



ICE CHIPS

News and Notes

EHA Board Meeting

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

Our association meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Starting next month we will change the format at our meetings. Traditionally, at the end of the meeting, we would open the floor for comments and questions from our guest. As of the March 2001 meeting, we will do this in the beginning of the meeting. This will allow our guests the time for comments and questions that they deserve.

Enfield Hockey Night with the Junior Coyotes

Come show your support for the Junior Coyotes as they play the Junior Warriors at the Enfield Twin Rinks on Saturday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m. Our very own instructional kids will play a mini game between the 1st and 2nd period. Wear your Enfield Hockey team jerseys. Tickets are only \$2.00 per person and are available from your coaches.

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 tickets are \$10.00 per family and are available from your team parent.

The Hartford Courant tournament will be starting in March. Even if your children are not skating in this tournament, they directly benefit from the profits. All of the profits made at this fundraiser go into the EHA fund to offset the cost of ice, to buy equipment, and to support the cost of running the association. During this month long event we will play about 90 games. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

As you may or may not know, all of the board members, coaches, booster club members, people you see running the clock, and team parents are all volunteers. None of them are paid. Some of these people give 10 and as many as 30 hours a week of themselves for the kids in our association. If every family would help for just a couple of hours at this tournament it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me with any questions. Over the next few weeks we will be putting together a schedule with time slots available to be filled with volunteers.

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Award nominations are due 25 February - anyone can nominate a skater for an award - see the web site or the bulletin board in Rink #2 for details and forms.

The EHA Booster Club will hold elections on February 20, 2001 at 7:00 pm in Cafeteria #2 at Asnuntuck Community College on Elm St. in Enfield. They need your help. Several positions are still open; Banquet Coordinator, Yearbook Coordinator, Treasurer, and Pictures Coordinator. The Booster Club also has various committees that they need help with. The Booster Club does many great things for the kids in this association. Whether you are looking for a position that's very involved or just something involving occasional support, the Booster Club would welcome your help. If you have ANY questions please call Mary Palmer @ 860-745-3431.

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

Lady Eagles Hold Bears at Four

Once again our Lady Eagles faced-off against the Northford Polar Bears. The Eagles started off strong, scoring first and held the Bears scoreless through out the first period. The first goal of the game was awarded to Brianna Buchalski, her first of the season. Way to go Brianna! Brianna's unassisted goal came with 5 minutes remaining in the first period. The rock solid Eagles defense kept the Bears from the net for the remainder of the period.

The second period belonged to the Polar Bears. They scored two goals in the second. The first coming within 6 minutes of play and the second at the end of the period.

The Bears came out strong in the third period, earning their third goal a scant 3 minutes into regulation play. The fourth and final goal for the Bears came 5 minutes later, due to the tough defensive play of all of the Enfield lines. The Lady Eagles were down 4 to 1. The line of Tara Walsh, Chelsea Cormier, and Erica Warzyski did not tolerate this. The trio connected with 3 minutes remaining in the game to put the last goal on the board. Walsh earned the goal with assistance from Cormier and Warzyski.

The coaching staff was pleased the Eagles strong defense play throughout a very physical game. All players were commended for their spirit and unwillingness to relent. The schedule holds future pairings for these two foes. Perhaps next time the Bears will be sent home in despair!

Lady Eagles Shut Out Milton, 9 - 0

On Sunday afternoon, February 11th, the Lady Eagles traveled to Milton Massachusetts to play the Milton Girls Travel Team. The Milton Team hit the ice with good drive, demonstrating the gains they had made as a team during the season. Milton's effort did not stand up against the Eagles onslaught.

During the first period, Milton held our Lady Eagles to one goal. Tara Walsh earned the team's first goal with the support of teammate, Elyse Rossignol. Happy Birthday to you, Tara!

A last, Milton's defense collapsed during the second period and our Lady Eagles showed no mercy taking advantage of the opposition's fatigue. Laura Bartus started the second period rally earning her first goal of the game seconds into the period. The assist on the goal went to Kim Pizzoferrato. Less than two minutes later, Ali Murray added her goal to the scoreboard with the help of Chelsea Ouellette. Laura Bartus was hungry and not to be denied! She added a second goal to the total halfway through the period. Again, Chelsea Ouellette was there for the assist. Chelsea Cormier received a perfect pass from Kim Pizzoferrato to add her goal to the score with 7 minutes remaining in the period. Erin Osborn was not to be outdone on defense. She took a pass from teammate Cormier and flipped the puck into the net with one minute remaining in the 2nd. A Kodak moment to be sure! Mary Michaud closed out the period with a dramatic goal at the 15-second mark. Assisting in the drama was teammate Elyse Rossignol.

On to the third where Laura Bartus had a dream come true... Can you say HAT TRICK?? Laura can and earned her first of the season by scoring her third and the team's 8th goal three minutes into regulation play. Chelsea Cormier closed out the period with her second goal. Chelsea was assisted by Emily Walsh and Brianna Buchalski. In case you could not follow all that net action, the final score was 9 - 0, Enfield!

Defensively speaking, Goalie Kayla Lessard had some perfect stops during the first period and earned another shut out for the season record. Of course, Kayla had a little help from her friends, Jen Strayer, Erin Osborn, Kim Pizzoferrato, and Tara Walsh. Congratulations Lady Eagles!

BANTAM B

On Tuesday, February 6th, the Bantam B's faced the Springfield Caps at ETR. The B's held the Caps scoreless until the 11:43 mark of the first period. Dustin Cormier kept the puck in the zone and set-up Kyle Fijalkowski for the tying goal just 38 seconds later. Chris Gaylor, assisted by Billy Dufour, gave the Eagles the lead with 4:26 left in the first period. Once again, the nifty passing of the Pliszka, Materkowski and Lata line, resulted in a Derek Lata goal and a two-goal lead, with 7:48 left in the second period. The Caps closed the gap to one goal with just 59 seconds left in the second period. The Caps tied the game on the power play with 2:56 left in the game. The Caps the lead with just 2:13 left in the game. Brandon Brown had 18 saves and Kenny Nelson had 13 saves. FINAL Caps-4 - Enfield Eagles- 3

On Sunday, the B's traveled to the chilly Kent rink. Kent opened the scoring at the 8:13 mark of the first period on the power play. Kent added another goal with 7:00 left in the first period. The Eagles had 13 shots on net in the second period and 5 shots in the third period, but failed to get the puck past the Kent goaltender. This was a physical game and the B's were luckily to leave Kent alive. Kenny Nelson was solid in net with 24 saves. Final Kent 2- Enfield-0

On Monday, the B's faced the Springfield Caps again, at Olympia. The Caps crashed the net hard and heavy in the first period and opened the scoring on the power play at the 7:11 mark of the first period. The Caps continued to crash the net and added two more goals in the first period. This attack along with the stick work of the Caps drove Brandon Brown from the net. Kenny Nelson took over in net but the B's were still bruised and frustrated from the Kent game. The solid defense and checking of Brian Russo was sorely missed in this game, as he was recovering from an injury in the Kent game. The Caps added two goals in the second period for a 5-0 lead. Derek Lata set-up a Dustin Cormier goal, to spoil the shutout, with 3:00 left in the game. The Caps added another goal with 13.8 seconds left in the game. Kenny Nelson had 26 saves, including several spectacular saves. Final Springfield Caps- 6 - Enfield Eagles- 1

Pee Wee “B”s Streak Continues with 4 to 1 Loss

Enfield came to this game hoping to end the Holiday Season Streak, December and January have not been good to B's.

The anticipation was dashed quickly only 58 seconds into the 1st period when Columbia found the back our net. Things didn't look good for the Enfield squad. We regrouped for the balance of the period, holding Columbia to only 4 shots on goal. The 2nd period proved to be the back breaker. The cougars would score 3 goals, taking the wind out of the Enfield's sails.

Getting into the third period, Enfield would start skating with the Columbia team putting in a good effort for the period. Jeff Harris and Alex Grandahl would work together for the lone Enfield goal.

The team overall, played well. Duguay, Vozzolo, Knightly, Zabicki would stifle the Cougar team many times. Harden and Drummey worked well in the corners. Defensively, Giguere, Rancourt, Cartier, Lawless, Hughes, and Williams played well holding the Cougars to 9 shots on goal.

The Streak is Over! Enfield Pee Wee “B”s Defeat Middlesex Pee Wee “B”s

Based on previous games, the four things that Middlesex didn't expect from the Enfield team was fore checking, back checking, passing, and overall teamwork. Well the Enfield team showed up ready for this contest controlling the game right from the opening face off.

Enfield would open the scoring 3 minutes into the 1st period with Travis Knightly scoring off a feed from Justin Harden. This would get the ball rolling. Travis would net another goal unassisted 6 minutes later. The Enfield team, when not pressuring the opponent's goalie, was relentless in not letting Middlesex regroup. The frustration started to show with Middlesex getting 5 penalties. The Enfield defense played with the intensity that we haven't seen in a

long time. Goaltending was outstanding in the period, holding Middlesex scoreless on 7 shots on net.

The 2nd period was all Middlesex. They peppered our goalie with 17 shots vs. 1 against theirs. Our goaltending saved the lead by only allowing 1 goal out of the 17 shots.

The 3rd period would see both teams scoring 2 goals apiece. Middlesex would open the scoring 1:59 into the period. Vozzolo would answer finding the back of the net 7 seconds later after another nice feed from Harden. Middlesex would again tie the game 5:20 into period only to have Harden and Knightly pair up again 2 minutes later for the go ahead goal giving Enfield a 4 to 3 win.

This is the type of game we were all looking for. Nice job and keep up the hard work.

Pee Wee C Settles for Tie with Franklin County

It looked like another win for Enfield. But with four seconds left on the clock, FCHA scored to tie the game at 4-4. FCHA put the first point on the board with an unassisted goal halfway through the first period. Their lead was short-lived, though. Just 15 seconds later, Enfield's Ben Broadhurst took a pass from Kyle Houlihan in front of the net and shot it into the opponent's net to tie the game. Ben Quesnel scored a goal in each period to give the Enfield team a comfortable lead, 4-2, which they held through most of the third period. But FCHA scored twice in the final four minutes to force the tie. Tom Begley and Eric Nasuta played well on defense.

Pee Wee C Ties Amherst 1-1

The goaltenders and defensemen for both teams put on a clinic February 4, free of charge, as the Enfield and Amherst offensive squads had to settle for a tie. Brian Nasuta and Mike Cormier took turns minding the net for Enfield. Brian stopped all of Amherst's scoring attempts in the first period. Halfway through the second, Amherst scored on Mike Cormier. This is all that Mike would allow. Mike Lajoie and Eric Cournoyer headed up the solid defensive effort for Enfield. Ben Broadhurst scored early in the third period, off a pass from Eric Rubin, to tie the game.

Pee Wee C Shuts Out League Leader Ludlow 4-0

A couple of weeks back, it looked like Enfield's chances to overtake first place Ludlow were pretty slim. As the only team in their GSL division that could beat Ludlow, it seemed certain that Enfield would have to settle for runner-up in the regular season. But in the past two weeks, Ludlow's hold on the lead weakened slightly with a loss to Franklin County and a couple of ties to other league teams. The door was open and Enfield capitalized with a shutout win. Mike Boice scored early in the first period off a pass from Tom Begley. Mike scored again in the second period, from a pass by Chris Robinson, to give Enfield a 2-0 lead. The second line kept their scoring streak alive with Kyle Houlihan and Drew Thompson assisting Ben Broadhurst on the third scoring drive of the game. This was Ben's third goal in as many games. Meanwhile, the defensive play of Nick Goulet and Eric Nasuta and the stunning goaltending effort by Mike Cormier kept Ludlow quiet for the entire game. Stephen Moriarty capped off the scoring with an unassisted goal early in the third period. This win puts Enfield only five points behind Ludlow with a couple of weeks left in the regular season.

Pee Wee C Defeats Nonotuck 3-2

The only thing that's certain when playing the team from Nonotuck Valley is a game riddled with penalties. Nonotuck leads the GSL in penalty minutes, with over a hundred minutes more than any other team in the league. As expected, Nonotuck kept with their strategy of disarray. Still, Enfield managed to find their way through the muck to beat the Knights by a score of 3-2. Ben Quesnel took a pass from Chris Robinson down the ice for the first goal. The opponent's answered less than a minute later to tie the game. Ben Q. scored again in the second period. And again, Nonotuck answered to make the score 2-2. Ben got his hat trick and put Enfield ahead for good with an unassisted goal late in the third. Pete Devylder, Nick Goulet, and Mike Lajoie shone on defense. Brian Nasuta and Mike Cormier played well in net. With this win, Enfield creeps even closer to first place Ludlow.

Squirt "A"s Finish Regular Season Strong

The Squirt "A"s faced Northern at Loomis Chaffee on Thursday 2/1. Zach Nolan played the game at right wing and Thomas Grigely made his debut in goal for the Eagles. Matt Poremba stuffed in a rebound for Enfield only 8 seconds into the game. Incredibly, 8 seconds after that, Northern scored to make it 1-1 with only 16 seconds played! That was as close as it would get as Enfield rolled to a lopsided victory. Congratulations to Matt Poremba and Brian Sullivan who each scored a hat trick. Zach Nolan played great at right wing, scoring after a scramble in front. Thomas Grigely did a great job net minding, making a nice glove save with Northern on a power play at the 11:06 mark of the second, and stopping a point blank Northern shot from a man alone in the slot at the 7:53 mark of the third. Congratulations Thomas, well done.

The Squirt "A"s faced top ranked Division 1 Southern at home on Saturday 2/3. Southern scored at the 2:45 and 9:39 marks of the first, 2-0 Southern after one. Matt Poremba rushed the puck down the right side boards and scored nice 25 footer, high blocker side at the 0:19 mark of the second. Drew Caronna then cranked one high for a goal that was initially missed by the on ice Officials. In a great display of sportsmanship, Southern Head Coach Bill Silengo waited until the next stoppage of play, called over the on ice Officials, and requested the goal be counted. What a class act, the goal gets posted at the 1:43 mark and the teams finish the second period tied 2-2. Southern's great team speed and unselfish passing took over midway thru the third, leading to goals at the 5:40 and 9:35 marks to make it a 4-2 Southern final score.

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The Squirt "A"s finished the regular CHC season with an early morning game against Southeastern at Connecticut College on Sunday 2/4. Eric Romeo scored after a scramble in front at the 2:36 mark of the first period. Southeastern got the equalizer at the 5:20 mark. Branden Chicorka skated in alone down the slot, and made a nice deke for a goal at the 5:43 mark. Ben Davis scored on a blast from the point at the 6:34 mark. Eric Romeo scored from the slot off a nice feed from Branden Chicorka on the boards at the 7:54 mark, 4-1 Enfield after one. Play got physical for the remaining two periods, with Southeastern attempting to use their size to get back in the game. It didn't happen. Ben Davis scored from the point at the 1:48 mark of the second. Joe Fusco spun and buried a backhand from the slot at the 6:17 mark. Southeastern scored from a center ice breakaway at the 7:51 mark to make it 6-2 Enfield after two. Physical play continued during the third. Zach Nolan made a big save with Southeastern on a power play at the 4:45 mark, and another beauty with 3:54 left in the game to keep it a 6-2 Enfield final score.

Squirt "A"s Prep For States

The Squirt "A"s were grateful to pick up a game with Division 1 ECHO on Saturday 2/11. Darien had called to cancel on Thursday and ECHO agreed to play on short notice in spite of already having a game scheduled for later that morning, thank you ECHO. Let's play hockey. Enfield had a great first period, out shooting ECHO 10-0, and killing off a 5 on 3 late, 0-0 after one. ECHO scored a power play goal at the 5:36 mark of the second after a scramble in front. Ben Davis answered with a long blast from the left side boards at the 7:47 mark, 1-1 after two. Both teams played well in the third period. Enfield had their chances but could not convert (hit a post). ECHO scored with 3:54 left to play and got an empty netter at the 11:24 mark to make it a 3-1 ECHO final score.

Squirt C Takes On First Place Springfield Capitols

The Enfield Eagle Squirt C Travel Team took on the 1st Place Springfield Capitols in a B League battle. The Eagles were playing without a couple of their regulars but played a solid first period. The Capitols scored first on a breakaway goal but the Eagles retaliated less than a minute later. With the makeshift line of Colin Griswold, Glenn Gonzalez and Megan Callahan fighting for every loose puck, Enfield got the break they needed when Megan fired a shot in on goal and a Capital defenseman lunged for the shot, only to deflect it past his own goalie. The evenly contested period ended at 1-1.

The second period was all Springfield. It looked as if Enfield was skating uphill for 12 minutes. Goalie Scott Andrewsikas made some sensational stops and the defensive duo of Kyle Murkowicz and Alex Pieper tried to clear as many rebounds as possible. But the Eagles had a tough time clearing the puck from their zone and Springfield scored 2 goals. It looked like the route was on.

The third period was one of the most inspired efforts Enfield has played all season. Trailing by 2 they refused to quit and the game shifted to the Springfield defensive zone. Finally, the hard work paid off as Tyler Orszulak took a breakout pass from Nate Turner and went in alone on net. He rifled a shot over the goalie's glove to make the score 3-2 with just over 2 minutes to go. Enfield pulled the goalie in the last minute and had several opportunities but weren't able to pull out a tie. The final score was 3-2 but if there's ever a good loss this was it.

Squirt C Defeats Watertown B

In a rare home game at the Twin Rinks, a confident Enfield team took to the ice against a pesky team from Watertown. The pace of the game was furious from the start and Enfield was strengthened from the return of several ailing players. Midway through the first period Enfield opened the scoring. With defensemen Nick Labich and Andrew Votta keeping the puck in the offensive zone with some great stick work, Tyler Orszulak found Steve D'Addario in the left face off circle. Steve quickly fired a riser on the goalie's stick side for a 1-0 lead. The pace never slowed for the full 15 minutes (We had 90 minutes of ice time). Watertown managed to get a tying goal near the end of the period on a rebound past goalie Scott Andrewsikas.

The second period started getting a little more physical and much of the play was in front of the nets. The Enfield defensemen, especially Chris Carpe and Nick Labich, did a good job of clearing the opponents from in front and several times the referees had to break up the players after the whistle. Early in the second period, Nate Turner took a lead pass from Steve D'Addario and went in alone on net. A strong fake got the goalie to one side and Nate jammed it in the other side for a 2-1 lead. Other assists on the play went to Andrew Pantuosco and Nate's mom for changing his sticks between periods. Five minutes later with the help of some strong fore checking, the line of Griswold, Gonzalez, and Orszulak struck for what would prove to be the game winner. Tyler Orszulak put pressure on the goalie with successive shots and Colin Griswold slammed home the rebound for a 2 goal lead.

Enfield headed into the third period looking to close it out with another goal. Their best chance came early as Nate Turner was interfered with by a thrown stick on a breakaway. The referee awarded Nate a penalty shot, but he was stoned on a forehand shot by the Watertown goalie. Enfield kept the pressure up and dominated for the next 5 minutes. Megan Callahan dug the puck out of the corner to Steve D'Addario who fired it on net. The shot handcuffed the goalie and Andrew Pantuosco alertly tucked it in the net for a 3-goal lead. The goal was a result of strong fore checking again and the inspired play of the defensemen at the points, Andrew Votta and Kyle Murkowicz. The momentum swung back to Watertown and they managed a goal with 2 minutes to go. Watertown pulled their goalie but couldn't get another past Andrewsikas. Scott had played another solid game in the nets and Enfield had a big win.