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Florida Panthers center Brandon Pirri (73) and Detroit Red Wings center Riley Sheahan go for the puck during the second period of an NHL game Thursday in Sunrise, Fla. The Red Wings lost, 3-1. (AP photo)

Jagr reaches goals milestone, Wings tumble

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SUNRISE, Fla. — Surrounded by young talent on the Florida Panthers, aging veteran Jaromir Jagr is proving he can still contribute. Jagr scored his 718th NHL goal, moving into fifth place on the career list, and added an assist in the Panthers' 3-1 win over the Detroit Red Wings on Thursday night. The 43-year-old Jagr, who gave the Panthers a 1-0 lead, passed Hall of Famer Phil Esposito with his first goal since March 1. Jagr has scored two with Florida since being acquired from New Jersey on Feb. 28. Jonathan Huberdeau dropped the puck to Jagr in the left circle, and he fired a shot past Petr Mrazek on the glove side at 10:55 of the second. Jagr's line with Huberdeau and Aleksander Barkov has been especially effective for

the Panthers.

"They're still young. Me too," Jagr said. "I've got a lot of games left."

Scottie Upshall and Brandon Pirri also scored, and Roberto Luongo made 25 saves in his return after missing six games due to an upper-body injury. It was Florida's first win in three games. Luongo, who will turn 36 on April 4, held the Red Wings scoreless until midway through the third period. "I wasn't sure what to expect," Luongo said. "I was really happy with the way I felt."

Erik Cole had the lone goal for Detroit, and Mrazek stopped 29 shots, but the Red Wings lost for the fifth time in seven games.

"Luongo was good," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "We lost depth three times and ended up with goals in our net. You've got to find ways to win games."

Falling from 1B

Hodell of Wausau, Wisconsin.

"We redshirted four girls that potentially could've helped us ... but we made that choice to help them and help our program in the long run," Mattson said.

"They all need to be contributors and that will depend on them and the work they put in over the summer."

Three of them are Chloe Tompkins, Darby Youngstrom and Tess Weatherly.

"We're looking at them to be leaders early on in their career and be big people in our program right away. The red-shirting has helped them out a lot and hopefully, they'll be more prepared (than) true freshmen."

Youngstrom said she is looking forward to being a vi-

tal cog in the program.

"I think we're ready," she said. "We had great role models with the seniors this year. I know we definitely learned a lot from them. We know we have high expectations, but we're ready for it."

"I think people are going to underestimate us a lot. We want to get back into the (NCAA) tournament and I think we're going to surprise people."

Junior Kendall Martenet transferred this year from the University of New Hampshire and agreed with her teammate's assessment.

"We're going to try to do the best we can," she said. "I think after losing the seniors, it'll be different. But I think we can do well."

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Calumet from 1B

percent from the floor over the final two quarters and 32 percent for the game.

Although the Wolfpack made only two of 11 shots during the third quarter, the Copper Kings still trailed 23-21 when a Laingsburg turnover at 7:14 of the fourth started a run that will be among the highlights of Calumet's trip downstate.

The Copper Kings earned that turnover with their full-court press, and tied the score on junior Leah Kiilunen's bas-

ket with 6:26 to play. Calumet then forced another turnover, and then another when Loukus gathered a steal with 5:06 on the clock.

The teams traded missed shots until senior Alexis Rowe dropped in a layup with 4:22 to play to give the Copper Kings a 25-23 lead.

Another miss and turnover set up Loukus for her game-deciding 3-pointer with 3:02 to play. Loukas finished with 10 points and five steals, and Rowe added seven points.

Freshman Sophie Wilsey led Laingsburg with eight points and four rebounds.

Brown from 1B

ing midway through the second quarter, and her seventh put the Saints up six points with 6:14 to play.

Total, she made 7 of 9 from behind the arc to contribute to team percentages that generally defy logic. For the game, St. Ignace shot a respectable 49 percent from the field — but 64 percent from 3-point range.

"It was just a huge momentum change. It got everyone pumped up, the crowd and team especially," Brown said. "The first half only a couple of us stepped up, and the second half I knew I had to bring it."

She'll surely be St. Ignace's most marked player

when she and the No. 6 Saints (21-5) face No. 2 Pittsford (26-0) in the Class D Final Saturday.

Making a pair of 3-pointers as well, Frankfort (24-2) built an eight-point lead six minutes into the game. The Panthers pushed the advantage to 13 with 5:46 left in the first half.

Junior guard Abbey Ostman and senior center Sarah Smith joined Brown on St. Ignace's 2013 Class D championship team, and they had roles to play Thursday as well.

Brown had 23 points and four assists, and Ostman added 20 points on 8 of 9 shooting from the floor. Smith had seven points, plus game highs of eight rebounds and four blocked shots.

RED EARTH CLASSIC SUPPORTS MOUNTAIN BIKING



EFFORTS IN MARQUETTE COUNTY

The Red Earth Classic mountain bike race has had a very successful first two years. Success has been made possible by; the sponsors (listed below), the City of Ishpeming, the City of Negaunee, participants, local businesses and volunteers who build and maintain trails on the west end. The Red Earth would like to thank everyone involved in making this event possible! The race is expecting continued success and strong growth in registration numbers into year three.



The organizers of the Red Earth Classic are committed to promoting the two cities that own the property on which the racecourse is situated. Their mission is to help make the Ishpeming and Negaunee area trails a premier mountain biking destination and a point of pride for Marquette County.

As a result of the races' success in the first two years, the organizers launched a FREE youth development program in 2014 that offers area youth a series of monthly teaching clinics and weekly group rides through the Youth Mountain Biking Development Program (YMBDP) of Ishpeming and Negaunee. The program teaches youth healthy living through the sport of mountain biking.

Red Earth founded the program. They volunteer at each clinic, gather the participants at area schools and support it financially as a community benefit from the mountain bike races' success. By supporting the race into the future you are supporting the program and helping in providing a way for our youth to learn healthy living through active lifestyle choices such as mountain biking. For up to date information on dates and enrollment and more details on the program, you can go to their FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/YMBDP-of-Ishpeming-and-Negaunee>.

In addition to the YMBDP of Ishpeming and Negaunee, the race organizers are donating \$1.00 from every racer to Great Lakes Recovery Center to support their preventative drug abuse education courses offered to west end youth. Registrants for the Red Earth Classic also have a drop down option when registering online to donate an additional \$1, \$5, \$10 or \$20 if they chose. Red Earth hopes to donate at least \$1,000 towards this cause through the race and a Fall Bike-A-Thon in 2015.

Since started in May of 2013, Red Earth volunteers have spent over 1300 hours maintaining and building trails on the west end. In the past, they have also maintained the 7-mile hiking / biking trail on the north side of Teal Lake along the Deer Lake and Olympic Loop ski trails at Al Quaal for summertime use. Red Earth has invested over \$7,000 towards local trail building and maintenance of the multi-use trails in Ishpeming and Negaunee. The Red Earth and its dedicated volunteers have pitched in to build over 6 miles of new single track, bringing the total miles on the west end to well over 35 miles available for mountain bikers. Local trail builders have worked over the past two decades towards bringing the system to fruition. As a result of this effort local businesses should see a positive impact and increasing numbers each year!



As Ishpeming natives, both organizers are very supportive of the continued development of mountain biking efforts in Marquette County. Their goal is to provide a safe and fun venue for families and youth mountain bikers while promoting the Ishpeming and Negaunee trails to a larger demographic. Ultimately the project will attract people to the area who can then utilize the already forged and well-built trails; thus, bringing economic benefit to the small business owners in the community and generating more commerce and more jobs.

This year's Red Earth Classic presented by Cognition Brewing Company (Grand Opening this Saturday at 2:00 pm) and Jackson's Pit is being held on July 18th and 19th. The event will take place in Jackson Mine Park in Negaunee and features four races on Saturday as well as an Enduro on Sunday morning. They are also introducing their Bikes, Burgers, Beer and Bluegrass Festival featuring live music by Chasin' Steel. Full event details can be found at www.RedEarthClassic.com.

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