleet Centre.

Fields was AAA Midget goalie of the year in 1999, when he played for the South Side Athletics club, before playing his Junior A in B.C.
Alaska Anchorage

Alaska Anchorage: The Sea-wolves, who have lost five straight Friday games, will try to reverse that trend against Michigan Tech tonight ... . Sophomore Chris Fournier, the transfer from UND, had his first career two-goal game in a loss to Colorado College on Saturday.

Colorado College: The Tigers are averaging 40 shots a game on goal during the last five games, in which they've won four ... . Freshman goalie Matt Zaba has allowed two or more goals in a game just three times in 16 appearances ... . Joey Crabb scored the game-winning goal with 3.6 seconds left in Saturday's 4-3 win over Anchorage.

Denver: Senior defenseman Ryan Caldwell needs one point to crack the 10 top in career points for a DU defenseman ... . DU is the only WCHA team to go through the nonconference portion of its schedule undefeated (10-0).

Michigan Tech: The school has kicked off a campaign to raise $3 million for its Hockey Enrichment Campaign by August 2005. The program is being led by former Tech goalie John Rockwell. The goal is to help reestablish Tech's program among the nation's elite. An anonymous donor has pledged to match any gift up to $900,000 made by Dec. 31.

Minnesota: Defenseman Keith Ballard has scored five game-winning goals this season ... . Ballard has 31 career goals, seventh all-time for a Gopher defenseman ... . Troy Riddle now has 73 career goals, tying him for 15th place on the career list at Minnesota with Reggie Berg ... . Former Grand Forks Red River player Danny Irmen leads Gopher rookies in scoring with 12 points, including seven goals.

Minnesota Duluth: The Bulldogs 10-game unbeaten streak is the nation's longest current mark ... . Duluth goes for a rare season sweep of the Gophers this weekend at the DECC. The Bulldogs need just one win at the DECC to reach 400, their home since 1966 ... . With projected sell-outs for its final four home games against Minnesota and UND, Duluth would see an increase of 700 fans per game over last season ... . Duluth has out-scored opponents 64-34 in 13 games at the DECC.

Minnesota State-Mankato: Freshman forward David Backes now leads the Mavericks in goal scoring with 14 ... . Junior Jon Volp made a season-high 45 saves in Saturday's 2-2 against Minnesota Duluth ... . Mankato players have missed 111 games with injuries this season ... . Mankato's average crowd of 3,825 is 66 more per game than last year's all-time best average of 3,759.

St. Cloud State: Freshman Nate Raduns not only scored his first two goals of season last Friday but collected the game-winning goal as well. He was named the MVP for Michigan Tech's Winter Carnival that St. Cloud State spoiled with its sweep ... . Goalie Adam Coole left last Friday's game against Michigan Tech with an injury, but freshman Tim Boron stepped in and got the wins in both games. Coole is expected to be available to play in this weekend's nonconference series with Bemidji State.

Wisconsin: The Badgers comeback victory over UND after trailing the Sioux 3-0 was its biggest comeback win since Wisconsin erased a 6-2 deficit and beat the Sioux 7-6 on Dec. 7, 2000 ... . Robbie Earl's hat trick in the 4-3 win over UND on Friday was the first hat trick for a UW player since the Kohl Center opened in 2000.
Brothers dedicated to Big Reds
Eovaldis coach hockey team at Chippewa Valley

Anjali J. Sekhar

FRASER: The Eovaldi brothers are known to stay busy.

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The team was among several area squads to become recognized as a varsity program this year. This will be the first year they will participate in the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs in March.

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Brian Eovaldi also went on to play hockey at Michigan Tech and then at Wayne State University. He gets an early start to his day, waking up for early-morning runs at the school to prepare for the Chicago Marathon next fall. He also is in the midst of preparing for his wedding on Aug. 7.

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Scott Eovaldi also has his plate full < working on homework for the Fraser Police Academy for nearly six hours on some days. Fraser has a Public Safety program, where firefighters also work as police officers.

In addition to the academy and coaching, he also is treasurer of the Firefighters Volunteers Association, becoming the youngest to hold office at only 21. He also is the youngest staffer at the Fraser Fire Department.

"It's a lot of hard work, but I wouldn't trade it for anything," Scott Eovaldi said. "Ever since I was little, I knew I wanted to be a fireman."

The brothers are still able to find time to discuss team strategies at home. They plan to live together until Brian Eovaldi is married, he said.

"We come home and Scott and I will talk about hockey," Brian Eovaldi said. "We keep in constant communication."
Brothers guide hockey team
Pair lead Clinton Township players in squad’s first year as varsity program

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HOUGHTON, Mich.

Dallas Logan led Northwood with 16 points to win a back-and-forth battle over Michigan Tech 63-61 on Thursday.

Josh Buettner's last-second 3-pointer for the Huskies (16-4, 10-3 Great Lakes Intercollegiate) missed, giving the Timberwolves (14-9, 8-6) the win.

Richard Kamm scored 15 for Northwood and grabbed eight rebounds.

Guard Jason Marcotte led the Huskies with 19 points.

Both teams were under 50 percent from the floor - Northwood shot 44.1 percent while Michigan Tech hit 42.6 percent.
Major college hockey
Sweep ends Sioux's stay atop rankings

Rachel Blount
Staff Writer

North Dakota players didn't know how appropriate black
uniforms would be last weekend. While wearing their alternate dark jerseys for the first
time this season, the Sioux were swept for the first time in nearly a year, losing twice at
Wisconsin in a series that ended their 13-week run at the top of the national rankings.

Before a two-night total of 28,697 fans _ including the first advance sellout in Kohl
Center history _ the Badgers got back on course and threw a bit more intrigue into the
race for the MacNaughton Cup. The sweep stalled the Sioux at 29 points and al-
lowed Minnesota Duluth, which beat and tied Minnesota, Mankato last weekend, to pull even at the
top of the league standings.

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On Friday, Brandt ventured out of the crease on a Sioux power play with about seven
minutes left in the third period, allowing Andrew Joudrey to score a shorthanded goal that pulled the Badgers within
3-2. Saturday, Parise was pulled after giving up three goals on eight shots in the second period. Brandt re-
placed him and gave up another when his clearing pass went straight to Badgers for-
ward Rene Bourque.

North Dakota coach Dean Blais, who is famous (or infa-
mous) for his tough treatment of goalies, came down hard
on Friday's loss. "All [Brandt] had to do was stay in the net with a two-goal lead, but Jake found a way to botch it," Blais told the Grand
Forks Herald. "After that, he wasn't the same. He was rat-
tled. The next two goals, he should have had."

The sweep revitalized the Badgers, who were 1-5-1 in their previous seven games.

"We're for real," Bourque told the Wisconsin State Journal. "We're definitely a contender."

Bucks for pucks

Some of Michigan Tech's most well-heeled boosters know it takes money to make a
winning hockey program, and they are leading an effort to fill the Huskies' vault.

An anonymous donor has pledged to match all gifts through Dec. 31, up to
$900,000, to kick off the school's Hockey Enrichment Campaign. Organizers of the
fund drive hope to raise $3 million over 19 months to put Tech on a path back to WCHA
prominence. The campaign is being guided by former Tech goalie John Rockwell, who
played from 1976-79 in the

"With [coach] Jamie Russell guiding our program, I'm con-
fident that you'll see Tech hockey rise back to the level we all expect it to be at," Rockwell said in a statement
unveiling the fund drive. "It's important that we get participa-
tion from everyone in this campaign. And by everyone, not only am I talking about
former players, but also our fans, including members of the business community."

Best of the East

Minnesotans Ben Eaves and Bryan Schmidt are among 14 finalists for the Walter Brown
Award, given annually to the best American-born college player in New England.

Eaves, a Boston College senior forward from Faribault, is a finalist for the third con-
secutive season. Schmidt, a Merrimack College sophomore from Bloomington, is among the top-scoring defensemen in Hockey East. Schmidt has six goals and 15 assists and is Merrimack's second-leading scorer. Eaves has six goals and 20 assists in 19 games and leads the top-ranked Eagles with 1.37 points per game.

The finalists include 11 players from Hockey East and three from the ECAC. Schools with multiple finalists are Boston College (Eaves and forwards Tony Voce and Ryan Shannon), New Hampshire (goalie Mike Ayers, the 2003 winner, and forward Steve Saviano), Maine (goalie Jim Howard and forward Todd Jackson) and Providence (defenseman Stephen Wood and goalie David Cacciola).

Around the rinks

- **Michigan Tech** forward Chris Conner, who has been among the nation's top scorers all season, bagged his seventh shorthanded goal in Friday's 4-1 loss to St. Cloud State. The next night, he was inadvertently cut by a skate blade in the neck during a 3-1 loss.

The wound required 14 stitches to close, putting Conner's status in question for this weekend's series against Alaska-Anchorage. He leads NCAA Division I with 23 goals in 28 games, and his seven shorthanded goals are the most by any player since 1997.

- **Minnesota State, Mankato** has lost 111 man-games to injuries this season. Steven Johns returned last week to their battered defensive corps, but Matt Paluczk and Jon Dubel have missed the entire season because of shoulder injuries.

- Alabama-Huntsville forward Jared Ross was named the Hockey Commissioners' Association player of the month for January, and Maine forward Michel Leveille was named rookie of the month.

Ross totaled 11 goals and 10 assists in 10 January games and is the NCAA Division I leader in points per game (1.73). Leveille had four goals and nine assists during the month for the third-ranked Black Bears.

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AT A GLANCE

Series of the week

- **Miami (Ohio) at Michigan**: Alaska-Fairbanks ended No. 5 Michigan's eight-game win streak Saturday, but the Wolverines _ only three points behind CCHA leader Miami _ can close the gap this weekend. No. 8 Miami, fresh off important league sweeps of Michigan State and Notre Dame, hasn't lost in its past seven games.

Hobey watch

- Zach Parise, North Dakota: With a four-point weekend against Wisconsin, the sophomore forward has 40 goals and 55 assists in 62 career games. He'll hit the 100-point mark faster than any Sioux players other than Troy Murray (50 games) and Tony Hrkac (59). Parise is ninth in the NCAA scoring race (14 goals, 20 assists).

Going up . . .

- **Minnesota Duluth**: You have to go all the way back to Dec. 13 to find an "L" in the Bulldogs' results. They're 9-0-1 in 2004.

- **Massachusetts**: The Minutemen got extra points from UMass-Lowell's forfeits, and they have supplemented that luck by winning four of their past six Hockey East games.

Going down . . .

- **Dartmouth**: The Big Green picked a poor time to stumble, going 3-5-2 since Jan. 10.

- **Massachusetts-Lowell**: After forfeiting nine games because of an ineligible player, the River Hawks went 0-1-1 last week and have only one victory that counts since Dec. 6.