



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.

Booster Club News

Fundraisers are due back the weekend of October, 27th-28th. Please give CHECKS ONLY to your team parent.

Pictures will begin November 2. Please check with your team parent for you date and time. There is also a picture schedule posted in rink 2.

The Booster Club store will be opening soon. Teams will be given days and times that they will need to cover the store. Remember, this will count towards your volunteer hours.

The monthly meeting has been changed to the third Thursday of the month. We will be meeting right at the rink. All are welcome.

U-12 Lady Eagles Win Big on Road

By Kate Murray

On Saturday, October 13th, the U-12 Lady Eagles took their game on the road as they faced-off against the Cromwell Clippers. The Eagles came away victorious, handing the Clippers their first upset of the new season. As the wind died down and the Clipper's sails collapsed, the score stood at 2 - 1, Enfield. You might ask, "What was the secret to Enfield's success?" To that I would reply, "Can you say G-O-A-L-I-E?" Eleanor Peck served her team well, defending the Enfield net with the tenacity of a bald eagle protecting its lair!

Of course, Ellie had some help from the Enfield offensive and defensive squads! Enfield was first to hit the scoreboard with their first goal coming 4 minutes into regulation play. Nicole Clavette took a pass from Emily Walsh to earn the team's first goal.

The Lady Eagles scored again during the second period on a rush by Emily Walsh. The Lady Eagles held off a total of 22 Clipper attempts on goal. Alas, the Clippers finally earned their goal 45 seconds into the third period. The game ended with a dramatic flare, as goalie Eleanor Peck hit the ice leaving the net open with 40 seconds remaining. Defenseman, Ali Murray jumped in to cover the net, deflecting two final shots on goal prior to the buzzer!

Post game Coach Rossignol referred to Eleanor Peck as a "rock" and praised her composure during many a rush on net by the Clippers. In addition, he sited the good two-way play exhibited by Nicole Clavette, Emily Walsh and Elyse Rossignol. These three ladies turned on the defense with speed and agility while launching offensive rushes. Coach Rossignol further acknowledged the work ethic of Danielle Harris and Jenelle Herrick, sighting their strong positional play. On a final note the Coach stated that all of the defensive lines worked hard containing the Clippers! Congratulation on your win Lady Eagles!

Bantam A Have a 2 – 1 Weekend

By Bill Fusick

Saturday morning the Bantam A team hosted Greenwich at ETR to officially kick off the 2001 season. It didn't take long for the Eagles to get on the scoreboard as Sam Janik knocks in a goal assisted by Bill McSheffery and Chris Fusick. Enfield continues to apply pressure on both ends of the ice limiting their opponents to just 4 shots in the period. Chris Fusick scores at the end of the period giving the Eagles a 2-0 lead.

Enfield adds another goal midway in period two when Sam Janik roofs one with assists going to Kyle Gable and Mat Strich. Greenwich scores at the start of the third, but Enfield's defense takes control with solid defensive play from Bryan Anderson and Dan Duguay. Jason Matteredkowski closes out the scoring assisted by Kyle Fijalkowski and Kyle Gable giving Enfield a 4-1 victory. David Bord and Kenny Nelson were solid in the net combining for 21 saves on the game.

Enfield traveled to Cromwell to face West Haven on Saturday night. Wearing their home jerseys the team played with tremendous intensity considering they were short 3 skaters, one coach, and West Haven had a HUGE bench. Once again Enfield takes a 1-0 lead as Sam Janik scores assisted by Chris Fusick and Bill McSheffery. West Haven has a 2-1 lead at the start of the 2nd period, but Enfield shows no quit and battles back to take a 3-2 lead with goals by Bill McSheffery and Chris Fusick. West Haven ties the game on a power play goal with 44 seconds left only after David Bord turns away 17 shots for the period. With the game tied 3-3, Enfield's defensemen Dan Dugay, Kyle Gable, and Mat Strich rise to the challenge killing two late power plays. Kyle Hicks and Sam Janik team up for the game winner with a minute left and Enfield heads home with a hard fought 4-3 win.

Sunday night the team traveled south to play New Haven at Northford Ice Pavilion where Enfield suffered a 3-1 loss. The Eagles tested the New Haven goalie early and often with little success. New Haven scores 1:51 into the game to set the tone. Despite Enfield out shooting New Haven 2 to 1 with a total of 40 shots on the game, only Bill McSheffery manages to slip one past the New Haven goaltender.

Bantam A Racks Up Two More Wins

By Bill Fusick

Enfield extends its home win streak with a 3-2 victory over Stamford at Simsbury rink. Stamford took an early 1-0 lead in the first period. Sam Janik scores late in the period assisted by Kyle Fijalkowski. The teams traded shots for most of the 2nd period until the Eagles exploded for two quick goals by Jonathan Sawn and Jason Materkowski. Both goals were setup by some "sweet" feeds from Kyle Gable. Stamford made a late run in the final period but came up short. Bryan Anderson and Dan Duguay played solid on defense. Enfield just missed on an empty net as time expired.

Sunday night the team traveled to play West Hartford at the Kingswood Oxford rink. The poor ice which resembled a thawing pond and slowed play until midway in the period when Kyle Gable roofs one past the West Hartford goaltender assisted by Bill McSheffery. The Eagles dominated play in the 2nd period scoring 5 goals and out shooting West Hartford 27-4 for the period. Scoring were Sam Janik, Kyle Hicks (2), Derek Lata, and Matt Strich with assists from Chris Fusick (2), Kyle Gable (2), Kyle Fijalkowski, Jason Materkowski and Sam Janik. West Hartford scored two goals in the final period but it was too little too late as the Eagles registered an impressive 6-2 win.

Pee Wee "A"s Open Season With Tough 4-3 Loss

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

After going 2-1-1 in the preseason the Pee Wee "A"s took to the road and opened up at East Haven. The game started up and played pretty much even throughout the first period with plenty of up and down play. East Haven scored it's first goal of the game at the 5 minute mark but the lead was short lived as Nick Kapinos scored to tie the game ending period 1.

The second period started defensively strong led by Adam Cartier and Tim Giguere. Enfield jumped to a 2-1 lead with Kapinos' second unassisted goal of the game. The lead stood until late in the period when East Haven scored 2 goals in 19 seconds to take a 3-2 lead.

The third period opened up with solid play by Aaron Pion and his line mates, with 6 minutes remaining Nick found the back of the net getting a Hat Trick to tie it up. With chances by Enfield to go ahead after that, East Haven was able to break the tie with a goal with 1:45 left to play.

New Look Pee Wee “A”s Win Their Home Opener

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

Jesse Peters' Pee Wee “A”s sporting their new jerseys opened at home against Stamford. Looking to generate more offense all the lines were shuffled around at the start. Enfield opened slowly but did jump to a 1-0 lead at the 6 minute mark with a goal from Aaron Simons assisted by Andrew Caronna and Aaron Pion. The flood gates opened temporarily as Stamford found the back of the net 3 times in the last 4 minutes of the first period putting the Eagles down 3-1 at the end of period 1.

At the start of the 2nd the crowd was getting nervous and wondering if a comeback was possible. With a rush from Justin Harden thru center ice Aaron Pion knocked in Enfield's second goal of the game assisted by Justin Harden to make it a 1 goal game. With 2 minutes left in the period the Eagles scored on a power play as Nick Kapinos tied the game with an assisted goal. The comeback was in progress.

The third period started off right for the Eagles as they quickly jumped ahead with a goal by Nick Kapinos assisted by Aaron Simons. But within 40 seconds Stamford tied the game at 4 to 4. With 10 minutes left Mike Furey, who had a solid game, gained control of the puck in his own zone, started the rush, passed to Joe Fusco who handed it off to Nick Kapinos to blow by the defense and bury the puck in the net for his Hat Trick. Enfield wins 5-4. The comeback was complete.

Pee Wee “A”s Travel to Darien and Tie

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

There is no better place to be than Darien on a Sunday night. Many of the team members arrived early and enjoyed their fabulous french fries that gave Coach Jesse indigestion even before the game began.

The Pee Wee “A”s opened up and quickly fell behind on a Darien power play goal, the first period ended 1-0.

Period 2 started off with Darien dumping the puck into a “Cloud of Dust” in front of goalie Andy Nacin from behind the net and off a skate for their second goal. As the ice continued to soften Andy kept Enfield in the game with 20 saves in the first 2 periods to give his team a chance. Enfield got a power play chance midway thru period 2, and Nick Kapinos knocked a rebound in to give Enfield its' first goal, the goal was assisted by Matt Vozzola and Andrew Caronna who kept the puck alive in their zone with hard work and hustle. The Eagles then tied the game on a big goal by Joe Fusco his 1st of the season. The tie was short lived as Darien took a 3-2 lead one minute later on another power play goal.

Shortly into the third period Enfield tied the game on a Nick Kapinos goal assisted by Aaron Pion. The third period continued up and down the ice with solid play from Jeff Harris and Mike Furey with both teams getting opportunities for the game winners, no one was able to find the back of the net and the game ended tied 3-3.

Pee Wee C2 Is Working Hard

By Jeff Porcello

Although the Pee Wee C2 team (currently 0-4-1) has been off to a slow start through the GSL evaluation period, they are working very hard and improving with each game. Jeff Marek (#14) scored an unassisted goal against Holy Name in a close 2-1 loss on October 12th. It was his second goal of the season. In the October 19th game against WTM, David Newell (#8) scored the team's only goal in their 3-1 loss. With the completion of each game, the team continues to correct mistakes they have made to better themselves for the next game. They have received fewer and fewer penalties, while shots on goal have steadily improved in number and quality. Solid goaltending by Jacob Nelson (#1) has helped the whole team as they come together. The team is working hard during practice on positions, game strategy, and shooting. They are sure to be on a winning track soon if they keep up the hard work. Their final evaluation game is to be played on Sunday, October 28th at the Olympia Ice Rink against Franklin County.

Enfield Squirt A Team Comes Out Flying

By Bill Bolton

The Enfield Squirt A team opened the regular season this weekend in fine fashion. On Saturday they began the season at home against a tough Avon team. The play was fast and physical with several scoring opportunities at both ends of the ice. Zach Nolan along with Avon's starting goaltender made several key saves to keep the game scoreless through the first period and most of the second. But it was Avon who finally broke the ice scoring with 1:46 left in the second period. Being down 1-0 entering the third, Enfield would not be denied. They controlled the play and remained constantly in Avon's end. All the hard work paid off when Thomas Grigely buried a rebound out front and tied the score at 1-1 with 8:16 left in the game. This proved to be the spark that Enfield needed. The defense of Matt Cartier, Eric Romeo, Steve Alexander, and Eric Chamberland remained solid not allowing Avon any opportunities. Avon committed a high-sticking penalty with 5:53 left putting Enfield on the power play. The power play unit dominated keeping the pressure in Avon's end. The power play team would come through on a beautiful play from the face off. Branden Chicorka forced the puck to Joe Giordano deep into the left corner. Joe passed the puck behind the net to Thomas Grigely who in turn worked the puck back to Eric Chamberland at the point. With all eyes on Eric he quickly slid the puck to his partner Eric Romeo who stepped in and rifled a shot from the point that found it's way into the net. Enfield controlled the play from then on and won the game 2-1.

The Squirt A team traveled to Choate Arena on Sunday for their second game of the season. The opponent was Wallingford. Wallingford was a big, physical team that had beaten Enfield just last week during a pre-season tournament 1-0. Still up from their victory against Avon the day before Enfield came out on a mission. The first period was an offensive clinic put on by Enfield. Wallingford had all it could do to ice the puck while Enfield created opportunity after opportunity. The fore-checking of Jake Bolton and Zach Chmelowski had Wallingford constantly looking over their shoulder. At 11:26 of the period Enfield took the lead. A great pass back to Steve Alexander at the point followed by a low hard shot right on net saw Joe Giordano perfectly positioned for the rebound

and he jammed it home. Enfield 1 – Wallingford 0. Enfield continued its dominance in the second period with Branden Chicorka giving Enfield a 2-0 lead at 4:58 of the period. In the third period Wallingford began to come alive. They scored with 6:08 left in the game to bring the score to 2-1. Then, with 1:04 left in the game Enfield was called for a very questionable trip. Now on the power play for the remainder of the game Wallingford pulled their goalie giving themselves a 6-4 situation. Wallingford kept the puck in Enfield's end and created several key scoring opportunities but could not put the puck past Zach Nolan. With 11 seconds left Joe Giordano intercepted a pass and iced the puck to end the game. Final score: Enfield 2 – Wallingford 1.

The weekend had been a complete success with plenty of thanks to Josh Stein who frustrated both opponents all weekend with his relentless back-checking.

Enfield Squirt A Team's Tough Schedule Takes Its Toll

By Bill Bolton

The Enfield Squirt A team has established a very tough schedule for themselves this year. The strength of their schedule took its toll this weekend. On Saturday they played the Mass-Conn Braves Squirt Major team. Mass-Conn had just come off a 5-2 victory against a strong Southern Squirt A team. Southern is largely considered the best team in the state of Connecticut. All that being considered Enfield played extremely well while coming away with a 3-0 Loss. The game remained scoreless until 7:26 of the second period when Mass-Conn opened up a 1-0 lead. The game was very physical with the referees allowing the kids play more physical than usual. Both teams continued to play well each generating some great scoring opportunities. Enfield just could not seem to get the puck past Mass-Conn's goalie. Mass-Conn was able to add 2 goals late in the third period (3:33 and 3:02) that made the game look more out of reach than it actually was. Both coaches agreed that a rematch would be just what both teams needed. In this game there was really one player who really started to come into his own. David Lloyd fore-checked and battled his way into the play from beginning to end. Several times he fearlessly slammed his body into the play and gained control of the puck. Final Score: 3-0.

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On Sunday Enfield was in for another battle with a top team. The Squirt A team traveled to Milford to take on Southern's Squirt A's. Southern had size, speed, and plenty of talent. Enfield again put in the effort that is required to play at the pinnacle of the Squirt A level. The play was up and down the ice with Zach Nolan making some tremendous saves. Brain Sullivan had an exceptional game driving hard to the net and creating several opportunities for him and his line mates. Derek Michaud also did a great job back-checking and catching players from behind. The game remained scoreless until 1:46 of the first period when Southern took a 1-0 lead. At the end of one it was Southern 1 – Enfield 0. In the second period the quick play continued with very few whistles. At 7:09 of the second period Enfield tied the score. The opportunity began with a great shot from the point. There was a scramble in front of the Southern goalie that ended with Thomas Grigely driving the rebound home while being crosschecked in the back. The assists went to Joe Giordano and Brian Sullivan. The exciting play continued as both teams worked very hard and tried to get that all-important go-ahead goal. Southern was the one to do it with 2:18 left in the second period. At the end of the second it was Southern 2 – Enfield 1. The third period was again some great hockey that was very enjoyable to watch. Two top teams were going at it. Southern was able to add two goals late (4:25 and 2:37) that again made the game look more lop-sided than it was. Enfield was forced to press the play allowing Southern some great scoring chances and they were able to convert. The player of the day was definitely Zach Nolan who stopped several point blank shots as well as a full ice breakout.

With two losses on the weekend that were both very hard fought Enfield had learned a lot and truly felt the cost side of playing a very tough schedule.

Squirt B Opens Season Against Wallingford

We would like to start congratulating Andrew Votta as he was chosen to represent the Squirt B's in the role of captain. Together with assistant captains Tony Colca and Anthony Poissant. We anticipate a great season under their leadership.

The team officially opened the season playing Wallingford "C." Wallingford drew first blood at 10:29 to be answered 3 minutes later as a swarm of Enfield players attacked the net. Nate Turner was able to lay on in scoring for the Eagles to end the 1st period all even.

Period 2 belonged to Zack Allard. The Wallingford Goalie was there to stop his many attempts on goal- finally he was rewarded as Bryan Solnick set him up for a nice goal at 5:48 in the second.

The 3rd period was exciting for us to watch. The guys did a great job all around. Scott Stevenson had some awesome glove saves to excite the crowd. Craig Downs laid one in at 10:29 with assists going to Nick Demontigny and Bryan Solnick. The defense was stellar. They were led by Danny Kraucunas earning "Player of the Game."

Squirt B Beats Greater New Haven

Having just recovered from 6am "In-house" we were back on the ice for a home game against Greater New Haven on October 12th. The first period was dominated by the "B"s. Scott Stevenson had his work cut out for him. Greater New Haven was quickly up by two goals showing us physical and aggressive play. Nick Demontigny took advantage of a power-play by taking the puck up the ice passing to Josh Fasano, catching his rebound and laying one in the net at 3:41. This was answered about a minute later by GNH to end the first period 3-1 New Haven.

The second period belonged to Enfield! The kids finally woke up and started to play together. They were fired up and determined to silence the trash-talking GNH players! Zach Allard was on a mission--- determined to get the Eagles into the game! Anthony Poissant demonstrated some nice "D" and set Zach up for a nice wrist shot half way through the period making it 3-2. Anthony got the puck again about a minute later directing it around the net getting it back into Zach's hand as he took the puck up the ice showing us a nice deke move to "SCORE" to tie the game! **Awesome! GNH was now eating, I mean choking on their words!**

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The defensive pairs of Votta/Poissant and Kraucunas and Walsh earned their "reward" from Coach Gazdik by playing hard and protecting the net keeping GNH scoreless for 2 periods! Finally, at 10:20 the Eagles put the icing on the cake with a nice wrist shot from Josh Fasano assisted by Nick Demontigney.

GNH continued with an aggressive effort, firing on us even leaving their net open in an attempt to "save face". Scott Stevenson had some nail biting saves and our kids were determined to prevail. The honor of 'player of the game' goes to Zach Allard for his determined effort. Oh, and Mrs. Allard... you had better bring more than two dollars next time!

Squirt B Shuts Out Westfield

The Squirt B team was back on the ice Wednesday to play a non-conference game against Westfield. We traveled to their beautiful rink the Amelia Arena, one with HEAT! (What a concept!) We weren't quite sure what team showed up to play, it sure didn't seem like the same kids that played Westfield a few weeks ago, where passing and scoring was the key. Very little offense at this time.

Defense was the answer; those kids fought quite the battle. After two periods the score was 0-0. Just when it looked like the game was going to end in a scoreless tie, Zach Allard passed the puck to Reilly Higgins who then passed to Tony Colca and it was Tony who FINALLY scored with 9.9 seconds left on the clock!!! Nice job Tony! This earned him co-player of the game. This honor was shared by Scotty Stevenson, who earned his first shutout. Congratulations!

Mite "A"s End Preseason and Start Regular Season With Wins

By Steve Palmer

Our Mite A Eagles defeated South Windsor 4-1 in our last preseason warm-up.

S.W.'s goalkeeper played a key role in keeping this contest close. On the other hand, Enfield's goalkeeper Christian O'Shea displayed some brilliant plays of his own, stopping a few key rebounds in the early going. Offensively, Enfield was lead by Zach Stein (2 goals), Steven Palmer (1 goal, 1 assist) and Evan Thompson (1 goal). Assists were also recorded by Eric Cormier, Kyle Hughes and Ethan Cournoyer. Enfield out shot S.W. by an impressive 32-10 margin. Excellent defensive presence was provided by Ethan. The forecheck was bolstered by Eric and Kyle's tenacity.

After falling behind 1-0 to Wallingford in our first CHC regular season game on October 13th, the Mite A Eagles responded with four unanswered goals to record the team's first "real" win of the season. Our young Eagles out shot a talented and "stunned" Wallingford team by a 32-18 margin. Christian O'Shea was spectacular in the net. Utilizing our speed, we managed to take control of the contest 3 minutes into the second period on a beautiful end-to-end rush by team captain Steven Palmer (2 goals, 1 assist). Palmer continued his fearless leadership again late in the second with an unassisted goal to make the score 2-1. Enfield's other talented center Dillon DeRosia made it 3-1 with a high wrister to the goalie's far side, again unassisted. Tyler Watts put the game away on a great rebound goal off Palmer's left slot wrister. Our defensemen (Joey Papetti, Stephen Pernal, Brendan Flemming, Robbie Picard, Evan Thompson and Ethan Cournoyer) were extremely instrumental in helping our team record the victory. Wallingford could not establish any sort of sustained pressure in our zone due to the efforts of these young defensemen. Katie Sullivan was the team's "Janney Jersey" recipient for her great focus, effort and aggressiveness. Kyle Hughes, Matt Antonacci, Zachary Stein and Eric Cormier also contributed in this hard skating battle. Job well done boys and girl.

Mite "A"s Beat Intimidating East Haven

By Steve Palmer

The Mite A's hosted a talented and physical East Haven squad on October 14. As the coach, I had a tough time even watching the Blue Jackets warm-up in fear I'd lose hope and confidence in the tilt. Pushing their intimidating presence and skill aside, we were able to grind out an impressive and decisive 5-2 victory. The game was not pretty, but these kids took advantage of every opportunity they were able to create. This was probably one of the best and gutsiest team efforts I have witnessed as a coach. The games #1 star, Christian O'Shea recorded 30 saves. Ten of which were glove saves. After we quickly took a 2 goal lead early in the first, East Haven tried every trick they had to register a goal, only to find themselves stymied by O'Shea. Enfield's first two goals were scored by Zach Stein and Dillon DeRosia with assists credited to Steven Palmer and Stephen Pernal. Our Eagles increased the lead to 3-0 late in the second period on a nice rebound by Eric Cormier off a Palmer shot. Though East Haven quickly matched us 35 seconds later to keep the game within sight. One and a half minutes later, the aggressive Blue Jackets closed within one. The fear of letting the game slip away must have triggered our response with two quick goals of our own 18 seconds apart. Katie Sullivan scored first with a great follow up play created by a determined Cormier rush. Before the crowd even quieted, Matt Antonacci pounded DeRosia's face off shot into the back of the net for a much needed coach's relief. Joey Papetti, Stephen Pernal, Robbie Picard and Brendan Fleming along with our goaltender were defiantly the team's key players of the game. Stephen Pernal was the team's "Janney Jersey" recipient for his aggressive play on defense. Stephen consistently caught East Haven's forwards off guard with his quickness to the puck and unorthodox cross-ice pinches. The team's excitement didn't end after the final horn, they enjoyed the rest of the afternoon playing, eating and generally having fun at the team's first party. Thanks for the effort kids and never forget your ice cream with baked beans!

Team Play Earns Mite "A"s Two More Wins

By Steve Palmer

Our young Mite A Eagles rolled into Northford CT to face Greater New Haven on October 20. The kids were weary-eyed and pillow seeking for this early morning game. Despite playing a tiresome three periods, we were able to come home with a 5-4 victory. Coaches and players made a truce not to ever remember this game. It never existed... Goals were scored by Dillon DeRosia (2), Steven Palmer (2) and Zach Stein. Assists were registered to Evan Thompson, Dillon, Tyler Watts and Zach.

On Sunday, October 21 at the ETR our Mite A Eagles defeated a talented Central squad by the score 5-0. Christian O'Shea was flawless in the net registering his first shutout of the season, after blocking/stopping 17 shots. Defensively, the team was helped by Joey Papetti, Stephen Pernal, Evan Thompson (Janney jersey award winner), Brendan Fleming, Ethan Cournoyer and Robbie Picard (Janney jersey award winner). Goals were scored due to some brilliant passes. Assists were credited to Steven Palmer (3), Kyle Hughes, Tyler Watts, Katie Sullivan, Dillon DeRosia and Ethan. Goals were scored by Katie, Eric Cormier, Tyler, Kyle and Steven. The greatest thing about this game was our kids and coaches focused more on how to become a team, instead of just gaining a win. I guess they go hand in hand.