Michigan State freshman Tommy Goebel scored three goals in a span of just more than nine minutes Sunday as the Spartans routed Windsor, 6-0, in an exhibition hockey game at Munn Arena.

The Spartans allowed just 11 shots on goal, and goalies Matt Migliaccio and Dominic Vicari combined for the shutout.

Spartans coach Rick Comley was cautiously pleased with his team’s performance.

"I’m happy we had a chance to play in a competitive situation," Comley said. "One thing about playing exhibition games like this is that they’re better than intrasquad, but they’re not as good as the regular season. You have to be really careful not to read too much into it or take too much out of it."

Goebel scored at 9:02 of the first period, then added goals at 13:30 and 18:16. Corey Potter, Kevin Estrada and Jim Slater also scored for Michigan State.

Football: Antonio Gibson ran 65 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter, sending the Motor City Cougars to a 17-14 victory over the Lima (Ohio) Thunder in the first round of the Lakeshore League playoffs. The Cougars take on the Columbus Xtreme in Columbus on Saturday for the league championship.

High school football: Royal Oak Shrine defeated Center Line St. Clement, 27-20 in overtime. Shrine is 4-2, St. Clement 1-5.

Field hockey: Alisa Folkscored two unassisted goals to erase a 2-0 deficit, but Kelly Slattery scored in the 52nd minute to lift Iowa to a 3-2 victory over Central Michigan (3-7).

Men’s soccer: Ryan McMahen scored in the second overtime, giving Michigan State a 2-1 victory over visiting Ohio State (2-7-2, 1-1 Big Ten). It was Michigan State’s third straight double-overtime game; the Spartans have won the last two. Thomas Trivellion also scored for the Spartans (6-2-2, 1-0-2 Big Ten).

... Giuseppe Ianniscores on a rebound, lifting host Western Michigan to a 1-0 overtime victory against Buffalo (1-8-3, 0-3 Mid-American). Goakeeper Ian Spooner made four saves for Western Michigan (8-2, 2-0 MAC). ... Robert Alexander scored three times as Saginaw Valley State defeated visiting Aquinas, 4-1. Cale Wasserman also scored for the Cardinals (6-2).

... George Kithasscored twice and goakeeper Matt Strabbing made six saves to help Detroit Mercy defeat Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 3-0. Ablay Camara also scored for the host Titans (5-5-1). IUPUI is 1-8-2.

Women's soccer: Senior Abi Morrellsailed a 25-yard free kick over the head of Central Michigan goalkepper Anne Decker the 40th minute and Nikki Allenmade nine saves to ensure a 1-0 victory for visiting Eastern Michigan (5-5-3, 4-0-2 MAC). Central Michigan is 5-4-2, 3-3-1.

... Emily Gilbert's goal in the 82nd minute and three saves by Staci Sinkway were enough for host Ohio State (8-1-2, 2-1-2 Big Ten) to beat Michigan State, 1-0. Michigan State is 7-4, 3-3.

... Kristi Swaving scored three goals as host Oakland University won its fifth straight game, beating Cincinnati, 5-1. Marianne Sandalscored twice and goakeeper Sarah Buckland made four saves, including one on a penalty kick in the second half for Oakland (7-3-1).

... Sophomore Lisa OBrianscored two goals in the first half and Emily Rodgers had a goal in each half as host Ferris State (6-2, 2-0 Great Lakes) beat Saginaw Valley State, 5-2. The Cardinals are 4-4-1, 0-2.

... Laura Monterossoscored in the 76th minute to lift Wright State (4-7-1, 1-2 Horizon) over Detroit Mercy, 2-1. Allison Episcopal scored for host Detroit (6-3, 2-1).

Tennis: Senior Monica Cushardandfresmen Dee Maysand Stephanie Van Tuyleach won singles matches as host Wayne State (5-4, 4-4 Great Lakes) topped Michigan Tech, 5-4. Aljana Otunchievak, Monika Maliskaand Shalini Chandrasawon for Michigan Tech (5-4, 5-4).
Grand Valley St. 48, Michigan Tech 17

Cullen Finnerty threw for 399 yards and four touchdowns to lead Grand Valley State to a 48-17 win over Michigan Tech on Saturday night.

Michael Tennessee led the Lakers (5-0, 4-0 Great Lakes Intercollegiate) in rushing with 123 yards and two touchdowns. Finnerty added 67 yards and a fifth TD.

Dan Mettlach threw 119 yards and two touchdowns for the Huskies (1-4, 1-4) and Chris Lomasney led the team in rushing with 88 yards.

The Lakers got off to a quick start with two first quarter touchdowns from Finnerty. He threw a 53-yard pass to score his first of the game and then ran 10 yards for the second.

Finnerty threw for a third touchdown two minutes into the second quarter before Grant Botz kicked a 26-yard field goal to put the Huskies on the board.

Michigan Tech followed with a TD pass from Dan Mettlach to Brian Janeshek for a 21-10 halftime score.
Lars Helminen, Ryan Markham and Chris Conner each had a goal and two assists to lead Michigan Tech to a 10-1 win over Waterloo on Friday.

Ten different players scored for the Huskies (1-0-0), and they notched six goals in the first period alone.

Kevin Hurley scored the lone goal for Waterloo (0-1-0).

Cam Ellsworth earned the win in the net for Michigan Tech, stopping 2 shots in the first period. Scott Gouthro made 39 saves for Waterloo.
Agosta makes bold move  
Forward gives up U.S. scholarship

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Leamington

As Jeric Agosta walked around Houghton, Mich., in August, the town that looked so pretty on his recruiting visit to Michigan Tech just didn't have the same charm.

The town hadn't changed, but Agosta's circumstances certainly had.

The two men who had recruited him, Michigan Tech hockey coach Mike Sertich and assistant Pete Wilkinson, had both been replaced and Agosta soon followed them out of town.

"In my heart, I wanted to go to a place where people wanted me as a player," said Agosta, who walked away from a scholarship and returned to the Leamington Flyers.

"Michigan Tech is a great program, but the coaches I wanted to play for weren't there any longer.

"I didn't feel I was going to fit into the new coaches' plans. I felt trapped in a town with one road in and one road out."

In deciding to leave after only a couple of weeks at Michigan Tech, Agosta realized he was opening himself up for criticism and the possibility that other U.S schools would shy away from him.

His decision will also cost him a year of eligibility if his appeal to the NCAA is turned down.

"I know some people want to say I'm stupid for walking away, but this is a decision that affects the rest of my life," Agosta said.

"I don't regret my decision at all."

Early indications also point to renewed interest in the slick forward, who wears No. 19 and has the on-ice mannerisms of his two favourite players, Steve Yzerman and Joe Sakic.

Getting word out

Agosta is getting the word out about his circumstances and he has drawn interest from Niagara (N.Y.) and Detroit's Wayne State.

"It's early yet, but schools seem to understand why I made my decision," said the 18-year-old Ruthven native. "I knew I was risking scaring schools away, but I don't think that's going to happen now."

"I knew getting off to a good start would be the best way to attract interest again."

As his early season play has illustrated, Agosta isn't suffering any lingering effects from the emotionally wrenching decision.

Heading into Thursday's 7-3 loss to the St. Mary's Lincolns, Agosta was second in the Western Junior B League's scoring race.

"It was great coming back," Agosta said. "I enjoy players looking to me as one of the team's leaders."

However, there wasn't much enjoyment for the Flyers in getting hammered for the second time in less than a week by the last-place Lincolns.

The Lincolns got two goals apiece from Mike Weber and Luke Vick, who added three assists and singles by Tyler Doig, Justin Lingard and Jeff Demo.

Scoring for the Flyers were Joey McCann, Ken Blain and Derek Bachynski.

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WCHA PREVIEW

Andy Baggot

Teams listed in order of predicted finish according to the annual preseason coaches poll conducted by the Grand Forks (N.D.) Herald.

Minnesota

* On the marquee: Sophomore right wing Thomas Vanek is a prime Hobey Baker Award contender a year after scoring 17 of his team-high 31 goals in the third period or overtime.

* Strengths: Strong leadership and a robust offense that returns 11 of its top 12 scorers from last season.

* Concerns: The Fighting Sioux used four goaltenders last year, creating a revolving-door effect that figures to carry into this season. Another unwieldy home schedule.

* Bottom line: If coach Dean Blais can settle on a consistent goaltender, UND has the wherewithal to return to the NCAA Frozen Four after a two-year absence.

* Wisconsin connections: None.

Colorado College

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* Strengths: Excellent young talent at forward and a veteran defense in front of the top returning goaltender in the WCHA.

* Concerns: CC must find a way to recoup the loss of more than 100 goals, most of which came from Hobey Baker winner Peter Sejna (36), All-America Tom Preissing (26), Noah Clarke (21) and Joe Cullen (20).

* Bottom line: With so much youth -- 17 players are freshmen or sophomores -- the Tigers will experience some growing pains. If they are minimal, CC will be in the title hunt again.

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North Dakota

* On the marquee: Sophomore center Zach Parise was a Hobey Baker finalist as a rookie after leading national freshmen in scoring.

* Strengths: A quick-strike offense that features five forwards who topped 30 points last season. No other club in the league has more than three.

* Concerns: Four months after starting in goal and winning a second NCAA championship ring, Travis Weber left school citing burnout, leaving the job to junior backup Justin Johnson.

* Bottom line: For the first time in coach Don Lucia's five seasons, the Gophers will emphasize offense over defense. That should not keep them from eyeing the first NCAA three-peat since Michigan (1951-53).

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* Wisconsin connections: Junior W Kevin Ulanski played for Madison West High School. Coach George Gwozdecky is a former UW winger and a Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame inductee.

Minnesota State-Mankato

* On the marquee: Senior forward Shane Joseph, an All-WCHA first-team choice last season, is the unquestioned go-to guy after linemate Grant Stevenson turned pro following his sophomore season.

* Strengths: A solid group of returning forwards and the makings of an above-average blue-line corps. Junior G Jon Volp was a pleasant emergence last season.

* Concerns: Mankato had a breakthrough showing last season due in large part to the exceptional leadership of departed seniors B.J. Abel and Joe Bourne.

* Bottom line: Mavericks coach Troy Jutting continues to upgrade the program, but unlike last season, there will be no sneaking up on anyone.

* Wisconsin connections: None.

Wisconsin

* On the marquee: Senior W Rene Bourque is trying to become the first Badgers forward to have four straight seasons of double-figure goals since fellow Albertan and current NHL player Steve Reinprecht (1996 to 2000).

* Strengths: A solid goalie in junior Bernd Bruckler, a veteran defensive corps and an acclaimed nine-member recruiting class.

* Concerns: UW returns two double-figure goal-scorers, the fewest since 1996-97, to an offense that ranked 56th nationally (out of 60) with 2.33 goals per game last season.

* Bottom line: With the players and second-year coach Mike Eaves finally on the same page, the Badgers should be significantly improved. How much depends on how many scorers emerge.

* Wisconsin connections: Eaves is a former two-time All-American at UW. F Adam Burish, D Chris Julka, D Matt Olinger and D Ryan Suter are from Madison, W Andy Brandt is from Wausau, W A.J. Degenhardt is from La Crosse, W Jake Dowell is from Eau Claire, C Pete Talafous is from Hudson and G Luke Kohtala is from Appleton.

St. Cloud State

* On the marquee: Senior W Matt Hendricks can be an elite scorer, but he needs to find the next level if the Huskies are to avoid a step backward.

* Strengths: An attitude that comes from playing in four straight NCAA tournaments, a streak currently shared only by Maine and Michigan.

* Concerns: Not only did St. Cloud lose three of its top four scorers, a highly regarded sophomore class slumped. Will forwards Mike Doyle, Matt Gens, Dave Innazzo and Peter Szabo regain their strides?

* Bottom line: All signs point to a rebuilding season for the Huskies.

* Wisconsin connections: None.

Michigan Tech

* On the marquee: Former Huskies defenseman Jamie Russell, the sixth coach at Tech since 1990, inherits a club that was on the upswing before Mike Sertich abruptly retired after last season.

* Strengths: A very good core of young players, led by junior W Colin Murphy, sophomore W Chris Conner, junior W Bryan Perez and junior D Clay Wilson.

* Concerns: Russell, a highly regarded assistant at Cornell, is intent on bringing a new up-tempo system to Copper Country. Will the growing pains be acute?

* Bottom line: Tech might well be the surprise club in the WCHA this season.

* Wisconsin connections: Senior W Brett Engelhardt, a captain, is from Sheboygan and junior D Nick Toney is from Waupaca.

Alaska-Anchorage

* On the marquee: Sophomore W Ales Parez, a native of the Czech Republic, led the Seawolves in scoring last season.

* Strengths: Some good young players and the knowledge that it cannot get much worse than last season, when Anchorage won its opener, then went 0-28-7.

* Concerns: Chief among many is the fact the Seawolves got little, if any, leadership from their upperclassmen last season.

* Bottom line: Seawolves coach John Hill jokingly guaranteed his club would double its win total of last year, but a young team needs to experience success early or the death spiral could continue.

* Wisconsin connections: Senior W Dallas Steward is from Chippewa Falls.