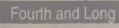


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David Friedman

Sports help make dreams come true

One of the things appreciate most about sports is how it so often provides an almost ideal mix of the personalities and environments required to create heroic moments and allow dreams to come true.

That's exactly what happened last week when a 36-year-old accountant in Chicago made his professional hockey debut.

Scott Foster last organized played hockey when he was at Western Michigan in 2005.

Since then he has focused on his career, started a family and continued playing hockey when he can in what they call beer leagues. They're essentially recreation leagues where fellas get together, play some hockey and then go drink beer. Hence the name.

He and a few other guys won a public tryout with the Chicago Blackhawks that allows them to attend about 15 games a year and be available in case the first and second string goalie can't play. He serves as the emergency backup goalie for both teams and he usually spends his time in the press box watching the game and enjoying the free food.

That's not what happened last Thursday night.

Chicago was already without their starting goalie, so they called up a young prospect from the AHL by the name of Collin Delia to come in and serve as their second string goalie. Unfortunately, their usual secondstring goalie, now their starter, injured himself prior to the game.

That meant Delia, who was playing for the Rockford IceHogs two weeks ago, was going to be starting in goal for the Chicago Blackhawks against the Winnipeg Jets. That by itself had all the makings of a wonderful story.

A wonderful story is exactly what it was

See FOURTH, B3



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Lawrence Academy shortstop Lauren Baker has a determined look as she fires to first base Monday against Bear Grass Charter School.

Comeback falls short

Lady Warriors rally in seventh but drop Easter title game to Bears

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tie snort.

Lawrence Academy's softball team scored on an infield error to three times in the top of plate Goodwin, and the seventh inning but Claire Dail reached on fell 6-3 to Bear Grass a dropped fly ball in left Charter School in the to bring home Lindsay championship of the inaugural Easter was thrown out at third Tournament at Gates (Brandie Coltrain to Sil-County High School verthorne) to end the Monday.

The Bears improved at the hands of Bear hit. Grass Charter.

the championship game ting hits, as the Bears having won games over struck for five runs on Gates County and North-five hits and one error eastern on Saturday.

Lawrence trailed 6-0 those runs). entering the seventh af-Wilkerson.

tesberry followed with Wilkerson's shortstop Morgan Lee.

Then things got shaky walked). defensively for

Rebekah error to load the bases. Wilkerson coaxed a

strikeout, and Lindsay Smith's fielder's choice plated Rogers, but Lee EASONS CROSSROADS - threw Stotesberry out The rally came up a lit- at third (Kaley Silvertnorne).

Lauren Smith reached game Smith. But Lauren Smith game.

Lawrence left two to 10-2 overall and end- runners on base in the ed a three-game win top of the first inning streak by the Warriors (Rogers with a single (9-3 overall). Two of and Goodwin with a Lawrence's three losses walk), but the Warriors this season have come couldn't get the clutch

Bear Grass Charter Both teams came into had no problems get-(which plated two of

Lauren Baker, who ter stranding nine bas- relieved Stotesberry erunners through the on the mound with one first six frames against out, got the final out of Bears' pitcher Keagan the first and then held Bear Grass to just one Gracen Rogers led run the rest of the way off the seventh with a -that coming in the botsingle, and Katlynn Sto- tom of the second when a single past a diving double brought in Rachel Hardison (who had

While the Warriors had baserunners, they Goodwin never could get to Wilkreached on an outfield erson until the seventh.



See LA, B2 Lawrence Academy's Isabelle Phelps makes an over the shoulder catch against Bear Grass.

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Athlete of the week **BACA** Shooting Adam Hoggard

