



Top Shelf Tribune

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Great Turnout for RYH Travel Tryouts

It happens every year. The championship games are held and the hockey season comes to end. It's all over until next season right? Not so. Almost two weeks after the season ends, tryouts for next season begin. The stress of making the team is felt on the kids trying out, their parents, and the entire RYH organization.

This year, there was much speculation on whether there would be a good turnout or not. With the arrival of a new organization in the area, a new factor added to the stress; stay with RYH or try a new organization.

The week of March 3rd arrived and it was time to see what hockey parents and their kids decided.

The turnout said it all. RYH was still clearly considered to be the place for hockey stars to be born from. Hockey players from last year's season returned to continue on with RYH. There were also players from other

organizations that returned or came looking for a higher level of play.

Tryouts for both the Mite Squirt AAA & AA levels took place. Each night the players had to compete against up to 18 other players all wanting to be on next year's AAA roster. The competition was tough and each



kid put their best efforts to be seen as the one to be on the team. Drill-after-drill, each kid was evaluated on what they would bring to the ice. Speed, technique, stick-handling, shooting, and passing are all looked at. What you don't always see being evaluated is how the kids interact with each other and their coaches. Paying attention to directions, good

sportsmanship, and understanding the game, are also evaluated.

The difference between RYH and some other organizations, is the desire to grow hockey players who will enjoy the sport for life. RYH wants their players and teams to not just win hockey games and have fun, but to also understand and have a respect for the game. It's this philosophy that will continue to thrive and propel the organization to grow and continue to be Rochester's premiere hockey organization.

Any doubt on whether RYH would have enough players for a Mite and Squirt Travel AAA team were put to rest by the end of Wednesday night. The following night showed a decent turnout for the AA team tryouts as well. Results of the tryouts are posted on page 4.

Up next, tryouts for PeeWee, Midget, Bantam, and Girl's Edge.

We'll see you and the tryouts!

Article written by Philip DeGrandis

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Squirt Minor AAA: A New Beginning

It's no secret that the Mite Major AAA team wanted to have a better season this past year. The team had its ups-and-downs. A winning team is one that works together in all aspects of the game. Each player starts off the season having strengths and weaknesses. It's up to the coach and parents to help each kid reach their potential both on and off the ice. Only when this happens does the team win together. And when the team wins together, they grow together, and become an unstoppable force.

This year, a new coach will be working with the Squirt AAA team, which contains several of

the Mite Major AAA players from this past season.

Vince DeTomaso has been chosen as the coach who will help develop the kids to their full potential.

As a trainer for Maksymum Hockey as well as assistant coach to the Mite Minor AAA team last season, Vince brings a wealth of experience to the team.

He has already met with the team and parents to explain his plans for the upcoming season and how he plans to make the team better than it has ever been.

Vince's philosophy: "To

compete at a high level and develop players through practices, games, and off-ice training." This upcoming season's goal, "to play a highly competitive schedule in which our goal is to make it to games on Sunday during tournaments and win our league."

His season includes off-ice training during the summer, a team camp in August, practice sessions throughout the season, 40-45 games, and at least 4 tournaments. Vince will also have the help of assistant coach Ron Gmerek who was also an assistant coach for Mite Minor.

The parents and players are excited and see a positive season ahead. It's a new beginning!

Junior A Hockey Returns to Rochester

Be there when history is made on Saturday, October 2nd when the Rochester Stars host Capital District as Junior A hockey makes its return to Rochester. The Stars

take on Capital District at 7pm and the two teams square off again on Sunday, October 3rd at 10am, with both games being played at the Sports Centre at MCC.

The Rochester Stars are owned and operated by Maksymum Hockey and play in the Eastern Junior Hockey League (EJHL). The roster consists of highly-skilled players looking to Play Division 1 or 3 college hockey as well as Major Junior or Professional hockey..

Visit www.maksymum.com for additional information.



Online Registration Makes it Easy!

For the first time, RYH provided the ability to register for tryouts electronically on the ryhockey website.

This made the on-site sign-in go "smooth as ice!" Players and parents had hardly any wait times for sign-in.

Another way RYH continues to evolve!



Pass The Puck



With only the month of April remaining, there are only two home games remaining for our Rochester Americans at the Blue Cross Arena. Get your tickets for the following April Home games:

Amerks vs. Binghamton - 4/8 at 7:35pm

Amerks vs. Lake Erie - 4/10 at 5:05pm

The NCAA 2011 Frozen Four will be held on April 7 and 9 at the Xcel Energy Center at the University of Minnesota. Set your DVR.

Rochester Edge Girls U16

Celebrate State Championship!

The Rochester Girls U16 team celebrated their win as T1 Division State Champions. The team won against the Niagara Junior Purple



Eagles to claim a total of 4 points for the tournament. The girls once again brought the trophy home back to Rochester.

For six team members (Anna Zorn, Victoria Benson, Cassy Opela,

Squid Palum, Maggie Kolcon, and Alyssa Brockman) this was their third State Championship! Congratulations to them all and good luck at the Nationals!

Maksymum Potential

During the summer, it is very important for hockey players of all ages to maintain their skills. A lack of training during the summer makes it more difficult for a player to get their skating skills back up-to-speed.

The best way to maintain these skills is to schedule some on-ice training during the summer. The folks at Maksymum can help keep your hockey child in top condition and ready for the 2011-2012

season.

From summer camps to personal training sessions, Maksymum offers it all.

SHOOTING CAMPS

With an emphasis on shooting, your player will shoot thousands of pucks on the ice, in the shooting room, and using the Rapidshot system. Held during the month of July.

ACCELERATION CAMPS

Speed on the ice gives a hockey team that edge for the win. Using the Skating Treadmill, sprint cord technology, and on-ice drills, your player will be able to out skate the opposition for a winning breakaway. Held during of August.

PERSONAL TRAINING

Purchase training sessions for one-on-one sessions for personal development.

For dates, time, and registration, visit www.maksymum.com

RYH Cares

Hockey is a passion at RYH. It is seen everyday, at every practice, and at every game.

What you don't always see, are the "beyond-the-ice" interactions that make us a proud organization. One such interaction happened between a nervous player and Sue Werner, one of RYH volunteers. Sue assists

Lisa McCandless with our House Beginner program.

During our tryouts, Sue came across a young player who was afraid to go out onto the ice. The boy was upset and didn't know what to do. Sue noticed this and stayed with the boy, comforting him, and encouraging him to give it a try. The boy ended up going out onto the ice and attended the

tryout.

Sue then contacted the boy's family the following day to check up on him and see if he would there that night.

The family sent a message indicating that the boy came off the ice happy and felt "really good" because the coach came up to the family and player saying how good he was on the ice for his first time and that

most kids don't do that well.

Because Sue helped out the boy the previous night, he returned to continue the tryouts.

It's people like Sue Werner that makes RYH the organization of choice for Hockey. Way to go Sue!

RYP Travel Rosters for 2011-2012

RYP Travel would like to thank all players and parents who tried out for this upcoming year's **Mite** and **Squirt** Travel Teams. It was a great turnout with many great players. If you didn't make the team this year, don't forget about our House League which offers great programs for all these players. Keep those hockey skills up!!

Mite Major AAA

Coach: Jeremy Nau
 Anthony Agostinelli
 Austin Ennis
 Giuseppe Fiorillo
 Anthony Giannavola
 Jacob Kraft
 Alex Parton
 Ben Pearson
 Tyler Procius
 Josh Radler
 Andrew Simoncelli
 Nicholas Thomas
 Dominic Visconte
 Joe Weber
 Haley Winn
 Trevor Humez (Goalie)

Squirt Minor AAA

Coach: Vince DeTomaso
 Pieter Bartelese
 Jude Cole
 Parker Cole
 Ethan DeGrandis
 Vincent DeTomaso
 Caleb Friel
 Zachary Gmerek
 Jack McCandless
 Luke Leach
 Sean Murray
 Conor Palmer

Squirt Major AAA

Coach: Dave Maksymui
 Mackenzie Brown
 Corey Foster
 Blake Humphrey
 Elejah Devereaux
 Hunter McDonald
 Ryan McEvily
 Tabor Monks
 Tyler Phillips
 Casey Severo
 Parker Scholand
 James Tilly
 Joey Visconte
 Alex Zurat
 Keith Kobczyk (Goalie)
 Cameron Kuzhiar (Goalie)
 Jaeger Dool (Alt)
 Jack McCandless (Alt)

Squirt Minor AA

Coach: Mike Lauderdale
 Joseph Cuzzipoli
 Bradly Haines
 Christopher Hammerle
 Tyler Henshaw
 Justyn Hiscock
 Michael Latone
 Sam Lauderdale
 Luke Molnar
 Aiden Nasca
 Alex Nasca
 Mark Neu
 Joshua Seymour
 Henry Testerman
 Trever Weisner
 Nicholas Andrade (Goalie)

Squirt Major AA

Coach: Leo Roth
 Zach Allen
 Isabella Barry
 John Beedle
 Matt Bonham
 TJ Catanese
 Zach Derck
 Jaeger Dool
 Grace Herron
 Nathan Higgins
 Alex LaBombard
 Jake Matlock
 Moses Persaud
 Christian Roth (Goalie)
 Kieran Wiesenberg



Upcoming

Travel Tryouts

Mark your calendars for the following PeeWee, Bantham, and Edge tryouts!

Team	Dates
PeeWee Minor\Major	April 7 and 8
Alliance PeeWee Minor\Major	April 4, 5, 6
Bantham Major\Major	April 7 and 8
Alliance Bantham Major\Major	April 4, 5, 6
Midget Minor\Major	April 14 and 15
Alliance Midget Minor\Major	April 11, 12, 13
Edge U10 through U19	April 12, 13, 14, 15

What's Next for Top Shelf Tribune?

As the current author and publisher for the Top Shelf Tribune, I would like to continue to offer updates and information throughout the upcoming season. Many ideas are being suggested and I would like to entertain them all. So far, feedback is positive. I expect to work more with each area of the organization to include additional news, information, and events. I have additional plans of getting on-board the latest "craze" of Social Networks (such as Facebook). Smartphones are just another way for us to manage our busy lives and schedules. I want to tap into this technology to help each one of you stay informed. I will keep you all posted on the progress.

If you have any news, events, achievements to share, please email it to the following email address: topshelftribune@gmail.com

- Philip DeGrandis (Author\Publisher)