

# ICE CHIPS

The Official Newsletter of the Enfield Hockey Association

October 1, 2010



Welcome back to another season of Hockey with EHA. We are already a bunch of practices and a few games into the season and looking forward to a great year. In the ICE CHIPS we hope to bring everyone together to share in the happenings and accomplishments of the teams and kids in our Association. We would also like to add another line of communication to everyone. In our hectic lives it is nice to be able to catch up on what is going on while we are watching practice or waiting for a game to start.

I started with EHA in the 1974-75 season on the Mite Blue Team. That also was the year that the Enfield Twin Rinks was built. That's me on page four of the 74-75 Yearbook (1st row, second from the right). Shirt over my knees and no face mask. If you go on the website and click on OUR HISTORY and then YEARBOOK ARCHIVE you can see a bunch of old yearbooks. I also see a good friend of mine, Pat Birmingham, on the dreaded Red Team. Pat is coaching in the Learn to Skate this year and we are still playing hockey together in the Men's League in Enfield.

Hockey is a great sport and one that you can play for a lifetime. You also form some great friendships and develop some long lasting memories. Hopefully this will be another season of fun and learning for the kids, coaches and parents.

Rob Vose - ICE CHIPS COORDINATOR

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## GAME REPORTS

Here is the section where we recap some of the action during the month and recognize the kids effort and hard work. This doesn't have to just be in games and it would be great if there were any write-ups on the Learn to Skate kids and some pictures of them on the ice. I know I already saw Luke V out there this past Sunday working hard on his skating and stopping.

If you have a write up or a picture you want to include send me an email at [rvose@snet.net](mailto:rvose@snet.net). Also at the end of this newsletter is an ICE CHIPS Game Report that will give you an idea of some of the information to record during a game. Fill out all or a part of it and send it in as an attachment. You can also fill out an ICE CHIPS report on-line at the EHA website ([www.enfieldhockey.org](http://www.enfieldhockey.org)) by selecting ICE CHIPS from the left side menu and then selecting "Online Form".

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## MITES

### 9/26/10 Mite A vs So. Windsor Mite B

After 3 weeks of training camp practices the Enfield Mite A team opened its exhibition season (cross-ice games) on Saturday against the So. Windsor Mite B team. I would like to report a strong performance from all of our players.

The most impressive aspect of our team's play was the passing. The boys played unselfishly, looking to pass the puck, getting all team mates involved which enabled every one of our players to score at least one goal on the So.

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Windsor goalie. Meanwhile, Goalie Ryan G delivered a shout out in net.

Next weekend we play the EHCO Mite A team in a home and home cross ice exhibition. This will be a good test to see where our team stands so far in this young season.

Submitted by Mite A Head Coach - Rick Teel



Enfield Eagles Cam R, Patric M and Ryan M get on the forecheck hard against the Falcons (Photo by Christine Juhasz)

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## SQUIRTS

### 9/19/10 Squirt A vs U-10 Falcon Girls

The Eagles opened their preseason with a hard fought win over the U-10 Falcon Girls 3-1. The Eagles were eager to start the season and came out playing hard from the start. The Captains of the week, Jamie S and Rob V led the Eagles onto the ice. They skated hard for 36 minutes and the defense of Ben K, Jake S and Mike K did a great job of preventing any second chance rebounds. The scoring started with Rob V on a pass from Connor J and Jamie S with 7.2 seconds left in the 1st period. The second goal came in the 2nd period when Rob V received a pass from Ben K and cut into the middle to slide a shot stick side on a good Falcons goalie. Enfield continued to play tough and had some nice two way hockey played by Cam R and Ryan M. Patric M had a great game. His passing and hustle for the puck stood out in a game of great hustle on both sides. Alex J and Peyton E kept the Eagles in the game with their solid goaltending and combined to only allow one goal. In an exciting finish the Squirts held off an extra attacker at the end and Rob V completed his hat trick on an empty netter.

### 9/25/10 Squirt A vs U-10 Falcon Girls

In a rematch from last weekend the Squirt A Eagles played the U-10 Falcon Girls. The Captains of the Week were Patric M and Peyton E after their hard work in practice all week. The Eagles controlled the action in the Falcon's zone for most of the game, but were unable to get any pucks past the outstanding Falcon's goalie. The defensive corps of Jake E, Nate R, Jake S and Mike K were tough all game and showed off some nice D to D passing and really controlled the action using their bodies to defend the puck from the hard skating Falcons. Connor J and Cam R both had breakaways and nice shots, but just missed putting the puck in the net. Ryan M, Ben K and Jamie S played good position in front of the net and all had good scoring opportunities.

We talk about skating hard for 36 minutes every game and it took all of those minutes before the game was decided. After the Eagles played smart hockey by not getting any penalties they ended up with a 5 on 3 advantage with 27 seconds left in the game. On an end zone face-

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off in the Falcon's zone Rob V drew the puck back to Jacob S who let a shot fly from the point. After a scrum in front of the net Mike K, Jamie S and Connor J were able to get the puck to Rob V who slid it five hole on the Falcons goalie for the game winner with 7 seconds left on the clock.

Alex J and Peyton E combined for a shutout and the defensive pair of Mike K and Jake S were awarded the Eagles Hard Hats for their hustle and hard work.



Mike K skates back to pick up the puck behind the net. (Photo by Christine Juhasz)

## 9/26/10 Squirt A vs Central Squirt B

In the Squirts first CHC match up the Eagles took on Central at ETR. The action was all Enfield early in the first period and they got up early with two goals. One by Connor J and one by Jake E. Both were the first goals of the year for each player. Connor J had an especially good game with his hard work in the corners and cycling deep in the zone to create numerous scoring opportunities with his teammates including Jake's goal.

Maybe the early lead made the Eagles a little overconfident or maybe Central took a while to get into the game because the rest of the first period and most of the second period the game tilted into the Eagles end of the ice. Fortunately the defense led by 'Hard Hats of the Week' Mike K and Jacob S defended well and Alex J and Peyton E were steady in Goal. Things got a little tense when Central scored a goal to make it 2-1, but Enfield found their offensive groove again when Jake S fed Ryan M up the boards. Ryan brought the puck in from the left wing and took his patented, hard, wrist shot over the goalie's shoulder to provide some much needed cushion in the score.

Ben K had a nice game picking his head up and displaying his outstanding passing skills. Jamie S and Patric M continue to work hard and the Eagles gave a good team effort in the 3-1 win.



Robert V streaks toward the net against Central Squirts. (Photo by Christine Juhasz)

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## Pee Wees

### 9/18/10 Pee Wee A vs Yale Pee Wee A

The Enfield Pee Wee A Team opened their season with an impressive win over the Yale Pee Wee A team at the Whale @ Yale in New Haven.

The defensive corps of Joe P, Jared C, Matt V and Brian M were in mid-season form. They had some nice D to D passing that allowed some quick counterattacks by the Eagle forwards including Andrew C and Tyler H. Fast skating Colin M had a couple of nice goals. Sam B got his hands dirty in this game with his hard work in the corners. His hard work paid off when he gathered a rebound in front of the net and lifted it over the goalie's glove for a score.

Thomas V got into the scoring when he received a nice pass from Will F and Daigen D in front of the net. Thomas showed his patience by picking his head up and finding the short side wide open for his quick snap shot. Brody N had numerous chances using his speed to get ahead of the Yale defenders. He also got into the scoring when he sent a nice low shot through a screen and through the goalies legs.

Meanwhile the Goalies Zack F and Jake A didn't allow a goal and the Eagles went on to win 5-0 in a confidence booster to start the season.

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## FAMILY DAY IN ENFIELD

Larry Juhasz (EHA Treasurer) coordinated EHA's participation in the Town of Enfield Family Day. It was held on September 9th at the Enfield Town Green. This was part of EHA's effort to get our association into the community and let

people know more about what we have to offer for skating and hockey development in Enfield.

Here is an excerpt from Larry's report on the great day: "First, I would like to thank everyone who came out and supported Family Day on Sunday! By having a number of people at our booth for the entire day, we were able to speak to everyone who was interested in finding out more information about EHA, plus allow more than 100 kids to practice their shots on the goal we had set up for them. A couple of our players were also in attendance and they did a tremendous job with the kids. In addition, we handed out almost 100 coupons to our Red Robin fundraiser night, so hopefully that will bring in some additional folks to that event. Again, thank you to all!

As mentioned above, during the course of the day, we had more than 100 kids wander through our booth and take shots on net. 17 families completed a "I would like to know more" ticket, which not only gave us their contact information, but also entered them in a raffle to win a LTS program for the season. At the end of the day, Ed and I picked a winner "out of the hat" and I am in the process of contacting the winner to let them know that they have won. Also, we had one father inquiring about our ADM program..."

By the way there are now over 43 kids signed up for the Learn to Skate Program.

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\***

## **LEARN TO SKATE**

**MEET AND GREET WITH THE EHA BOARD**

**MEMBERS**

**DATE: 10/17/20 @ 9:30AM**

**WHERE: RINK 2 STANDS**

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## 2010-2011 KICK-OFF NIGHT AT RED ROBIN

On Tuesday, September 28th EHA kicked off the season with a fundraiser at RED ROBIN Restaurant in Enfield. EHA's Booster Club helped coordinate the event and the kids and parents helped promote it. There were Mites, Squirts and Pee Wees there from 5-9 PM all helping out and having a great time. It was nice to go out to a great meal and see so many hockey players around. Everyone who ate that night and turned in an EHA coupon allowed Red Robin to donate 10% of their check to EHA.

The Booster Club also had a table set up to raffle off some gift baskets. Bill Chernik was the big winner of the Red Robin basket. All proceeds from the night will go towards the Coach's Game/Family Skate planned for later in the season.

Thanks to the Booster Club and Donna Ellis at Red Robin for a great night for everyone involved.

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## Q&A

In this section I would like to include a Q & A section to answer people's fun questions about EHA, our website or hockey in general. Again if you have a question send it in to: rvose@snet.net and I will try to answer it or find someone to answer it.

1. One question I heard recently was "What is the difference between Off-sides in youth hockey and the NHL?"

Off-sides is called in youth hockey and the NHL when a player enters the offensive zone before the puck. This means that both the players skates have fully crossed the blue line into the offensive zone prior to the puck fully crossing the blue line. In youth hockey the whistle is

blown immediately when this situation occurs. In the NHL the referee will raise his arm vertically above his head to signal a delayed off-side. He will not blow the whistle until the offending team has touched the puck in the offensive zone. This allows any off-side players in the offensive zone to clear the zone (come back to the neutral zone) and then re-enter it. If all the players on the offending team return to the neutral zone, the referee will put his arm down and play will continue.

The way that the NHL does it definitely keeps the play moving and eliminates a lot of potential whistles and stoppages of play. Youth hockey actually used these same rules of delayed off-sides when I played, but somewhere along the way the rules were changed. I remember one of the reasons stated for not having a delayed off-sides for youth hockey was to eliminate the dumping of the puck to prevent quick breakouts by the other team. The idea is that now kids must control the puck in the neutral zone (by passing to a teammate or stick handling) while their teammates are clearing the offensive zone. If they just dump the puck back in they can get ruled for intentional off-sides which brings the ensuing face-off all the way to the other end of the ice.

2. What is a blueliner? A blueliner is another name for a defenseman.

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## SHORT SHOTZ



R Vase





# ICE CHIPS GAME REPORT

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enfield Team (See Note 1) \_\_\_\_\_

VS Opposing Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Score: Enfield \_\_\_\_\_ Opponent \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Meeting with same team game results if applicable: (W/L/T) Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Enfield

Goals: (See Note 2)

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Game Highlights: (Include Player Name and/or number) (See Notes 1 & 2)

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If you have any Questions for EHA you would like to ask for Q&A section of ICE CHIPS please ask here:

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Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

1. Learn to Skate (Coach: Fred P); Mite A (Coach Rick T); Squirt A (Coach Rob V); PeeWee A (Coach Bob F); Midget (Duane C)
2. Only use first name and last initial. Also, I have names and numbers for each player (Mites, Squirts and Pee Wees) so if you only know the number then put that down. This section is optional.
3. Game Highlights: Include any nice pass plays, defensive plays, goaltending plays or other team play highlights.
4. **Submit to Rob Vose via your coach or send to (rvose@snet.net)**
5. Also use Online Ice Chips Submission form @ [www.enfieldhockey.org](http://www.enfieldhockey.org)