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Camby's 119-pound Fred Full, who won Dickinson's a major one, for a 10-0 lead.

Canby's 119-pound Fred Full, who won

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"They are a physically awsome team," said Wildcat See Gophers, Page 5



Well protected by goalie Jim Gremore is the Mariner net on this play in the Region 3 championship game. Hill-Murray's Mike Regan fired the shot, but Gremore cut down

the angle and also got help from teammate Steve Tomaszewski. The puck hit the post about two inches from Gremore's nose in the first period.

—Staff Photo by Mark Morson

Hill-Murray wins in Region

By Gary Olson Staff Writer

No. 2-ranked Hill-Murray has finally reached the state tournament. Saturday at the St. Paul

Auditorium, the Pioneers beat Mariner, 4-1, to win the Region 3 champion-ship and a spot in next week's state tourney field.

For as long as anyone can remember, the Pioneers have been a part of the annual March Independent School Tourna-ment. But this year. coach Terry Skrypek will lead his charges into the Minnesota State High School Tournament, the first independent team to crack the eight-team field.

Hill-Murray peppered Mariner goalie Jim Gremore with 31 shots while the Dolphins managed just 17 at Steve Janaszak.

Senior center Rod Romanchuk and junior cen-Jeff Whisler each scored twice to account for the Pioneer goals.

With Mariner's Tim Hinueber off for holding late in the first period, the Pioneers began to apply the pressure on the Dolphins' sophomore goalie.

At the same instant Hinueber returned to the ice, Whisler scored the game's first goal. He lost the faceoff in the Mariner zone, chased the puck to the corner, stole it from a Dolphin defenseman and circled out in front of Gremore where he shot and scored from eight feet.

It wasn't until late in second period that Whisler scored his second goal for a 2-0 lead.

Tom Conroy stole the puck from a Dolphin defender behind the Mariner

goal, carried behind the cage and slid a perfect centering pass to Whister all alone in the slot.

Romanchuk pretty well sealed the victory at 8:04 of the final period when he canned his first goal, No. 52 of the season.

As quickly as the Pioneers had scored, Mariner got the goal back, ruining Janaszak's shutout bid in the process.

Jeff Faust carried the puck in from the right side and cut through the crease hoping to beat Janaszak to the far corner. Janaszak made a sliding pad save to stop Faust but Hinueber was at the left corner to flip the puck over the sprawled goalie.

Romanchuk scored with four seconds to go, adding insult to injury.

We may have looked a

little casual out there, but I think our kids may have been trying too hard for more goals, Skrypek explained.

"We've been looking forward to this (the state tournament) for a long time. Always before, when we played in the Independent School tournament, it was like being second fiddle.

"This time, we're right where we want to be and hope to go as far as possi-

The Pioneers, 23-1, will meet Region 2 champion Duluth East in Thursday's first round action.

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Tech edges

By Gregg Wong Staff Writer

HOUGHTON, Mich. -It's a good thing Minnesota and Michigan Tech cannot meet in the up-coming WCHA playoffs.

The way Tech's Huskies played in sweeping a weekend series from Minnesota, they look like the second-place team that might win the national championship as did last year's Minnesota team.

Saturday afternoon, Tech edged the Gophers, 5-4, but had the upper hand most of the way. The Gophers jumped to a quick 2-0 lead on two Paul Holmgren goals, but they could not maintain control and Tech's non-stop hustle

paid off in the victory.
"We played better today." said Gopher coach Herb Brooks, obviously thinking about Friday night's lackluster 7-0 loss. 'but this is no way to enter the playoffs.

"Tech is a vastly improved team over the one we saw in Williams Arena in December. I'm glad we won't see them in the league playoffs."

The Huskies leveled 50 shots on goalie Jeff Tscherne, you know, the wayward traveler who was detained by Green Bay airport officials Thursday for a bomb wisecrack.

In the end, it was a cheap goal allowed by the Edina sophomore that kept Minnesota from going into overtime at 4-4. The Gophers trailed, 4-2, entering the final period but Buzz Schneider's power-play goal at 5:45 made if a one-goal game.

Then. at 13:10, D'Alvise, coming down the left side, put a shot on Tscherne that the goalten-der kicked around before knocking the puck into the net behind. That made it 5-3 and offset Tom Vannelli's goal in the final 1:16 of play.

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