



# ICE CHIPS

## News and Notes

### EHA Board Meeting

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2001. It is held in the auditorium at Asnuntuck Community College. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and are open to the public.

Our association meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. The floor is open for comments and questions from our guest.

### Ice Chips Contributions

"Ice Chips" is the weekly newsletter of the Enfield Hockey Association. It contains announcements, news, and game summaries of in-house and travel teams. Submitting contributions to the Ice Chips is easy. Travel teams and in-house teams should designate someone to be responsible for Ice Chips reports. Information can be e-mailed to: [icechips@enfieldhockey.org](mailto:icechips@enfieldhockey.org). Ice Chips will be available at the rink and on the website at [www.enfieldhockey.org](http://www.enfieldhockey.org).

## U-12 Lady Eagles Keep Waves at Bay

*By Kate Murray*

The Enfield U-12 Lady Eagles opened their season in style this past Saturday evening, 9/29/01. The newly formed squad soared into action pounding the Waves in a punishing 12 to 0 victory.

The first rally was lead by Ali Murray, who scored the season's first goal 6 minutes into regulation play. A scant two minutes later, Mary Michaud took a pass from Nicole Clavette to earn the team its second goal. Mary, assisted by Ali, earned the team it's third goal with two minutes remaining in the period. Elyse Rossignol was not to be outdone by her teammates! She scored the 4th and final goal of the first supported by Morgan Ouellette with a dramatic 1:37 minutes remaining on the clock. The defensive play of the period goes to Vicky Heyse, who stopped her opponent's breakaway attempt with some fine puck poaching. Way to stand tough, Vicky!

On to the second period, where our Lady Eagles placed another 3 goals on the board! Defensemen Chelsea Bolton, Brianna Buchalski and Lauren Little worked tirelessly during the second. Supporting their team through their dedicated efforts. Up front, Emily Walsh took a pass from Jenelle Herrick and went end-to-end to net the team's fifth goal. Ali Murray netted her second goal on a breakaway with 4 minutes left in the period. Danielle Harris' two strong attempts on goal were denied by the experienced Wave's goalie. Way to hang in there, Danielle! Emily Walsh closed out the period with a stellar breakaway goal.

As if unsatisfied by two goals during the second period, Ms. Walsh earned the season's first Hat-Trick minutes into the third period. Brother Eddie replied by forfeiting his Fight'n Irish hat to the cause! No sibling rivalry here! Ali Murray responded in kind by earning her first Hat-Trick less than a minute later. The score stood at 7-0 when Nicole Clavette added her goal to the tally. Nicole was assisted by fellow linesmen, Jenelle Herrick and Emily Walsh. The line of Walsh and Clavette meshed again late in the period. They fed the puck to teammate Siobhan Davis, who scored with 53 second remaining in the period. Think it's over?? Guess again, Mary Michaud earned a Hat-Trick on a sweet breakaway with 44 second remaining in the game. Way to go Mary!

As Waves retreated with the evening tides the Lady Eagles soared in victory! Congratulations go out to goalie Eleanor Peck on her first shutout of the season. Coach Rossignol commented on the work ethic of players Sara Stewart, Siobhan Davis, Ali Murray and Vicky Hyse. Offensively, the coaches were thrilled by the efforts of Mary Michaud and Emily Walsh. Coach Rossignol sited, "Nicole Clavette's attention to good position hockey," as one of the key factors in the team's success. Coach Stewart noted the team's good passing and unselfish play. Welcome to the EHA family, U-12 Lady Eagles!

## U-12 Lady Eagles Battle Milton to the End

*By Kate Murray*

On Saturday evening, 10/6/01, the fledgling U-12 Lady Eagles matched skills against Milton on home ice. Though they met with defeat, our Lady Eagles did not give up the battle until the last second played out on the clock...

The first period earned both teams a pair of goals. Milton was the first to light the scoreboard a minute into the game. Their second goal of the period came at the six-minute mark. The smart defensive work of Lauren Little, Ali Murray, Sara Stewart and Brianna Buchalski kept Milton at bay for the remainder of the period. Emily Walsh started her offensive rally by placing back to back goals on the board at the period's 8-minute mark. At that point, there was no turning back the rush Emily was riding!

Milton started the second period by adding their third goal to the score 6 minutes into play. Emily Walsh, assisted by Jennelle Herrick and Ali Murray, responded by adding Enfield's third goal to the scoreboard. Milton closed out the period with an additional goal at the 5-minute mark. Goalie, Chelsea Bolton stood tall in the net and was well supported by her defensive lines. Enfield held Milton to four and charged into the third period.

Leading the charge - you guessed it, Emily Walsh. Emmie placed her fourth goal of the game on net 3 minutes into the third. She was assisted by teammates Sara Stewart and Lauren Little in her effort. Defenseman, Vicky Heyse worked hard during the period and assisted in holding Milton off until the remaining 2 minutes of the period. Milton scored 2 consecutive goals, turning the score to 6 - 4, in their favor. In the face of adversity, Emily Walsh proved to be strong! She went on to score yet another goal with 1:20 remaining on the clock. Moving the final score to 6-5, Milton.

In the post game analysis, Coach Rossignol noted that the Lady Eagles showed a good all around effort and a lot of heart during the Milton game. Spearheaded by "live wire, Emily Walsh," the team did not go down easily to defeat. He described the game as a good challenge that would strengthen the team. The team battled to the end and did not go quietly into defeat! The loyal fans of the Lady Eagles will stay tuned for a rematch. We in the stands are confident that the ending will be rewritten the next time these two foes meet!



## **Bantam A In Pre-season Action Against Southeastern and Avon**

*By Bill Fusik*

The Bantam A team played two preseason games on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The team headed south to Connecticut College for an early morning game scheduled against the Southeastern A's. Upon arrival the Southeastern high school team greeted coach Anderson. Enfield was dominated during the first period as the Southeastern jumped to a 4-0 lead. The kids showed lots of resolve as they continued to struggle but never showed any signs of quit.

Mid way in the final period Enfield finally got on the scoreboard as Kyle Fijalkowski and Sam Janik each scored unassisted. Mat Strich and Dan Duguay played well on defense. Goalie David Bord was strong in net as he faced 46 shots on the game. Southeastern High registered a 9-2 win and Enfield came away with a few more reasons for those late night practices in Simsbury.

Game two was played at ETR where Enfield hosted Avon. This was a much more even matchup than the morning game. Early in the first period Enfield took a 1-0 lead as Bill McSheffrey scored with the assist going to Mat Strich. Enfield continued to apply the offensive pressure outshooting their opponents 16 to 5 in the period. But, Avon capitalized on three breakaways to take a 3-1 lead. Justin Grigely scored on a beautiful feed from Derek Lata to bring Enfield within one. The third period was filled with action as Enfield killed two Avon power plays. With time running out, Enfield pulled their goalie in an attempt to tie the game, but Avon hit the empty net for the 4-2 victory.

## **Pee Wee B2 Prevails Over Holy Name**

*By David Orszulak*

The EHA Pee Wee B2 team was placed in the Greater Springfield League (GSL) B division. In the evaluation round (pre-season) opener for both teams, EHA overcame a sluggish start and an early 2 - 0 deficit with a solid second half of the game effort to prevail 3 - 2 over Holy Name. Goaltender Eric Cournoyer and the rest of the defense, led by Zach Lavender and Brian Buchalski, shut down Holy Name while the offense finally got going. EHA finally got on the board when Tyler Orszulak intercepted a clearing attempt and sent a streaking Matt Poremba down the left side who beat Holy Name's goaltender on the short side to cut the deficit in half. Later, mid way through the third period EHA tied it up as Dan Aikins and Andrew Pantuosco combined on a nice passing play to setup Drew Thompson who fired a perfect wrist shot to tie the score at two. As time wound down and it began to look like the game would end in a 2 - 2 tie, Lavender intercepted a pass in the EHA zone and rushed through nearly the entire Holy Name team before burying a perfect game-winning shot!

## Squirt A1 Starts Strong in Pre-season

*By Jeff and Wiebke Simons*

On Friday night, October 5<sup>th</sup>, the "A1"s played a strong CT Whalers team on Enfield's home ice. Enfield opened the scoring first. Three minutes into the second period DJ DeGray scored getting an assist from Matt Reda and Dave Cardarapoli. The A1's lead didn't last long enough as the Whalers scored two minutes later to tie at 1-1. With five minutes left in the period, Captain Colin McGunigle scored with an assist by Kyle Murkowicz. At the end of the second period the score was 2-1, Eagles. The third period was a hard-fought twelve minutes, but the Whalers scored two unanswered goals and won the game 3-2. In all, the team played very well.

On Saturday the Eagles went up against a strong Avon A1 team. Not knowing what to expect the game was a defensive battle. Both teams skating from end-to-end, neither goalie ready to would let in a goal. Finally, late into the third period Kyle Dyer scored with 2:48 left in the game with an assist by McGunigle. Four seconds after the face-off DeGray scored with an assist by Reda. The defense of Murkowicz, Mathew Simons, Nick Dwyer and Ed Duckette played well together. The final score was Eagles 2, Avon Panthers 0. Special thanks to Zach Nolan for filling in as goalie and coming away with another outstanding performance.

On Sunday the Eagles were set to play another strong "A" team against the West Haven Westies. Colin McGunigle had the teams' first hat trick of the season with "helpers" from Mike Cherpak, Kyle Murkowicz and Kyle Dwyer.

Klye Dwyer also added to the score with an assist from Nick Dwyer. Ben Kapinos and Peter Aikins showed excellent hustle throughout the game. Scott Stevenson also filling-in as goalie did an outstanding job in making many glove saves in bringing the weekend to a successful closing. Final score, Eagles 4, Westies 3.

## Squirt B Victorious Over Westfield

The Squirt "B" team has been chosen for the 2001-2002 season. Coaches Bird, Gazdik, and Poissant are working hard to unite the team. We look forward to a great season! Congratulations goes out to #2 Josh Fasano, #5 Justin Bird, #7 Andrew Votta, #8 Conor Walsh, #9 Craig Downs, #10 Reilly Higgins, #11 Anthony Poissant, #12 Danny Kraucunas, #14 Zach Allard, #16 Nick Demontigny, #18 Nate Turner, #19 Bryan Solnick, #20 Tony Colca, and #31 Scott Stevenson.

We had our first opportunity to see how these kids would work together as they met up with Westfield on home ice Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Westfield team came out strong by scoring 5 minutes into the game. The Eagles were ready as Craig Downs assisted Josh Fasano with our first goal at the 3 minute mark.

The score was tie to start the second period. The next goal showed us what "teamwork" is all about. Nick Demontigny scored with the help of Reilly Higgins and Zach Allard. Nice passing guys! Westfield answered 3 minutes later to end the period all even.

Such was the case until half way through the third period when Andrew Votta fired the team up with his unassisted short - handed goal. This started a scoring frenzy for the Enfield Eagles! Next, came a goal by Craig Downs assisted by Bryan Solnick, followed only 10 seconds later with one by Zach Allard and last but not least one from Reilly Higgins off of Nick D's skate. (Way to be there!)

The defensive effort was awesome! For the last period and a half the team of Votta and Poissant as well as the team of Conor Walsh and Dan Kraucunas kept the Westfield team scoreless! Nice job boys keeping that puck in play! A special thanks an "welcome to the EHA" goes to goalie Scott Stevenson. Way to protect the net!