



*Woodland's club roller hockey team is made up of: front row (left to right) — Michael McGrew, Craig Martinez and Moises Abarca; back row — David Morrison, Ken Martinez, Shawn Raftery, Casey Gagnon and Spencer Jones.*

## Woodland roller hockey seeks players for upcoming season

### Special to The Democrat

In a final tune up for the upcoming Sacramento Valley Regional High School Hockey League, Woodland Varsity team members topped the best of Sacramento's American Hockey Arena Men's league with a 12-5 victory this past weekend.

Woodland goalie Craig Martinez held the high scoring team to a playoff low and clinched the Woodland Victory by stopping 35 shots.

Sacramento scored first with a two player break-a-way. Woodland answered with a perfectly placed shot by Casey Gagnon. Woodland took the lead with David Morrison to captain Shawn Raftery scoring play. Woodland broke open the game when Gagnon again scored and later assisted on a scoring play to Raftery.

Alternate captain Ken Martinez then scored the team's

fifth goal on a top shelf wrist shot. Moises Abarca assisted Spencer Jones who was able to force a shot past Sacramento's goalie. Woodland relied heavily on the speed of Michael McGrew and Abarca to disrupt repeated scoring threats.

Martinez held the high scoring team to their lowest first-period output — leading 6-1.

Sacramento fought back by scoring the first two goals in the third period before Ken Martinez fought through the defense to score the next two goals giving him Woodland's only hat trick. Raftery then assisted with the next two goals to Abarca who's perfectly placed shots found the net.

Sacramento fought back again opening the scoring in the fourth period before a Morrison slap shot gave Woodland its 11th goal. Sacramento answered with their

own goal before Raftery put the icing on the cake with a showcase puck control move around the defender and goalie. Sacramento answered with their fifth goal but it was too little to late.

Tryouts for the new High School Hockey season will be announced shortly. Parents can e-mail coach Jones at HYPERLINK

"mailto:mark@jennings-jones.com" mark@jennings-jones.com or by calling 688-1930. E-mails can also be sent to Woodland manager Larry Martinez at HYPERLINK "mailto:mtz@afes.com" mtz@afes.com. Woodland will likely have teams in both the Junior Varsity and Varsity leagues.

The teams new website will be: HYPERLINK "http://www.jennings-jones.com/whshockey/" http://www.jennings-jones.com/whshockey/