



ICE CHIPS

News and Notes

EHA Board Meeting

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2001 at Asnuntuck Community College. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm and is open to the public.

Booster Club Store Hours

The Booster Club Store will be open every weekend until Christmas. The store will be open from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM every Saturday and Sunday. So plan to visit the store for all of your holiday shopping needs.

We're Looking for In-house Ice Chip Reports

Now that in-house games have begun, we would like to publish the reports of the games in the Ice Chips. Please submit your reports by Wednesday for inclusion in that week's Ice Chips. Reports should be e-mailed to icechips@enfieldhockey.org.

As many of you are aware, Quinn Connally, a 12 year old hockey player from the MassConn Braves Youth Hockey Association, was fatally injured during an on-ice drill early this week.

A memorial fund has been set up in memory of Quinn. Listed below is the address of the fund.

**Quinn Connally Memorial Fund
C/O Fleet Bank
1 Monarch Place
Springfield, MA 01144**

The Enfield Hockey Association wishes to extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family, friends, and teammates of Quinn.

Enfield Lady Eagles Defeat the Clippers

Wednesday evening, November 29th, found the Lady Eagles on the road to Cromwell to match skills with the Clippers. Former Clipper Alumnus, Jen Strayer, Kayla Lessard, and Erin Osborn donned their Eagles jerseys with pride as they returned to their old stomping grounds.

The Lady Eagles soon set out to dominate the game. The first score of the evening came from Kim Pizzoferrato, assisted by Mary Michaud, 7 minutes into the first period. The line of Bartus, Mullin and Ouellette gelled two minutes later, when Chelsea Ouellette scored with the help of her linesmen.

Chelsea Ouellette continued to cut smoothly through the Clipper defense adding her second goal of the game to the scoreboard with 22.2 seconds remaining in the second period. Chelsea was assisted by teammate, Chelsea Cormier.

During the third period, our Eagles added 4 additional goals to the score. Erin Osborn earned her second goal of the season with assistance from Kathryn Mullin. Laura Bartus' goal came 9 minutes into the period. The night ended with two impressive goals by Erica Warzyski. Erica received support from Kim Pizzoferrato and Kathryn Mullin on her first initiative. Erica's second, short-handed goal came off a rush with only 30.6 seconds remaining in regulation play. Very classy move, Erica! Goalie Kayla Lessard has her 5th well-earned shutout. The final score, 7 - 0 all Enfield.

Coach Lessard was happy with the team's play. He noted that the team is starting to play a more physical game. Keys to their success were their passing game and their willingness to follow the puck into the corners and battle for control! Coach Osborn noted that all lines did their jobs with relentless effort. Congratulation Lady Eagles on a great team effort!

Bantam "C"'s Finish Season Against Amherst

On November 28th, the Bantam C's faced Amherst at home. Amherst opened the scoring at the 7:46 of the 1st period. Good penalty killing in the first period, by the C's kept the game. The Eagles got on the board at 6:42 of the second period, with Billy Dufour knocking in the rebound of a Jason Materkowski shot that was set-up by Brett Drake. Amherst took control of the game, adding another goal, with 3:02 left in the second period. Then added another goal with 58 seconds left in the second period. Amherst took a three goal lead with 8:06 left in the game. Danielle Ezold was solid in net with 24 save. Final Amherst 4 - Enfield 1

Bantam "C"'s Promoted to Bantam B Team

With high school tryouts complete, the Bantam "C"'s joined the remaining Bantam "B"'s to form a new Bantam B team. On Saturday, they traveled to the sparkling clean new Westfield rink. Westfield took at 1-0 lead with 4:43 left in the first period. Twenty-six seconds later, Dustin Cormier tied the game at 1-1, assisted by Jason Materkowski and Kyle Hicks. Kyle Hicks (unassisted) gave the Eagles the 2 -1 lead with 54.3 seconds left in the first period. Kyle Fijalkowski made it a 3 - 1 lead on the pass from Bryan Andersen at the 9:57 mark of the second period. Then Kyle Fijalkowski scored his second goal of the game 36 seconds later on the set-up of Bryan Andersen and Brian Russo. The Eagles got into penalty trouble in the second period and let Westfield reduce to Eagle lead to 4-3, with a two man advantage. Kyle Hicks scored his second goal of the game, shorthanded, and assisted, to give the Eagles a 5-3 lead. Westfield cut the lead to 5-4 with just 6 seconds left in the second period. Westfield tied the game with 7:24 left in the game and then took the lead for good with 6:13 left. Kenny Nelson was busy in net with twenty saves. Final Westfield 6 - Enfield 5

On Tuesday, the Eagles played Ludlow at home. Ludlow took a two goal lead late in the first period. Nice passing around the net by Kyle Fijalkowski and Derek Lata resulted in a Dustin Cormier goal at the 6:51 mark of the second period. The Eagles attacked the Ludlow net in the third period but could get the puck past the Ludlow goaltender. Kenny Nelson was solid in net with 16 saves. Final Ludlow 2 - Enfield 1.

Pee Wee C Defeats Ludlow

On November 27th, the Pee Wee "C"s hosted Ludlow. Chris Robinson opened the scoring with a goal in the first period and then the teams swapped goals in the second and third as Enfield held off Ludlow for a 3 to 2 win. The game was riddled with penalties as both teams had trouble finding their groove. Pete Devylder and Mike Lajoie, with the rest of the defense, made it difficult for Ludlow to penetrate to the net. Ben Broadhurst, in his first game as stand-in goalie, put in a solid effort.

Pee Wee C Takes a Close One from Northern

In the first game of a weekend double-header, Enfield defeated Northern by a score of 3 to 2 on December 2nd. Ben Broadhurst, normally on offense, played the roll of goaltender to near perfection. The defense, starring Nick Goulet and Tom Begley, stepped up their performance and helped Ben to shut down the opponent's offense and stifle any scoring attempts in the final period.

Meanwhile, the offense, which was unusually quiet in the first two periods, turned it on in the third and scored three times. Mike Lajoie, Mike Boice, and Ben Quesnel put the biscuit in the basket to gain the lead.

Pee Wee C Defeats Northern - Sweeps Weekend Double- Header

On December 3rd, Enfield hosted Northern. The "C"s welcomed the return of goalie Mike Cormier from the DL with a solid 5 to 2 win over the Northern Black Bears. This out-of-conference game was the second of a weekend double-header that saw Enfield sweep a strong Northern team. Stephen Moriarty opened the scoring with a goal in the second period to tie the game at 1-1. Chris Robinson's passing was key to the next three goals by setting up the scoring plays in front of the opponent's net. Eric Rubin closed out the scoring with an empty-netter as the clock was running down. Defensemen Eric Cournoyer and Mike Lajoie kept Northern from putting together a successful attack. A pat on the back to backup Brian Nasuta and Ben Broadhurst, Mike Lajoie, and Mike Boice for tending the basket while Mike Cormier was healing up. In addition, the team wishes a quick recovery to teammate Keith Loiselle. Keith has been on the DL for most of the season but still shows up at the games to give support from the bench.

HOLY COW !!! Pee Wee C Shuts Out Holy Name

You would have thought that, after a hard fought win at Noon, Enfield might call it a night against unbeaten Holy Name. Wrong! On December 3rd, the team traveled to Olympia, tapped its reserves, and summoned a balanced attack to shut out the Bulldogs, 2 to 0.

Ben Quesnel scored both goals with the aid of Mike Boice and Mike Lajoie. Goalie Mike Cormier, in just his second game back from an extended stay on the DL, put on a goaltending clinic. Solid checking by Ben Broadhurst and Kyle Houlihan plus a heads up defense, led by Nick Goulet and Eric Nasuta, shut down the Holy Name attacks by forcing a number of turnovers and preventing breakaways. It now looks like Enfield is the team to beat in the GSL. The team celebrated the win with a locker-room party for December birthday boys Ben Quesnel, Brian Nasuta, Eric Cournoyer, and Tom Begley.

Pee Wee C Shuts Out WTM

Enfield extended its winning streak to five games with a shutout against WTM on December 4th. Center Ben Quesnel gave goalie Mike Cormier a big cushion early by scoring a hat trick in the first six minutes of the game. Drew Thompson and Mike Boice, on offense, and defenseman Mike Lajoie also contributed to the eight goal barrage. Eric Cournoyer and Tom Begley led the defense in keeping their opponents far away from the net. The safe lead allowed for the players to see how the "other side" lives by swapping positions during the third period.

Squirt A's Open December With Loss And Win

The Squirt A's lost to Stamford at home on Saturday 12/2. The Eagles didn't have it, unable to connect on most of their passes during the game. The Eagles kept the much larger (read huge) Stamford Sharks off the board in the first period, but allowed two goals late in the second and another midway thru the third for a 3-0 Stamford final. Brian Sullivan did a good job on defense filling in for the injured Chris Boulanger during the third period, thank you Brian!

The Squirt A's defeated Middlesex at home on Sunday 12/3. The Eagles looked sharp throughout the game (could it be the new offensive pairings?), and were solid defensively as well. Branden Chicorka netted a rebound of an Eric Romeo shot for the only goal of the first period.

Brian Sullivan stuffed in a loose puck for Enfield's second goal 2:16 into the second period. Middlesex scored at the 8:55 mark. Great passing resulted in Enfield's third goal. Steven Alexander passed to Anthony Sarno who found Matt Poremba cruising into the slot, 3-1 Enfield after two.

The third period was all Enfield. Thomas Grigely scored as he was falling down after being tripped up in the slot (great effort Thomas), assist to Joe Fusco. Matt Poremba scored top shelf on a breakaway off a nice feed from Branden Chicorka. Branden Chicorka scored a rebound goal in front. Thomas Grigely redirected a Ben Davis blast from the point for Enfield's fourth goal of the period, 7-1 Enfield final.

Squirt "B"s Start Weekend with Victory Over West Hartford

What a weekend the Squirt B team had! They started out Friday night with a 6-1 win over West Hartford. Enfield got on the board with a goal from Jordan Knightly. (Asst by Luke Anderson and Colin McGunnigle). Matt Reda slammed the next goal home from an awesome pass from Zack Chemolowski. West Hartford could not get it passed our solid defensive team. Sam Leonardo and Danny Kracunas kept them out of our house. The next period saw Derek Michaud add another point in our favor to the scoreboard. Goal #4 was a pass from Sam to Megan McGunnigle. The next goal Megan turned and shot it over to Colin for a goal. By the 3rd period West Hartford was getting hungry. Brett Sullivan and Ethan Sobel would not let them by. They held strong. With 2 min left in the 3rd, West Hartford put one on the scoreboard. But Luke answered back with another goal. Nate Allard had an awesome game in net stopping many shots.

"Ding Dong," Squirt Bs Calling...

Shock Avon with 3 – 1 Win

Saturday sent us to play Avon. This was a much anticipated game. Avon thought they would walk away with an easy win. Enfield showed them how to play like a team. Enfield shocked many Avon fans by winning this game 3-1. It was a very physical battle. Avon aggressively played the body trying to wear down the Enfield players. We held strong with great defense from Nick Dwyer and Matt Cartier. This game was won with passing! Everyone on the team played at 110%. On the scoring end it was the Luke Anderson and Colin McGunnigle show. The first goal was Luke from Colin and goal # 2 and #3 was Colin from Luke. Despite the strong shooting of the Avon offense, they were no match for our goalie Nate Allard. Nate had an incredible game in net. Everyone on the Enfield team should be proud of themselves for this win!

Squirt "B"s End Weekend In Simsbury

Sunday afternoon set us to Simsbury. A rink everyone wanted to go to. A rink with heat... what a concept. The first period started out with a strong shot from Jordan Knightly. He sent it right by the Simsbury goalie. The 2nd per Goal # 2 was Jordan's again from a terrific pass from Matt Reda. The 3rd goal was all passing. Luke sent it back to Ethan Sobel on D who sent it up to Colin McGunnigle who sent that baby home. The "S" team of Sullivan and Sobel shut the Simsbury team down in the 2nd period. The 3rd per came and Simsbury got hungry. They made 2 quick goals tying the game up. Matt Cartier and Dave Cardorpli had some great shots. Sam Leonardo and Nick Dwyer hustled to keep Simsbury from scoring again. Hats off to Nate for a terrific game in goal!

Great weekend guys! Rest up tonight... practice tomorrow!

Mite 'A's Outscore Echo 4 - 0

On Friday night, December 1st, the Enfield Mite A team was ready for their opponent at home. The Echo team played tough defense, attempting to break up passes, and covering our points well. But the Enfield team still came out victorious.

Steven Palmer started out the scoring in the first period with a great tip-in shot, with assists going to Joe Giordano and Mike Cherpak. Way to be there, Steven!! The remaining goals came in the second period. Jake Bolton had a nice shot high off a great feed from Tony Colca. Mike Cherpak then got the puck to Steven Palmer, who sent Joe Giordano in for our third goal.

The Echo team tried hard to score, but our defense held them off. Mathew Simons, in particular, had a stellar game on defense. And even when they did manage to get into the zone, there was no getting the puck past goalie Kyle Dyer.

The final goal was another strong shot by center Jake Bolton, with the assist going to Mike Cherpak. Hey, that's a playmaker for you, Mike. Nice job!!!

Mite 'A' Suffers Defeat by East Haven

On Saturday, December 2nd, East Haven definitely outplayed the Enfield Mite team, but not nearly as badly as the score would have you believe. The southern team had a lot of help from their refs, as well.

The East Haven team came out strong and managed to out-battle us to get the first goal of the game. But Enfield answered while still in the first period. Josh Stein wrapped around the net, but instead of trying to stuff it in, saw T.C. Crane open in front and fed it to him. T.C. was ready and fired it in.

Before the end of the period, East Haven scored again, but was again answered by Enfield early in second period. Mike Cherpak fed Joe Giordano, who made a move around the defenseman and fired the puck to the back of the net. Score tied at 2-2.

East Haven started getting frustrated and elevated their already physical game up a notch. The Enfield team was getting hammered - a forward got sandwiched in the corner, our defenseman took an elbow and a right hook - not to mention various hooks, trips and checks. The East Haven team got "counseled" a few times, but no calls.

Our Mite team started backing off a little (no wonder!) and allowed East Haven to score several unanswered goals. Josh Stein finally managed to get one more in unassisted, but the final score was still a disappointing 9-3.

Pawling, NY Loses to Enfield Mite 'A'

On Sunday, December 3rd, it was a long drive and a freezing cold hour to endure watching a seriously mismatched morning game. The Pawling team gave it their best shot, but was no match for the talents of the Enfield team.

Enfield scored 3 in the first period, 7 in the second, and 1 in the third. The most noteworthy was the third period goal by defenseman Mary Fusco, her first of the season. The whole team was psyched for her. Congratulations, Mary!

Other highlights were a hat trick for Josh Stein and a playmaker for Joe Giordano. Remaining goals were scored by Steven Palmer (2), Mike Cherpak (2), David Lloyd, Jake Bolton, and Joe Giordano. Final score: 11-0.

Mite B Earns Tie Against West Haven

Coming off a victory against South Windsor the Mite B Travel team traveled to West Haven. We all thought we were in for a tough game when West Haven scored first 7 seconds into the game. Well, this didn't "psych out" our players, they went on to score 3 1st period goals. Zach Allard (unassisted), Zach Stein (unassisted) and Evan Thompson on an assist by Zach Allard. Great Effort! Enfield was unable to score in the 2nd and 3rd periods despite the awesome effort of our team. West Haven scored in each of the next periods to leave the game tied. Player of the game went to Zach Allard for his never give up attitude. Nice playing Zach!

Mite B Has Good Showing at Thanksgiving Tournament

The Mite B Travel team would like to congratulate the Rhode Island Vikings for winning the Thanksgiving Tournament. It was a tough and disappointing weekend. The games were close and our kids played tough and never gave up. They finished with 1 win, 1 tie and 2 losses. Special thanks goes out to Mike Allard who soloed as coach and to those players from the Mite C Travel team who gave us their time and special efforts. Nice job! The great skating of Nick Smith, Teddy Davis, C.J. Sheffrin and Brian Solnick was greatly appreciated.

Mite B Sends Pawling Crawling Home

For the next game the team was back together again. All the players and coaches were present and accounted for. This was evident in the win against Pawling. The game seemed to go on forever, but much longer for the Pawling players who traveled the distance to lose to the Eagles 11-0.

It was a scoring clinic, it began with the effort of Conor Walsh as he drew first blood early in the game. He followed with 2 more goals to earn his first hat trick. Way to go C.J.! Ethan Cournoyer scored 2 goals both were assisted by Reilly Higgins. The Zachs each scored 2 unassisted goals. Finally our two defensive players Kevin Wezowicz and Robbie Picard each scored to contribute to the tally. At the end of the game the players chipped the ice away from Christian O'Shea. He was frozen solid in goal from lack of action. He did have 1 save though.

Mite B Victorious Over New Milford

This next game was a little more exciting. Yesterday's game was like watching ice melt this one proved to be more exciting. We quickly woke up from our long early am ride to face New Milford. The defensive team of Kevin Wezowicz, Ethan Cournoyer, Justin Bird, Robbie Picard and Chris O'Shea did a fantastic job defending our goal.

The 1st period ended 0-1... advantage, New Milford. It wasn't hard to figure out who the "Weapon" for New Milford was. Now it was time to put the "Zach Pack" into action. Zach Stein was called upon to shadow "Number 8" -- He neutralized him completely. Way to go Zach! The opposing coach commented that no one has been able to do this to him. Next...the other Zach...3 unassisted goals in the second period. Hats off to you!!!! The third period remained scoreless. A nice victory for the Enfield Eagles, worth the long haul, but be ready for next weekend as the New Milford team comes to the ETR to seek revenge. Heads up Enfield!!