

Detroit Red Wings Alumni Win in St. Ignace Match-up With Pond Hockey Champs



With sticks ready, Detroit Red Wings alumni players (from left) Sergei Kharin, Dan Newman, and Craig Coxe sit on the bench awaiting their turn on the ice. A team of 11 former Red Wings took on a combined team of last year's pond hockey champions Friday night, February 20, at Little Bear East Arena in St. Ignace.

By Karen Gould

The Detroit Red Wings alumni team heated the ice with hockey action at Little Bear East Arena in St. Ignace Friday night, February 20. The seasoned veterans took the match 8-6, beating championship players from the Pond Hockey Tournament on Moran Bay last year.

Facing 11 Red Wings were 15 members from last year's 21-and-older Gold Division championship game between LaBatt's Blue of Ontario and a St. Clair Shores team now called Gustafson's Smoked Fish.

Only a few standing-room-only seats remained unsold in the arena.

Minutes before the start of the game, Greg Gorsuch proposed to his girlfriend at center ice. Andrea Klier said "yes" to the marriage proposal. The couple is from Sault Ste. Marie and Mr. Gorsuch was on the team of hockey players about to face the Red Wings.

Ms. Klier went onto the ice under the impression she had won a team jersey. On the back of the jersey was printed, "Will you marry me?" Mr. Gorsuch got down on one knee and proposed to her, presenting her with long stemmed red roses.

"What better time to do it?" Mr. Gorsuch told *The St. Ignace*



St. Ignace Mite hockey player Saylor Sorenson gets Red Wings alumni Brent Fedyk to sign a hockey stick during a break in game play.

News during a break in hockey play. "I'm comfortable [on the ice]. She's comfortable. She used to play here."

Mr. Gorsuch and his father operate a fishing charter service out of St. Ignace.

Between periods of the Red Wings game, the St. Ignace Mite hockey team played against Newberry. The players range in age from six to eight years old. Newberry took the match, 5-0.

After the game, both teams

were ushered off the ice and into the Red Wings locker room. There the aspiring young players were greeted by the players and asked for autographs on hockey sticks.

During play for the Red Wings, Dennis Hextall, Tom Williams, and Brent Fedyk scored two goals apiece. Also scoring were Darren Banks and Dan Newman. Also playing for the team were George Bowman,

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Mite teams from St. Ignace and Newberry faced off between periods of the Red Wings game at Little Bear East Arena. Newberry beat St. Ignace, 5-0.



Andrea Klier of Sault Ste. Marie said yes to a marriage proposal from Greg Gorsuch before the start of the Red Wings alumni hockey game Friday evening, February 20.

Pizza Dinner Is Friday at School

Pizza from St. Ignace businesses will be offered at Pizza Round the Town Friday, February 27, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the LaSalle High School Cafeteria in St. Ignace. Tickets purchased in advance are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages six through 11, and are available at the Chamber of Commerce. Tickets at the door are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Children ages five and younger eat free.

Pizza and desserts will be provided by Mackinac Grille Restaurant, BC Pizza, Driftwood Sports Bar, Pines Trading Post, Timmy Lee's Pub, Village Inn Restaurant, Glen's Market, Horseshoe Bay Restaurant, St. Ignace Big Boy, Holiday Station Store, Bentley's B-n-L Cafe, and Freshwater Foods. Drinks will be provided by Griffin Beverage.

Proceeds will benefit the St. Ignace Chamber Ambassador Scholarship Fund.

Millage Request To Be on May Ballot in Engadine

Engadine Consolidated Schools is seeking two millage renewals on the Tuesday, May 5 ballot.

One proposal would let the district levy 18 mills on non-homestead property for five years. The revenue would be used

to provide operating funds. In 2009, the millage is estimated to raise \$1,934,930.

The second proposal is for one mill and would be levied only to the extent necessary to restore the Headlee reduction. The proposal

will ask voters for a one-mill levy on non-homestead property for five years for operating purposes. The estimated revenue collected the first year would be \$197,496.

Free Meal Is Wednesday at Engadine

The Engadine United Methodist Church will host a free community meal Wednesday, February 25, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30

p.m. at the church. Valentine's games for children will be at 5:30 p.m.

The meal is open to the public.



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