

ICE CHIPS

The Official Newsletter of the Enfield Hockey Association

November 1, 2010



Happy Halloween to all. It has been an exciting month for EHA. The travel teams are all doing great as you will read later on. The Learn to Skate is also going strong. I don't see many walkers on the ice anymore. It is amazing what results a few weeks, a lot of determination and some sore backs can accomplish.

I had a report from Rita Vose, Co-President of the Booster Club, on how well the meet and greet went with the Learn to Skate kids and parents. With ice time being so expensive there is always that feeling by the directors and coaches to move quickly and things can get pretty hectic. It can be quite overwhelming to come into the rink and not know many people so hopefully this event made everyone feel welcome.



Lorraine Votta, Rita Vose, Valerie Breda and Kelly Martin of the EHA Booster Club at the Learn to Skate Meet & Greet held on 10/17. (Picture by Rita Vose)

I also had some reports from Valerie Breda, Co-President of the Booster Club, on the candy bar sales that are going on. So many kids have volunteered and worked hard for the Association. Val was impressed with the attitude of the kids and how they really wanted to show off their hockey jerseys. She also mentioned that those Mites really have a way of making an impression on those people

gracious enough to stop and support the kids and the Association. There is a write-up on this later on in this issue.

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. Parents on the travel teams have sent in some pictures from games that are included in this issue. If you have a write up or a picture you want to include send me an email at 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) by selecting ICE CHIPS from the left side menu and then selecting "Online Form".

MITES

The mites have been skating for over 7 weeks and under the new CHC mite format we are required to play 10 cross-ice games. We have used the month of October to satisfy these requirements and look forward to November when we will begin our full-ice game schedule.

Last Saturday (10/23/10) proved to be a review of the season so far and perhaps a preview of things to come. We were all up before dawn

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and headed south to Norwich through the autumn foliage for a 9:00am match up with the Southeastern Mite A Seahawks.



Coach Ferris explaining the finer points of the game during the Mite A game against Southeastern Mites (Photo by Debbie Ferris)

When I scheduled this match up in August the Seahawks coach told me that they had 9 mites returning from last year's team which beat us by a 3 to 4 goal margin. Since we only have 5 players back from last year's mite travel team I was expecting our team to have a tough time with such an experienced opponent. I'm happy to report that I was wrong.

Our team more than held their own. During the first half of our skate we played cross-ice and the Enfield boys played well, our passing and team play allowed us to have a slight edge, in my opinion. After 30 minutes of cross-ice games we played a 30 minute full ice scrimmage. This was the first time this year that the boys played full-ice and it was like letting a herd of young horses run in a field after being cooped up all winter. Our Mites had no problem skating with the veteran Seahawks squad our team speed enabled us to take a quick 2-0 lead.

The first goal was scored by Hunter D. Sam T made an aggressive fore-checking play in the

neutral zone allowing Tyler G to gather the puck and put a strong shot on the Seahawks goalie. Hunter D read the play, crashed the net and scored our first goal on the rebound. Wes O scored our second goal with a wrister from the slot assisted by Mason F and Remington F. Our goalie Ryan G was spectacular in net allowing only 1 goal and after 30 minutes of play we led 2-1.

The cross-ice format has served us well by enabling the boys to work on stick handling and passing and increasing their reaction skills under game type conditions. However, now it's time to let the horses run or rather the Eagles soar and we hope this extended training camp format will on make us a stronger and more competitive team.

Submitted by Mite A Head Coach - Rick Teel

SQUIRTS

10/9/10 Squirt A vs Yale Squirt A1

The Eagles traveled to New Haven to take on the Yale Squirt A1 team. Enfield was led onto the ice by their Captains of the Week, Ben K and Nate R. Both were recognized for their hard work and unselfish team play.

The line of Connor J, Jamie S and Robert V was really starting to gel. They played good positional hockey with their heads up and passed to each other well. Connor worked hard in the offensive corners and also banged in a hat-trick. Robert received a nice feed from Ben K for a breakaway and went top shelf on the Yale goalie. The Yale goalie saw a lot of rubber and turned away 22 shots from the Eagles. Jamie knocked in his second goal of the season on a nice feed from Ryan M who cycled in the corner and picked his head up to find Jamie in

Short Shotz Crossword Answers: Across, 3. Hockey; 5. Blade; 6. Puck; 8. Stick; 9. Major; Down, 1. Checking; 2. Ice; 4. Eagles; 7. Minor

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the slot. Ryan also netted a goal of his own, when he gathered a pass from Mike K and then cut to the middle and sent a hard wrist shot that went 5-hole.



Mike K works the puck up the ice versus Yale and looks to pass to Ryan M, while Patric M fills the left wing lane. (Photo by Christina Kaliff)

Cam R made an end to end rush from his defensive position and went top corner for a nice goal. Mike K also got into the scoring when he received a pass from Patric M who got to the puck first in the corner. Mike moved behind the net and scored with a nice, wrap around goal. The Eagles went on to win 8-1.

Once again the defensive corps led by Jake S limited Yale's shots on net and the Enfield Goalies, Peyton E and Alex J, continue to keep their goals allowed numbers very low. They received the Hard Hats for their week of hard work in practice and in the game this week.

10/17/10 Squirt A vs Northeast Ice Dogs

The Eagles traveled to the beautiful campus of UCONN to take on the Northeastern Ice Dogs. The Captains of the week Ryan M and Jake S led the team onto the ice. Both boys have been standouts in practice all week and have been carrying over what they learned in practice to the games. This game was no different.

Enfield got off to a quick start when Robert V received a pass from Nate R on a fast counterattack and lifted it over the Ice Dog goalie. The Eagles were able to counterattack because Jake S broke up a two on one from his defensive position and Nate was able to grab the loose puck. The line of Robert, Mike K and Connor J worked well together and that line earned the next two goals. One by Mike who stole the puck from the Defense and then sent a quick shot 5-hole. Then Mike received a pass from Connor who worked hard on the boards and in the offensive corners to get the puck in front of the net. Mike's initial shot was stopped, but he fought hard for the rebound and jammed it in the net.

Ryan M figured in the next 3 goals. After a nice keep in by Jamie S at the blue line and a pass from Cam R, Ryan went short side on the goalie for the score. Then Ryan made use of his hard wrist shot, that he has been practicing at home, and sent a laser from the side boards into the net. In the third period Ryan took another hard shot off a pass from Cam. Patric M who played good position all game, then gathered the rebound of Ryan's shot and sent it to the back of the net to complete the scoring for the Eagles, who won 6-1.

Both goalies, Peyton E and Alex J, saw a lot more shots in this game and continue to keep the puck out of the net. They were helped by the defensive group of Jake S, Nate R and Jamie S who saw a lot of ice time and hung tough against the numerous rushes by the Ice Dogs. The line of Robert, Mike and Connor earned the Hard Hats for their hustle and hard work in the corners.



*Connor J and Ben K pass the puck down the ice.
(Photo by Christine Juhasz)*

10/23/10 Squirt A vs Whalers Squirt A1

In their toughest game of the season so far the Eagles took on the Whalers in Enfield. They were led on the ice by captains Ryan M and Jake E. Both boys had worked hard in practice all week to earn the captains honors.

This was going to be a battle of defense. The Eagles needed to work hard in front of the net and the defense of Nate R, Jake S, Mike K and Ben K were up to the task. Coach Ellis and Coach Russell told the kids how important it is to come out fast at the beginning of the periods to set the tone. Well it was important in this game as Robert V took the face-off at the start of the 2nd period and caught the Whalers napping. He went wide around the D and went to his backhand and sent a shot top-shelf for the game's one and only goal.

The Eagles played tough in front of Peyton E and Alex J including some nice backchecking by Cam R and Patric M and some tough fore-checking by Connor J and Jamie S. The score ended 1-0 in favor of Enfield.



The Squirt A team shows off their support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month with their freshly taped pink sticks (Photo by Christine Juhasz)

Pee Wees

During Breast Cancer Awareness month the Pee Wee A team put pink tape on their sticks and some put the names of people close to them who fought against Breast Cancer.



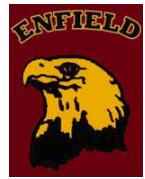
10/9/10 - Pee Wee A vs Southeastern PW A

Enfield Pee Wees took on the Southeastern Seahawks Pee Wee A team at the Norwich Municipal Ice Rink. This was a hard fought contest that came down to the team that kept their eyes focused on the net and not the penalty box. Colin M had a great game and

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scored all 4 goals for the Eagles. He didn't do it without a lot of help from his teammates, however. Brody N and Andrew C broke out of the defensive zone with some nice passing and fed Colin for the early score.

Sam B and Brody did some nice cycling in the corner to then feed Colin who wheeled around the top of the faceoff circle and beat the Seahawk goalie. Meanwhile the defense of Jared C and Matt V slowed down their opponents with some hard hitting and tough play in front of the net. Also, Thomas V and Daigen D were called upon to kill numerous penalties, which allowed the Eagles to stay in the game.

Colin provided some breathing room when he took a pass from Andrew, who had just separated the defenseman from the puck in the corner, and shot it low glove side for the score. The other defensive pair of Joe P and Vinnie B withstood a tough fore-check and were able to work the puck out of the zone to a streaking Colin for a breakaway score. Zack F made some spectacular saves turning away 24 shots and the Eagles held on for the 4-2 victory.

10/16/10 - Pee Wee vs Gr Bridgeport PW B

The Pee Wee A team took on the Greater Bridgeport Pee Wee B team in at The Rinks in Shelton. It was a well played game between the Eagles and the Riverhawks. The Eagles got on the board early and often beginning with an Andrew C goal fed by Brody N and Colin M. Brody got into the scoring on a one-timer from a pass by Andrew. Thomas V showing his speed and quickness, made a nice wrap around move to score from behind the net after picking up a Daigen D rebound. Will F was a rock in front of the net and took a few hard hits to keep the middle clogged up and get off some nice shots.

Brian M was a Grizzly Bear on D keeping the Hawks away from the net.

Colin continued the scoring when he received a nice pass from Andrew C out of the corner and slid the puck low glove side. Colin then made a nice rush and deked the defensemen for another score. Brody completed the scoring by picking up the rebound of a hard shot by Joe P and the Eagles won 6-1. The defense of Matt V, Jared C, Vinnie B, Brian and Joe was solid in front of Zack F and Jake A in net.



Thomas V battles with a Central PeeWee B player behind the net with Colin M and Will F waiting in the slot for a pass (Photo by James Roche)

10/17/10 - Pee Wee A vs Whalers Pee Wee A1

At ETR, the Pee Wees played against the Whalers A1 Team out of Cromwell. This was an evenly played game and Brody N and Tyler H stood out for their great hustle. The Eagles got on the board first with an end to end rush by Andrew C. After that first goal, however, the Eagles had to regain their intensity to match the Whalers who started to put a lot more pressure on Zack F in net. After a rousing speech by Coach Fiedler between the 1st and 2nd period, the Eagles' jumped on the puck at the face-off. Sam B quickly picked up a rebound from a Daigen D shot and put it in the right side of the net left open by the sprawling goalie. A little

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momentum left the Eagles when they received a few penalties and ended up with a 2 man down situation. The line of Thomas V, Joey P and Brian Martin were able to kill off the penalties, however, with their discipline and positioning to regain some of that momentum. Will F, Daigen D and Vinny B worked well on the penalty kill as well.

Zack saw a ton of rubber in the first half of the game and Jake A came on strong in the second half to keep the Eagles in the lead. With under two minutes to go and the score 2-1, the Whalers got a penalty shot after the Eagles covered the puck in the crease. Jake, playing his angles really well, gave the shooter very little net to shoot at and came up with the biggest save of the game. In the waning seconds of the game the Eagles held off a 6 on 3 advantage after the Whalers pulled their goalie. Colin M, Matt V, Joe P, Brian M and Jared C were all in at various times to kill the 6 on 3 and to preserve the win.



Thomas V of the PW A team displays his hockey stick dedicated to his Great Grandmother, Rita Chisholm (GG) and his Grandmother, Theresa Codino (Nonna). Both battled Breast Cancer and were an inspiration to all of us.

Picture Day



The PeeWees and Squirts show off their new uniforms on Picture Day. (Photo by Christine Juhasz)

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE*****

The Enfield Hockey Association
Annual Family Skate and Coach's Game

Saturday, November 20th

Family Skate 5:20pm

followed by...

Coach's Game at 6:30pm

We are forming teams for the game and we need all coaches to make this event a success

Sign up today by emailing Rita at

RVose@snet.net

All participants must be USA Hockey Registered

See EHA Website Homepage for more events

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EHA Candy Bar Drive

Written by John Breda

For three weekends during October players from the Mite, Squirt and PeeWee Teams took turns working the entrances and selling candy bars to the patrons of Geisslers in East Windsor and Shop Rite in Enfield. The support these teams received from the public in our surrounding community was amazing - a total of 62 cases of candy were sold (1,860 packages of candy) plus donations received raised a total of \$1,306.69!!

The boys enjoyed the experience and worked with the same zeal and professionalism of any veteran candidate this electoral season. They not only raised more than a modest amount of money; but, they were forced to learn and use the skills of speaking on the fly, social interaction, handling rejection, counting money and making change.

Thank you to the following parent volunteers for their part in helping coordinate this fundraiser: Steven Martin, Deb Oltsch, Janine Liddell and Dan & Shelley Audet. Thank you to the families who sold candy and received donations outside our weekends' at Geisslers and Shop Rite: Coach Andy Votta, The Jakobsen's, The Gazdik's and Hampton Inn-Windsor.

A special thank you goes to the hockey players and their families who shuttled our workers and donated their time to EHA's Candy Bar Drive.



L to R - Front Row: Nate Ratti, Cam Russell, Connor Juhasz. Back Row: Ryan Murphy & Jamie Stoll, Squirt Team



JC Randolph, Kenny O'Konis, Ryan Groshan, Alex Cunningham, Mite Team



Sam Teel & Dylan Gazdik, Mite Team



Jared Cournoyer & Colin MacDougald, PeeWee Team



John Breda:Sibling, Patric McGlynn:Mite Team and Domenic Breda:Sibling



Mason & Remington Ferrari and Wes Oltsch, Mite Team



Brian Martin & Vinnie Breda, Pee Wee Team



Patric McGlynn, Alex Jakobsen and Nate Ratti, Squirt Team



Nate Ratti, Squirt Team



Michael Alaimo, Mite Team



Samuel Butler, PeeWee Team



Joey Partridge & Brody Niemann, PeeWee Team



Zach Fiedler, PeeWee Team



Matt Votta, Andrew Crane & Tyler Hughes, Pee Wee Team



Please remember Geisslers and Shop Rite when making your grocery purchases.

Photos by Deb Oltsch, Janine Liddell, Valerie Breda & Tony Crane.
Page Created by Valerie Breda



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. 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. Who are the only five NHL players to have their jersey retired by two NHL teams?

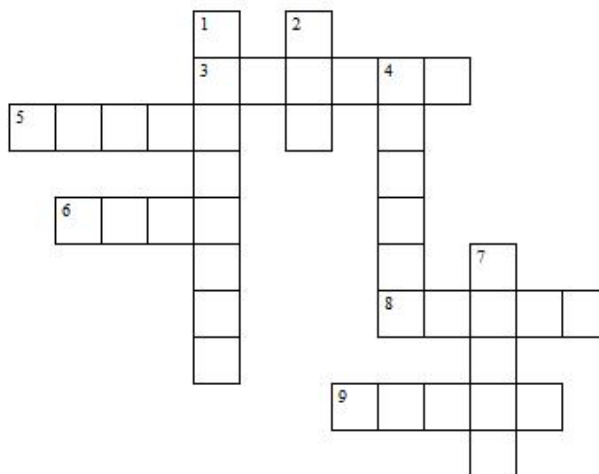
Ray Bourque (Boston & Colorado), Patrick Roy (Montreal & Colorado), Wayne Gretzky (Edmonton & LA), Mark Messier (Edmonton & New York), Bobby Hull (Chicago & Phoenix)

2. How do I change my family's account information on the Website? There is an "Edit My Account" selection on the left hand column of the EHA Website. Click that and then fill in your email to receive a password from our webmaster. This allows you to LogOn and change your contact information

SHORT SHOTZ

(answers to crossword on Page 2)

Short Shotz Crossword



ACROSS

- 3 The fastest team sport
- 5 Bottom of your skate
- 6 Biscuit
- 8 _____ handling
- 9 Five minute penalty

DOWN

- 1 Separating the man from the puck
- 2 Rink surface
- 4 Enfield's logo
- 7 Bench _____ penalty



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)

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

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

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