



ICE CHIPS

News and Notes

EHA Board Meeting

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2001 at Asnuntuck Community College. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm and is open to the public.

Marielle Kovalcek Dinner Dance

The Marielle Kovalcek Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, February 16, 2001 at the Grassmere Country Club. Additional information will be available in up coming issues of the Ice Chips.

The Pack Gives Back

The Hartford Wolf Pack is proud to support Connecticut Youth Hockey

The Hartford Wolf★Pack is pleased to announce its 3rd annual Connecticut Youth Hockey Night on Saturday, January 20th. We invite you and your hockey organization to join us this night to honor your players and help support youth hockey at the same time. All teams are encouraged to wear their jerseys and compete in our ticket sale challenge to win a clinic from Wolf★Pack coaches and two players in the fall of 2001.

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2001
Time: 7:35 pm
Where: Hartford Civic Center
Game: Hartford Wolf★Pack
vs.
Springfield Falcons

Special Ticket Offer: You can have \$16.00 seats for just \$12.00! AND... \$2.00 for each ticket sold will be returned to your youth hockey organization. Ask about 2nd and 3rd Place Prizes!

Orders for tickets must be received by January 16th. For more information, contact Patty at 749-4077.

Bantam B

The "B"s played Echo at home on December 18th. Kyle Hicks set-up Billy Dufour, to open the scoring at the 8:17 mark of the first period. Billy Dufour scored his second unassisted, with 5:07 left in the first period. Kyle Hicks made it a 3-0 game, unassisted with 1:58 left in the first. Dustin Cormier, assisted by Kyle Fijalkowski and Bryan Andersen, gave the Eagles a four-goal lead at the 11:15 mark of the second period. Kyle Hicks made it 5-0, with the assist going to Billy Dufour at 10:22 of the second period. Dustin Cormier gave the Eagles a six-goal lead with 5:32 left in the second. Kyle McCurry and Kyle Fijalkowski earning the assist. Derek Lata, assisted by Jason Materkowski and Fred Conner, scored the seventh goal for the "B"s, with 11:32 left in the game. Dustin Cormier got the hat trick, with the assists from Kyle Fijalkowski and Fred Conner, with 11:18 left in the game. Billy Dufour, also netted a hat trick with 8:57 left in the game, assisted by Mike Watson and Kyle Hicks. Kyle Fijalkowski gave the Eagles a ten-goal lead with 8:03 left in the games. Dustin Cormier earning the assist. Jason Materkowski added to the tally with 6:59 left in the game, assisted by Derek Lata and Jonathan Pliszka. Dustin Cormier scored his fourth goal of the game shorthanded and assisted by Jeremy Seam, with 4:23 left in the game. Dustin Cormier had four goals and one assist. Billy Dufour had three goals and one assist. Kyle Hicks had two goals and two assist. Kenny Nelson and Brandon Brown combined for thirteen saves. Final Enfield 12 - Echo 0

Early on December 23rd, the "B"s traveled to Olympia to play Holy Name. Holy Name opened the scoring at the 10:11 mark of the first period. Holy Name added a second goal with 8:56 left in the second period. Jonathan Pliszka cut the lead one with 8:35 left in the second period, assisted by Jason Materkowski. The Eagles put the pressure on the Holy Name goaltender in the final period but couldn't net the equalizer. The "B"s had 25 shots in the 2-1 loss. Kenny Nelson was solid, once again with 21 saves.

On Tuesday, December 27th, the "B"s faced Bay West at ETR. Bay West opened the scoring at the 9:45 mark of the first period. Bay West added another goal on the power play, with 7:13 left in the first period. The hard work of Jason Materkowski, Derek Lata and Jonathan Pliszka, resulted in a Matt Sullivan goal with 9:43 left in the second. Bay West retained the two-goal lead with 3:24 left in the second period. This was a great game with lots of bone crushing hits and great goaltending at both ends of the ice.

Kenny Nelson had 20 saves. The Eagles had 22 shots. Bright spots for the "B"s were the return of Matt Sullivan with a solid performance, and the consistent defense of Brian Russo, Fred Conner, and Chris Gaylor. Also the hustle of Kyle Fijalkowski, Derek Lata, Jason Materkowski, and Jonathan Pliszka. Final Bay West 3 - Enfield 1

On December 30th, the Bantam "B"s played Pittsfield at Cyr Arena. Jason Materkowski opened the scoring on the crisp pass of Matt Sullivan, at the 5:51 mark of the first period. Mike Watson and Jeremy Seam set-up a Billy Dufour goal with 10:18 left in the second period. Pittsfield cut the lead to one with 10:43 left in the game. Pittsfield tied the game at 2-2, on the power play with 3:31 left in the game. Kenny Nelson preserved the tie with twelve saves in the third period, as Pittsfield enjoyed a man advantage for most of the period. Kenny Nelson was spectacular in net with 30 saves. Final Enfield 2 - Pittsfield 2

On New Year Eve morning, the "B"s faced the Springfield Caps at Olympia. The Eagles had a tough time containing a talented Caps team. The Caps opened the scoring at 10:56 of the first period, for a 1-0 lead. The Caps added three more goals in the second period. Then the Caps added two more goals in the third period for a 6-0 final. Kenny Nelson and Brandon Brown combined for 33 saves. The bright spots for the "B"s were Derek Lata, Brian Russo, Jeremy Seam, Jonathan Pliszka, Chris Gaylor, and Billy Dufour.

On Tuesday January 2nd, the Eagles took on Westfield at home. Good Penalty killing in the first period by Jason Materkowski, Derek Lata, Matt Sullivan, and Jeremy Seam keep the game scoreless. Kyle McCurry opened the scoring on the beautiful pass from Chris Gaylor, to give the "B"s a 1-0 lead at the 7:24 of the second period. Jonathan Pliszka gave the Eagles a two-goal lead at the 6:07 mark of the second period. This was the result of the hard work and good teamwork of the Pliszka, Lata, and Materkowski line. Westfield made it a one-goal game on a scramble for a loose puck with 8:10 left in the game. Kyle Fijalkowski sealed the victory for the "B"s on an unassisted, empty net wrap around goal with 26 seconds left in the game. Kenny Nelson held the fort in the third period with 10 saves and a game total of 17 saves. Final Enfield 3 - Westfield 1

Pee Wee C Got Amherst's Number

After an unexpected come-from-behind win by Amherst one week ago, which featured the debut of their new scoring machine, Enfield got Amherst's number early and soundly defeated them 4-1 on December 18th. Quality checking by Kyle Houlihan and Eric Rubin and a near flawless defense, headed up by Pete Devylder and Tom Begley, kept Amherst at bay the entire game. The few challenges on net that were mounted by the visitors were handled with ease by Mike Cormier. On offense, Ben Quesnel earned a hat trick, and Mike Boice scored off of a pass from Mike Lajoie.

Pee Wee C Defeats WTM by a Score of 5-1

This win on December 23rd, the 8th out of the last 9 games, featured a balance attack on offense during the second and third periods and a hard-skating defense. Eric Rubin led the scoring with a goal, early in the second period, off a perfect pass from Eric Cournoyer. It was followed by goals by Mike Lajoie, Ben Quesnel, and Mike Boice. Chris Robinson was the picture of confidence as he swiftly skated around the WTM goaltender and nudged the puck into their net on a penalty shot. Nick Goulet and Eric Nasuta were rock-solid on defense, allowing only a handful of shots on net.

Pee Wee C Tames Ludlow

On December 24th the Pee Wee C team traveled to Blunt Park Arena. The objective was simple - beat the top team and take sole possession of 2nd place in the GSL. Achieving it was going to be one of the biggest challenges of the season. Enfield was up for the challenge and defeated a strong Ludlow team 2-1. The win put Enfield in 2nd place, just ahead of Holy Name. With Ludlow ahead by a goal late in the first period, Kyle Houlihan and Stephen Moriarty brought the puck deep into the Ludlow zone. After a battle for control in front of the opponent's net, Kyle found a hole and pushed in the puck to tie up the game. Enfield took the lead in the second period with an unassisted goal by Mike Boice (AC). The defense, led by Eric Cournoyer and Mike Lajoie, held off any scoring attempts by Ludlow. Mike Cormier was stellar in goal.

Squirt "A"'s Echo ECHO's Score

The Squirt "A"'s played an exciting game against ECHO at the Bolton Ice Palace on Wednesday 12/20. ECHO scored the first goal of the game 3:51 into the first period. A defensive line change that went horribly wrong allowed ECHO a 3 on 0 from the blue line, 1-0 ECHO after an otherwise well played period.

Just 32 seconds into the second period a slow ECHO shot from the point found its way through traffic past a totally screened Zach Nolan. The Eagles responded by skating hard and out shooting ECHO 12 to 5 for the period, 2-0 ECHO after two.

Branden Chicorka got the Eagles on the board 2:24 into the third period. After listening to the Coaching staff Branden cranked one high from the top of the left circle and beat the ECHO goalie high blocker side. The Eagles pressed, Zach Nolan made several solid saves to keep the game in reach. With only 58 seconds left to play, Brian Sullivan stuffed in a rebound for the huge tying goal. ECHO came back with all they had, sending a man in alone on Zach Nolan with just 4 seconds remaining in the game. Zach challenged the shooter and made a great save as the buzzer sounded, 2-2 final. Way to go Zach!

Squirt “A”s Second In Simsbury Holiday Tournament

The Squirt “A”s opened the Tournament at the ISCC on Tuesday 12/26 against West Hartford. With several key players away on vacation, West Hartford was overmatched, resulting in a lopsided 10-2 Enfield win. First period goals by Steven Alexander and Brian Sullivan plus two from Ben Davis made it 4-0 Enfield after one. Second period goals from Steven Alexander and Anthony Sarno got everyone thinking offense, the resulting 3 on 1 leading to West Hartford’s first goal. Eric Romeo answered with a goal to make it 7-1 Enfield after two. Steven Alexander completed his hat trick with a goal to start the third period. Branden Chicorka notched one before Enfield watched West Hartford skate right down the middle and score their second goal of the game. Branden Chicorka added one more, 10-2 Enfield final.

The Squirt “A”s faced Newington at Westminster on Wednesday 12/27. Enfield controlled play in a physical game but could not find the back of the net. Enfield out shot Newington 23-11. Newington scored the only goal of the first period after a scramble in front. A scoreless second period left Enfield needing a goal. Branden Chicorka responded early in the third also scoring after a scramble in front. Zach Nolan made a big stop of a late Newington breakaway to preserve the 1-1 tie.

The Squirt “A”s faced Millbrook NY at cold windy Simsbury Farms on Thursday 12/28. Eric Romeo scored on a breakaway just 1:04 into the game. Ben Davis notched one from the point at the 2:21 mark. Andrew Caronna scored after some nice passing off the ensuing face-off at the 2:29 mark. Millbrook got on board after a bad Enfield line change, 3-1 Enfield after one. Ben Davis scored midway thru the second after a long rush from his defensive position. Good passing by Enfield led to Andrew Caronna’s goal at the 8:05 mark, 5-1 Enfield after two. With cold setting in and the game decided both teams played out a scoreless third period, 5-1 Enfield final.

The Squirt “A”s faced Simsbury in the Championship Game at the ISCC on Friday 12/29. Both Teams skated an extended warm-up only to learn that a scheduling error had no on ice Officials on hand to Referee the game. Hats off to Enfield’s Ed Poremba and Bob Dwyer who left the stands, borrowed skates, and did an excellent job calling the game. Let’s play Hockey. Enfield played a good first period out shooting Simsbury 7-3 but did not score, 0-0 after one. Simsbury came out on fire in the second period. Zach Nolan made big stops early in the period. Simsbury got on board at the 4:12 mark scoring top shelf from the left circle. Simsbury’s excellent positional play and passing took over. Zach Nolan made a big glove save with just 58 seconds left in the period, and another with 51 seconds to go. Simsbury went for the kill, finding the open man on the doorstep with 27 seconds left in the period 2-0 Simsbury after two. Enfield managed one after a Brian Buchalski shot from the point hit off traffic to a pinching Ben Davis in the slot for a goal at the 3:51 mark. Simsbury continued to get Enfield to chase, controlled play, and scored the insurance goal off a deflection with 4:33 left to play, 3-1 Simsbury final. Though proud to be runner-up, Enfield players regretted not bringing their “A” game to the finals.

Refs Assist in Avon Win Over the Mite "B"s

The Mite "B" Travel Team faced Avon Mites early Christmas Eve Morning. While visions of sugarplums danced in most children's heads, hat tricks and shutouts danced in our team's heads. They discussed strategy in the locker room and Coach Bird changed around the lines. The players weren't prepared for the dirty aggressive playing of the Avon players. They left their power hoses at home. The refs also seemed to forget something... their glasses! The first period was scoreless, but the action picked up with the start of the second. Avon drew first-blood with 7:35 left for second period action. Soon after Reilly Higgins scored off Zach Allard. However the refs took it away because the net moved after the shot went in. Sounds ridiculous, huh? Our players were angry! They began to play more aggressive than ever, and from a pass from Zach, Reilly managed to score again. This time the goal counted. The third period was tough. The game was tied and our defense knew they needed to attack. Great Job Justin Bird! With 1:07 left to play the refs put our man, Kevin Wezowicz in the "sin bin." Avon took advantage of this a put the rubber in the net. Our fans shouted "watch number 4 refs, watch number 4" and finally the refs woke up and put number 4 in the box. Now evenly matched the Eagles desperately tried to tie things up. However, we were left with too little time for much. It was such a tough lost! Enfield went home knowing that they played their hearts out.

Mite "B"s Mauled by Northern Bears

On Friday, December 30, the Mite "B" Team faced the Northern Bears. Northern was tough and boy, were they fast! They managed to draw first blood 10 seconds into the game. They also managed to score 3 other first-period goal; one assisted by our team. The second period came and went and still Enfield was unable to score. However, Northern put the "bread into the basket" three additional times. Mrs. Sullivan shouted "Come on players, you're not free skating," and it was true our players seemed lifeless. Northern managed to score one last time in the third period. Enfield went home disappointed. It was their first major lost of the season.

Mite "B"s End the Year With a Win

The next day the Mite "B"s came prepared to win. They couldn't loose another game; Coach Bird wouldn't tolerate it. Justin Bird did a great job on the defensive end and Katie Sullivan did a great job as wing. Zach Allard drew first blood in the first with an unassisted goal. He then scored two more times, earning a hat trick, off of CJ Walsh and Reilly Higgins. Hats off to you Zach. In the second period CJ Walsh scored twice. His first goal assisted by Ben Kapinos and the second on his own. Way to go! In the third period Eric Cormier scored on a shorthanded break away. Nice moves Eric! The other team scored 2 goals to end the game with a 6-2 Enfield victory. Way to end the year players! Let's continue the season with wins like this!

Upper Mite In-House

Verizon Wireless

vs.

Firestone Tire

Final Score: Firestone 6, Verizon 5

On December 17th, Verizon Wireless played Firestone Tire in what was a riveting game of hockey. First period action began with Zack Allard of Verizon scoring 15 seconds into the first period on a pass from Ben Kapinos. Firestone's Conor Walsh answered back with an unassisted goal 32 seconds later. Not to be outdone, Verizon's Ben Kapinos, (assisted by Zach Allard) would take a mere minute to put Verizon ahead 2-1. Two and one-half minutes later, Verizon scores again! This time with a goal from Dalton Baker (assisted by C.J. Shefrin). In response, Firestone's Kevin Weszowiz attacks the zone and scores (unassisted). Firestone's next goal is scored by Conor Walsh (assisted by Derek DeMars). The first period ends 3-3.

The second period scoring is dominated by Firestone with goals by Matt Toce (assisted by Reilly Higgins) and Conor Walsh (assisted by Matt Toce) giving Conor a Hat Trick! Way to go Conor! Reilly Higgins then scored (unassisted) making the score at the end of the second period 6-3.

Verizon was not giving up!! With 1 minute left to go in the game they pulled their goalie and Zach Allard scored 2 goals (unassisted) giving Zach Allard a Hat Trick! Way to go Zack! The game ended 6-5 in favor of Firestone.

In addition to all the scoring, the game was made even more exciting by the awesome abilities of the goalies, Nicholas Smith for Verizon and Andrew Silva for Firestone. Both goalies made outstanding saves that had the crowd applauding loudly and wondering often "How did he ever save that one?"

Last but certainly not least, let's not forget the excellent defense on both teams. Ethan Cournoyer played a very strong defensive game and Anthony Gugliotti played great two-way hockey for Firestone. For Verizon Sara Stewart, Jonathan Degray, and Craig Downs played strong defense.

This game had it all!! Every member of both teams played hard. It was an exciting game to watch from the first face-off to the final buzzer. Hope YOU had fun Verizon and Firestone, because the crowd sure did!

Keep up the great work!!