

# The SnapShot

## South Shore Women's Hockey

For the record books...

Open Net !!

### Hobomock State "A" Champions After Four Overtimes

**A**fter four overtime periods Hobomock defeated the Nighthawk Seniors 3-4 in the State "A" finals. The Nighthawks played brilliantly during the States and were able to tie Hobomock's record. Though both teams had already assured themselves a spot in the Nationals, a "play-off" style game was played to determine a State Champion.

Hobomock got two goals from Kelly Rose (33) and one from Deb McWalter (16). Laura Prisco (3) got two for the Nighthawks and one from Tina Beauchemin (14).

The game went on for over two and a half hours. Fans thought Michelle Meznic, the Nighthawk goaltender, played brilliantly, especially in the overtime periods. Hobomock took its ominous offensive strength and kept banging away at the Nighthawk end. But the South Shore League Regular Season Champions just couldn't bury the Nighthawks.

Finally, in the fourth overtime, 16-year-old Erin Metcalf (5) scored perhaps her most important goal of her young career. When Meznic saw the Hobomock forces cross the blue line, she said she hoped the play was off-sides, but there was no whistle. The Hobomock combination was simply not meant to be stopped this time. When the puck finally crossed the goal line Hobomock became, once again, the state's champions.

Both teams will leave for Michigan to play in the Nationals the week of April 7-10. The World Cup games are being played around that time, however, making it impossible for World Cup players to come back and help their regular teams. Hobomock has two players on the World Cup, Beth Beagan (20) and Collene Coyne (7). The Nighthawks have no World Cup players.

Coyne, who broke her jaw in the play-offs two weeks ago against the Nighthawks, was not available for the States. Coach Jim Wagner said she is on a diet of "potatoes and ice cream." She is wearing a plate but will be available for the World Cup Games. Wagner said Coyne is quite an athlete. She was invited to pitch baseballs with the "Silver Bullets," a women's professional ball team. For the World Cup Coyne will be wearing a "Juneau style" jaw guard.

### North Shore Takes "B" State Title

**N**orth Shore is the State "B" Champion as they easily defeated all the competition they faced during the States. Springfield came in second and will also be heading for Michigan.

Teams that competed in the "B" division included North Shore, Springfield, Quincy and Chelmsford. Chelmsford lost all their games. Quincy lost to both North Shore and Springfield, thought the Springfield game was very close. Had Quincy won that game they would be heading to Michigan.

Mass Bay, who has the best South Shore record out of all the teams who were in the "B" division States, chose not to participate. They felt they should have been categorized in the "A" division along with Hobomock, the Nighthawks, Canton and Needham.

### Open Opportunity

**E**very championship game has its humorous side and the States this past weekend were no exception.

Canton desperately wanted to be in the Nationals this year. Partly because Paula Dumart, who has been coaching longer than most players on the South Shore have been living, has never been. Partly because it's S.T. Tong's last year here before she heads back to Alaska. And partly because Canton has a bunch of 20-years skating veterans who have never been to the Nationals.

Canton beat both Hobomock and Needham. With such victories under their belts and with a loss to only the Nighthawks they felt they had a very good chance. Needham was out of it with no wins. Hobomock was 1-0-1. The Nighthawks were 2-0-1. It came down to the final game between Hobomock and the Nighthawks. If the Nighthawks won Canton would be in.

Things looked bad right away as the Nighthawks quickly fell behind by three goals. It seemed all the teams would end with a 2-0-1 record with goals for/against being the deciding factor. Canton's math was not good so they would end up on the bottom.

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## Gold Division Play-offs

Hobomock beat the Nighthawks 4-1 in their play-off game two weeks ago. No scoring details were available however the three goal victory puts Hobomock in first place.

Canton beat Mass Bay 2-1. Mass Bay opened the scoring on a wicked slap-shot from Karen Pecararo (3) from Moe Collins (8). With 56 seconds left in the first period JoAnne Marrone (14) scored on power-play from Randy Brooks (24).

With five minutes left in the third period Patty Jones (9) got the game winner on a wrist shot from the slot. Marrone (14) and Paula Stanton (4) assisted.

## Silver Division Play-offs

North Shore is in first place after in the Bronze Division. They beat the Rhode Island Seniors 3-0. No scoring details were available. (They have the best plus/minus so far.)

Springfield beat the Rhode Island Midgets 3-1. Kim Oski (4) tipped home a rebound on a shot from Nancy Elliot (3) to give Springfield a 1-0 lead. Denell Tavella (10) also did damage from the point. A wrist shot through screen players ended up in the net. Sue Green (16) assisted.

Rhode Island came back on a brilliant rush by cutting past the Springfield defense making the score 2-1.

Shelly DeFronzo (11) gave Springfield back their two goal lead when pulled the puck along the ice to increase her angle on net. Nobody ever saw the shot. Melissa White (8) and Diane Gourde (2) assisted.

On a three on two break Tavella (10) got her second goal of the night with White (8) and Gourde (2) once again assisting.

Quincy beat the Seniors in their game played Saturday, Feb. 26 5-3. Quincy also has a 1-0-0 record.

### Gold Standings

| Team       | Rec.  | For/against | Pts |
|------------|-------|-------------|-----|
| Hobomock   | 1-0-0 | 4-1         | 2   |
| Canton     | 1-0-0 | 2-1         | 2   |
| Mass Bay   | 0-1-0 | 1-2         | 0   |
| Nighthawks | 0-1-0 | 1-4         | 0   |

### Silver Standings

|              |       |     |   |
|--------------|-------|-----|---|
| North Shore  | 1-0-0 | 3-0 | 2 |
| Springfield  | 1-0-0 | 4-1 | 2 |
| Quincy       | 1-0-0 | 5-3 | 2 |
| R.I. Midgets | 0-1-0 | 1-4 | 0 |
| R.I. Seniors | 0-2-0 | 3-8 | 0 |

### Bronze Standings

|            |       |     |   |
|------------|-------|-----|---|
| Nighthawks | 2-0-0 | 8-1 | 4 |
| Boston     | 0-1-0 | 1-4 | 0 |
| Randolph   | 0-0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Framingham | 0-1-0 | 0-4 | 0 |

## Bronze Division Play-offs

The Nighthawks have an exciting game this Sunday against Randolph. The game could decide the winner of the Bronze Division.

So far the Nighthawks have beaten Boston and Framingham. If they beat Randolph they'll be the Bronze Division Champions. A Randolph victory today and a win over Boston March 27 would give Randolph first place.

Doreen Glynn (9) for the Nighthawks has lead the way for the team. She

scored a goal and got two assists against Boston. Katie Clinton (2), Dana Lupo (13) and Sue Tack (14) also scored. Karen McDonough (5), Mary Carlson (11) and Melissa Moeckel (12) received assists.

The Nighthawks also beat Framingham 4-0. Doreen Glynn (9) and Karen McDonough (5) each got a goal and an assist. Laurie Bachofner (7) and Dana Lupo (13) also scored. Melissa Moeckel (12) and Katie Clinton (2) each got two assists.

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The Nighthawks, already assured a National spot at the present score, pulled their goaltender obviously not realizing the potential consequences. Canton stared at the open net. Hope. Time ticked down. They were just one open net goal from Michigan. But it never came. The buzzer went off with both the Nighthawks and Hobomock never realizing that an open net goal could have changed everything.

As Hobomock lead near the end of the game 6-4 Canton knew they were done. Then it occurred to someone that if the Nighthawks lost by three goals they would have a chance in the "plus/minus" race.

## All-Star Game

The All-Star game will be played Tuesday, March 29 at the Canton Rink. The Silver Division game will be played at 6:30PM and the Gold Division game will be played at 8:00PM. Canton Cable will cover the Gold Division game.

There will be a league meeting during the games held upstairs from the rink. Team representatives are invited to attend.

### Play-Off Schedule

#### Sunday March 13:

3:40 PM Boston V. Framingham  
4:50 PM Needham V. Nighthawks  
6:00 PM Hobomock V. Mass Bay  
7:10 PM Quincy V. R. I. Midgets  
8:20 PM Randolph V. Nighthawks

#### Natick Rink, March 13

Noon Springfield V. North Shore

#### Sunday March 20:

3:40 PM Mass Bay V. Nighthawks  
6:00 PM R.I. Seniors V. Springfield  
7:10 PM Canton V. Needham  
8:20 PM North Shore V. Quincy

*Last week of hockey, excluding the All-Star game, is March 27.*

### The Snapshot

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