



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.

Lady Eagles Prevail Over Pawling

The Lady Eagles hosted Pawling on home ice this past Saturday evening, 2/24/01. Pawling came out strong in the first period, demonstrating the skills they had gained during the season. The Eagles took control during the second period and maintained that control throughout the remaining period of the game.

The first period ended with no scoring for either team. On into the second period where Emily Walsh and Chelsea Cormier got down to business. Chelsea made a sweet back pass to Emily for the team's first goal halfway through the second period. Laura Bartus followed up that effort by netting her own rebound 3 minutes later. The Cormier to Walsh connection ended the period as Emily again took the feed from Chelsea and scored her second goal.

The third period found Elyse Rossignol in the mood to score! Elyse took the pass behind the net from Ali Murray and executed a wrap-around goal to earn the team's 4th and final goal of the game. The final score, 4 - 0 Enfield.

Coaches Lessard and Rossignol were very pleased with the ladies! Coach Lessard commented on the smart play of Chelsea Ouellette and Ali Murray, as they effectively picked up defense when their points were on the rush. Coach Rossignol praised his defensive squad for their ability to regrouping and regaining the zone. Coach Lessard also noted the effort of Kathryn Mullin and her, "heads up, tape to tape passing." All in all, it was another demonstration of the solid team effort the Lady Eagles put forth on ice. Congratulations on a strong win!

Pilgrimage to Plymouth Pays-off for Lady Eagles!

Through sleet, fog and freezing rain the Lady Eagles delivered! The ride to Plymouth, MA to face off with the Duxbury team proved to be no small feat in itself this past Sunday, 2/25/01. Like Miles Standish before them, our Lady Eagles took to the shores of Plymouth and met with success.

The first period of the game belonged to the Eagles. Four of the team's six game goals were scored during the first period of play. An eager Erica Warzyski put the first goal on net a minute into play. Minutes later, Elyse Rossignol earned her 6th season goal off of a rebound from Kim Pizzoferrato. Tara Walsh was the next to add to the scoreboard with her rush on goal coming with less than 3 minutes of play remaining in the period. Not to be outdone by her older sister, Emily Walsh pulled off a dramatic wrap-around to score with 37seconds remaining in the period.

On to the second where the team of Cormier and Walsh were at it again! Emily Walsh scored off a pass from Chelsea Cormier 5 minutes into the period. Duxbury came alive during this period, scoring two of their three game goals. Their efforts were too little, to late to catch the soaring Eagles.

Chelsea Cormier scored the 6th and final goal of the game at the start of the third period. Duxbury went on to score a final goal with 2 minutes left of regulation play. The final score of the game was 6 - 3, Enfield.

Coaches Lessard and Rossignol credited the victory to strong passing and aggressive play in the corners. It was definitely a day of Thanksgiving for the Lady Eagles!

WTM Bests Bantam B, 2 - 1

On Tuesday, February 13th, the Bantam B's played WTM at ETR. WTM opened the scoring at 5:38 of the first period. Jason Materkowski set-up Derek Lata for the tying goal, with 7:51 left in the second period. WTM took the lead with 8:28 left in the game. The B's attacked the WTM net in the 3rd period with 12 shots, but couldn't put home the equalizer. The Eagles out shot WTM 29-21 in the game. Coach Dave's pre-game meeting resulted in a good team effort. Kenny Nelson was solid in net with 20 saves.

Bantam B Victorious Over Holy Name, 2 - 1

On Friday, the B's faced Holy Name on the frigid new rink at Olympia. Holy Name got on the board first with 5:45 left in the first period. Fred Conner set-up Jonathan Pliszka for the tying goal, with 4:04 left in the second period. Jonathan Pliszka scored his second goal of the game and game-winning goal on the rebound of a Dustin Cormier shot, with 11:40 left in the game. Brandon Brown had 15 saves in two periods and Kenny Nelson had 5 saves in an easy third period. Once again, this was a costly win, losing Fred Conner with an ankle injury. The Eagles out shot Holy Name 30-20.

Bantam B Holds on to 4 - 3 Win Over Ludlow

On Saturday, the B's took on Ludlow at Blunt. Ludlow opened the scoring with 51 seconds left in the first period. Mike Watson set-up Dustin Cormier for the tying goal with 11:01 left in the second period. Jason Materkowski's crisp pass to Jonathan Pliszka resulted in the go ahead goal with 10:00 left in second period. Mike Watson gave the Eagles a two-goal lead on the rebound of a Jason Materkowski shot. Ludlow closed the gap to one goal with 1:10 left in the second period. Dustin Cormier, assisted by Chris Gaylor and Billy Dufour, retained the two-goal lead with 11:39 left in the game. Ludlow made it a 4-3 game with 9:13 left in the game. The Eagles held on for the 4-3 win. Brandon Brown had 12 saves and Kenny Nelson had 8 saves in the victory.

Bantam B Breezes to 11 – 1 Win Over South Windsor

On Sunday, the B's traveled to South Windsor. Jason Materkowski quickly got the Eagles on the board on a penalty shot just 18 seconds into the game. Jason Materkowski made it 2-0 on the pass of Jonathan Pliszka at the 10:57 mark of the first period. Billy Dufour assisted on the Dustin Cormier goal with 10:07 left in the first period. Matt Sullivan's blast from the point gave the B's a four-goal lead, with 6:55 left in the first period. Kyle McCurry made it 5-0 with 1:40 left in the first period. Jason Materkowski scored the hat trick on the Jonathan Pliszka pass with 11:02 left in the second period. South Windsor spoiled the shutout bid of Brandon Brown with 5:13 left in the second period. Matt Sullivan scored his second goal of the game with 3:44 left in the second period, with the assist going to Derek Lata. Dustin Cormier made it an 8-1 game with 11:23 left in the game, assisted by Jason Materkowski and Brian Russo. Jonathan Pliszka, assisted by Billy Dufour, gave the B's an eight-goal lead, with 10:50 left in the game. Bryan Andersen scored unassisted with 5:09 left in the game. Jason Materkowski and Billy Dufour set-up Derek Lata for the final goal of the game with 4:35 left in the game. Kenny Nelson and Brandon Brown had an easy time in net with 4 saves each.

Franklin County Finishes Off Bantam B, 4 - 2

On Saturday, February 24th, the Bantam B's played Franklin County at Cyr. Billy Dufour wasted no time getting the Eagles on the board. Kyle Fijalkowski set-up Billy for the first shot on net and a 1-0 lead at the 11:20 mark of the first period. Franklin County quickly tied the game at 1-1, with 10:44 left in the first period. Then Franklin County added two more goals in the 1st period for a 3-1 lead. Franklin County added another goal at the 2:27 mark of the second period. Kyle Fijalkowski earned his second assist of the game on the Kyle McCurry goal with 1:56 left in the second period. The B's out shot Franklin County 36-27. During the closing minutes of the game Dustin Cormier and Jeremy Seam attacked the Franklin County net with several shots but somehow the puck never crossed the goal line. Kenny Nelson had 9 saves and Brandon Brown had 14 saves in the disappointing loss.

Bantam B Out Shoots Echo 54 – 11 for the 10 – 1 Win

On Sunday, the Eagles faced Echo at South Windsor. Echo opened the scoring on the power play at the 7:52 mark of the first period. The passing of Derek Lata resulted in a Jason Materkowski goal and a 1-1 tie, with 7:07 left in the first period. Then Kyle Fijalkowski set-up Billy Dufour for the go ahead goal, with 5:27 left in the first period. Derek Lata earned his second assist of the game setting up Jonathan Pliszka at the 10:15 mark of the second period, for a 3-1 lead. Jason Materkowski scored his second goal of the game for a 4-1 lead, with 4:06 left in the second period. Billy Dufour scored his second goal on the Kyle Fijalkowski pass with 7:59 left in the game, for a 5-1 lead. Mike Watson set-up Dustin Cormier for a 6-1 lead, with 4:58 left in the game. Bryan Anderson skated in from the point and put home the puck on a pass from Jonathan Pliszka, who was camping out behind the net to give the B's a 7 - 1 lead. Dustin Cormier scored his second goal of the game unassisted with 3:30 left in the game. Billy Dufour got the hat trick with 2:21 left in the game. Fred Conner sent Jeremy Seam on the breakaway around two defenders and snapped the puck over the goaltender's shoulder for a 9-1 lead with 1:44 left in the game. Jason Materkowski set-up Jonathan Pliszka for his second goal, with 1:28 left in the game and the 10-1 lead. Brian Russo, Matt Sullivan, Derek Lata, and Jeremy Seam showed no mercy and punished Echo with hard-hitting checks. Brandon Brown had 8 saves and Kenny Nelson had 2 saves as the Eagles out shot Echo 54-11.

Bantam B Fight Back for a 6 – 4 Win Over Griffin

On Monday, the B's took on Griffin at ETR. Derek Lata opened the scoring on the passing of Jason Materkowski and Jeremy Seam, for a 1-0 lead at the 8:49 mark of the first period. Griffin tied the game at 1-1, with 6:49 left in the first period. Griffin added two more goals in the first period for a 4-1 lead. The Eagles never gave up and Jonathan Pliszka cut the lead to 4-2 at the 3:32 mark of the second period. Jason Materkowski earning the assist on the Pliszka goal. Billy Dufour cut the lead to one, unassisted, with 1:53 left in the second period. Billy Dufour and Kyle Fijalkowski set-up Kyle McCurry for the game-tying goal, on the power play, with 9:09 left in the game. Jason Materkowski scored the game-winning goal on the Jonathan Pliszka pass, with 6:45 left in the game. Kyle Fijalkowski and Billy Dufour set-up Kyle McCurry for the insurance goal with 5:27 left in the game. Brandon Brown had a tough first period in net but after a pep talk from team mate Kenny Nelson between periods had a great second period. Brandon had 11 saves in two periods. The Eagles enabled Kenny Nelson to have an easy third period in net with 2 saves. The B's out shot Griffin 42 to 17.

The Pee Wee “A”s Go on a Streak

In late December, the Pee Wee A team's record was 9-9-7. Since then, they have gone on a 16 game unbeaten streak (13-0-3) to improve their record to 22-9-10.

Streak Starts With Win Over Newington A 3-2

It all started on 12-29-2000 in a game played at the Hartford Civic Center. In a close battle, Mike Furey led the way with 2 goals and 1 assist. Aaron Simons scored the game winner with 6:17 to go in the game. Justin Grigely, Jeff Cotnoir, and Matt Piedemonti had 1 assist each.

Pee Wee A Crush Northern A 8-0 At Home

Robby Reissig chalked up a hat trick scoring once in each period. Chris Silva and Aaron Simons had 1 goal and 1 assist each. Matt Piedemonti, Mike Furey, and Dan Duguay also scored. Chipping in with assists were Tyler Garrity (2), Jim Thompson and Jeff Cotnoir.

Pee Wee A Blows Out ECHO A 7-1

In a game played at Bolton Ice Palace, Matt Piedemonti led the charge with 1 goal and 4 assists. Robby Reissig scored 2 goals. Aaron Simons and Jeff Cotnoir had 1 goal and assist each. Scott Duguay and Chris Silva also scored. Jim Thompson had 2 assists while Tyler Garrity and Dan Duguay had 1 each.

Pee Wee A Squeaks by South Windsor A 3-1

Captain Robby Reissig scored 2 goals, the second one with 46 seconds left in the game to seal the victory. Tony Nelson also scored for Enfield. Lending a helping hand with assists were Aaron Simons and Tyler Garrity with 1 each. David "Spunky" Bord made 16 saves for the win.

Pee Wee A Beats Simsbury B 5-0

At the outdoor rink at Simsbury Farms, Matt Vozzolo scored 2 goals. Jeff Cotnoir, Mike Furey, and Robby Reissig scored one each. Dan Duguay had 2 assists, Chris Silva and Tyler Garrity one each. Peter Grigely anchored the defense.

Pee Wee A Salvages A Tie With Southeastern A 2-2

With a 2-goal lead early in the third period, Enfield had to hang on to earn the tie as Southeastern scored 2 late goals. Robby Reissig and Matt Vozzolo scored for Enfield while Tony Nelson assisted on both tallies. David "Spunky" Bord made 15 saves to earn the tie.

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Pee Wee A Defeats Newington A 4-1

Tyler Garrity and Robby Reissig had 1 goal and 1 assist each. Chris LaPlante and Scott Duguay had the other goals for the Eagles.

Pee Wee A Slides By Wallingford A 3-1

After trailing 1-0 after the first period, Enfield scored 3 times in the second period. Matt Peidemonti led the charge with 1 goal and 1 assist. Robby Reissig scored the game winner and Dan Duguay also scored. Tyler Garrity and Chris Silva had 1 assist each.

Pee Wee A Forges A Tie With South Windsor A 3-3

After trailing 3-0 at the end of the first period, the Eagles fought their way back with 1 goal in the second and two in the third. Nick Kapinos had 1 goal and 1 assist. Justin Grigely scored the tying goal with 4:21 to go in the game. Dan Duguay also scored for Enfield. Robby Reissig and Tyler Garrity had 1 assist each. David "Spunky" Bord was outstanding in net collecting 24 saves. Peter Grigely played well on defense.

Pee Wee A Edges Pawling 3-2

Nick Kapinos scored the game-winning goal with 2:48 to go in the game assisted by Mike Furey. Justin Grigely and Tyler Garrity scored the other Enfield goals. Robby Reissig had 1 assist. The Eagles were out shot 33-30 as David "Spunky" Bord made 31 saves to earn the victory.

Pee Wee A Defeats Southern A 2-1

Nick Kapinos led the way with 1 goal and 1 assist. Matt Peidemonti scored the eventual game winner, which made the score 2-0 early in the third period. This was the tenth game of the month for the Eagles; January record...8-0-2.

Pee Wee A Beats Darien A 3-1

In a total team effort, Tyler Garrity, Robby Reissig, and Nick Kapinos scored goals for Enfield. Justin Grigely had 2 assists and Dan Duguay had 1 helper. The defense of Peter Grigely, Matt Peidemonti, Tony Nelson, and Chris LaPlante were outstanding.

Pee Wee A Cruises Past Southeastern A 3-1

At "The Rink" in Norwich, Robby Reissig had 1 goal and 1 assist. Aaron Simons and Chris Silva scored 1 goal each. David "Spunky" Bord made 19 saves for the win.

Pee Wee A Claws Back to Tie West Hartford 4-4

Enfield scored 3 goals in the third period to earn the tie. Jim Thompson and Robby Reissig led the way with 1 goal and 1 assist each. Dan Duguay and Aaron Simons had the other Enfield goals. Collecting assists were Matt Peidemonti and Chris Silva.

Pee Wee A Defeats Southeastern A 4-0

After a scoreless first period, the Enfield scoring machine started clicking in the second. The Eagles poured it on with 3 goals in the third as four different players scored. Goal scorers were Chris Silva, Tony Nelson, Tyler Garrity, and Matt Peidemonti. Robby Reissig had 1 assist. David "Spunky" Bord made 11 saves to seal the shutout.

Pee Wee A Shuts Out CT Whalers A 4-0

Chris Silva and Robby Reissig scored 2 goals each at the Connecticut Skating Center. Assisting on goals were Matt Peidemonti (2) and Jim Thompson.

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Pee Wee A Beats Watertown A 5-2

Captain Robby Reissig led the way with a hat trick and one assist. Reissig opened the scoring at the 5:46 mark of the first period assisted by Jeff Cotnoir. Chris Silva made it 2-0 with the assist going to Justin Grigely. Reissig netted the eventual game winner 37 seconds into the second period assisted by Matt Peidemonti to build a 3-0 lead. Watertown came back with a goal in the second to make it 3-1 after 2 periods. Tyler Garrity scored 2 minutes into the 3rd assisted by Peidemonti and Reissig. Watertown scored their second goal to make it 4-2. Reissig sealed the victory with his 3rd goal of the game 45 seconds later. David "Spunky" Bord was tremendous in net making 25 saves, mostly because Watertown had 7 power plays (2 pp goals) compared to our 2 power plays.

Pee Wee C Takes Scrimmage Against Simsbury

When these teams met in December, Simsbury shut out Enfield in a bracket game during the Simsbury Youth Hockey invitational tournament. The host team went on to beat Avon in the trophy game. On the 17th of February, Enfield hosted a "just for fun" rematch with Simsbury and squeaked out a 2-1 win against the tourney champs. There was no scoring in the first period as Enfield's Brian Nasuta and the Simsbury goalie made a number of awesome saves. Drew Thompson opened the scoring with a goal off of a Kyle Houlihan assist early in the second period. A few minutes later, Kyle put in one of his own off a rebound from a Mike Lajoie slapshot. Stephen Moriarty also got an assist on this goal. Enfield held on to the shutout until late in the second when the opponent's scored on a breakaway. The third period saw goalie Mike Cormier, and the defense, led by Eric Nasuta and Nick Goulet, disable the Simsbury offensive machine.

Pee Wee C Shuts Out Amherst 2-0 on Feb. 18

The deepest defense in the GSL proved their worth once again as they shutdown the much-improved Amherst offense. The D-Squad, headed up by Tom Begley and Eric Cournoyer, kept the opponent's scorers at bay from the first minute of the game. The only goal Enfield would need was off a Mike Boice assist to Ben Quesnel mid-way through the first period. Mike Lajoie added an insurance goal with only seconds left on the clock in the first. Ben Broadhurst and Eric Rubin were credited with the assists. This win put Enfield only one point behind first place Ludlow with three games left in the regular season.

Pee Wee C Ties Nonotuck Valley to Gain Share of GSL Lead

Enfield managed a hard-fought 3-3 tie with Nonotuck on Feb. 19 to move into a dead heat with Ludlow at the top of the GSL standings. Just two games remain in the regular season for both teams. The game with Nonotuck saw Enfield jump out to a 1-0 lead in the first period thanks to a Mike Boice goal, with assists from Eric Rubin and Ben Quesnel. Nonotuck answered with two of their own - one late in the first and another early on in the second. Ben Q. tied up the game at 2-2 midway through the second period off a pass by Pete Devylder. The opponents took the lead again with a minute off the clock in the third. Ben Q. scored less than two minutes later to make it 3-3. This is how it would end as both defenses buckled down for rest of the game. Eric Cournoyer and Nick Goulet played their usual brand of solid defense. Kyle Houlihan and Ben Broadhurst dismantled a number of Nonotuck advances by forcing turnovers with their hard-hitting and hard-skating play.

Pee Wee C Defeats GSL

Rival Holy Name 7-3

Enfield defeated No. 3 Holy Name on Saturday, Feb. 24, by a score of 7-3 to keep in step with Ludlow. Holy name came out on the ice loaded for bear and scored two goals within the first three minutes of the game. Enfield retaliated with two later in the first period to tie up the score. Ben Quesnel scored off assists from Chris Robinson and Tom Begley to put Enfield on the board. Then Mike Boice slapped the puck into the opponent's net to make the score 2-2. The game remained deadlocked through most of the second thanks to several great saves by Mike Cormier. Holy Name took the lead again with two minutes remaining in the middle period. But, with just two ticks away from the horn sounding the end of the second, Ben Q. tied the game at 3-3 off a perfect pass from Chris Robinson. The third period was all Enfield, as Ben Q. scored once more and Mike Boice racked up a hat trick. Chris R., fresh off a week on the DL, set up two of these goals. Eric Rubin, Eric Cournoyer, and Drew Thompson were also credited with assists in the third. On defense, Mike Lajoie and Pete Devylder cooled down the hot Holy Name offense. Following this game, Ludlow played winless WTM and shut them out. The wins by Enfield and Ludlow at Olympia on Feb. 24 left the teams with identical records and in a tie for first place in the GSL with one game left in the regular season.

EHA Pee Wee C Team is GSL Regular Season Champ !!!

Disney screenwriters could not have scripted a better hockey story: Late September 2000. Fade in to a locker room adjacent to Rink 1 at ETR. Gator, Jim Nasuta, and the parents of 18 boys who signed up to play hockey were meeting to put the finishing touches on a new Pee Wee travel team. Jim would head up the team with the assistance of Kevin Walsh, Norm Quesnel, and Jeff Peacock. The team would be made up of a balanced mix of players from last year's Pee Wee and Squirts programs and would play its games in the GSL. The boys took the ice for the first time as a team in early October. Ben Quesnel was elected the team's Captain and Mike Boice and Mike Lajoie were chosen as the Assistant Captains. There were some major ups and downs early on. The team lost a couple of players early in the season, including Keith Loiselle to a broken arm. Goaltender Mike Cormier was on the DL for an extended stay with a broken wrist. After a string of wins during the pre-season, the team hit the skids for the first few weeks of the regular season - all the while in search of that winning combination of lines and strategy. In December, a healed Mike Cormier once again took the job of minding the net and Brian Nasuta joined the team to share in the goaltending duties. The team was now on an unbeaten streak in the GSL that would carry it to the final game of the regular season and a chance to capture the first-place award. The only hurdle in their way was co-leader Ludlow. It could not have been more perfect if it was planned this way. Enfield and Ludlow were scheduled to play each other at 6 PM on Sunday, Feb. 25 at Olympia, Rink 2. Final game for both teams... Same records... Tied for first... The title of regular season champion and an award on the line... "The Mighty Ducks" didn't have this much drama. The best hockey of the season was played during the scoreless first period as each team's aggressive scoring attempts were shunted by the defensive squads and their goalies. In the second period, the senior players on the Enfield team took control. Ben Quesnel scored twice with assists from Chris Robinson, Mike Boice, Mike Lajoie, and Stephen Moriarty. Mike Boice scored early in the third period to give Enfield an insurmountable lead. Ben Q. followed Mike's goal with another to complete his hat trick. Kyle Houlihan, Ben Broadhurst, Drew Thompson, and Eric Rubin were credited with the assists for these goals. Meanwhile, the Enfield defense (D-Squad), made up of Mike Lajoie, Nick Goulet, Eric Cournoyer, Tom Begley, and Pete Devylder, was brilliant in containing the persistent Ludlow offense for most of the game. Ludlow did score twice very late in the third to make it interesting but it was too little, too late. Once again, goalie Mike Cormier was stunning in net, having made a number of amazing saves. The final score was 4-2. Enfield is the GSL champion! The boys and coaches stayed on the ice, after Ludlow had returned to their locker room, to celebrate this victory to the cheers of their families. Eric and Brian Nasuta were unable to make the game but they should be recognized for their important contributions during the season. There's still plenty of hockey to come. The GSL playdown tournament begins the first week of March and the Hartford Courant tournament will be played during the last week of the month.

Squirt “A”s Continue Prep For States

The Squirt “A”s faced a solid Central team (ranked 6th in Div 1) at home on Saturday 2/17. The scoreless first period was well played by both teams. The second period featured several good saves by Zach Nolan, one beauty at the 6:17 mark as Zach had just picked up his loose goalie stick. Enfield had two great scoring chances from the doorstep at the 7:36 mark but could not convert. Central notched one as their forward walked in along the goal line at the 10:37 mark. Central scored again off a great pass to a man in front at the 11:02 mark, 2-0 Central after two. Enfield stepped it up in the third with good scoring chances around the 4:00 mark. Anthony Sarno scored from in front off a nice pass from Drew Caronna at the 9:55 mark. Zach Nolan had another great stop at the 10:42 mark. With the extra attacker on, Enfield had several good scoring chances late to complete a well-played game, 2-1 Central final score.

The Squirt “A”s traveled to the Bolton Ice Palace to face ECHO (ranked 8th in Div 1) on Sunday 2/18 for their final tune up game before the States. The Eagles had a respectable first period, allowing one goal after a scramble in front at the 8:34 mark. The team fell apart in the last two periods, playing some of their worst hockey of the entire season, a lopsided 6-1 ECHO win. Credit Matt Poremba for Enfield’s lone goal at the 8:28 mark of the second, and Zach Nolan who had several solid saves, in spite of the numerous odd man rushes he faced. Though glad to put this one behind them, the lessons learned can only help the Eagles as they move into the State Tournament on Wednesday 2/21. Good Luck Boys, and Congratulations on your Division 2 ranking!

Squirt “A”s Have Loss And Two Ties In States

Connecticut Hockey Conference
Squirt Division 2 State Tournament
Milford Ice Pavilion
February 20, 21, 22, 24, 25

<i>National</i>	<i>American</i>
# 1 Wallingford	# 2 Ridgefield
# 4 Simsbury	# 3 Stamford
# 5 Yale	# 6 West Haven
# 8 Southeastern	# 7 Enfield

The Squirt “A”s began their State Tournament against # 2 seed Ridgefield (the eventual Tournament Runner-up) on Wednesday 2/21 at 6:00 pm. The Eagles got off to a good start, keeping play in Ridgefield’s zone for the opening minutes of the game. Ridgefield gained control of a loose puck just inside Enfield’s zone and scored a quick unexpected goal, low blocker side from the high slot at the 9:32 mark, 1-0 Ridgefield after one. Zach Nolan started the second period with a great stop of a 2 on 1 at the 1:17 mark to keep Enfield in the hunt. Both teams had chances in a well-played period. With Enfield shorthanded late in the period, Branden Chicorka aggressively picked up a loose puck just outside Ridgefield’s blue line. Branden cut to the high slot with a man on him and showed great patience with the puck, waiting until the goalie moved then firing a twenty-five footer low for a goal at the 9:32 mark. Score tied 1-1 after two periods of play. The third period featured back and forth action until midway thru the period when Ridgefield took control, maintaining pressure in Enfield’s zone for what seemed like forever. It was intense. Big saves by Zach Nolan at the 7:10 and 8:12 marks, and several blocked shots by Brian Buchalski helped keep Ridgefield off the board. Enfield had a great scoring chance in the last minute of play, with Ridgefield’s physical play in front preventing a clean shot, 1-1 final score.

The Squirt “A”s faced # 3 seed Stamford (the eventual Division 2 State Champions) in their second game of the Tournament on Saturday 2/24 at 7:00 am. Again the Eagles got off to a good start, trading scoring chances with

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Stamford until late in the period when Stamford scored twice off defensive breakdowns at the 9:55 and 10:29 marks. With just 56.3 seconds remaining in the period, Branden Chicorka tipped in a Brian Sullivan shot for a goal, 2-1 Stamford after one. It was all Stamford after that, as they capitalized on every mistake that Enfield made for three unanswered goals in the second and two more in the third, making it a 7-1 Stamford final score. Credit your Eagles as they outshoot Stamford 25 to 17 for the game.

The Squirt "A"s faced # 6 seed West Haven in their third game of the Tournament on Saturday 2/24 at 1:00 pm. Drew Caronna scored from the doorstep at the 3:04 mark with the assist going to Matt Poremba. Drew scored again from in front at the 8:17 mark off a Matt Poremba pass, 2-0 Enfield after one. Enfield controlled play until midway thru the second when West Haven scored after a scramble in front at the 6:01 mark. Just 11 seconds later at the 6:12 mark West Haven scored again, this time from the point, to tie it up. Brian Sullivan answered with a goal from the slot at the 6:31 mark, assist to Eric Romeo, 3-2 Enfield after two. West Haven scored top shelf at the 2:12 mark of the third. Drew Caronna earned his hat trick scoring from the crease at the 3:43 mark, unassisted. West Haven found a man alone in front for a goal at the 4:53 mark. Anthony Sarno scored a rebound at the 7:57 mark, assists to Matt Poremba and Brian Buchalski. Matt Poremba scored a rebound of a Ben Davis blast from the point at the 8:37 mark. West Haven scored a powerplay goal at the 9:45 mark, and the game-tying goal at the 10:58 mark, making it a 6-6 final score.

Mite B Travel

Wow! What a season! It is hard to believe it is almost over and that we are heading for the States, playing in Division 4. What an accomplishment. Congratulations team!

It seems like just yesterday we were meeting our first opponent none other than South Windsor for our first victory. Zach Allard had his first hat trick that night. He later had 4 additional hat tricks during the season. Zach leads all players in scoring followed by Reilly Higgins, and then Zach Stein and Conor Walsh tied for 3rd. Reilly leads in assists followed by Zach Allard and Ben Kapinos. Reilly had 3 hat tricks; Conor joins with 2 and Zach Stein with 1. Zach Allard, Reilly Higgins, and Ben Kapinos all share the honor of Play Maker.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without our fantastic defensive players. To show how good Kevin Wezowicz, Ethan Cournoyer, Robbie Picard, and Justin Bird are the opposing teams were not able to penetrate. We outscored them 154 to 67. Thanks boys! How could we not say something about Kevin's aggression, Justin's intensity, or Ethan's power from the point? Robbie Picard heads the defense with assists.

Now as for the little guy between the pipes... Christian O'Shea... our unstoppable goalie! Wow, what a season! Are you sure you never played ice hockey before? Christian finished with 7 shutouts! Incredible!

As of January 7th the entire team had scored a goal. The team really played together. Kyle Hughes and Eric Cormier, tiny but mighty, little bodies with big hearts. These two kids were intense and they really picked up their playing by February; they never gave up! Zach Stein, the player we could count on to shut down an opponent; watch out next year mites.

Ben Kapinos, not only were you speedy in the locker room, but you were a speed demon on the ice. Justin Bird, it is a good thing your defensive quickness is better than your speed in the locker room Dan that you and Kevin play better than you dance.

Evan Thompson, wow did you have some great games; we sure missed you when you were sick. Now who could forget the player "CONOR WALSH."? Everyone knows who he is. Coach is always screaming his name. Then there is "Pumpkin"... Mr. Picard is always calling her from the stands, or her mother is calling "Katherine." We all affectionately know her as Katie Sullivan. There is no messing with this girl.

The team finished the regular season with a 23-4-3 record. The past few weeks have been spent preparing for the States. Coach Bird, Coach Allard, and Coach Glen have been intense. We would like to thank you for "letting our dogs out"; your coaching has taken the team far and a huge improvement is shown in their playing. We thank you for your time, teaching, energy, kindness, and for all the Gatorade and slushes you have given the kids. No matter how the season ends it will be one that the kids will remember always.

Good luck in the States players, and Have a Blast in Montreal in March!

Squirt In-House Playoffs Semi-Finals

Tony's Hair Cutters vs. Dr. Steve Sobel

Final Score: Tony's 5, Dr. Steve's 2

In a semi-final playoff game on 'championship weekend', Tony's faced-off against a game but undermanned Dr. Steve's who were missing a few players, including standout Ethan Sobel. Regular season goaltending standout Luke Anderson was in the nets for Tony's, while Dr. Steve's countered with Nate Allard. Following several back and forth rushes from both teams, Tony's Derek Michaud fed a streaking Tyler Orszulak who buried a wrist shot top shelf over the glove of Allard for a 1 - 0 Tony's lead. Just 3 minutes later, Orszulak would intercept a clearing pass and skate in on a partial breakaway. Once again, Orszulak went top shelf this time over the shoulder of the goaltender and suddenly Tony's was up 2 - 0. With just over a minute left in the first, another scramble at center ice resulted in a breakaway by Tony's; this time it was Jake Lebrun who streaked in and made a nice backhand deke for a 3 - 0 Tony's lead. Suddenly, the game looked as though it would turn into a Tony's rout unless Dr. Steve's pulled it together.

Dr. Steve's game squad did pull it together in the second period. They clamped down on Tony's top scorers, while also putting a lot of pressure of their own on Tony's Anderson who came up big throughout the period. Dr. Steve's Zac Nolan, Andrew Votta, and Dave Cardaropoli were outstanding in the 2nd period as Dr. Steve's swarmed all over Tony's. Finally, with just under a minute left in the period Steve Daddario would bang in a shot on an assist from Lauren Little to shave Tony's lead to 3 - 1. However, Tony's - the regular season squirt champion - would not be denied as Orszulak completed his three-goal hat trick on a feed from Collin Griswold midway through the third period. Later in the period, Tony's Andrew Pantuosco would break in alone a fire a shot high for a 5-1 Tony's lead that would hold up. Cardaropoli would close out the scoring with just under a minute remaining in the game, while Tony's would advance to the finals with a 5 - 2 victory. Ryan Wytrych, Scott Andrewsikas and Alison Murray held down the defense with forwards Jordan Knightly and Ryan Hiscock also playing well for Tony's.

It was on to super Sunday for Tony's, against the winner of the other semi-final game between Artioli Dodge and Met Life.

Squirt In-House Playoffs Championship Game

Teams: Tony's Hair Cutters vs. Met Life

Final Score: Tony's 4, Met 0

For the second year in a row, the Squirt in-house division found the two best teams from the regular season division squared off in the championship game - 1st place Tony's Haircutters vs. 2nd place Met Life. Met had advanced to the final with a high scoring win over Artioli Dodge, while Tony's had beaten Dr. Steve Sobel in the other semi-final. During the regular season these two team had played four times with Tony's winning two, Met one and the last meeting ending in a 6 - 6 tie. In fact, Tony's was out to avenge its only loss of the regular season, which came at the hands of Met, 4 - 0, midway through the season.

As the game opened, Met used a swarming style to bottle up the high scoring Tony's team while creating several excellent scoring chances of their own. Standing out during this stretch were Colin McGunigle, Chelsea Cormier, Sam Leonardo, and Meghan McGunigle for Met. Were it not for the outstanding goaltending of Scott Andrewsikas, Met could have easily been up two or three to zip in the first period. However, Andrewsikas came up big several times which allowed Tony's to stay close with the first period ending in a 0 - 0 tie. The second period saw the hard fought, close battle turn up a notch or two more as both teams had scoring chances on each end but neither able to break through with a goal. The longer the game progressed, the more likely it seemed the game would end up in overtime, with a 0 - 0 score not at all beyond a real possibility. Then suddenly, the game would turn as Andrew Pantuosco and Bryan Scalia broke up a play at center ice and fed Jordan Knightly who would wrist a hard 50 footer past the Met goaltender for a 1 - 0 Tony's lead. Less than two minutes later, Luke Anderson would break up another play at center ice and streak down the right wing 2 on 1 with Tyler Orszulak.

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As Anderson drew the Met defender towards him, he fed a perfect pass to Orszulak in the slot who made no mistake by burying a wrist shot past the Met goaltender for a 2 - 0 lead for Tony's after two periods.

As the third period opened up, Met pressed to cut Tony's lead but once again the goaltending of Andrewsikas - combined with the stellar defense of Frank Ruggiero, Ryan Wytrych, Matt Kulak and Derek Michaud - held off the Met onslaught. Just as it appeared Met might break through, Tony's would catch another break as a Met defender slipped and fell, leaving a free puck for Andrew Pantuosco to pick up and take in alone for a 3 - 0 lead for Tony's. Late in the game, Anderson would close out the scoring for Tony's with a hard wrist shot on a nice feed from Nolan Davis. Forwards Glen Gonzalez and Jesse Kettle had strong games for Tony's, as the game ended in a 4 - 0 shutout for Andrewsikas and a championship for Tony's in the in-house squirt division!

Lower Mite In-House

Gateway Hardware Icedogs defeat Marek Jewelers 6-1 for First Victory of the Season !!!

In an awesome display of team effort, Teddy Dobek led the way with 2 goals that both looked like they were shot out of a cannon. Paige Anderson scored a goal when she kept on working hard and banged in her own rebound for her first goal of the year. Evan Boissy was all over the ice hustling and it showed on his nice breakaway goal. Mike Thompson was amazing in goal for the Icedogs. He made 15 saves to earn the first win of the season for the team. Mike made numerous kick saves on Marek breakaways. Avery Boissy and Brendan Lemire also scored for Gateway. Avery Boissy was awesome on defense. Also playing great were Derek Wright, Stefan Amundarain and Zack Anderson. Way to go kids, awesome job. Remember, 1,2,3... slush puppy!!!!!!