

Welcome back to EHA for another great season of Hockey. The season is already in full swing with a lot of Hockey and Community Events occurring. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the summer. From the CHC State Tournament, where our Pee Wee team won their Tier IV tournament to the Summer Skate, that had over 60 skaters participate the time went by quickly.

We certainly would like to say Hi to all the new families joining EHA. I know there are some new families in the Learn-To-Skate (LTS) that are just starting up as well as ADM, Squirts, PeeWees and Midgets. There are also a few Bantam families that came back to EHA after a few years away. I have been around EHA since '74 when I was a player and I am really proud that EHA is still around and providing a place for kids to learn how to ice skate and learn the great game of Hockey.

The EHA Board is planning a Meet and Greet for sometime in November or December and remember we have Board Meetings on the first Wednesday of the Month and everyone in the association is invited to attend. The EHA Website is the best place to get the latest on upcoming events (www.enfieldhockey.org)

Rob Vose - ICE CHIPS COORDINATOR



Enfield PeeWee A Wins the 2011 Howe Division CHC Tournament in Avon (photo by Adrianna Breda)

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CONCUSSION SEMINAR

On September 28th EHA invited Regina Kostyun - MSED, ATC from Elite Sports Medicine at Connecticut Children's Medical Center to speak about concussions. Gina is a certified athletic trainer and serves as the Concussion Program Director at Elite Sports Medicine. The meeting was mandatory for everyone in the association and it was very well attended. Thanks to Rita Vose, EHA Booster Club Co-President and Bob Fiedler, EHA Director of Player/Coach Development who put the event together.

Concussions have become a major concern in youth sports. The more we can learn about them, the more we can prevent them from occurring and dealing with them properly if they do occur. USA Hockey has also made learning about concussions a point of emphasis. The Level 4 Coaching Clinic this year gave a presentation on them. A proper fitting, HECC Approved Helmet is the main method of limiting the chance of getting a concussion. USA Hockey has also implemented a new standard of Body Contact/Body Checking to help reduce the chance of concussions.

Here are a couple of resources to learn more:

1. Information on Concussions
www.cdc.gov/ncipc/tbi/coaches_tool_kit.htm
2. USA Hockey Body Contact standard:
www.chchockey.org

ENFIELD FAMILY DAY

EHA had a table at the Enfield Family Day that was held on the Town Green on September 18th. There was a net set up to let kids get a chance to shoot some pucks. Many people put their name in to get information on signing up for LTS. Larry Juhasz, EHA President, was there and he is really excited about getting EHA involved in the community.

EHA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The EHA Booster Club would like to recognize and congratulate, **Michael Desmond**, EHA's 2010-2011 Scholarship recipient. Michael has been a part of the Enfield Hockey Association since he was 8 years old. He began in our instructional program and continued to play for EHA through Midgets.

Michael was also an extremely active member of EHA. He worked many games as the score keeper and time keeper and has been a student coach with EHA since he was 12. He began student coaching with EHA's Instructional Program and continued through high school. In addition, he helped coach EHA's Bantam A team. During the 2010-2011 Season, you would see Michael at EHA practices, games and events simply lending a helping hand where needed and cheering on our skaters.

Michael is now a freshman at Lyndon State College in Vermont and his goal at this time is to become a sports broadcaster for ESPN. He also looks forward to becoming a hockey coach someday and to pay forward the lessons and experiences EHA has given him to future youth hockey players. It is this spirit, passion and dedication for hockey and our program we awarded Michael Desmond, EHA's 2010-2011 Scholarship. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

EHA Booster Club (Submitted by Val Breda)

ENFIELD RUNS FOR A REASON – 5K

On a rain soaked Saturday, October 1, 2011 an organization in Enfield called Enfield Runs for a Reason held a 5K race to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research. They also held a 1 Mile Walk and Kid's Fun Run. All proceeds went to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

The organizers are from Enfield and attended Enrico Fermi High School. The event was held at Fermi and the Fermi Track Coach, Dan O'Connell helped run the race. Val Breda, EHA Booster Club Co-President, helped organize EHA's involvement in the event and many Families joined in.

From my count EHA had 15 out of the 61 runners in the race. This included the winner of the race, EHA'S own Thomas V. with a time of 20 minutes and 1.3 seconds. Participants included: The Bredas, Cournoyers, Vottas, Martins, Rattis, Juhaszs and Voses.

If you would like to find out more information on this organization they have a website:

www.runsforareason.giving.officelive.com



The EHA participants in the Enfield Runs for a Reason 5K (photo by Christine Juhasz)

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".

PEE WEES

9/24/2011 Enfield vs No. Lights (W3-2)

The Eagles faced a fast skating Northern Lights team. The Eagles were led on the ice by the Captains of the week Jamie Stoll and Jake Stone. Both captains showed a lot of effort this week in practice and carried it over to the game.



Mike U lines up against the No. Lights winger. The Eagles won the game 3-2 in Simsbury (photo by Christine Juhasz)

Ryan M got the scoring going for Enfield when he stole the puck from the opponent and rushed in on net. As he skated into the slot, however, he was tripped from behind. As he was sliding on his belly, he was able to push the puck passed a sprawling goalie with his stick for the goal. Robert V kept the scoring going with a nifty backhand that just got over the goalie's glove. He received a nice pass from Connor J out of the corner who got the assist.

The Eagles had a tough time getting the puck out of their own zone due to some pinching by the Lights, but the wingers Jamie S, Mike U and Tyler N worked hard to move the puck up the boards. Robert V finished the Eagles scoring on a breakaway pass, from Connor J. Robert went to the low corner for the score.

The Eagles had to rely on the back checking of Joe P and their stiff defense of Cam R, Nate R and Jake S and the solid goaltending of Alex J and Jake A to stave off a strong attack by the Lights. In a nail biter the Enfield Eagles came out on top by a narrow margin of one goal, 3-2.



Nate R, Cam R, Robert V and Connor J discuss strategy before the game (photo by Christine Juhasz)

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Robert V splits the Yale defense on the way to a 3-1 win in Enfield. (photo by Christine Juhasz)



Jake A covers the post as Cam R covers the weak side for any rebounds (photo by Christine Juhasz)



The Eagles' Ryan M, Mike U and Jake S put pressure on the Yale defense (photo by Christine Juhasz)



Connor J uses his body to fend off the taller West Haven player (photo by Christine J)



Alex J makes a tough save as Cam R, Nate R and Ryan M defends. (photo by Christine Juhasz)

10/22/2011 Enfield Vs. So,Windsor B (L4-6)

At ETR the Eagles took on South Windsor PW B for the second time this season. They lost a hard fought battle two weeks earlier to the Knights, but were determined to turn things around. With a couple weeks of hard practices the Eagles came planning to skate hard. From the time they got on the ice to the sounds of "Crazy Train", Enfield were excited to play some hockey.

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They were led on the ice by Captains Cam R, Jamie S and Connor J. They would also rely on the triad of Nate R, Jake S and Robert V on defense to control the defensive zone and get the counterattack going.

Joey P started the scoring with a nice toe-drag around the defense and a shot to the low corner for the goal. He was assisted by Connor on the play. Cam R continued the scoring on a pass from Robert and Tyler N. The first period ended 2-0, but the Eagles knew that SW would come back hard as they had done in the first game.

True to form the Knights scored early in the 2nd period. The Eagles did not panic, however and were able to lengthen the lead on goals by Ryan Murphy and Connor. Ryan scored with a hard shot after receiving a pass from Mike U. Connor scored on the most exciting play in hockey, the Penalty Shot. His hustled caused the South Windsor defense to haul him down from behind on a breakaway. On the penalty shot, Connor took the puck in with confidence and went top shelf on the goalie to the cheers of the roaring crowd.

Going into the third period the Eagles still knew they had to keep skating. Robert continued the scoring while shorthanded. He stole the puck during a Knight's rush and went in on a breakaway to score. Then Ryan M received a pass out of the corner from Mike U and Joey P to put the Eagles up 6-1. The Knights did not quit and scored a couple more goals, but could not overcome the lead built up by the Eagles and the tough goaltending of Alex J. The game ended 6-3.



Connor J weaves his way through the West Haven D. EHA beat the Blue Devils 5-2 (photo by Christine J)



The Eagles Jake A, Ryan M, Tyler N, Kyle D, Connor J, Robert V, Joey P and Alex J skate off the ice after a victory in Enfield (photo by Christine J)



Tyler N. brings the puck up the wing vs the No. Lights. (photo by Christine J)

EHA Player Pictures

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

PLAYER/TEAM PHOTOS

Pictures are scheduled and order forms are being distributed this week. For our ADM and Learn-To-Skate players, please dress in the EHA Jersey you were issued. For our travel players, please dress in your AWAY GAME JERSEY (the maroon one). In an effort, to take as little time as possible from practice times, we would like all players to be dressed and ready to take the ice at least 20 minutes before the scheduled practice time. We thank everyone in advance for your cooperation!!

Thursday, November 17, 2011

PeeWee Team – 4:50PM

ADM Teams – 5:50PM

Bantam and Squirt Teams – 6:50PM

Sunday, December 4, 2011

Learn To Skate Players – 8:00AM

Any Questions Contact:

Valerie Breda (860)623-3503

Rita Vose (860)749-5950

Upcoming Events

Visit The Booster Club Pages on our website for additional information.

Taste Book and Wreath Fundraisers - Due Date Extended

ADM, Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam, Thursday, November 17th

LTS Players, Sunday, November 20th

Wreath Delivery Date: Monday, November 21st, 5:30PM, Enfield Twin Rinks

EHA Family Skate and Coach's Game

Thursday, December 22nd – Details to be announced shortly

EHA Logo Wear

The Enfield Hockey Association, in partnership with DK's Hockey Shop, is proud to offer EHA Logo Wear.



Stop by DK's Hockey Shop by Friday, November 18th, to determine sizes and place your orders for guaranteed delivery by the holidays. Limited quantities will be available on a walk-in and purchase basis after this initial promotion.

Any questions can be directed to Danny or Keith at DK's Hockey Shop.



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)

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:

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