



News and Notes

EHA Board Meeting

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2000 at Asnuntuck Community College. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm and is open to the public.

New England Girls Hockey League

The Lady Eagles are members of the "New England Girls Hockey League." Their schedules and standings are posted on their web site www.assabetgirls.com.

Enfield Lady Eagles Lose Their First Road Game

On Sunday, October 8th, the Lady Eagles met with defeat as they faced a seasoned Seacoast team in Exeter, NH. Seacoast won the game, 8 - 0.

A rocky first period galvanized the Enfield team into action. The team settled down during the second and third periods, offering more shots on goal and a strong defense. Though the Exeter team won the match, Coaches Lessard, Osborn and Rossignol were please with their team's performance in the latter part of the game. The coaches sited that their young team did not give into defeat, but rather fought a good battle and worked hard to the end.

Tara Walsh revitalized the defensive squad as she took command during the second period and inspired her teammates to follow her lead. Offensively, Laura Bartus, Elyse Rossignol, Mary Michaud, and Chelsea Cormier launched repeated attempts against the rock-solid Exeter defense. The most notable Enfield play came early in the third period when goalie Kayla Lessard staved off an Exeter breakaway. Way to go, Kayla! Good teamwork, Enfield!

The Lady Eagles Split for the Weekend

The Lady Eagles continued their season with a win against Duxbury, MA and a loss to the Northford, CT Polar Bears this past weekend. The Eagles record stands at 2 wins and 2 losses. A win on the road continues to elude the team, but with their experience mounting, it is sure to come!

Chelsea Cormier started the rally during the October 14th win against Duxbury with the team's first goal. Her efforts were followed by those of Emily Walsh, Chelsea Ouellette, and Erica Warzyski.

Prior to the game, Coach Lessard instructed his players not to allow anyone in Kayla's house. Indeed, Enfield allowed no houseguests as Goalie Kayla Lessard earned her first shutout of the season. The final score of game was 4-0.

Sunday evening, October 15th, found the team in on the road to Northford, CT. The Eagles were down 2-0 at the beginning of the second period when Tara Walsh took matters into her own hands. Tara broke away with the puck and scored the team's first goal. Kathryn Mullin earned the team's second goal early in the third period. The defensive play of the game goes to Jen Strayer. Jen foiled Northford's attempt to score off a breakaway during the third period, thus earning a trip to the penalty box.

Coaches Lessard and Rossignol were please with the team's play. Enfield put forth a solid effort against the experienced Polar Bears. The final score was 5-2, Northford.

Bantam C Loses One and Ties One

On Saturday, October 7th, the Bantam C team played Bay West at the Olympia. Bay West started the scoring at 8:39 of the first period, with a slap shot from the point. By the end of the first period Bay West had a 3-0 lead. Bay West added two more goals in the 2nd period and another in the 3rd for a 6-0 final. Kenny Nelson was busy in net with 39 saves. Brian Russo, Matt Sullivan, and Jeremy Seam played a physical game for the Eagles. Derek Lata and Jason Materkowski had strong performances for the Cs.

On Tuesday, October 10th, the Cs took on Westfield at home. Westfield opened the scoring at 11:14 of the first period. Dustin Cormier tied the game at 1-1 on a crisp pass from Matt Sullivan, with 1:13 left in the first period. Kyle Fijalkowski gave Enfield a 2-1 lead just twelve second later, a result of the hard work of Jason Materkowski. Fred Conner gave the Eagles a 3-1 lead on the power play, setup by Brett Drake at 6:01 of the 2nd period. Westfield made it a one goal game with 2:46 left in the 2nd. Westfield knotted the game at 3-3, on the power play with 7:37 of the third period. Brett Drake hit the post with a minute left in the game. The Eagles attacked the Westfield net with 29 shots, but only came away with a 3-3 tie. Danielle Ezold was solid in net with 13 saves.

PeeWee A Takes Yale To School

On Saturday, October 14th, the PeeWee A team traveled to New Haven to record an 11 – 1 victory over the Yale PeeWee A team.

At 3:59 of the first period, Enfield drew first blood when Tyler Garrity, on an assist from Robbie Reissig, wristed a shot past the Yale goalie. Enfield's lead was short lived as Yale came back to score 16 seconds later to tie the score.

But, that would be all for the scoring for Yale. At 5:34, Chris LaPlante, on an assist from Jim Thompson, slapped home the winning goal from the point. The final goal of the first period came at 11:07 when Jeff Cotnoir scored his first of three goals, assisted by Matt Piedemonte and Mike Furey, to put Enfield ahead 3 – 1.

The second period saw the PeeWees score five unanswered goals. At 3:36, Robbie Reissig backhanded a rebound past the Yale goalie, assisted by Jeff Cotnoir and Danny Duguay. On an Enfield shift change, that left two skaters on the ice, Arron Simons split two Yale defenders and proceeded to tally Enfield's fifth goal.

At the end of the second period, during a 33 second stretch, the PeeWees unleashed a barrage of shots that would result in three more goals. With 51 seconds remaining in the period, Jeff Cotnoir scored his second goal of the game when he deflected a slap shot by Chris Silva. Twenty three seconds later, Silva, on a feed from Mike Furey, scored on a break away. Ten seconds later, Tyler Garrity scored his second of the game, assisted by Furey and Silva. At the end of the second period, Enfield led Yale 8 – 1.

The PeeWees began the third period where they left off in the second. At 1:56, Mike Furey, assisted by Nick Kapinos, scored his first goal of the game. He would end up with a total of five points for the night.

At 4:02 of the period, Arron Simons, assisted by Mike Furey and Matt Vozzolo, scored his second goal of the game. The final goal of the game would come on Jeff Cotnoir's coast-to-coast unassisted effort with 1:44 remaining in the period.

While there was plenty of offense, the suffocating defense of defensemen Danny Duguay, Chris LaPlante, Tony Nelson, and Matt Piedemonte kept the puck out of the hands of the Yale skaters. And with 39 shots on goal by Enfield verses 6 shots by Yale, goalie David "Spunk" Bord had himself a very quiet night.

Peewee B Ties Up Their CHC Debut

The Peewee B team made their CHC debut against East Haven on October 14th, skating to a 1 to 1 tie.

Coach Hughes had warned the team that they needed to skate their hearts out if they didn't want a blowout and the kids responded with a very hard fought tie. The lone EHA goal came from Travis Knightly after a nice feed from Shawn Hughes. With the Bs up by one for most of game, the team, backed by solid defense, stepped up pressure to hold the lead. Aaron and Nick, sharing goaltending duties, held up their end of the bargain and shut down the East Haven offense with numerous saves. Unfortunately, due to a missed offside call the East Haven team finally scored late in the game.

Regardless of the tie, the team skated 110% and had fun doing it and that's what counts.

It's a nice start to what should be a very enjoyable season.

Peewee B Makes It A Pair of Ties

The Pee Wee Bs had just tied East Haven the previous day and was feeling pretty good about themselves when they came back, on October 15th to Enfield, for a game against South Windsor.

Enfield squeaked through the 1st period even though South Windsor clearly had the upper hand. Between the 1st and 2nd period, Coach Hughes calmed the kids down and told them to focus on what each player should be doing when out on the ice. It seemed to work, with the flow of the game now favoring Enfield. Goals came from 3 different lines, Jeff Harris, Justin Harden and Matt Vozzolo. Assists came from Alexy Grandahl, Adam Cartier, Travis Knightly, and Sean Hughes. Enfield again had solid goaltending with duties being shared between Nick and Aaron.

The team showed discipline when they regrouped after the 1st period and played solid 2nd and 3rd periods for the 3 – 3 tie. Good Job!

Squirt A Nets Two More Wins

Enfield Squirt A continued their preseason this weekend with back-to-back wins over South Windsor at home on Saturday, October 7th and away on Sunday, October 8th.

Saturday's home game once again saw Enfield getting off to a rough start, with poor positional play leading to a South Windsor breakaway goal just 1:04 into the game. Solid back checking by Steven Alexander helped to even up the flow of the game. Late in the first, Brian Buchalski scored on a low hard shot from the point. Drew Caronna scored just 1:21 later on a wicked wrist shot from the high slot with the assist going to Eric Chamberland to make it 2-1 Enfield.

Second period action saw Enfield's forwards crash the net to score a loose puck after it looked like the South Windsor goalie might have covered the puck, a tough call by the Officials went Enfield's way with Thomas Grigely getting credit for the goal. South Windsor then started to threaten, and goalie Zach Nolan made a key save, stopping a South Windsor breakaway shot from the slot, one on one. South Windsor continued to pressure then scored on a wraparound. Drew Caronna answered, (assisted by Matt Poremba) with another rocket from the high slot, this time going top shelf to make it 4-2 Enfield.

The third period saw the new defensive pairings start to gel, with Brian Buchalski doing a great job in the neutral zone continuously cutting off South Windsor's breakout passes. Thomas Grigely then scored off a rebound in front (assists to Steven Alexander and Matt Poremba). South Windsor chipped in one more to make it a 5-3 Enfield final.

Sunday's away game was all Enfield. Matt Poremba scored off a scramble in front. Drew Caronna scored on a nice wriester from the slot, 2-1 Enfield after one.

Matt Poremba scored a nice backhand to start the second. Eric Romeo scored after he made a wraparound and stuffed it home on the third attempt - great goal Eric! Steven Alexander scored a rebound thru the five hole after Eric Chamberland (assist) had pinched in and shot on goal. Steven Alexander scored off another rebound in front, (assists to Thomas Grigely and Ben Davis), 6-0 Enfield after two.

Ben Davis showed his blazing speed going coast to coast to score, midway thru the third period. Steven Alexander launched one from the right face-off dot, scoring Enfield's final goal for an 8-0 win.

Congratulations to goalie Zach Nolan on his first shut out of the year, he earned this one, making a big kick save on a 2 on 1 midway thru the third period. Great Job Zach!

Squirt A Loses a Close One at Yale

After completing their pre-season by beating Northern on Friday, October 13th 8 – 2, the Squirt A team opened their regular season at Yale on Sunday, October 15th. What a difference a day makes as the Eagles were quickly reminded about the caliber of hockey “down state.”

The game was fast paced. Anthony Sarno opened the scoring by sending home a rebound, with assists going to Drew Caronna and Joe Fusco. Yale scored midway through the period on a breakaway to even it up. Enfield answered just 14 seconds later on a beautiful high speed passing play, Drew Caronna to Ben Davis to Anthony Sarno, who made a nice deke and slid it by the Yale goalie. Yale then shot in a loose puck that had been misplayed in front of Zach Nolan to end the first period tied 2-2. The second period saw Yale gaining the edge, using speed, and passing to shut down the Eagles. With 55 seconds left in the period, Yale scored what would become the game winner after a scoreless third period. Final score, 3 - 2 Yale.

CPSC, I-Tech Sport Products Inc. Announce Recall to Replace Hockey Face Guards

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), I-Tech Sport Products Inc., of Montreal, Canada, is voluntarily recalling about 1,000 hockey face guards for replacement. These face guards, which attach to helmets, can become dislodged on impact causing them to fall off, leaving the user's face exposed to possible injury.

I-Tech has received one report of a hockey face guard becoming dislodged. No injuries have been reported.

Only face guards with "OPTECH System," written on the black side clips, which lock on the plastic eye shield, are part of this recall. "ITECH" is written at the top center of the plastic eye shield, on the chin guard and on the chin guard strap. The model number of the face guards, "FX.50," is written on the packaging.

Sporting good stores nationwide sold these face guards from July 2000 through August 2000 for about \$100.

Consumers should stop using the recalled hockey face guards immediately. Consumers should take the recalled face guards back to the store where purchased for a free replacement, or they can contact I-Tech Sport Products Inc. to get a free replacement face guard sent to them. For more information, call I-Tech at (800) 361-5595 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

Hockey face guards with "ITECH FX50" written on the black side clips are not part of this recall.

Mite B Wins Their Season Opener

This year's Mite "B" Travel Team has been selected. Congratulations goes out to the following E.H.A. players: #1 Justin Bird, #3 Ethan Cournoyer, #4 Robbie Picard, #5 Ben Kapinos, #7 Zachary Stein, #8 Conor Walsh, #9 Evan Thompson, #10 Reilly Higgins, #11 Kyle Hughes, #13 Eric Cornmier, #14 Zach Allard, #17 Katie Sullivan, #18 Kevin Wezowicz, and #30 Christian O'Shea. NICE JOB GUYS! The team chose Zach Allard as team captain. Coach Bird, Coach Allard, and Coach Glenn have been working really hard with the team. Let's hope for a KILLER SEASON!

The Mite "B" Travel Team began their season the right way with a 5 to 2 victory over the South Windsor Team at the South Windsor Arena Saturday, October 7th. WAY TO GO TEAM! The Eagles played aggressively and for the most part the puck stayed in our offensive zone. South Windsor hardly had a chance to get their sticks on it. Zach Allard had 3 outstanding goals to start the team off early in the 1st period. He sure knows how to "Put the Bread in the Basket." Katie Sullivan and Reilly Higgins each scored amazing goals, making the score 5-0 at the end of the 2nd period. South Windsor came alive in the 3rd period to score 2 goals despite the awesome efforts of our defensemen. Goalie Christian O' Shea did a superior job and was named Player of the Game by our coaches. He kept many South Windsor shots out of the net. You Forced South Windsor Work Hard Chris!

Enfield has the opportunity to play South Windsor again Saturday, October 21st, on their home ice. We're all hoping for another "W"!