Jason Marcotte scored 21 points - 15 on 3-pointers - to lead Michigan Tech over cold-shooting Ashland 73-60 Monday night.

Josh Buettner added 17 points, Radayl Richardson had 14 and Bob Evans 11 for the Huskies (11-3, 5-2 Great Lakes Intercollegiate).

Michael Fowler and Greg Emmons had 14 points apiece and Chris Newell added 12 for the Eagles (8-9, 1-6), who shot only 38.3 percent from the field.

Ashland hit only 8-of-27 shots (29.6 percent) in the first half to fall behind 40-20 at halftime. Michigan Tech outscored Ashland 27-10 over the final 10 minutes of the first half.

The Huskies shot 62.5 percent (15-of-24) in the first half and 50 percent (25-of-50) for the game. Marcotte made 5-of-13 shots from 3-point range and Michigan Tech made 9-of-21 3s as a team.
MEN'S HOCKEY: Sweet sweep  
Parises spark Sioux to win over Michigan Tech

Herald Staff Report
HOUGHTON, Mich.

For a goalie who has not lost a game in college, Jordan Parise has drawn his share of criticism for his unspectacular save percentage (.874).

There was no knocking the UND freshman goalie Saturday night. Parise stopped all 30 Michigan Tech shots to post his first college shutout and lead the top-ranked Sioux to a 4-0 Western Collegiate Hockey Association victory in front of 2,111 fans at the MacInnes Student Ice Arena.

The victory capped a big weekend for the Sioux, who swept the two-game series from the Huskies and moved into first place in the WCHA for the first time this season.

Parise now has a 9-0-2 won-lost record, but this was one of his toughest victories because of the number of shots fired his way.

"He stepped out onto the ice flying tonight," Jordan Parise said of his brother. "You could tell he was determined."

Jordan Parise had shared a shutout with Jake Brandt earlier this season in a 10-0 win over Yale, which was UND's only win by a shutout until Saturday.

The victory also stretched UND's unbeaten streak to 13 games (11-0-2), the longest active streak in the nation.

It was not as easy a victory as the score indicates. The game was scoreless until Brandon Bochenski, the national leader in goals, gunned in his 20th from several feet off the end line on a power play midway through the second period.

Zach Parise scored UND's only even-strength goal later in the second period before Brady Murray and Parise both scored on the same power play in the third period.

When Tech's Lars Helminen was given a five-minute major for roughing goaltender Parise, the Sioux scored twice on the extended power play.

Jordan Parise had to make 16 of his saves in the third period. "The 30 shots are probably the most we've given up this year," UND coach Dean Blais said. "Tonight's game was a battle. Friday, I didn't think Michigan Tech skated with us. Tonight, they worked so hard, they made us earn every goal. They're a much improved team over last year."

When the final horn sounded, Sioux goalie Jake Brandt, the winning goalie in UND's 8-4 win, raced off the bench to grab the puck to present to his understudy.

"That's a pretty good guy to go get the puck like that," Parise said of Brandt. "I've got to hand it to him."

Zach Parise, who returned last week after being named the most valuable player while leading the United States to the World Junior Championship gold medal in Finland, had his best offensive weekend of the year.

"He needed that," Blais said of Zach Parise. "He worked both ends of the rink equally hard. He played as well this weekend for us as he did in Finland."

Sioux notes: Blais benched defenseman Matt Greene for Saturday's game after he took three penalties in Friday's game and didn't play well overall ... The Sioux are unbeaten on the road this season (5-0-1) ... Sioux assistant captain Ryan Hale fought with 6-foot-7, 252-pound John Scott in the final minutes of the game and both received major penalties and game disqualifications, meaning Hale will miss Friday's game at Minnesota.
Friday's College Hockey: Wendell's hat trick lifts No. 1 U women

From news services

Krissy Wendell scored three goals and assisted on another to lead the top-ranked University of Minnesota women's hockey team to a 5-1 nonconference victory over No. 7 Mercyhurst on Friday in front of 985 at Ridder Arena.

It was the third collegiate hat trick for the former Park Center High School standout.

The victory snapped the Lakers' eight-game winning streak.

Wendell opened the scoring with a short-handed goal at 11:21 of the first period, getting an assist from Kelly Stephens. Wendell's second goal came 2:06 later, and Becky Wacker scored on a rebound of a Wendell shot to give the Gophers a 3-0 lead after one period.

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Andrea Nichols, assisted by La Toya Clarke and Danielle Ashley, completed the scoring for the Gophers (15-1-1) with a goal at 15:23 of the third period.

Chrissy Yule scored for Mercyhurst (15-3-6) during the second period.

Jody Horak stopped 24 shots for the Gophers. Desi Clark made 23 saves in the Lakers' goal.

The Gophers play Mercyhurst again at 7:05 tonight at Ridder Arena and play host to Minnesota State (Mankato) next Saturday and Sunday.

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MIAC MEN

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David May and Tony Beaulieu also scored for Augsburg, while Shane Wagner and Mike Johnson collected the Pipers' goals.

St. John's 4, Concordia 2: Andy Johnson scored two goals, and Ryan Langenbrunner had a goal and two assists to spark the Johnnies to an MIAC victory over Concordia at the National Hockey Center in St. Cloud, Minn.

Mike Hanke scored St. John's other goal, while Shawn Kleven and Jon Rudnick scored for the Cobbers.

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COLLEGE HOCKEY: Gophers women sweep Mercyhurst

From news services

The No. 1-ranked University of Minnesota women's hockey team completed a nonconference series sweep of No. 7 Mercyhurst with a 3-1 victory Saturday night in front of 1,143 at Ridder Arena.

La Toya Clarke, Noelle Sutton and Krissy Wendell scored for Minnesota, which improved to 16-1-1 overall. Minnesota won 5-1 Friday.

Clarke's 15th goal of the season tied the score 1-1 at 15:34 of the first period. Sutton scored on a power play at 14:37 of the second, and Wendell scored an insurance goal at 7:25 of the third to seal the victory.

Brenda Reinen was in goal for the Gophers and made 32 saves to improve her record to 4-0-0. The Gophers held Mercyhurst scoreless on 10 power-play chances. Michigan Tech was 0 for 5 with the man advantage.

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MEN

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Brett Sterling scored the only goal for the Tigers, who have lost their past six WCHA games. Sterling's goal came on a second-period power play and broke a streak of 18 consecutive scoreless power plays for the Tigers.

Bulldogs goalie Isaac Reichmuth had 30 saves while freshman Matt Zaba stopped 32 for the Tigers.

Wisconsin 2, Notre Dame 2: Wisconsin's John Eichelberger and Notre Dame's Aaron Gill each scored a pair of power-play goals, and the teams tied in a nonconference game at Madison, Wis.

Eichelberger, whose last goal for the Badgers was a year ago to the day, broke a 31-game goalless drought. His second goal of the game snapped a 1-1 tie 7:09 into the second period.

But Gill answered with his second goal of the game 1:23 into the third period for the Irish (11-7-3), who are 3-1-1 in their past five games.

Morgan Cey stopped 36 shots for the Irish, while Bernd Bruckler made 19 saves for Wisconsin (14-5-6).

The fourth-ranked Badgers outshot the Irish 38-21, including a 17-2 advantage in the third period.

All four goals came on power plays.

Eichelberger gave the Badgers the lead for the second time by putting a redirected Rene Bourque shot into an empty net. Gill evened the game at 2-2 by squeezing a shot from the left
circle under Bruckler’s right arm.

The teams exchanged goals in the first period, in which the Badgers had the first seven shots—all in the first 7:43—and the Irish had the next five.

Eichelberger scored on a rebound six minutes into the game, and Gill leveled things almost nine minutes later.

The Badgers have scored on the power play in 12 of the last 13 games.

LATE FRIDAY

St. Cloud State 4, Alaska Anchorage 1: Garrett Larson scored the second of four St. Cloud goals during a four-minute span of the third period to break a 1-all tie as the Huskies won at Anchorage.

The Huskies’ barrage started when left winger Matt Hendricks pulled the Huskies into a tie at 7:33 of the third, firing a wrister from point-blank range past Anchorage goalie Chris King. Larson scored just 43 seconds later, and teammate Joe Jensen added an insurance goal at 11:35, ripping a shot from the blue line past King. Hendricks capped the scoring with his second goal at 12:22.

The Seawolves got their only goal from Dallas Steward at 17:15 of the second period.

The Huskies have not lost to Anchorage in 21 games. The loss snapped the Seawolves’ three-game home win streak.
Mercyhurst 79, Michigan Tech 55

By The Associated Press

Justin Shouse scored 22 points in Mercyhurst's 79-55 win over Michigan Tech on Saturday in Erie, Pa.

Mercyhurst (12-5, 6-1 Great Lakes Intercollegiate) led 35-27 at the half and went on to hand Michigan Tech only its third loss of the season.

Josh Buettner led the Huskies (10-3, 4-2) with 18 points and Jason Marcotte added 13.

Mercyhurst shot 53.8 percent from the floor and held Michigan Tech to 46.3 percent.

Joshua Helm scored 14 points and snagged nine rebounds for Mercyhurst, while Torry Mitchell added 13 points off the bench.
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COLLEGE HOCKEY: Fretter helps MSU grab share of CCHA lead

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BOWLING GREEN, Ohio

Colton Fretter scored with 5:30 left as Michigan State beat Bowling Green, 1-0, Friday night.

Dominic Vicari made 34 saves and the Spartans (13-11-1, 9-5-1 Central Collegiate Hockey Association) moved into a tie with Michigan and Miami (Ohio) for the CCHA lead.

Bowling Green is 5-12-6, 3-9-3.

Ferris State 5, Miami (Ohio) 4: Greg Rallo had a goal and two assists and host Ferris State (11-10-2, 7-9-1 CCHA) scored the first four goals in 13 minutes. Miami is 12-9-2, 9-5-1.

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Ohio State 5, Lake Superior State 0: Scott May had two goals and an assist and Mike Betz made 17 saves for the host Buckeyes (14-10, 9-7 CCHA). Matt Violin made 27 saves in the first two periods and took the loss for the Lakers (6-8-5, 4-7-3).

Western Michigan 5, Nebraska-Omaha 4: Vince Bellissimo scored twice for the visiting Broncos (12-9-3, 8-6-2 CCHA). UNO is 6-14-3, 4-11-2.

WOMEN

Wayne State 0, Vermont 0: Senior goaltender Anna VanderMarliere (St. Clair Shores Lake Shore) earned her 10th career shutout with 16 saves and the Warriors (8-8-3) notched their first scoreless tie in the program's five years. Kami Cote made 35 saves for Vermont (4-15-2).
MEN'S HOCKEY: Sioux climb to the top
UND surges past pesky Michigan Tech to take WCHA lead

Herald Staff Report
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How does place sound, Sioux hockey fans?

That's where UND resides today, atop the Western Collegiate Hockey Association for the first time this season.

Thanks to a four-point game from sophomore Zach Parise, the Fighting Sioux, ranked No. 1 nationally for the last 10 weeks but never in first place in the WCHA, have both goals in hand today.

The Sioux struck last-place Michigan Tech with four goals in both the opening and closing periods to claim an 8-4 win in front of 2,304 fans at John MacInnes Student Ice Arena here Friday. They also improved their national-best unbeaten streak to 12 games (10-0-2).

The win moved the Sioux past Wisconsin and into first place in the WCHA standings, a point ahead of Badgers, who have played three more WCHA games than UND.

Brandon Bochenski and Drew Stafford scored 42 seconds apart, at 4:04 and 4:46 of the first period, as the Sioux raced to a 4-0 lead before the period was over.

The Sioux then had to survive three straight goals by the Huskies before UND responded with four goals in the final period. The eight goals tie for the second-most this season for the Sioux, who lead the country in scoring with an average of five goals a game.

"It was almost too easy at the start," UND coach Dean Blais said. "We were moving the puck and having fun, but then we started taking some stupid penalties."

Michigan Tech had five straight power plays before the Sioux had one. But Tech converted just one of them, with Brandon Schwartz scoring in the final minute of the first period. The Huskies even had a 5-on-3 power play for one minute, 40 seconds in the opening period, but couldn't score.

Blais was especially happy to see Parise get untracked offensively.

"He was the dominant player on the ice, by far," Blais said. "We're planning on pushing him for All-America honors and the Hobey Baker Award, but he has to start putting the puck in the net if he's to have any chance at that."

UND's depth showed. Seven players scored goals, including the pair by Parise. Chris Porter and Nick Fuher had Sioux goals in the first period to give UND a 4-0 lead.

Parise, who had 26 goals and 35 assists as a freshman last season, had just six goals and 12 assists this season before Friday's game.

"I'd like to be scoring more, but we're the No. 1 team in the country, so it hasn't mattered," Parise said. "But it's my job to score, too, so it's a relief to find the back of the net again."

Parise said the Sioux learned a lesson Friday night. "We've got to play 60 minutes of the game, not just 40," he said. "If we play like we did in the first and third periods, it's tough for any team to keep up with us."

After Michigan Tech chopped UND's lead to 4-3 after two periods, the Sioux outshot the Huskies 17-4 in the final period. The Sioux picked up goals by Rory McMahon, Mike Prpich and two from Parise to build an 8-3 lead before Tech's Jon Pittis scored as the final horn sounded.

Blais said he wasn't worried when Tech cut into the Sioux lead.

"We just had to stop taking bad penalties," Blais said. "The guys had gotten us into this mess with penalties. It was up to them to hopefully get us out of it."

They did that with another dominant closing period. UND has outscored opponents 45-13 in the final period in 20 games.

The Sioux took seven penalties, three by sophomore defenseman Matt Greene, who was benched in the third period. "He can be an imposing force, but when you take bad penalties, they can be demoralizing to a team," Blais said.

"If we just skate and move the puck, it can be a pretty fun game for us. If we start taking bad penalties, we have to fight for our lives."
ROUNDUP: UMD strikes early to defeat Tigers

From news services

Minnesota-Duluth scored four goals in the first period and went on to defeat Colorado College 4-3 Friday night at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center.

Joey Crabb scored 17 seconds into the game for Colorado College, but it would be the Tigers' only lead of the game.

Goals by Tyler Broz, Nick Anderson, Junior Lessard and Tim Hambly put the game out of reach for UMD.

Aaron Slattengren scored two goals, one in the first period and another in the third, for Colorado College.

Isaac Reichmuth stopped 21 shots for Duluth, including nine in the second period.

The Bulldogs outshot the Tigers 26-24 and converted on one of their three power-play chances.

Colorado College did not score on any of its four power plays.

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MEN'S ROUNDPUP: Oakland loses third in row

BY KRISTA LATHAM, FREE PRESS SPORTS WRITER

Oakland University was the Mid-Continent Conference preseason favorite. Now, the Golden Grizzlies have turned into the conference's favorite doormat.

The Grizzlies (7-10, 1-4) let another conference team walk away with a close win Thursday. This time it was a 74-73 home loss to Southern Utah (5-10, 1-3).

Oakland trailed by double digits most of the way, then lost when Robbie Warren tipped in Jason Baker's miss with 2.6 seconds left.

"I try to look at the positive, but pretty much, they kicked our (butts) the whole game until the last 10 minutes," senior guard Mike Helms said.

Helms found some life in his shot late in the game. He scored eight straight points and brought the Grizzlies within three, 70-67, with a three-pointer. Pierre Dukes hit a three-pointer with 1:08 left, cutting the deficit to 72-70. Then Southern Utah's top scorer, David Palmer, missed a triple with 31.8 seconds left, giving Oakland a chance.

Junior forward Rawle Marshall banked in a lay-up with 10 seconds left, drew a foul, and hit the free throw for a 73-72 lead.

"It felt like the old team," said Oakland forward Cortney Scott.

But Warren put Southern Utah ahead, and Helms' long three-pointer jarred off the rim at the buzzer.

Helms angrily kicked the ball into the stands. "I wanted to cry in the locker room," he said.

Helms led Oakland with 23 points, Marshall had 21 and Scott 18. The Grizzlies shot 43.9 percent from the field to the Thunderbirds' 66.7 percent.

Baker led Southern Utah with 21 points, and Warren added 18. Palmer, saddled with foul trouble, scored only two.

"We couldn't get anything going, and they made everything," coach Greg Kampe said. "They shot 67 percent, but they had some easy ones, I'll tell you that."

It was the third straight loss for Oakland and the third close one as well. Scott said the team held a meeting this week to talk about finishing the close games. But, in Kampe's mind, the team is still waiting for the solution.

"When Rawle hit that free throw, I thought, 'Geez, this could be it, if we can get a stopper,' " Kampe said. "And we didn't get it. Everyone is really down and disappointed. And everyone has a right to be. There were a lot of expectations for this team."

STATE

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NATIONAL

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Prep notebook

TWO CENTS WORTH

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STREAM STAYS HOME

If you need another reason why women's Division II basketball is so strong in this state, here it is: Sarah Stream has committed to Michigan Tech.

Stream led Ishpeming Westwood to the Class C state title and was a member of the Free Press all-state dream team.

"Tech is close to home where people can come and watch me play, and that was important to me," Stream said. "Academically, I can't go wrong there."

Stream is one of the few athletes who can speak of the importance of academics and keep a straight face. She is a 4.0 student who scored 30 on the ACT. She plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Stream's final choices were Tech, Northern Michigan, Lake Superior State and Ferris State. Some Division I schools like Wisconsin-Green Bay, Massachusetts and Brown made late bids to recruit her, but she turned them away.

"I figured those schools stayed loyal to me, so I was going to stay loyal to them," Stream said.

Perhaps the most perplexing aspect of her recruitment is that no Division I school in Michigan offered her a scholarship. Does this mean Central Michigan, which was embarrassed by Eastern Michigan, 87-50, last week, doesn't need a player like Stream?

LACROSSE CLINICS

Lacrosse will become an MHSAA-sponsored sport in the 2004-05 school year. To prepare for it, the association is sponsoring several officials clinics; it will waive the processing and registration fees for the 2004-05 school year for officials who participate, as long as they don't officiate baseball, soccer or softball in 2003-04. That's because of a shortage in those sports.

A clinic for girls match officials will be at noon Sunday at the Royal Oak Community Center. Registration fee is $20. For more information contact Elaine Torvinen at 248-541-5845.

Birmingham Detroit Country Day will host another girls clinic at 9 a.m. Feb. 7. Registration is $15; for more information contact Pat Hayes at 248-644-0199.

A two-part boys clinic will be held Thursday and Jan. 29 at Birmingham Seaholm. Both sessions will begin at 6 p.m. On-field training will take place in February. Total registration is $25. For more information contact Rick Jackson at rick@wanemail.com

CLAWSON TO METRO

Clawson did accompany Madison Heights Lamphere and Madison Heights Madison in exiting the Oakland Activities Association, but the Trojans are not joining Lamphere and Madison in the Macomb Area Conference.

Instead, Clawson will join the Metro Conference.

"With Madison and Lamphere leaving the OAA, there aren't any other Class B schools left," Clawson athletic director Bob Herm said. "We're playing Class B this year, but we're really a Class C school and we're getting smaller."

The answer for Clawson is the Metro Conference, and the Trojans will join the league in
time for the 2004-05 school year.

"The MAC did offer a spot, but we had already committed to the Metro," Herm said. "The travel in the Metro might be a little more than we're used to, but the MAC could have been even worse. I think the Metro should be a good fit for us."

OAA'S NEW LOOK

With the loss of Clawson, Lamphere and Madison, the OAA has reconfigured into three divisions for football. The top two divisions will each have nine teams, meaning they will cross over for a non-league game. The third division will have 10 teams, meaning those schools will not have to find a non-league game to fill out a nine-game schedule.

This is the way the OAA football divisions will look this fall:

Division I: Birmingham Groves, Clarkston, Farmington Hills Harrison, Lake Orion, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Troy, Troy Athens, West Bloomfield.

Division II: Birmingham Seaholm, Farmington, North Farmington, Oak Park, Pontiac Northern, Royal Oak Kimball, Southfield, Southfield-Lathrup, Waterford Mott.

Division III: Auburn Hills Avondale, Berkley, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Pontiac Central, Rochester Stoney Creek, Royal Oak Dondero, Waterford Kettering.

NEW MAC

The Macomb Area Conference has revamped its divisions to accommodate Madison and Lamphere from the OAA along with independent New Haven.

This is the MAC football setup for the next two seasons:


White: Sterling Heights, Utica, L'Anse Creuse, Romeo, Grosse Pointe North, Port Huron Northern, Grosse Pointe South.

Blue: Fraser, Roseville, Port Huron, Warren Cousino, Warren Mott, L'Anse Creuse North, East Detroit.


Silver: Mt. Clemens, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, Madison Heights Lamphere, Madison Heights Madison, St. Clair Shores South Lake, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, New Haven.

HUBBARD AND FLOWERS

It was interesting to see the University of Michigan retire Phil Hubbard's basketball jersey on Sunday. Had recruiting gone the way former U-M coach Johnny Orr wanted, Hubbard never would have set foot on U-M's campus. The big man U-M wanted in the winter of 1975 was 6-foot-8 Bruce Flowers of Berkley.

Flowers played some memorable games against Tommy Staten and Ferndale. Back then Berkley played its home games at Anderson Junior High, and if you weren't there by the start of the junior varsity game you didn't get a seat. That Berkley team's success probably was the reason the school got a new gym.

Flowers was the best big man in the state, and Berkley had such a following during its unbeaten regular season that it filled Calihan Hall for its quarterfinal game against Highland Park. The Polar Bears won on their way to the Class A state championship.

It wasn't until Flowers chose Notre Dame that Orr decided to go hard after Hubbard, who was the Ohio player of the year at Canton McKinley. Flowers had a solid career at Notre Dame, and Hubbard became one of U-M's all-time greats.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Michigan stifled in loss to Penn State

Senior guard Kelly Mazzante scored 19 points Thursday night at Crisler Arena to help No. 8 Penn State (12-3, 5-0 Big Ten) beat Michigan, 68-56.

Mazzante has 2,570 points and needs nine more to pass former Ohio State star Katie Smith as the Big Ten's all-time leader.

Senior center Jennifer Smith led U-M (9-8, 2-2) with 21 points. Tabitha Pool added 19 and Stephanie Gandy 14, but no other Wolverine scored a field goal.

"We want to build a program like theirs," Michigan coach Cheryl Burnett said. "They pass well. They see the floor well. That's where a lot of it starts."

Michigan State 55, Ohio State 47: Kristin Haynie had 16 points and 12 rebounds for the No. 25 Spartans (12-3, 2-2 Big Ten), who did not make a basket after Haynie's jumper with 8:17 left. It put MSU ahead, 48-34. Liz Shimek added 11 points and 10 rebounds. Jessica Davenport had 16 points and 15 rebounds for host Ohio State (10-5, 2-2).

Tennessee 86, South Carolina 58: Shyra Ely scored 15 of her 16 in the first half as No. 5 Tennessee (13-1, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) beat host South Carolina (8-6, 0-2).

Minnesota 74, Illinois 59: Janel McCarville scored 15 points, and host No. 6 Minnesota (15-0, 4-0 Big Ten) remained the only unbeaten team in the country. Angelina Williams scored 21 points for Illinois (7-9, 1-4).

Purdue 71, Northwestern 41: Erin Lawless had a career-high 16 points for host No. 9 Purdue (13-2, 3-1 Big Ten), Melissa Culver scored 13 points for Northwestern (7-8, 0-4).

Auburn 72, Georgia 54: Le'Coe Willingham had 20 points and 13 rebounds for host No. 20 Auburn (13-3, 1-1 SEC). Jessica Pierce scored 15 for No. 11 Georgia (13-3, 2-1).

Louisiana State 74, Florida 59: Seimone Augustus had a career-high 28 points and a season-high 13 rebounds for host No. 14 LSU (14-2, 2-0 SEC). Florida is 11-5, 1-2.

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GREAT LAKES

Ferris State 70, Hillsdale 67: Lucy DeMartin and Erin Miller each scored 13 points for visiting Ferris State (10-5, 5-1). Nikki Wustman had 23 points for Hillsdale (6-9, 3-3).

Grand Valley State 97, Wayne State 95 (OT): Julie Zeeff had 26 points and 19 rebounds for visiting Grand Valley (4-8, 1-3). Jodi Young's 48 points set a record for Wayne State (5-9, 2-5).

Lake Superior State 73, Findlay 67: Allyson Conaway had 26 points and 10 rebounds for the Lakers (13-2, 6-1). Host Findlay is 10-7, 2-4.

Northern Michigan 71, Mercyhurst 39: Emily Belland scored a career-high 16 for Northern (12-1, 4-1). The host Lakers are 0-13, 0-6.

Gannon 53, Michigan Tech 50: Host Gannon (11-5, 4-2) scored the game's last 12 points. Andrea Novak had 18 for Tech (8-5, 3-2).
Warren stars, UDM wins

Tom Markowski

DETROIT - Illinois-Chicago came into Thursday's game at Calihan Hall looking to avenge an earlier loss at home to Detroit Mercy and keep itself in the Horizon League race.

After Saturday's frustrating loss at home to Wright State, UDM was merely looking for some identity.

The Titans dug deep, shook off the affects of that loss and won what could prove to be a pivotal game, as they held on to defeat the Flames, 70-67.

Elijah Warren scored more than 20 (21) for the second time this season, and his two free throws with 4.4 seconds left sealed the victory.

His roommate, Ryvon Covile, had 12 points and three blocked shots and Willie Wallace had 10 points for UDM (8-6, 2-2), which stopped a two-game losing streak, in the league and at home.

Aaron Carr led UIC (11-6, 2-3) with 20 points and Cedrick Banks had 15.

"We've had a couple of disappointing losses," Warren said. "We weren't desperate. The losses brought us closer together."

"This team is still learning to play," Coach Perry Watson said.

Mid-Continent

Southern Utah 74, (at) Oakland 73: Robbie Warren's tip-in with 2.6 seconds to play gave Southern Utah (5-10, 1-3) a Mid-Continent Conference upset of Oakland (7-10, 1-4).

Jason Baker led the Thunderbirds with 21 points, while Warren had 18.

Mike Helms scored 23, Rawle Marshall scored 21 and Cortney Scott had 18 points and 10 rebounds for Oakland.

Southern Utah broke a six-game losing streak.

GLIAC

(At) Wayne State 76, Grand Valley State 69: Joel Simpson and Kendall LeSure each scored 15 for Wayne (9-6, 5-2 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) and Kendon Edwards had 11 points and 10 rebounds. Courtney James scored 19 for Grand Valley (10-3, 2-2).

Ashland 89, Saginaw Valley State 78: Kevin Shorter and Alex Jones scored 20 apiece for Ashland (8-8, 1-5). Anthony Parker led Saginaw Valley (8-8, 2-5) with 26 points.

Ferris State 73, (at) Hillsdale 69: Willie Thomas scored 14 for Ferris (5-10, 5-1). Cory Coe had 23 for Hillsdale (9-7-2-4).

(At) Findlay 94, Lake Superior State 73: Reinaldo Smith scored 19 for Findlay (13-4, 5-2). Steve MacDonald and Evan Engle each scored 13 for Lake Superior (6-10, 0-7).

Michigan Tech 76, (at) Gannon 71: Josh Buettner scored 28 for Tech (10-2, 4-1). Brandon Andrews scored 20 for Gannon (13-3, 4-2).

Northern Michigan 74, (at) Mercyhurst 58: Louie Koskey scored 13 for Northern (8-6, 2-3). Josh Helm had 20 points and 10 rebounds for Mercyhurst (8-6, 2-3).

(At) Northwood 77, Rochester 62: Dallas Logan scored 24 for Northwood (9-7), J.D. Austin had 20 for Rochester (9-10).

MIAA

(At) Olivet 81, Alma 65: Ronnie Pearson sank a three-point shot 15 seconds into the second half to give Olivet the lead (9-5, 3-0 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association). Anthony Jones led Alma (2-12, 0-5) with 15.

Top 25

(At) No. 2 Duke 76, North Carolina State 57: J.J. Redick scored 20 and Daniel Ewing had 18 for Duke (13-1, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), which won its 10th straight. N.C. State is 9-3, 2-1.

No. 8 Louisville 76, (at) East Carolina 66: Taquan Dean and Larry O'Bannon scored 20 and Daniel Ewing had 18 for Duke (13-1, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), which won its 10th straight. N.C. State is 9-3, 2-1.

No. 12 Georgia Tech 75, Virginia 57: Marvin Lewis scored 17 for Georgia Tech (13-2, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference). Virginia (10-4, 0-3) began the season with eight straight victories.
SPORTS

Chris Conner, Michigan Tech

The sophomore forward is having a career year. With 17 goals, he's second in the nation in that department to the 18 scored by UND's Brandon Bochenski. He leads the nation in shorthanded goals with five, which tie him for the school record. He has eight career shorthanded goals in less than two seasons, just three shy of the Michigan Tech career record of 11 set by Al Radke. Conner, from Westland, Mich., is being billed as Michigan Tech's Hobey Baker Memorial Award candidate. At 5-7, 175 pounds, Conner is a tiny dynamo who has opened a lot of eyes with his scoring ability.

Jordan Parise, UND

He doesn't have eye-popping numbers when it comes to save percentage (.874) or goals-against average (2.56), but one telling statistic is impressive. He is unbeaten in the 11 games in which he's played, going 8-0-2. Parise is in his freshman season at UND, but he's the older brother of sophomore Zach Parise, who came to UND directly from high school while Jordan was working his way through the United States Hockey League. Jordan Parise's unbeaten record through 10 games is second longest in school history behind Darren Jensen, who was 14-0-1 before losing.
UND at Michigan Tech

When: Tonight, Saturday, 6:05 p.m.

Where: John MacInnes Student Ice Arena (cap. 4,200), Houghton, Mich.

Records: Sioux 15-5-2 overall (9-1-2 WCHA); Huskies 4-12-4 (2-8-2 WCHA).

Series record: UND leads 116-84-8 and is 7-2-1 against Tech in last 10 meetings.

Radio/TV: The Fox (96.1 FM); no TV.
Regional

Anchorage: The Seawolves are 2-5-3 against nationally ranked teams this season, including a 2-1-2 mark in their last five games. Last season, Anchorage was 0-14-1 against ranked teams ... . Senior goalie Chris King has five games this season with 40 or more saves.

Colorado College: When the Tigers were swept at home by Minnesota last weekend, it was the first time in more than three years that CC lost two WCHA games at home in a weekend. The last WCHA team to sweep the Tigers in Colorado Springs was St. Cloud State in November 2000 ... . CC assistant coach Norm Bazin, seriously injured in a car accident Nov. 20, has been released from a Colorado Springs hospital and is recuperating at home.

Denver: The Pioneers have lost their last four games against Minnesota-Duluth after being swept in Denver by the Bulldogs last weekend. Defensemen Matt Laatsch (knee) and Jussi Halme (jaw) and forward Gabe Gauthier (shoulder) all missed the first game of last weekend's series with the Bulldogs.

Michigan Tech: In a 4-2 loss at Wisconsin last Friday, the Huskies had a potential game-tying goal with 3:42 left in the game disallowed, with Wisconsin leading 3-2 at the time ... . The Huskies play 10 of their next 14 games at home.

Minnesota: Colorado Springs native Kellen Briggs stopped 47 of 48 Colorado College shots as the Gophers swept the Tigers in Colorado Springs last weekend ... . Grand Forks native Grant Potulny leads the Gophers in power-play goals with six ... . When Nova Scotia native Peter Kennedy scored for the Gophers last Friday, it was the first career goal for the sophomore defenseman. It also was the first time a Canadian has scored a goal for the Gophers since Jim Ebbitt, a Montreal native, scored against Wisconsin in 1971.

Minnesota-Duluth: The Bulldogs posted their fifth series sweep of the season at Denver last weekend, the most for a Duluth team in 11 seasons ... . Evan Schwabe has an 11-game scoring streak going, the most since Nate Anderson's 13-game streak in 2000-01.

Minnesota State-Mankato: Maverick senior Shane Joseph was named national student-athlete of the month for December by College Sports TV ... . Mankato drew a season-high crowd of 4,190 for a Jan. 3 game against Wisconsin. The Midwest Wireless Center has a capacity of 4,832.

St. Cloud State: Freshman forward Brent Hill has left the team and gone back to Canada to play for Regina in the Western Hockey League. Hill had three goals and two assists in 19 games. His departure puzzled coach Craig Dahl. "I've had a good relationship with the kid. We never had any problems with him and he was playing. I don't understand it," Dahl told the St. Cloud Times.

Wisconsin: The Badgers had their 13-game WCHA unbeaten streak (8-0-5) ended by Michigan Tech in Tech's victory in Madison last Saturday ... . Notre Dame returns to the Kohl Center for a nonconference series this weekend, the first time the Irish have played there since the teams met in 1998, in the first hockey game played at the Kohl Center.
Michigan Tech 76, Gannon 71

By The Associated Press

Michigan Tech's Josh Buettner scored 28 points in a 76-71 win over Gannon on Thursday night.

Three other Tech players were in double digits for the win in Erie, Pa.

The Huskies (10-2, 4-1 Great Lakes Intercollegiate) built a 35-27 lead at the half. Michigan Tech shot 47.4 percent in the game on 27-of-57 shooting, compared to Gannon's 40 percent (22-of-55).

Brandon Andrews scored 20 and Geoff Hustead added 19 for Gannon (13-3, 4-2).

Twenty-one of the Huskies' points came off Gannon turnovers.
College hockey game of the week

Matchup: Michigan Tech (4-12-4, 2-8-2 WCHA) vs. No. 1 North Dakota (15-2-2, 9-1-2).

When: 7:05 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Where: MacInnes Student Ice Arena, Houghton.

Why they're important: Don't think the Huskies have a chance against the top-ranked Fighting Sioux? Perhaps you missed their 3-2 upset Saturday of host Wisconsin, which leads North Dakota by one point for first place in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association. Michigan Tech will have its hands full with North Dakota junior Brandon Bochenski, who leads the nation in goals (18) and points (33).
Defenseman Werner sticks with U-M
He turns down juniors, hurdles academic trouble

BY GEORGE SIPPLE, FREE PRESS SPORTS WRITER

Michigan junior defenseman Eric Werner was at a hockey crossroads last season and he chose the more difficult path.

Werner was ruled ineligible for the second half of the 2002-03 season because of academics. The Plymouth Whalers, which had his rights in the Ontario Hockey League, asked him to join them, which would have meant the end of his collegiate eligibility.

After some soul-searching, Werner decided to stay at Michigan and try to become eligible again. He resisted the temptation to quit school to play for one of the OHL's best teams.

"I knew in my mind I was going to come back and contribute to the team," said Werner, a general studies major. "It would make me stronger if I stuck it out.

"It actually feels good now, working hard all semester."

Werner earned a 2.7 grade-point average last semester and said he doesn't take school for granted anymore.

"He's accomplished a lot through this adversity," Michigan coach Red Berenson said. "It's something that was nobody's fault but his own. I told him I thought he should stay and we would honor his situation. He could practice with the team. I gave him all the right reasons to stay. It might have been easy to discourage him, but I wanted him to stay.

"No use running away from it. It's a big setback, but let's turn it into a positive. He's done a good job with that."

He's also starting to settle in again with Michigan's team. Werner scored his first collegiate hat trick against Michigan Tech in the Great Lakes Invitational on Dec. 28. He leads Michigan's defensemen with six goals and 12 points.

Berenson said he hasn't been surprised by Werner's offensive contribution this season.

"I would expect that he'd come back and play with more passion, more excitement this year after missing part of last season," Berenson said.

The academic ineligibility forced Werner to miss 23 games, including Michigan's run to the Frozen Four for the third consecutive year. He had 13 points, including four goals, a strong first-half follow-up to his rookie season. He had been one of four players and two freshmen to skate in all 44 games for Michigan, and his 20 assists led all Central Collegiate Hockey Association defensemen. His 25 points were second among conference defensemen.

The Wolverines felt his absence in the second half of the season.

"Werner was arguably our best defenseman" when he was declared ineligible, Berenson said.

Said Werner: "I let a lot of people down. I let my schoolwork slip and I paid for it. You live and you learn. Now I know it's not going to happen again."

While physically ready to play college hockey, Werner said he might not have been ready for the academic rigors when he arrived in Ann Arbor.

"From high school, my time management wasn't right," said Werner, who prepped at Grosse Pointe North. "It was a big step for me."

He said he now recognizes the bad habits he had in his first two years of college.

"I didn't communicate with the teachers when I needed help," Werner said. "I didn't set goals for myself in school and didn't prioritize what I needed to get done."

"I never used to talk in class. I'm not a shy person, but was almost afraid. You're sur-
rounded by 4.0 (GPA) students coming out of high school. It was a little different, a little intimidating to open your mouth up. But I realized there's no such thing as a dumb question. I speak up in class now and it's working out for me."

Succeeding at Michigan was important to Werner for another reason: His father, Frank, played hockey at the school from 1972-75 and scored the first-ever goal at Yost Arena when it was converted to an ice arena in 1973.

Frank Werner said Eric was an average student in high school and that the offer from the Whalers -- to play hockey without the worry of schoolwork -- could have been appealing.

"He could have gone to Plymouth," Frank said. "Everything would have been fine. He would have been playing hockey, but he made his own decision. He worked hard and he made a choice -- a good choice, I think."

Eric said his mother, Debra, checks in on him daily. Frank said he takes a different approach, choosing not to hound him on his progress.

"I'm not going to sit there and always drill him about his schoolwork," Frank said. "He's a big boy now. He's 21 years old. He's got to make his own decisions."

Frank said he never pressured Eric, or his brother Frank, a senior right wing for Michigan Tech, to play college hockey.

"I've always told my boys, I've already had my turn," Frank said. "This is up to you. It's a tough game. Don't do it for me. Do it for yourself."

But Frank admitted he's happy Eric stayed in Ann Arbor.

Werner is now committed to helping the Wolverines (14-7-1) return to the Frozen Four again. Michigan is tied with Miami (Ohio) atop the CCHA after sweeping Ohio State at home last weekend.

With three freshman defensemen contributing this season, Werner's play will be key to Michigan's second-half success.

"In the stretch run, the games get bigger," Berenson said. "Hopefully our team will get closer to our best, whatever that is. You saw against Michigan Tech, (Werner) can add a lot to our team."

His defense, though, has to improve. He has a minus-5 rating and nine penalties.

"I feel like I can play better," Werner said. "It's halfway through the season. The highlights will hopefully come toward the end of the season."

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In brief

College hockey

Tech to return to Resch Center

ASHWAUBENON – Though no formal announcement has been made, Michigan Tech plans to return to the Resch Center for its second NCAA Division I home hockey game on Jan. 18, 2005, hosting Notre Dame.

The Wildcats and the University of Wisconsin drew the largest hockey crowd in Resch Center history — a sell-out of 8,744 — when they played there on March 1, 2003.

Tech has two former Green Bay Gamblers players on its roster -- senior right wing Brett Engelhardt of Sheboygan and junior left wing John Hartman. Sophomore defenseman Nick Toneys is from Waupaca.

Notre Dame assistant coach Layne LeBel, a former Tech player and Gamblers assistant, left Green Bay last August after two seasons.

The Fighting Irish have three former Gamblers defensemen on their roster: junior Joe Zurenko and freshmen Noah Babin and Wes O’Neill. Gamblers defenseman Dan Venuard and forward Victor Oreskovich have committed to Notre Dame for next season.

Former Gambler nominated for award

Dan Boeser, a senior defenseman on the University of Wisconsin hockey team and a former Green Bay Gamblers player, is one of 14 nominees for The Hockey Humanitarian Award.

Boeser was diagnosed with follicular B cell lymphoma, a non-Hodgkin’s form of cancer, in 2002. He underwent radiation treatment but still made the first game of the season on Oct. 11.

Touched by seeing cancer patients even younger than he was, Boeser helped organize visits by UW hockey players to young cancer patients at the UW Hospital.

The finalists for the humanitarian award will be announced Jan. 15 at www.hockeyhumanitarian.org, and the winner will be announced April 9 during festivities for the NCAA Frozen Four in Boston.

College football

No spring game for UW this year

MADISON – The University of Wisconsin football team will not play its spring game in 2004 because of the renovation of Camp Randall Stadium.

"The construction in the south end zone has extended onto the playing surface and prevents us from having a full field to play on, but I know we all are going to love the finished product in the fall," coach Barry Alvarez said.

UW is adding seating to the south end of the stadium.

Youth sports

Ashwaubenon seeks Legion coach

ASHWAUBENON – The Ashwaubenon Youth Baseball program is seeking an American Legion baseball coach for the 2004 season.

Candidates should call Tim Marquart at (920) 430-2616 or e-mail him at timm@aybaseball.com by Jan. 19.

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