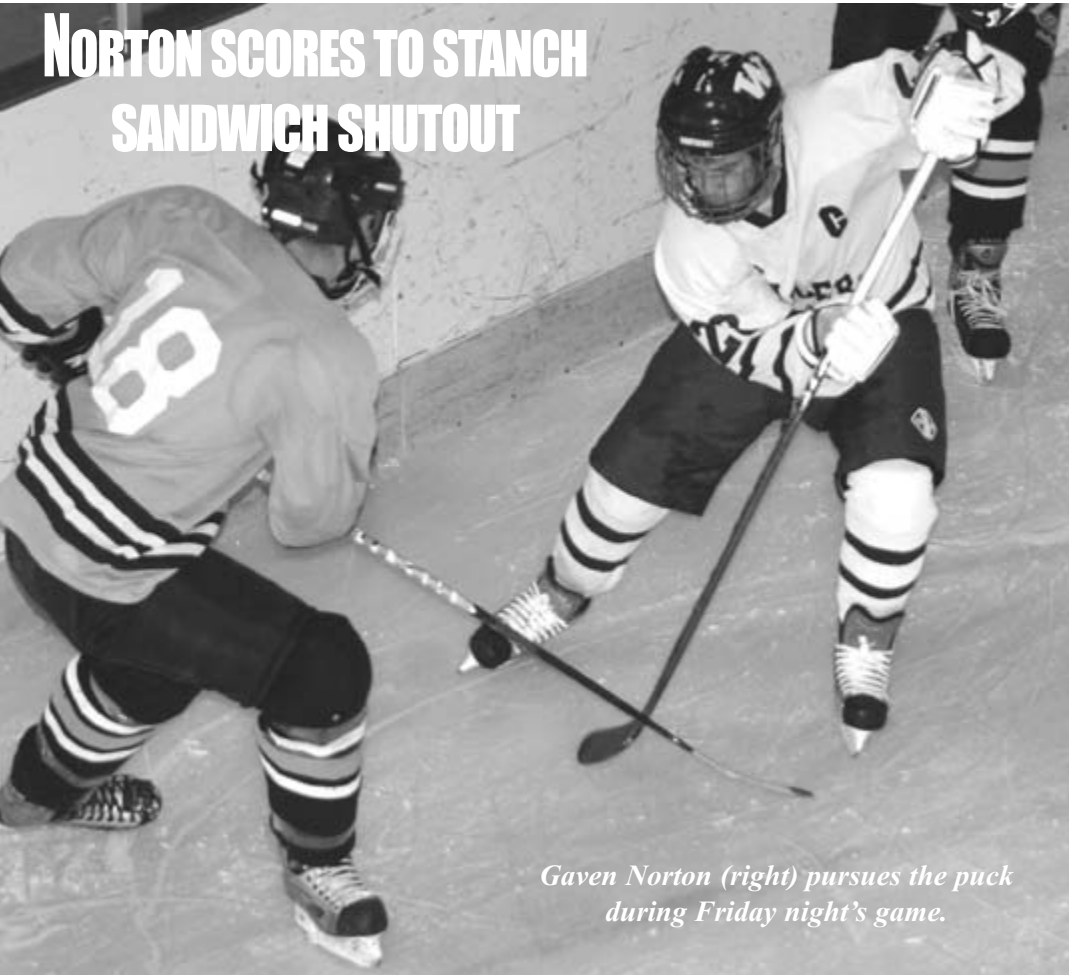


## sports &amp; outdoors

## NORTON SCORES TO STANCH SANDWICH SHUTOUT



Gaven Norton (right) pursues the puck during Friday night's game.

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The Whalers club hockey team averted a shutout against Sandwich last Friday night when team captain Gaven Norton scored at the 4:24 mark of the third period on an assist from Gary Caruso.

Sandwich won the game, 8-1.

A large crowd came to watch the Whalers' first home contest of the season. In its third year as a club sport, the young team continues to improve as it takes on schools with more firmly established programs.

This proved to be the case against Sandwich, as many Nantucket scoring chances were denied and the puck was kept consistently in the Whaler end of the ice.

Goaltender Joe Bopp was stellar in net as he turned back a steady barrage of shots. After Sandwich scored four times in the first period, Bopp, under a relentless attack, held the visitors to two goals in the second period.

Nantucket tested the Sandwich goalie as well, with Norton getting off several stinging shots on net, as did assistant captains Taylor Thayer and Stephen Reis and forward Quinn McCusker.

The Whalers face another test this Friday, when they face off against Dennis-Yarmouth at Nantucket Ice at 5 p.m. ■

— Steve Sheppard

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## NSSA annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Nantucket Student Soccer Association is at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, in the Large Group Instruction Room at the high school. Changes to the bylaws will be considered for a vote of the membership present. All NSSA parents and other interested members of the public are invited to attend.

## INDOOR SOCCER PROGRAM

Space is still available for the NSSA indoor soccer program for grades two through eight. Call Linda Williams at 228-4556 or e-mail [czarina@nantucket.net](mailto:czarina@nantucket.net) for more info.

## HOCKEY REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

Registration is now underway for winter men's and Rec. League hockey at Nantucket Ice. Men's league registration must be completed by Jan. 16, with play beginning Jan. 21. Rec. league registration must be completed by Jan. 18 and play begins Jan. 23. Anyone interested in sponsoring a team should contact the rink at 228-2516.

## KIDS ON ICE

There will be a Game Skate at Nantucket Ice this Saturday, Jan. 12, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for skilled skaters in the eighth grade or younger. Helmets are required and gloves are strongly recommended. This is a children-only "Kids on Ice Weekends" event. There is a \$4 admission fee but no charge for skate rentals. Call Nantucket Ice at 228-2516.

## BRANT POINT RUNNERS

### Results for Dec. 25, 2007

Bob Kennedy	24:38
Barbara Rives	27:44

### Results for Jan. 1, 2008

Bob Kennedy	24:25
Margrethe Menten	25:53

Runners meet Tuesdays rain or shine at 7:45 a.m. at the corner of Beach and Easton streets for an 8 a.m. start. The 5K (3.1 miles) run is on paved roads over a mostly flat course that is accurately wheel measured, with one hill and some moderate grades. Runners of all abilities, from beginners to veterans, are welcome. There are no entry fees. For information call 228-0206. Course records: Cam Stracher 15:45; Lindsay Wilkins 18:21.

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