



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 5th annual Marielle Kovalcek Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, February 16, 2001 at the Grassmere Country Club. Cocktail hour is from 6 to 7 p.m. Dinner and dancing follows from 7 to 11 p.m. Music will be provided by Mark's Rolling Dance Revue. In addition, a silent auction will be held with all proceeds benefiting EHA players. This is a great time for a great cause. Come and spend a fun evening with your old or new friends. For tickets see Tom Murkowitz, Gator Laplante, Mary Palmer, Laura Cherpek, or Mary Sullivan.

Third Ice Payment Due

The third payment is now due for all in-house skaters. If you have not made your payment please see your division director for a payment form or look on the EHA bulletin board for a form.

Notes from the President

By Gator Laplante

Please visit the EHA web site. We are posting weekly pictures of our kids and it's a great way to stay informed. The address is www.enfieldhockey.org

Mark your calendars; the EHA award banquets are as follows:

- Mites 4/2/01
- Pee Wee / Bantam 4/4/01
- Squirts 4/9/01
- Instructional 4/11/01

The new 2001/2002 EHA Board of Directors will be voted on at the 3/6/01 meeting. All board positions are voted on each year. We do have some positions with no applicants. If you would like to get involved, please get an application from the web site or the bulletin board in Rink 2. If you have any questions please contact me.

Travel coaching applications for the 2001/2002 season must be submitted before 3/3/01 and will be voted on at the 4/3/01 board meeting. If you are interested, get an application from the web site or the bulletin board in Rink 2.

Puck ads for the yearbook are now out. Please get them in ASAP. Don't forget, checks ONLY.

The Booster Club is looking for pictures for the yearbook. If you have any pictures you would like to submit please turn them into your team parent or coach ASAP.

Nominations are being accepted through February 25, 2001 for the various awards available to all members of the EHA. If you are interested in nominating a player please complete the form located on the bulletin board in Rink 2 and return it to you division director by 2/25/01. All nominees will be presented to the EHA Board of Directors for consideration and vote.

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The last few things I have will hopefully shed some light to some commonly asked questions or assumptions.

As the winter season starts to wind down, many people start thinking about what they will do after the season ends. There are many opportunities to continue your child's hockey instruction and involvement over the spring and summer. Whether your incentive is to develop or maintain your child's skills for travel level play, or to just keep active and have fun, there are programs available to meet your needs. Check with us, local rinks, Internet sites, or just ask around. You can only determine what is the best choice for your child.

Some rinks offer ice time for "Spring Leagues." Because some of our coaches decide to continue coaching after the end of the EHA season, there is sometime confusion about the relationship of these teams and the EHA teams. Please note the following: Spring and summer leagues are completely separate from the EHA. EHA coaches who decide to continue coaching do this strictly for their own enjoyment. They are not "EHA coaches" in the off-season, they're just people that love to coach hockey.

Contrary to popular belief, the teams that these coaches select for the spring or summer in no way reflect who will be on their EHA teams in the fall.

On that last note let me explain how travel teams will be selected for the 2001/2002 season.

In years past the A coach would pick his team, the B coach would then pick his and the C coach would pick the balance of the players. The process this fall will involve a player selection committee consisting of a minimum of two coaches, one player development director, and the division director. A 5th director from the EHA board will chair this committee. Our goal is to fairly select the best travel teams possible. This committee will ensure that each player gets a fair look. Over the next few months I will interviewing coaches, player development directors, and division directors so that I can send out a letter explaining in detail what this committee will be looking for in our skaters.

As always we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Lady Eagles Battle Simsbury to the End!

On Friday evening, 1/19/01, the Enfield Lady Eagles journeyed to the Simsbury Farms Ice Rink to face off with the Simsbury U-12 Girls team. This marked the 4th meeting of the two teams. Prior matches have been dramatic to the end, always resulting in a tie!

The game started just as those prior jousts had, with Simsbury taking the lead with their first goal coming less than two minutes into the first period. The Lady Eagles would match that goal with a minute left in the second period when Laura Bartus rushed the net and scored. Very smooth move, Laura!

The Simsbury team put their final goal on net 2 minutes into the third period. Coach Lessard launched a valiant attempt to rally during the third, ultimately pulling the goalie. Tara Walsh and Erica Warzyski had multiple attempts during the last two minutes of play, but alas did not find net! Final score, Simsbury 2 - 1.

As always, it was a battle to the end with this upper division foe. In his post game wrap-up, Coach Lessard told his team that they should be proud, "you gave 100% effort and should be proud of yourselves." There is a rematch scheduled against Simsbury this coming weekend. Stay tuned to see if our Lady Eagles turn the tides during the next round!

Lady Eagles Shutout Duxbury

Saturday evening, 1/20/01, found our Lady Eagles on home ice facing off against the U-12 Girls team from Duxbury, MA. Coach Lessard used the home-ice advantage to mix up the lines and give the defensemen a chance to hit the frontlines. The results were spectacular!

The Lady Eagles soundly defeated the young Duxbury team, with the first goal lighting the board 63 seconds into the opening period and the 10th and final goal registering with 52 seconds remaining in the third period.

Let's recount the action... The first period belonged to Ali Murray, who appeared to be on her way to earning a natural hat trick (with some assistance from Chelsea Cormier, Erica Warzyski and Kathryn Mullin), when teammate, Laura Bartus, netted the

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team's third goal with the help of Kim Pizzoferrato. Taking a break from her usual defensive position, Jen Strayer rushed the net to earn the team's 4th game goal (her first goal of the season). Way to go Jen! Laura Bartus, supported by Erica Warzyski, closed out the period with the team's 5th goal.

Kim Pizzoferrato started the second period rally off with an unassisted goal. Erica Warzyski, playing defense, was not to be left out of the scoring action and fielded the team's 7th goal 30 seconds after Kim's effort. The game closed with goals from Elyse Rossignol, Mary Michaud, and Kim Pizzoferrato assisted by Chelsea Cormier, Laura Bartus, and Erica Warzyski.

Hard to keep track of all this activity - the final score was 10 - 0, Enfield. Chalk up another Shutout for goalie Kayla Lessard and her defensive steadies Erin Osborn & Tara Walsh. Even the mixing of lines with defensive/offensive players did not deter the Eagles. Looks like our Ladies have gelled as a team!

Waves Crash, Lady Eagles Soar!

This past Sunday, 1/29/01, our Lady Eagles traveled to Milton, MA to play the Cape Cod Waves. The Eagles sent the Waves back out to the sound in short order. Enfield dominated the game, scoring 3 points per period for the 9 - 0 win. Special congratulations go out to Center, Chelsea Cormier, for earning the first Hat trick of the season!

Chelsea Cormier led the way in the first period with her first goal coming 3 minutes into the first period. Emily Walsh assisted Chelsea with her first effort. The next goal came minutes later off a classic Erica Warzyski rush. Laura Bartus, assisted by Chelsea Ouellette, closed out the period with the team's third goal.

The second period started on the same note as the first, with the pairing of Chelsea Cormier and Emily Walsh. Chelsea's Second goal came seconds into the period. Ali Murray followed up Chelsea's efforts earning a goal off of a rebound from Laura

Bartus. Tara Walsh took a turn at the front line and earned a goal with the help of linesmen, Mary Michaud and Erica Warzyski, thus closing out the second period.

Ali Murray led off the third period with her second goal of the game coming 5 minutes into regulation play. Chelsea Cormier's sweet hat-trick goal came 2 minutes later off of a perfectly executed rush on the goal! Mary Michaud was not to be outdone and delivered the games final goal seconds later. Mary was assisted by teammate, Kathryn Mullin.

Let's not forget that defense! Kayla Lessard earned another shutout with the help of her defensive teammates Erin Osborn, Kim Pizzoferrato, Jen Strayer, and Tara Walsh. After the game, Coach Lessard praised his team for their effort noting that they never stopped hustling or passing.

As the Waves quietly receded off of the Boston shoreline, the Eagles turned their attentions to next weekend. It's back inland they go to do a little bear hunting! Sharpen those talons, Ladies! Your loyal following will be there to cheer you on!

Bantam B

On Saturday January 20th, the B's played Kent at ETR. Due to a scheduling error, Kent arrived late and the team agreed to play two ten-minute periods. Kent opened the scoring at 5:48 of the first period. Kyle McCurry and Bryan Andersen set-up Dustin Cormier for the tying goal at the 5:48 of the first period. Kyle Fijalkowski and Chris Gaylor set-up Kyle McCurry for the go ahead goal with 2:35 left in the first period. Nice passing by Derek Lata and Jason Materkowski resulted in a Jonathan Pliszka goal with just 1:18 left in the game. Brandon Brown had a quiet first period, in goal, with 5 saves. Kenny Nelson had 9 saves in the second period. The Eagles out-shot Kent 21 to 15. Final Eagles 3 - Kent 1

On Tuesday January 23rd, the B's faced Bay West at ETR. Bay West got a 2-goal lead on two power play opportunities. Dustin Cormier cut the lead to one, assisted by Kyle McCurry, at 8:01 mark of the second period. Bay West retained the two goal lead 33 seconds later. Just 9 seconds later, Mike Watson sent Kyle Hicks in for a goal and cutting the lead to one again. The third period was scoreless and the

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B's failed to score in final minute on the power play. Kenny Nelson was spectacular in goal with 26 saves in the 3 - 2 loss.

On Saturday, January 27th, the Bantam B's traveled to Westfield. Kyle Fijalkowski opened the scoring, assisted by Dustin Cormier, at the 6:03 mark of the first period. Derek Lata set-up Jonathan Pliszka at the 10:35 mark of the second period, to give the Eagles a two-goal lead. Westfield made it a 2-1 game, with 7:33 left in the second period. Dustin Cormier, assisted by Billy Dufour, retained the two goal with 3:30 left in the second period. Jonathan Pliszka, unassisted gave the B's a three-goal lead, with 2:06 left in the second period. Westfield closed the gap to 4-2 with 6:16 left in the game. Derek Lata retained the three-goal lead again, with 3:10 left in the game. Westfield cut the lead again, 5-3, with 2:34 in the game. The hard work and passing of Dustin Cormier and Billy Dufour resulted in a Kyle Hicks goal in the final minute of the game. The Eagles bombarded the Westfield goaltender with 61 shots. Brandon Brown and Kenny Nelson had an easy time in net with 10 saves. Final -Enfield Eagles 6 - Westfield 3

On Tuesday, January 29th, the B's played Amherst at ETR. Amherst opened the scoring with just 27 seconds left in the first period. Jeremy Seam and Billy Dufour sent Dustin Cormier in for the tying goal, just 22 seconds later. Amherst took the lead again, on the power play, with 6:13 in the second period. Amherst took a two-goal lead with just 1:33 left in the second period. The Eagles never gave up and cut the lead to one when Mike Watson (unassisted) blasted the puck past the goaltender, with 10:26 left in the game. Kyle Hicks set-up Matt Sullivan for the tying goal with 7:21 left in the game. Brandon Brown and Kenny Nelson were solid in net. Brandon had 13 saves and Kenny had 9 saves. Final Amherst 3 - Enfield Eagles 3

Pee Wee "B"s Still Looking to Break Winless Streak

Enfield played West Hartford in a rematch that Enfield hoped would break their losing streak. It was not meant to be with West Hartford handing Enfield a 5 to 1 loss. The game started much like others with Enfield coming out strong and holding West Hartford to 1 goal late in the first period. Enfield would tie it 2 minutes into the second with a nice goal from Garrett Rivard. The play developed in back of the net with Vozzolo controlling the puck, looking for that right moment. The chance came when Rivard playing high in the triangle, moved in and caught a perfect pass from Vozzolo.

Enfield would play steady for the rest of the period fore-checking and keeping the pressure on the West Hartford team. Then came Scott Bernard of West Hartford. He had one goal already, and he added two more in the second and one in the third. Enfield had a hard time covering this guy and paid the price for it.

The New Year has not been lucky for the Enfield Pee Wee B's, looking at the losing side of January. The Enfield team just can't catch a break. The games that we have played have been close for the most part, very close. We start a game, hold the opposition to one goal or even scoreless for the first period, maybe the second and lose it in the third. The coaches and the parents are very proud of this team for not letting up.

Pee Wee C Defeats Franklin County 3-2

The recipe for this win was simple: one hat trick, one stingy defense, and one brick wall of a goaltender. Ben Quesnel, from assists by Mike Boice and Stephen Moriarty, scored his latest hat trick against a tough FCHA goalie. Nick Goulet and Eric Cournoyer led the strongest and deepest defense in the GSL in dampening the opponent's attacks. Mike Cormier (a.k.a. The Brick Wall) made a number of spectacular saves in net to keep the team from Greenfield from gaining an advantage.

Pee Wee C Defeats Holy Name 4-1

Enfield followed up a successful Simsbury Tournament during vacation (2-1) with a stunning win over GSL rival Holy Name. This was the latest chapter in the battle for second place. The first period was a defensive gem for both teams. The game was scoreless until the last minute of the first period when Mike Boice deflected a pass from Eric Nasuta into the opponent's net. Kyle Houlihan and Ben Quesnel gave Enfield a commanding lead with two unassisted goals late in the second period. Ben Broadhurst put the icing on the cake with a goal mid-way in the third, thanks to heads up passing by Drew Thompson. Meanwhile, the defense shut down the Holy Name offense. Mike Lajoie and Pete Devylder painted this defensive masterpiece. Mike Cormier was his usual cool self in net. Holy Name avoided a shutout with a goal late in the third period.

Pee Wee C Says No Way to Nonotuck

The objective lately for Enfield has been "strengthen your hold on second and advance on first." It sounds simple enough but, as is often the case, the road to #1 is riddled with hazards. One of these hazards is the team from Nonotuck Valley, the GSL leader in penalties and bad attitudes. Enfield was up for this challenge. Chris Robinson started the goal fest by scoring off of a Ben Broadhurst pass mid-way through the first period. Eric Rubin scored a couple of minutes later off a rebound from a Mike Lajoie slap shot. Nonotuck's offense, which is known for

it's scoring sprees, gained the lead with three goals in a five-minute span. But the opponent's lead was short lived as Enfield exploded with three unanswered goals of it's own in the second. Ben Quesnel scored twice and Mike Boice once, off passes from Drew Thompson and Chris Robinson, to give Enfield the lead for good. Mike B. added to the lead with a goal in the third, thanks to a perfect pass by Nick Goulet. The Enfield defense, led by Tom Begley, Nick Goulet, and Brian Nasuta shut down Nonotuck's scoring machine for the last two periods. Ben Q. closed out the scoring with his third goal of the night.

Pee Wee C Defeats WTM 5-2

Brian Nasuta, giving a solid effort in net, got credited with the win over GSL rival WTM. The defense, led by Eric Nasuta, Tom Begley, and Mike Lajoie, who scored Enfield's first goal of the night, kept WTM at bay for most of the game. Mike Boice earned his three assists by setting up the scoring drives by Ben Quesnel and Chris Robinson. Ben scored early in the third period for a hat trick. Ben Broadhurst and Eric Cournoyer also played well on offense.

Pee Wee C Captures Another GSL Win

Enfield continued to rack up points in the GSL with a 3-1 win over host Franklin County. This defensive gem featured the typical solid play by the D-Squad, made up of Tom Begley, Eric Cournoyer, and Mike Lajoie. Eric Rubin joined the squad, for this game, to round out the defense. On offense, the first line continued its scoring ways with two Ben Quesnel goals from assists by Chris Robinson and Mike Boice. Mike Lajoie also scored, with a little help from the FCHA goalie. Kyle Houlihan played his effective brand of hockey, forcing a huge number of turnovers and keeping the opponents from mounting a sustained attack. In goal, Mike Cormier made several stunning saves. With this win, Enfield strengthens its hold on second place and gains on first place Ludlow.

Squirt “A”s Skate Hard In Two Close Games

The Squirt “A”s faced a physical Greater New Haven Warrior team at home on Saturday 1/20. Chris Boulanger did a great job filling in for vacationing forward Brian Sullivan. Just 2:06 into the game Chris stick handled from the boards to open ice in the high slot and buried a twenty-five footer. At the 4:44 mark Branden Chicorka played the two on one perfectly, hitting Eric Romeo at the far post for an easy goal. GNH got a rebound goal in close at the 10:14 mark to make it 2-1 Enfield after one. The second period was marred by continued rough play (read checking in Squirts and lots of stick work). The Referee’s had no choice but to make calls to get the game back under control. GNH scored early, 51 seconds into the period on a long shot from the top of the left circle. GNH scored a loose puck in front at the 4:45 mark. Ben Davis answered for Enfield just 10 seconds later sending one low from the slot by the GNH goalie’s leg pad. GNH scored with just 5 seconds left in the period as a clearing sweep from the crease went right to an open GNH forward who poked it home, 4-3 GNH after two. Ben Davis rushed the puck at the 2:14 mark of the third. As he retreated back to the blue line the puck squirted out to him from a scramble in front. Ben curled at the left hash marks and buried a low shot for the tying goal, a 4-4 final score.

The Squirt “A”s faced a solid Central team at Newington for their second game of Saturday 1/20. This game had it all and was exciting from start to finish. Enfield got on board first as Thomas Grigely buried a rebound at the 8:27 mark. Central answered 21 seconds later after a scramble in front, 1-1 after one. Zach Nolan proved he was on his game with a nice save to open the second period. Matt Poremba scored a rebound goal on his third attempt at the 4:04 mark, way to stay with it Matt. Chris Boulanger cranked one off the crossbar at the 4:50 mark. Central regrouped and started to threaten. Zach Nolan made a huge save, point blank from a man on the doorstep at the 5:20 mark. Zach made two more solid stops at the 7:46 mark. Central then scored off an odd man rush at the 10:33 mark. Enfield hit the post late in the period, 2-2 after two. Steven Alexander buried a ten-footer that had squirted out of a scramble in front at the 1:05 mark of the third. Central found a man alone at the far post for a goal at

the 3:36 mark. Central scored again on a great pass from behind the net at the 5:11 mark. Enfield had a goal disallowed. Matt Poremba scored the huge tying goal on a long high shot from the left circle at the 2:06 mark. Everyone was on the edge of his and her seats, score tied 4-4 with 2:06 left in the game. With just 27 seconds to go, Central picked off an Enfield clearing attempt and scored the game winner, for a 5-4 Central win. All the Enfield players can be proud of their great intensity and effort in this tough loss.

Squirt “A”s Play Well Against Simsbury

The Squirt “A”s faced Simsbury at home on Saturday 1/27. Simsbury maintained it’s reputation as a good passing team by finding the open man in front for a goal at the 7:43 mark of the first. Simsbury scored again off a pass to a man in the slot at the 9:54 mark to make it 2-0 Simsbury after one. Eric Romeo scored just 24 seconds into the second period after a scramble in front. Brian Sullivan went top shelf from the slot at the 1:01 mark, Enfield was right back in the game. Simsbury scored on a low shot from the high slot at the 7:31 mark. Fast paced Hockey with good passing by both teams closed the period, 3-2 Simsbury after two. Brian Buchalski scored one low from the point thru traffic off a Drew Caronna face-off win at the 7:05 mark. Enfield kept good offensive pressure in Simsbury’s zone and had great scoring chances at the 8:51 and 10:15 marks. Simsbury scored a huge goal after a scramble in front at the 10:57 mark. Enfield pressured off the ensuing face-off. A Simsbury holding penalty allowed Enfield to play 6 on 4 for the last 28 seconds of the game, but the Eagles were unable to convert, 4-3 Simsbury the final score of a hard fought, well played game.

Squirt “B”s

The Squirt B's headed to the UConn rink for an early morning match with Columbia A's. The Eagles were down a whole line due to the flu, but they came together to overpower Columbia. Coach Mitch knew after Enfield scored 2 goals in the first 42 seconds he had to switch his lines. The Eagles were told to pass at least 3 times before scoring. Goals in the first period were tallied by Collin McGunigle (asst. Dave Cardaropoli, Ethan Sobel), D.J. Degray (2x) asst. Luke Anderson (both goals) and Megan McGunigle, Matt Cartier (2x) asst. D. Cardaropoli, Nick Dwyer and Brett Sullivan, Matt Reda, Ethan Sobel (asst M. McGunigle), Dave Cardaropoli (asst Dan Kraucunas) The second period Luke Anderson scored twice (asst by Dwyer and Sobel). During the 3rd period the Eagles found creative ways to pass the puck. No goals were scored in this period. Final score 9-0. A job well done by our defense who kept Columbia's shots on net down to 4. And another shut out for Nate Allard! Great job.

Sunday saw Enfield in a rematch with a tough Wallingford team. This team had beaten us earlier in the year. Because they are ranked 2 divisions above us they expected to walk into our house and knock us around. Think again Hawks! The first period Enfield stepped on the ice with confidence. They were hungry! The Eagles had many shots on net but Wallingford's goalie had a quick arm. The period ended 0-0. The second period had the same level of action. The puck was up and down the ice all 12 minutes. Wallingford had a breakaway and sent a beautiful shot into the net. Less than 2 minutes later D.J. Degray (asst Luke Anderson and Ethan Sobel) sent a high shot into the corner of the net. Wallingford scored with 51 seconds left in the 2nd per. The 3rd period saw some of the best hockey this team has played all year. The period was scoreless with both teams battling. With 1:40 left in the period Wallingford scored making it 3-1. Matt Cartier would have the last say scoring unassisted less than a minute later. Final score 3-2. Both offense and defense were outstanding in this game! Nate Allard stopped some incredible shots. Great job everyone!

Upper Mite In-house

The Winsted Furniture Upper Mite in-house team won on Saturday 1/13/01. The final score was 4 to 3.

Wesley Kaufman scored the first goal and that set the pace for the rest of the game. Sean Laduke put goals 2 and 3 in the net and Kyle Dyer carried the final game-winning goal.

The whole team played great. Strong on defense were, Justin Bird, Johathon Davenport, and Tyler Reopel. Our aggressive forward lines consisted of Joshua Concepcion, Eric Cormier, Chris Donofrio, Matt Laplante, Matt Provencher, and Zach Stein. Bryan Solnick did an awesome job in the net.

All had fun, great job team