

ST. IGNATIUS HOCKEY

Wolfpack enjoys productive holiday break

From staff reports

St. Ignatius' hockey teams were busy over the holiday break, going 4-1 which included a 5-2 junior varsity win over Marist and a 5-1 varsity victory over Lemont.

The junior varsity also defeated Brother Rice 3-1 and Providence 5-0 respectively. The only loss between the two squads occurred in a varsity contest against Andrew.

In the varsity team's win over Marist Alex Layng (Riverside), scored unassisted on a shot from the point in the first period to put the Wolves up 1-0. The Wolves scored four more in the second to put the game out of reach.

At 12:28, John Fitzgerald (Chicago) made a move on the Marist goalie that the goalie is still thinking about and buried the puck.

Tom Javorski (La Grange), on an assist from Enrique Ayala, scored the third goal. Not to be outdone, Frankie DiSilvio (Chicago) got in on the action, scoring on a tip-in with assists from Layng and Tony Iuliano.

T.J. Boulger (Clarendon Hills) then scored the fifth goal at 2:49 in the second on a sharp pass from Iuliano.

Although the Hawks, scored twice in the third, the defensive play of Ayala, Iuliano, Layng and goalie John McConnell (Park Ridge) was rock solid.

The Wolves then traveled to Romeoville to defeat the Lemont varsity squad. Mike Javorski (La Grange) scored at 7:45 in the first to put the Pack on top 1-0 on an assist from ISHL all-star Josh Weber. Then Weber returned the favor and scored the second goal with 2:34 left in the period on an assist from Max McDonald.

The Wolfpack let in one Christmas present for Lemont in the second, but Santa delivered an early hat trick to Mike Javorski in the third.

He scored on an assist from Frankie DiSilvio; his second and the team's fourth goal was on a great feed by another team ISHL all star, Senior Chris Rubey (Western Springs) and the third was unassisted.

The junior varsity came back after Christmas with the same tenacity it dis-

played against Lemont to send the Crusaders of Brother Rice home from their pilgrimage to Southwest Ice Arena with a 3-1 loss.

The hits started earlier, and the Wolfpack defensemen put on a show with Enrique Ayala singlehandedly killing a penalty in the corner of the boards and Alex Layng slamming a Providence wing into the boards.

The Crusaders were back on their heels, and John McDonnell brought his "A" game, letting in only one screened tip-in in the second. Nick Collins deked two Providence defensemen to bury the first SICP goal.

Ayala scored the second on an assist from Collins and Michael Heldak scored the third SICP goal on a gorgeous back-handed tip-in.

The junior varsity ended 2007 on a very high note with another Jonathan Gavron (Palos Park) shut out and a convincing team victory 5-0 over the Providence Celtics.

Although St. Ignatius was weak in numbers, the remaining players were not in their play and didn't allow a shot on goal in the first eight minutes of the contest.

John Fitzgerald scored first on Nick Donata and Max McDonald assists. McDonald then claimed his own goal on a tricky shot the goalie never saw from behind the net.

Nick Collins next followed his own rebound in and scored putting the game out of the Celtic's reach. Despite only two offensive lines, the fury of shots did not cease. McDonald scored again on an assist from Fitzgerald with the final score by Collins, unassisted.

Congratulations also are in order to the Wolfpack ISHL all-stars: seniors Josh Weber and Chris Rubey, along with junior Enrique Ayala, for their tremendous play.

They will be honored during the team's varsity game Sunday, Jan. 27 on Hockey Senior Day. The game will be played at Johnny's Ice House, starting at 3:40 p.m. In addition, Franz Schuck and Enrique Ayala are on the top of the Catholic Junior Varsity League in scoring.

As for the team records, the junior varsity stands at 10-4-1 in the Catholic League and the varsity's record is 3-4-1 in the ISHL.



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out the evening. It faced a 29-14 half-time deficit and trailed 49-27 after the third quarter. Jessie Hutchens finished with 12 points, Molly McCloskey posted eight and Rachel Buccieri and Fallon Ryan both had six.

