

# Whalers blast the Battalion



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A clinic.

That's the best way to describe the Plymouth Whalers' play Thursday night as they remained unblemished on the road this season with a 4-2 win over the Brampton Battalion in an Ontario Hockey League game in Brampton.

After two sub-par games by Plymouth last weekend against the London Knights, coaches Pete DeBoer and Steve Spott worked very hard to work out the bugs at practice last week. The result was a complete shut down of Brampton's offense.

Plymouth got two big additions back to their lineup in Damian Surma and Libor Ustrnul, and the effect was immediate. Surma finished his first game in the 2000-01

OHL season with two goals and an assist. Ustrnul, a defenseman, added an assist and was instrumental in shutting down top Battalion sniper Raffi Torres, a first round pick of the New York Islanders who has seven goals and six assists this season for a team-leading 13 points.

"Both of those guys are huge team players for us and it's great to have them back in the lineup," said DeBoer. "Ustrnul was instrumental in shutting down Torres and the game could have easily have been 2-1 without the play of Surma."

After a scoreless first period, the Whalers unloaded the offense in the second. Stacey Britstone opened the scoring .25 into the period on a play that began with Surma feeding a pass to Stephen Weiss, who went wide right. Weiss dropped a pass and Britstone fired it past Chant for the 1-0 lead.

Weiss made it 2-0 on the power play, stuff-

ing home the rebound of a Surma shot for his sixth goal of the season.

Surma added another power-play goal at 13:53 of the period to extend the lead to 3-0, assists going to Cole Jarrett and James Wisniewski.

The Battalion got a goal from Jay McClement at 14:53 of the second to make it 3-1, but the Whalers dominated the action, outshooting Brampton 15-4 in the period.

The game's final goal was an empty-netter by Surma with 11 seconds left, improving the Whalers' record to 6-0 on the road and 7-1 overall.

"We played solid defense and did not make any stupid mistakes tonight," said Ustrnul, an Atlanta Thrashers draft choice. "It feels good to be back in the line up and to play well, especially against someone like Torres."

The Whalers remain the top team in the OHL with 14 points.

## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

### WLAA-WESTERN DIVISION TRI-MEET

Oct. 12 at Casa Benton Park

**DUAL MEET TEAM SCORES:** Northville 24, Livonia Churchill 33; Northville 15, Plymouth Canton, 42; Churchill 20, Canton 35.

**Individual finishers:** 1. Brian Bilyk (N), 16:32; 2. Bill Dalton (N), 16:56; 3. Phil Johnson (LC), 16:57; 4. Will Chapman (LC), 17:06; 5. Ryan Gall (LC), 17:07; 6. Ben Flood (N), 17:08; 7. Clark Paierok (N), 17:20; 8. Phil Santer (N), 17:21; 9. Logan Schultz (LC), 17:22; 10. Steve Deben (PC), 17:31; 11. Brandon McClellan (LC), 17:40; 12. Brian Page (PC), 17:45; 13. Scott Gillen (PC), 17:46; 14. Nick Moroz (N), 17:52; 15. Pat Pruitt (PC), 17:53; 16. Ryan Stanko (PC), 18:03; 17. George Shereda (LC), 18:03; 18. Mike Gabrys (N), 18:04; 19. Jean Harris (LC), 18:06; 20. Jon Western (PC), 18:09; 21. Jon Mikosz (PC), 18:11.

**Division dual meet records:** Northville, 5-0; Livonia Churchill, 4-1; Canton, 3-2.

### WLAA-WESTERN DIVISION BOYS TRIANGULAR MEET

Oct. 12 at Nankin Mills

**DUAL TEAM SCORES:** Livonia Franklin 19, Farmington Harrison, 41; Walled Lake Western 24, Franklin 31; W.L. Western 15, Harrison 46.

**Individuals finishers:** 1. Kevin Naughton (WLW), 16:35; 2. Brian Klotz (LF), 16:48; 3. Steve Stewart (LF), 16:50; 4. Neil Naughton (WLW), 17:15; 5. Mike Ashinger (WLW), 17:34; 6. Peter Kounofski (WLW), 18:14; 7. Nick

Warra (LF), 18:39; 8. Ed Donovan (WLW), 18:42; 9. Steve Sargol (FH), 18:50; 10. Elliott Marshall (FH), 18:51; 11. John Krcatovich (LF), 18:52; 12. Derek Opett (LF), 19:00; 13. Jake Patenaude (WLW), 19:05; 14. Jonas Conrady (LF), 19:15; 15. Alex Cleland (WLW), 19:24; 16. Matt Drew (FH), 20:01; 17. Keith Schoepke (LF), 20:12; 18. Jeremy Singleton (FH), 20:13; 19. Ron Friend (LF), 20:36; 20. Mike Elam (LF), 20:39; 21. Alan Singer (FH), 20:54.

**Franklin's dual meet record:** 2-7 overall.

### WLAA-LAKES DIVISION TRI-MEET

Oct. 12 at Oakland CC

**DUAL TEAM SCORES:** Farmington 25, Plymouth Salem 30; Farmington 15, Westland John Glenn 69; Salem 17, John Glenn 58.

**Top 20 individuals:** 1. Donnie Warner (PS), 17:12; 2. Justin Hajduk (PS), 17:18; 3. Chris Tobe (F), 17:19; 4. Pat Lockhart (F), 17:45; 5. Ryan Kiblawi (F), 17:53; 6. Andrew Czaplicki (F), 17:54; 7. Bryan Giglio (F), 17:54; 8. Jim Leddy (PS), 18:04; 9. Mark Parent (WJG), 18:08; 10. Rob Showalter (PS), 18:17; 11. Greg Kubitski (PS), 18:27; 12. Chris Vraniak (PS), 18:39; 13. Kurt Carsfield (PS), 18:45; 14. Adam Warner (PS), 18:48; 15. Drew Mokris (F), 18:52; 16. Mike Luick (PS), 18:54; 17. Tom Eason (F), 19:03; 18. Mike Horgan (PS), 19:05; 19. Abe Thurteill (PS), 19:09; 20. Jason Poniatowski (PS), 19:14; 21. Nick

**Dual meet records:** Farmington, 5-0 division; Salem, 4-1 division, 6-2 overall; Glenn, 0-5 division, 0-6 overall.

### WLAA-WESTERN DIVISION GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TRI-MEET

Oct. 12 at Casa Benton Park

**DUAL TEAM SCORES:** Livonia Churchill 20, Northville 43; Churchill 20, Plymouth Canton 43; Canton 25, Northville 31.

**Individual finishers:** 1. Heather Moehle (N), 19:54; 2. Susan Duncan (LC), 19:58; 3. Mary Maloney (PC), 20:46; 4. Sarah Westrick (LC), 20:46; 5. Rachel Wodyka (LC), 20:50; 6. Nicole Renaud (LC), 20:56; 7. Mandy Hein (LC), 21:13; 8. Michelle Phillips (LC), 21:15; 9. Sara Anagnostou (LC), 21:15; 10. Alyson Flohr (N), 21:27; 11. Lindsay Gould (LC), 21:39; 12. Andrea Heidt (LC), 21:49; 13. Nicole Hayden (LC), 21:57; 14. Terra Kubert (PC), 22:08; 15. Erin Mireles (LC), 22:15; 16. Rachel Lindman (PC), 22:20; 17. Pam Reasor (PC), 22:23; 18. Amanda Thayer (LC), 22:24; 19. Allison Mills (PC), 22:27.

**Division dual meet records:** Churchill, 5-0; Northville, 3-2; Canton, 2-3.

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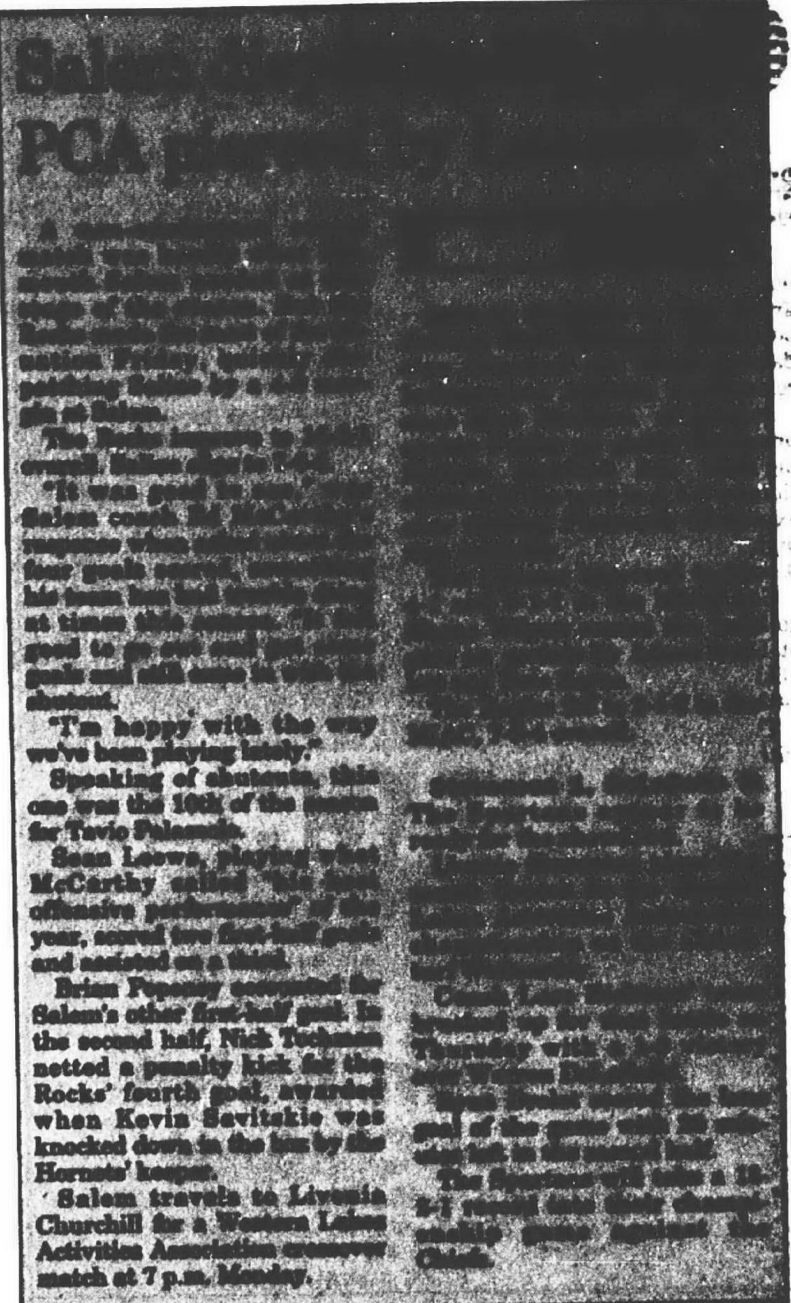
Oct. 12 at Nankin Mills

**DUAL TEAM SCORES:** Farmington Harrison 17, Livonia Franklin 38; Walled Lake Western 25, Franklin 30; Harrison 23, Western 44.

**Individual finishers:** 1. Christine Mety (FH), 21:08; 2. Krystin Jarell (WLW),

21:24; 3. Melissa Lamons (WLW), 21:42; 4. Clara Fletcher (FH), 21:43; 5. Lauren Liebowitz (FH), 21:45; 6. Kori DeHuff (FH), 21:57; 7. Kirstian Tyler (LF), 21:53; 8. Erica Johnson (LF), 22:23; 9. Ashley McElmurry (FH), 22:46; 10. Candie Funny (WLW), 22:49; 11. Christine Witte (LF), 22:59; 12. Kristin Evan (WLW), 23:24; 13. Amanda Bowman (LF), 24:09; 14. Nikki Larsson (LF), 25:04; 15. Hong Weng (FH), 25:20; 16. Jessica Edwards (FH), 25:24; 17. Emily Warren (WLW), 25:27; 18. Corinne Pemberton (FH), 25:41; 19. Ann Geraghty (LF), 26:16; 20. Christine Meloche (LF), 26:25.

**Franklin's dual meet record:** 1-4 division, 3-4 overall.



"I'm happy with the way we've been playing lately."

Speaking of athletes, this one was the 10th of the season for Tavia Palomaki.

Sean Leary, player-coach McCarthy called the offensive performance of the year, scored five first-half goals and assisted on a third.

Brian Fennoy converted the Salem's other first-half goal in the second half. Nick Tuchman netted a penalty kick for the Rocks' fourth goal, awarded when Kevin Sevitzkie was knocked down in the box by the Hornets' keeper.

Salem travels to Livonia Churchill for a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover match at 7 p.m. Monday.

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