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3-1 loss to Port Huron. "We're excited, and no one is getting discouraged."

Despite their 0-5 start, Krussman said the team has stayed optimistic while growing together.

"Everyone is buying into the system, but we're still pretty young," Krussman said. "We're truly new to each other, and everyone is starting from square one with our overall plan.

"We're working on getting everyone to jell."

While the Ramblers work their way through the roadblocks of facing all new programs, Krussman has steadied his team by placing its focus on progress.

"We're seeing improvement every week," Krussman said. "Each player needs to improve their skills, as well as improve as a team.

"We're emphasizing improving the fundamentals of each player and our team system. We didn't think it would translate to wins right away, but if we work to improve each week, hopefully, we'll get some wins along the way."

As the current Ramblers work for the future, they honored the past Dec. 12 with a pregame cere-

mony marking the 25th anniversary of the school's 1983 state championship team.

"The alumni have been a real help getting the program going," Krussman said. "A lot of the guys from the 1983 team helped out with fundraisers, and Bob Fluent, our assistant coach, was on the 1983 team."

Though the ultimate goal is to get the kids playing at the level of a championship team, the first step is to teach this group of Ramblers every aspect of the high school game.

"We, obviously, don't have any high school experience on our team," Krussman said. "The players don't know what to expect from the high school game, but they're learning as they go and improving.

"They're getting used to things like practicing three days a week and then playing a couple games at the end of the week."

The Ramblers host Warren Mott at 8:25 p.m. Dec. 19.

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Photo by David Schreiber

**Fraser High junior defender Alex Vollmers advances the puck past Port Huron High senior Chad Delano (21) and Port Huron junior Tyler Jackson (18).**



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**Former Fraser High hockey coach and current Fraser Public Schools Superintendent Rick Repicky, who was on hand for a ceremony honoring Fraser's 1983 state championship team, is greeted by junior forward Justin Coppola Dec. 12 at Great Lake Sports City.**

## Growing together

*Fraser High hockey takes first steps*

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The excitement surrounding a new high school sports program is only heightened by the number of new things a team gets to experience, and the Fraser High boys ice hockey team is no different.

The Ramblers hosted their first home game Dec. 12 at Great Lakes Sports City against Port Huron High.

"We've had some close games, and we're getting better," coach Don Krussman said prior to his team's

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