

WED 1/31, 7:00 pm Padua Franciscan @ Lake Catholic

SAT 2/3, 4:00 pm Lake Catholic @ Walsh Jesuit FRI, 2/2, 6:00 pm Holy Name @ University School

SAT 2/3, 7:30 pm Padua Franciscan @ University School FRI, 2/2, 6:00 pm Padua Franciscan @ St. Edward

SAT 2/3, 8:30 pm Gilmour Academy @ Holy Name SUN 2/4, 2:10 pm St. Edward @ Walsh Jesuit

= league game

CLEVELAND CUP SEEDING ON THE LINE THIS WEEK

The Great Lakes Hockey League enters the final week of regular season play with five teams within three points of first place. There are seven league games left on the schedule this week. All seven teams in the league play twice except for Padua Franciscan, which plays three times, and Gilmour Academy, which has just one league game (and two possible points) remaining. The Lancers, who enter the final week tied with Holy Name for second place, visit the Namers at Ries Rink on Saturday night in what is sure to be a raucous night of high school hockey.

"You want the season championship coming down to the last weekend," said Holy Name head coach **Tim Sullivan**. "It makes it fun. We can control our own destiny, however, we have two very difficult teams in front of us."

University School sits in the pole position, a point ahead of GA and Holy Name, thanks to a 3-1 win over the Lancers on Sunday. The Preppers have home games remaining Friday and Saturday against Holy Name and Padua, and are assured the top spot if they win out.

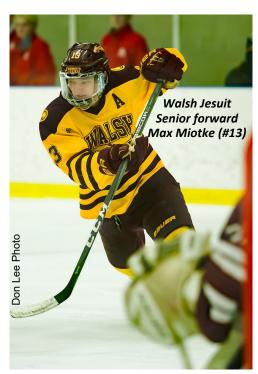
The Green Wave control their own destiny as well, but need a win at US on Friday to give themselves a shot at claiming the points title Saturday night in front of their fans at Ries Rink.

St. Edward is still mathematically alive, but needs a perfect storm of results in the other games if they want their game at Walsh on Sunday—the final game on the league schedule—is to play a role in determining first place.

The league's regular season title has always been something worth fighting for, but this season there are more than bragging rights on the line. The top-seeded team will get a bye that will allow them to skip the quarterfinals and go directly into Friday's semifinal round (see page 4).

Another thing to keep in mind, in what has turned into a tight five-team race down the stretch, is that the fourth- and fifth-place finishers will square off in a quarterfinal game at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

So, one of the contenders will be out early, and teams will be trying to positions themselves this week to avoid playing in that game.



2017-18 GLHL STANDINGS standings as of January 31; GLHL teams are awarded a point for an OT loss POS Team (overall record) Т **GA DIFF** W OTL **PTS GF** 1 University School (18-5-3) 1 34 17 1 16 17 7 1 0 2 Holy Name (16-9-4) 15 30 26 4 Gilmour Academy (20-7-3) 7 3 0 1 15 34 18 16 St. Edward (16-11-3) 6 1 1 14 37 11 26 Walsh Jesuit (14-7-6) 5 2 2 1 13 34 20 14 Padua Franciscan (2-24-0) 0 2 54 -42 1 8 0 12 Lake Catholic (8-18-1) 1 0 1 17 52 -35



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GREAT LAKES HOCKEY LEAGUE—TEAM NOTES

GILMOUR ACADEMY > The 3-1 loss to University School on Saturday snapped an eight-game winning streak for Gilmour Academy. It was the longest winning streak for the Lancers since February 5-27, 2012. That run that culminated in a 4-2 loss to US in the 2012 Kent District championship game. GA was also on a 10-game unbeaten streak (8-0-2) and was 10-1-2 over their previous 13 games...Gilmour has yet to win a game in the Cleveland Cup. They played, and lost to, Saint Ignatius in each of the first three tournaments (2014-2016). Last season they drew St. Edward in the quarterfinal, and were ousted 7-1.

HOLY NAME > Holy Name has won four league games in a row—two against Padua and two against Lake Catholic...Six of the Namers last eight wins have been by a single goal...senior goaltender **Anna Cvitkovich** posted a 51-save shutout of Byron Center (MI) on Saturday, but the Namers failed to score a goal themselves and the game ended in a 0-0 tie...Holy Name won a game in the Cleveland Cup for the first time last season, defeating Walsh Jesuit 5-2 in a quarterfinal game. They lost to Saint Ignatius, 8-1, in the semifinals.

LAKE CATHOLIC > The Lake Catholic Cougars will look to snap a six-game losing streak Saturday against Padua Franciscan, pick up their first league win of the season, and generate a little momentum heading into the post-season...Senior forward **Jacob Schmitt** hit the 40-point plateau (15-25-40).

PADUA FRANCISCAN > Padua was in Grand Rapids, MI for the Grand Rapids Catholic Showcase last weekend, dropping a pair of games to Byron Center (MI) and Grand Rapids Catholic Central (MI)...Former Bruins netminder **Lynsey Wallace**, the 2015-16 GLHL All-League goaltender, has officially joined the women's hockey program at Ohio State University.

ST. EDWARD > St. Edward had a chance to take a share of first place when they visited Gilmour Academy on Saturday, but came up short, 4-1. The Eagles, who have lost four of their last seven games (3-4-0), have a chance to turn it around when they close out their regular season schedule with league games against Padua at Winterhurst on Friday, and Sunday against Walsh Jesuit in Kent. They will be looking to pick up some momentum heading into the Cleveland Cup Tournament. The Eagles lost to University School in the tournament semifinals each of the last two years.

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL > University School is on a 10-1-0 run as we head into the final week of regular season action, and four straight league wins have put the Preppers in a position to

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claim the regular season title by winning their last two games. US and Walsh Jesuit tied for the regular season title in the GLHL's inaugural season (2013-14)...The Preppers moved up to #3 in this week's Ohio High School Hockey Poll...Senior goaltender **Kyle Flatow** has won nine of his last 10 starts, allowing more than one goal just twice in that span...Junior forward **Jack Henry Muha** leads the GLHL in goals (10) and points (18) in league play.

WALSH JESUIT > Three of the top seven scorers in the Great Lakes Hockey League this season heading into the final week of play are Walsh Jesuit Warriors. Senior forwards Jonathan Gabriel (9-6-15), Max Miotke (8-6-14) and Steven LeVasseur (7-6-13) all have a shot at the scoring title with a strong finish in the final two games of the schedule. A fourth senior forward, Matt Morris, is not far behind with 6-4-10...Following a 3-2 loss to Grand Rapids Central Catholic (MI) on Friday—their third consecutive one-goal loss and fifth straight one-goal game or tie—the Warriors defeated Notre Dame Prep (MI) by a score of 5-0 on Saturday. It was the fourth shutout of the season for senior goaltender Jakhari Desphy...Dating back to their last game before the Christmas break, Walsh has had eight of 13 games end in a tie or a one-goal decision.















<u>GLHL PLAYER OF THE WEEK—ETHAN WHETSTONE, UNIVERSITY SCHOOL</u>

University School senior **Ethan Whetstone** scored a hat trick in a 7-2 win at Lake Catholic on Wednesday, picked up three assists in a 5-1 win in a rematch with the Cougars on Saturday, then scored an insurance goal for US in their key 3-1 win over Gilmour Academy on Sunday.

Whetstone, the US captain, leads the Preppers in goals (17), assists (24) and points (41) on the season.

"Ethan takes his role as Captain very seriously," said University School head coach **Andre Lacroix**. "He scores goals, he gets big assists and he also blocks shots if he has to."

Gilmour scored to get within a goal and Whetstone responded with his 17th goal of the season to give them a little breathing room in Sunday's win, which catapulted the Preppers into first place for the first time this season.

"He is both a leader on and off the ice," said Lacroix. "Ethan has been doing it all year for us."

Whetstone posted 12 points (7-5-12) in 10 league games as a junior last season.



PREVIOUS WINNERS: Andrew Tomer, St. Edward (Dec. 8); Andrew Stewart, St. Edward (Dec. 16); Cole Horvath, Lake Catholic (Dec. 20); Jonathan Gabriel, Walsh Jesuit (Dec. 29); Tyler Fowles, St. Edward (Jan. 5); Kyle Flatow, University School (Jan. 10); George Brinn, University School (Jan. 17 & 24).

GLHL ALUMNI BIO—KEVIN VAN BOKKELEN, WALSH JESUIT '15

Former Walsh Jesuit Warrior **Kevin Van Bokkelen** is now a freshman at Lebanon Valley College—an NCAA Division III program in Pennsylvania.

"Kevin was a great scorer for our Warrior program," said Warriors head coach **Pat McKendry**. "He led the team his senior year."

Following his senior season at Walsh that saw him score a team-leading 18 goals and 32 points, Van Bokkelen played two seasons of junior hockey with the Wisconsin Rapids RiverKings of the USPHL, first in the Midwest Division and then the Elite Division. His teammates included Padua Franciscan's Will McGoughran, Holy Name's Tyler Albitz and Tyler Harkins of St. Edwards.

Van Bokkelen scored 55 goals and assisted on 75 assists for a total of 130 points over 89 games in two seasons with the RiverKings—all that despite spending 190 minutes in the penalty box.

"He is doing great things as a varsity hockey player in college and we are so proud of him," said McKendry. "It is so rewarding to see how hard Kevin worked to achieve his goals of playing at the collegiate level."



In his first 15 games with LVC, he has scored five goals and three assists for eight points while collecting 29 penalty minutes.

"Another former Warrior playing varsity hockey in college is very special," said McKendry.















2018 CLEVELAND CUP; February 6-10 @ OBM ARENA, STRONGSVILLE



Tuesday, Feb. 6 #1 seed receives a bye #4 vs # 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 7 #2 vs #7 at 6:00 p.m. #3 vs #6 at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9 #1 vs 4/5 winner at 6:00 p.m. 2/7 vs 3/6 winner at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10 Finals 7:00 p.m.



2017-18 GLHL SCORING LEADERS (all games)

#	NAME	TEAM	GP	G	Α	PTS	ENTLAKE						
21	Ethan Whetstone	US	25	17	24	41		SCORING LEADERS IN LEAGUE PLAY					
2	Jacob Schmitt	LC	27	15	25	40	En. 2013						
15	Tanyon Bajzer	STED	30	13	27	40	Name	TEAM	GP	G	Α	PTS	
12	Cole Horvath	LC	27	26	13	39	Jack Henry Muha	US	10	10	8	18	
14	Jack Henry Muha	US	26	16	16	32	Ethan Whetstone	US	9	5	11	16	
5	Frank Crisafi	STED	30	19	12	31	Jonathan Gabriel	WJ	10	9	6	15	
14	Steven LeVasseur	WJ	23	14	16	30	Max Miotke	WJ	10	8	6	14	
9	Jonathan Gabriel	WJ	23	16	11	27	Frank Crisafi	STED	10	6	7	13	
5	Tyler Guarniere	HN	24	12	15	27	Tanyon Bajzer	STED	10	5	8	13	
18	Andrew Tomer	STED	30	12	15	27	Steven LeVasseur	Ml	10	7	6	13	
6	George Brinn	US	26	7	20	27	Charlie Valenti	GA	11	5	7	12	
13	Max Miotke	WJ	23	13	13	26	Matt Mangel	GA	11	4	8	12	
9	Charlie Valenti	GA	28	7	17	24	Tyler Alt	US	10	3	9	12	
13	John Treppo	GA	25	14	9	23	Tyler Budzar	STED	10	2	9	11	
16	Sebastiano Layne	HN	24	16	6	22	Tyler Guarniere	HN	10	4	6	10	
20	Matt Mangel	GA	28	12	10	22	Evan Enrich	GA	11	5	5	10	
3	Tyler Budzar	STED	30	4	18	22	Cole Horvath	LC	10	7	3	10	
14	Spencer Melcher	HN	24	9	12	21	Matt Morris	WJ	9	6	4	10	

2017-18 GLHL GOALTENDING LEADERS (all games)

#	Name	TEAM	W	L	Т	SV	GA	GAA	SV %	SO
33	Jacob Ward	STED	2	0	1	33	1	0.33	0.971	2
36	Kyle Flatow	US	9	4 2	0	196	11	1.27	0.947	2
1	Duncan Nichols-Delay	GA	12	4	2	440	25	1.38	0.946	4
30	Payton Wetzel	GA	6	3	0	200	14	1.56	0.935	1
24	Jakhari Desphy	WJ	13	4	4	467	40	1.68	0.921	4
1	Andrew Stewart	STED	14	7	1	351	31	1.80	0.919	5
1	Anna Cvitkovich	HN /-	7 7	2	3	289	29	2.31	0.909	2
35	Critter Coughlin	US	7	3	<u>U1</u>	223	26	2.37	0.896	0
1	Riley Counahan	US	F.2 9/	7121) 1	79	9	2.45	0.898	0
30	Ross Conforto	HN	184 20	2	0	196	25	2.72	0.887	2
29	Patrick Kristo	LC	4	10	1	467	52	3.60	0.900	0
33	Nick Harris	PAD	0	5	0	138	23	4.54	0.857	0
33	Rob Kish	LC	4	7	0	370	60	5.14	0.860	0
1	RJ Schuette	PAD	2	11	0	402	75	5.74	0.843	0













