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Roundup: Marysville rebounds for split of Port Huron teams

Times Herald

Two days after being shut out by one Port Huron hockey team, the Marysville Vikings blanked the other Saturday night.

Junior goalkeeper Michael Paciero made 21 saves in leading the Vikings to a 2-0 victory against Port Huron High in a Macomb Area Conference crossover game at McMorran Pavilion.

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The Vikings, members of the MAC Red Division, take a 4-6 record into the holiday break.

Coach Paul Moretz's squad fell 3-0 Thursday night against Port Huron Northern in a nonconference game.

Cody Gilbert put the Vikings on the board at 12:52 of the first period as he beat Port Huron goalie Nick Gordon. Devin Herr assisted on the score.

Marysville wrapped up its scoring with an empty-net goal with 20 seconds remaining by Geoff Kearns on an assist from Garrett Heiser.

"You never like to lose, but our kids played a great game against a MAC Red team," Port Huron Coach Ben Pionk said. "It was a real good game. We are nearly 100% healthy and our players are getting used to playing with each other.

"Even though it was a loss, it was still a big boost for our team. I'm very pleased with the effort."

Gordon finished with 38 saves for the Big Reds, who

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By WENDY TORELLO, Times Herald

COMING THROUGH: Port Huron High's Trevor Baker gets out in front of Marysville's Anthony Giordano, middle, and Cody Gilbert Saturday during first-period action at the McMorran Pavilion. The Vikings won the Macomb Area Conference crossover, 2-0.

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are 1-5 in the MAC White and 1-9 overall.

"Nick played a great game," Pionk said. "He made some nice saves. He gave us an opportunity to win the game.

"They (Vikings) beat us up pretty good four weeks ago. It was 3-0, but they pounded us."

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FRASER- One goal was good enough for the Huskies in their first meeting with Warren De La Salle, but not in the rematch.

Northern took the first Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League meeting 1-0 earlier this month at McMorran Pavilion.

Despite holding a 28-27 shot advantage, the Huskies suffered the loss. They are 3-3 in the league and 7-5 overall.

"They (De La Salle) are a physical team and they out-worked us," Northern Coach Bill Warren. "I was disappointed with our effort.

"I really thought we would show more character than we did. It's not the way we wanted to head into the holiday break."

The Huskies grabbed a 1-0 lead 9 minutes in the game as Mitch Fernandez scored on assists from Jamie West and Austin Zawicki.

De La Salle tied the game in the second and went ahead for good 2-1 with a goal at the 7-minute mark of the third. The Pilots added an empty-net goal.

Wade Holcomb was in net for Northern and made 25 saves.

"We came out playing well in the first period, which is uncharacteristic of us this season," Warren said. "We out-shot them something like 13-7 in the first period.

"It was all downhill after that. They controlled everything the rest of the way."

The Huskies return to action Jan. 5 with a conference game against Detroit Catholic Central at Compuware in Plymouth.

"It doesn't get easier for us with the schedule we have coming up," Warren said.



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UPENDED: Port Huron's Andrew Jowett and Marysville's Michael Richards collide Saturday at McMorran Pavilion. The Vikings won. FOR MORE, SEE PAGE 7C.