

Sem's Skudalski is eligible for NHL draft

NHL Central Scouting recently ranked Wyoming Seminary ice hockey player Craig Skudalski, of Wyoming, on its Preliminary Futures Prospects list of all North American players eligible for this year's NHL draft.

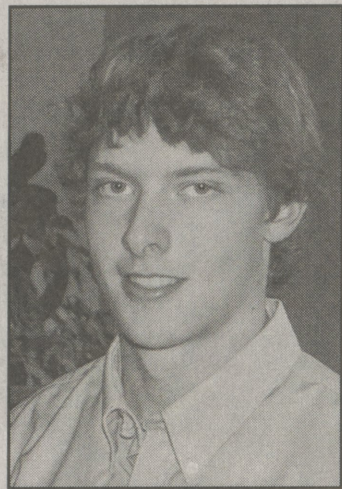
Skudalski is listed as a C skater who plays for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Knights in the Atlantic Junior Hockey League and is a projected fourth-through-sixth round pick in the draft.

Last season the 6'6", 218 lbs. senior forward scored 28 goals and 33 assists for a total of 61 points in 25 games for the Blue Knights, ending the season as the team's leading scorer.

Skudalski entered Sem as a freshman and was a role player for the Knights varsity team, receiving the Offensive MVP Award as a junior. He has been playing ice hockey for 10 years and began his ice hockey play with the Pocono Pirates.

In addition to his three varsity letters in ice hockey, Skudalski has three varsity letters in baseball where he is the starting pitcher and also plays first and third bases.

"It has been a pleasure to coach Craig for these past three seasons and I have never met anyone who is more passionate about ice hockey," said Joshua Morgan, Sem head ice hockey coach. "Craig is a great all-around player who has used his large frame to his advantage. He



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plays a physical game when necessary and has a great set of offensive skills.

"More importantly, he plays a defensively-sound game which is what coaches at the next level will be looking for," Morgan continued. "Craig has worked hard all summer training with the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Penguins strength and conditioning coaches and I am excited to see how he moves up the rankings leading up to the 2013 NHL draft."

If Skudalski is drafted, he would be the third former Sem player to be so honored, following Eric Tangradi (2007 draft), now center for the Pittsburgh Penguins; and Dennis Packard (2001 draft), a former left wing for the Bridgeport Sound Tigers.



BILL TARUTIS PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Lake-Lehman's Mike Novak goes down in heavy traffic against Dallas.

Lehman soccer team upsets Mountaineers

The No. 8 seeded Black Knights of Lake-Lehman jumped out to a 4-1 lead over the No. 1 seed Dallas, then held off a late charge to hang on for a 4-3 victory in boys soccer playoff action.

Austin Harry had one goal and one assist in the victory for Lehman which defeated Dallas in either a Wyoming Valley Conference of playoff game for the first time in nearly 10 years. The win advanced the Black Knights to play at Crestwood in district semifinals.

Matt Saba led Dallas with two goals. The Mountaineers lost in the first round of the tournament as the No. 12 seed for the second time in three years after being district runner-up last year.



Dallas' Danny Saba, right, Nate Wood, left, and Lake-Lehman's Mike Novak watch the ball ricochet off the post in a District 2 Class 2A boys soccer playoff game.

SPORTS BRIEFS

PSU/WB plans TV Tailgate party

The Penn State Wilkes-Barre Alumni Constituent Society will host its annual TV Tailgate Party for the Penn State fans in Northeastern Pennsylvania a half hour before the kickoff the Penn State's game against the Nebraska Huskers on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the River Grille in Wilkes-Barre.

The party boasts tailgate style food and drinks, as well as a half-time raffle and a 50/50 drawing. Cost per person is \$27 and all attendees must be 21 or older.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Karen Brace-Hodley in the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Alumni and Development Office at 675-9228 or

klb14@psu.edu.

Gymnastics program begins registration

Shooting Starz Gymnastics, 250 Johnston St., Wilkes-Barre, will accept enrollment for 2012 on Dec. 22.

For more information, contact Joelle Rose at 822-1212.

Fastpitch players sought

The Endless Mt Blast U14 travel fastpitch program is still looking for a few qualified players to round out its teams for the upcoming season.

Anyone interested is asked to call 840-6433 or email ronh@sbsmod.com.



Dallas' Danny Saba, left, and Lake-Lehman's Mike Symeon prepare to head the ball.



Dallas' Zach Goodwin goes down hard against Lake-Lehman.

Misericordia Nursing Department is recipient of Professional Education Award

The Misericordia University Department of Nursing has been named as the recipient of the 2012 Innovation in Professional Nursing Education Award by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing

(AACN).

Representatives of the nursing department received the award at the fall semi-annual AACN meeting in Washington, D.C. in October. The Innovation in Professional

Nursing Education Award recognizes the outstanding work of AACN member schools to re-envision traditional models for nursing education and lead programmatic change. The annual Innovation

Award includes a \$1,000 monetary prize.

AACN is the national voice for baccalaureate and graduate nursing education. Through various educational, research, federal advo-

cacy, data collection, publications and special programs, AACN works to establish quality standards for nursing education. It also assists deans and program directors to implement set standards, in-

fluences the nursing profession to improve health care, and promotes public support for professional nursing education, research and practice, according to the AACN website.

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vised that, if power was not restored by evening, they should seek shelter elsewhere. Management was concerned about the residents being without heat.

Matilda Moreck, Tilly Kalish and Elaine Evansky toured an emergency shelter set up by Red Cross Disaster Services volunteers at the Dallas Middle School. The ladies wanted to be prepared in the event power wasn't returned to their apartments before nightfall.

Dallas Middle School Principal Tom Duffy said, "I hope we don't see anyone. That means everything went well and everyone is alright."

Crews from UGI and Asplundh repaired power lines along Hunstville Road in Dallas Borough. According to Asplundh

worker Bob Bevan, lines were damaged near Reservoir Road from the intersection at Hunstville Road to the substation located off Reservoir Road.

Residents Allison Freedman and Bob Anstett reported an explosion on Reservoir Road late Monday evening.

"I heard a big explosion," said Anstett. "I called 911 to report the fire, but it went out pretty quick." Power lines were ripped down in the high winds, causing a brief fire on the unpaved portion of Reservoir Road.

Misericordia University was without power, but backup generators did maintain heat and hallway lighting in the housing areas. Students Jamie Opela, Maria Weidemeyer and Brian Quinlan said that power went out at about 1 a.m. but emergency lights were on immediately. The cafeteria on campus was still open but was serving only cold foods such as sandwiches. Shavertown Volunteer Fire



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Tilly Kalish, Matilda Moreck and Elaine Evansky from HI-Meadow Apts. in Dallas register for relief at the Dallas Middle School.

Company officials said Monday was a slow evening. According to Captain Jeff Biesel, the company had a call about water in a basement and two calls about downed

trees. Power was back on in Shavertown at approximately 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Dan Downey, a volunteer with the Red Cross, said the shelter



Utility crews from Western Energy, a company in Kansas, review work plans with a local UGI representative before setting out to repair lines in Dallas.

only had two individuals on Monday evening. Mina Hontz, a volunteer with the Red Cross, said all shelters were closed by Wednesday afternoon. The Dal-

las Middle School had one woman stay overnight on Tuesday, but all others seeking shelter returned home once power was restored.