



ICE CHIPS

News and Notes

EHA Board Meeting

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 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.

Volunteer Opportunities

Writing an article for the Ice Chips covers 1 hour of volunteer time. Also, with the Thanksgiving Tournament coming up, volunteers are needed for score keeping, running the clock, greeters, and "Chuck-a-Puck". If you would like to volunteer, contact the Tournament Director, Debbie Crane at mommahockey@aol.com.

From the President

By Gator Laplante

(b) If any Team Official is guilty of any one of the following, his team shall be assessed a bench minor penalty:

- (1) Banging the boards with a stick or other instrument at any time.*
- (2) Using obscene, profane, or abusive language or abusive gestures (INCLUDING TAUNTING) to any person or using the name of any Official coupled with any vociferous remarks.*
- (3) Throwing anything into the playing area from the vicinity of the players' bench during the game or during a stoppage of play.*
- (4) Using threatening or abusive language or gestures or similar actions designed to incite an opponent into incurring a penalty.*
- (5) Interfering in any nonphysical manner with any Game Official including the Referee, Linesman, Timekeepers or Goal Judges in the performance of their duties.*

What you have just reviewed is one section out of six pages of RULE 601 from the USA Official Rules of Ice Hockey book. Every head coach was given one at the beginning of the season. The referee's job is to enforce the rules of this book to the best of her/his ability. Your job as head coach is to control your staff and players so as not to break these rules to the best of your ability. Therefore YOU CONTROL THE GAME. If the referee makes a call as she/he has interpreted it do you think that arguing with the referee will change the call that was made? In my 13 years of youth hockey I haven't seen it happen yet.

Hockey is a fast and physical game. Sometimes kids make mistakes and or do stupid things. As a head coach for the EHA you have been selected to teach our kids how to be better hockey players but I think more importantly better people.

Yes you are a teacher but for the kids not the officials. They have gone to the all day clinics, taken a closed book test, an open book test, and have read their rulebooks over and over. And, unlike you, they must do this every season!

Keep in mind that everyone has good days and bad days, every official makes good calls and bad calls, and every coach makes good decisions and bad decisions. Before you argue a call, think about the message that you are sending our children.

U-12 Lady Eagles Working Hard Sharpening Their Talons

By Kate Murray

The newly formed U-12 Girls Travel team grew closer as a team over this past weekend. For the first time this past weekend, our Ladies faced a talented Bridgewater Select team and the Northford Polar Bears. Each game ended with the opposition winning with a 4 -2 score. By the end of the weekend, the Lady Eagles had risen to a higher caliber of play. Rather than just containing, the Eagles skated out their frustration, demonstrating some of their offensive abilities.

Though Bridgewater had experience on their side, they did not rollover Enfield. The Eagles hit the ice strong during the first period. Coach Dave Rossignol stated that the game was a good learning opportunity for his young team. Overall, the Eagles maintained their defensive game to hold Bridgewater to four goals. Emily Walsh did not disappoint her fans, earning both game goals, one on a breakaway and the other with the assistance of linesman, Danielle Harris. Elyse Rossignol and Nicole Clavette played strong two-way hockey supporting their defensemen as needed.

Sunday evening, 10/28/01, found the Lady Eagles on the road to Northford to square off against the Polar Bears. The Eagles stepped up their play from the evening prior, skating hard into the corners and working through changes to lines with grace.

Though Northford earned the first goal, Enfield answered it within a minute during the first period. Emily Walsh found net on a perfectly executed rush to tie the game. At the end of the first period, the score belonged to Northford, 3 of their 4 goals were scored in the first.

The second period was Enfield's. Janelle Herrick, who took a pass from Emily Walsh and hit the net, scored the team's second goal! Nice teamwork ladies! Congratulations to Janelle on her first goal of the season. May you earn many more! Kudos go out to Sara Stewart and Lauren Little for their aggressive play during the second. Keep pushing ladies! Their efforts and those of the defensive pairings kept the Bears scoreless during the second.

The Bears closed out the game with one final goal early in the third period, but were denied any further attempts by the Lady Eagles. Elle Peck staved off two attempts, standing tall against two breakaways. Elyse Rossignol's speed allowed her to assist her team in the battle to the end. Two final attempts at the net by Emily Walsh and Ali Murray did not yield gold, but did rattle the Polar Bears defense.

Coaches Rossignol and Stewart were pleased with the level of play exhibited by the Lady Eagles. Coach Rossignol noted that "A more confident TEAM left the ice in Northford than the evening prior." Success, like defeat, melds teams into action. Who knows what the next meeting of these teams will bring? I can promise you that the Eagles loyal following will be there to bear witness!

U-12 Lady Eagles Soar Over Cape Cod's Coastline

By Kate Murray

Sunday, November 4th, found the U-12 Lady Eagles on the scenic road to Cape Cod. The Eagles successfully squared-off against the Cap Cod Waves for the second time this season. In what Head Coach Dave Rossignol proclaimed "a game of Coaching," the Lady Eagles met each new line assignment with enthusiasm and determination.

The first period rally was clearly initiated by Mary Michaud. With 6:45 remaining in the period, Mary took a pass from Ali Murray and hit the net to earn the team's first goal. That was not enough for Ms. Michaud, who followed up with her second goal with only a minute and a half remaining in the period. Undaunted by the time clock, Brianna Buchalski added her goal to the board with a scant 28 seconds remaining to the close of the first period. Way to go Brianna!

The second period found Emily Walsh in the mood to score! And score she did, on a breakaway less than two minutes into regulation play. The team's 5th goal was earned by Lauren Little off of a face-off. Welcome to the offensive line, Lauren! On to the third period...

The third period had Mary Michaud looking to the stands, wondering if there was a Bruins hat in hand. This was important, as Mary was on her way to earning a hat trick! Mary's third goal of the game came within seconds of the start of the period. Mary was assisted in her effort by defenseman, Vicky Heyse. Shortly after the Michaud/Heyse effort, Lauren Little earned the Team's 7th goal with the assistance of Siobhan Davis.

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Two minutes into the third, Ali Murray took a pass from Emily Walsh and found net to turn the score to 8-0, Enfield. With one minute remaining in the game, Siobhan Davis scored with the assistance of linesmen Lauren Little and Brianna Buchalski. The final score stood at 9-0, Enfield.

Post game, Coaches Rossignol, Gifford and Stewart were pleased with the effort of their mature players. They used these core players to set-up the strong passing game witnessed by the spectators. Coach Rossignol further noted the team's strong positional play and desire to win. Kudos to Mary Michaud and Lauren Little on their tenacity and determination! Congratulations to Eleanor Peck on her second shut-out of the season. Congratulations Lady Eagles, may you take and apply these lessons learned in future battles!

U-15 Lady Eagles Go Bear Hunting

By Carolyn DiCarlo

They singled out the Polar Bear PeeWee Team as their first victim on Saturday, beating them by a score of 3 to 0, giving Kayla Lessard her first shut out of the season. The Lady Eagles traveled to the Polar Bears den on Sunday and were definitely not welcome guests as they hammered the Polar Bear Squirt team 8 to 1.

Ashley Kaufman and Tara Walsh anchored a defense the Colorado Avalanche would be proud of while Laura Bartus gave a clinic on playing defensive forward. Chelsea Cormier, Samantha Smith, Kathryn Mullin, Jessica O'Connell, Chelsea Oulette and Kim Pizzoferrato scored their first points of the season.

Bantam "A"s Show Strong Effort in Winless Weekend

By Bill Fusick

The Bantam A team played three tough games this weekend and came away winless. Saturday the Eagles hosted the same Southeastern team that handed Enfield a 9-2 loss in the pre-season. During the first period the teams played even trading goals. Chris Fusick scores 4 minutes into the period with assists from line mates Bill McSheffery and Sam Janik. Southeastern then answers with two quick goals. A streaking Justin Grigely breaks in alone and hits the five hole after receiving a long pass from Kyle Gable. Sam Janik scores twice at the close of the period, which ends in a 4-4 tie. The Eagles offense disappeared in the second, as a strong Southeastern team dominated the remainder of play scoring six more goals. Kyle Hicks scored Enfield's final goal with a Southeastern defenseman riding on his back. The Eagles were out shot 44 to 23 for the game and suffered a 10-5 loss to a very good team.

With little time to regroup, the team left home and headed south for a night game against East Haven. The guys in the striped shirts gave new meaning to the definition of home-ice advantage, as they did everything in their power to ensure an East Haven win, but the Eagles fought back to come away with a respectable 7-7 tie. East Haven scores first, but Kyle Gable answers as he hits top shelf assisted by Chris Fusick. With Enfield trailing 3-1, Kyle Hicks scores with the helper going to Jason Materkowski to end the period. Kyle Gable scores unassisted at the start of period two. East Haven takes a short-lived lead, as Enfield's Bill McSheffery and Chris Fusick score giving the Eagles a 5-4 lead. Final period action seemed to be an endless East Haven power play as the guys in stripes removed an Enfield skater from the game and continued to fill the penalty box. Trailing 7-5 after 3 East Haven power play goals, Jonathan Sawn begins the comeback, as he is relentless scoring on his own rebound. With the clock running out, and much to the dismay of the East Haven crowd, Matt Strich slaps in a rebound assisted by Justin Grigely with 38 ticks left. Dan Duguay played a strong game as he repeatedly delivered bone-crushing hits at the blue line. The team is looking forward to the rematch up north where hockey is played 5 on 5!

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Sunday morning the team traveled to Westminster to play a strong Simsbury team. Enfield suffered a 2-1 loss that could have been ugly if not for the stellar play of goaltenders Ken Nelson and David Bord who combined for 51 saves on the game. The first period ended in a scoreless tie as Ken Nelson turned away 14 high percentage shots. David Bord relieves Ken in the 2nd with Simsbury having a two-man advantage. Spunky holds them scoreless with several fantastic saves during the power play. Simsbury finally knocks one in to end the period. Chris Fusick scores Enfield's lone goal early in the final period, but Simsbury manages to score one more for the victory.

Bantam “A”s Win Three in a Row

By Bill Fusick

There is no place like home as Saturday afternoon the Eagles registered 7-3 win against the Wallingford Hawks at ETR. During the first period the Eagles played fast and furious, out hustling a depleted Wallingford squad by scoring 4 goals in a 5-minute span. Chris Fusick and Bill McSheffery opened up the scoring with assists going to Kyle Fijalkowski, Sam Janik and Kyle Hicks. Matt Strich scores two quick goals at the close of the period all within a single shift. Derek Lata, Justin Grigely and Rob Reissig are credited with the assists. Enfield holding a big 4-0 lead and a 20-3 advantage in shots, lets the momentum swing to Wallingford, who scores 3 quick goals to get back into the game. Justin Grigely scores unassisted at the end the period. The 3rd period was all Enfield as Bill McSheffery scores two more for a hat trick. Playmaker Kyle Hick assisted on both. Play was stopped with 4 minutes left due to an injured Wallingford player and was never resumed. Enfield wishes a speedy return to the Wallingford skater.

Sunday night at So. Windsor Arena the Bantam A team swept their second weekend game with a big 8-0 win against Echo. There was no stopping Rob Reissig who picked up

two goals, scoring the first of the game and another in the 3rd period. Justin Grigely also had a big game scoring two goals. Matt Strich, Kyle Hicks, Kyle Gable and Bill McSheffery each added goals and with Jonathan Sawn, Derek Lata and Jason Materkowski picking up the assists. The defensive play of Dan Dugauy and Bryan Anderson was solid allowing Echo few scoring chances. David Bord was perfect in net collecting 22 saves on the game for the teams' first shutout of the season.

Wednesday night Enfield hosted South Windsor at ETR's third rink, SIMSBURY.

The Eagles looked lifeless first period and played as if it was just another practice night in Simsbury. South Windsor led 1-0 after the first. Coach delivered a short message between periods and the team responded with 5 goals in the second period. Scoring in the period were; Sam Janik(2), Bill McSheffery, Justin Grigely and Kyle Gable with assists going to Kyle Gable(2), Kyle Hicks, Rob Reissig, Bill McSheffery, and Chris Fusick. Enfield led 5-2 at the start of the final period. Derek Lata and Bill McSheffery close out the scoring. South Windsor scored two more but the Eagles hang on for 7-4 win.

Pee Wee “A”s Settle for Tie

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

The Pee Wee “A”s hosted Greater New Haven on Saturday, October 27th. Both teams have been involved with close games so this one would most likely be no different.

The Eagles jumped off to a 1-0 lead at the 6 minute mark with a nice shot from Matt Vozzolla off a pass from Justin Harden and Jimmy Thompson who both assisted the goal. Two minutes later Greater New Haven found the net with a shot from the point which had eyes. The first period ended tied 1 to 1.

The second period was an offensive show for both teams, while Enfield skated short handed most of the period, GNH scored quickly in the period to take a 2-1 lead. Aaron Pion tied the game soon after with a goal assisted by Nick Kapinos and Joey Fusco. Two minutes later Kapinos got the puck in open ice and short handed and scored Enfield's' third goal of the game unassisted, again within minutes GNH tied the score 3-3. With time running out in the second period Enfield took the lead with a power play goal by Nick Kapinos assisted by Matt Vozzolla and Aaron Pion. Period 2 ended with an Enfield 4-3 lead.

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Period 3 started defensively with strong showing from Mark Zabicki and Justin Harden, Andrew Caronna added to the lead with an unassisted goal and a 5-3 lead. With a two goal lead and 2 minutes left GNH called time out, pulled the goalie, and went to work. With confusion on Enfield’s’ part and a open net goal called back, GNH scored twice with 15 seconds left to tie the game, the old saying “Only good things happen if you put the puck on the net” and it did for Greater New Haven. The game ended tied 5 –5.

Pee Wee “A”s Settle for Third Consecutive Tie

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

The Pee Wee “A”s traveled to Wallingford for a late Sunday afternoon contest. Wallingford, playing their second game of the day jumped to a quick 2-0 lead before Enfield came to life. With 9 seconds left in the first period Nick Kapinos got Enfield on the board with a nice wrist shot after a pass and assist from Aaron Pion.

The second period started with Wallingford adding to their lead to make it a 3-1 game. Enfield went on a power play and Matt Vozzolo knocked one in assisted by Aaron Pion and Mark Zabicki to close the gap. Wallingford playing with a man advantage for the latter half of period 2 found the net again to take a 4-2 lead.

Enfield started to hit and fore check led by Andrew Coronna, Matt Vozzolo, and Zach Daniels thus turning the momentum, as the second period was coming to an end Nick Kapinos scored an unassisted goal to close the gap to 4-3.

Our Eagles came out strong for the third period and Andrew Corona tied the game, 4 to 4 assisted by Adam Cartier. Both teams had numerous chances to win it in the final 10 minutes but neither found the net. Game ended tied 4-4.

Pee Wee “A”s Scrimmage Westfield

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

In a non CHC game Enfield hosted Westfield Monday night, October 29th in an exhibition match. Our Eagles opened up strongly in the first period with Aaron Pion getting the first goal of the game assisted by Joe Fusco, but in keeping with the A’s season so far our Pee Wees do not like playing with a lead and gave up 2 goals in 50 seconds to give the opponents a 2-1 lead. Towards the end of the first period with Enfield on a power play Aaron Simons scored with a nice shot from a feed by Nick Kapinos and a pass from Mike Furey. Period 1 ended tied 2-2.

Period 2 was even most of the way with aggressive play from Jimmy Thompson and Matt Vozzolo along with solid goaltending from Andy Nacin, with 16 seconds left in the period and Enfield being short handed Justin Harden knocked the puck to center ice where Nick Kapinos blew by the defense to put Enfield in the lead. Great heads up play by Justin for the assist.

Period 3 opened quickly for Westfield scoring 2 goals in the first minute to give them a 4-3 lead. Our Eagles had great chances the rest of the period with over 15 shots in 10 minutes but unfortunately none found the net. The game ended with the puck in the crease and a 4-3 Westfield win.

Pee Wee “A”s Face off Against Southeastern

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

The Pee Wee “A”s traveled Sunday morning to Conn. College to face Southeastern. With further shuffling of the lines Enfield played well early and jumped out to a 1-0 lead with an unassisted goal by Nick Kapinos, Southeastern tied the game close to the end of the first period.

The second period opened up with Enfield taking penalties. After killing the first one, the last two penalties cost the Eagles the lead, Enfield looked a bit of confused on the ice and Southeastern jumped to a 3-1 lead, which they never gave up.

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Being down 2 goals our Eagles came to life towards the end of the second period. While on a power play, the Eagles, with great hustle from Aaron Pion, who, made a pass to the crease while being tackled by the defense and Nick Kapinos knocked in the puck for Enfield's second goal. Play continued strong for the Eagles with solid efforts from Adam Cartier and Tim Giguere on defense. The second period ended with our Eagles down 3-2.

With Enfield needing a goal to tie the start of the third period Southeastern took advantage of another breakdown and extended the lead shortly into the period to 4-2. Midway thru the period with a determined effort from Aaron Simons, he was able to score an unassisted goal with 6 minutes remaining to close the gap to 4-3. The momentum was shifting until Enfield again took penalties and played short handed virtually the rest of the way. Southeastern won 4-3 in another close one for the "A"s.

Pee Wee C2 Team Skates Past Greenfield

By Jeff Porcello

The Pee Wee C2 team completed the evaluation period on a high note with an emotional win over Greenfield on October 28th at the Olympia ice rink. The first score of the game came during the first period by David Newell (#8), assisted by Frank Ruggiero (#2) and Sean Duffy (#13). Greenfield answered back with a goal, but Enfield struck back quickly with another only eighteen seconds later by Frank Ruggiero with an assist by David Newell. Greenfield scored once more during the first period tying the game at 2 goals each.

The Enfield team dominated the second period. David Newell scored twice, assisted both times by Frank Ruggiero, and once from Nick Labich (#12). HAT TRICK! Congratulations David - great job! The defensemen and goalie, Jacob Nelson (#1), held

strong, even when shorthanded due to a roughing penalty. The second period ended with a fired up Enfield team ahead at 4-2.

Enfield gave up one goal in the third period. The final result was Enfield Pee Wee C2 over Greenfield by a score of 4-3. The evaluation period is over and the team is looking forward to this weekend. They will meet the Holy Name team at Blunt Park on the morning of Saturday, November 3rd. On Sunday, November 4th, they will be traveling to Greenfield. Let's hope for a repeat of last Sunday's game. The hard work during practice, and instruction from coaches Stan Malecki, Charles Nelson, and Peter Ballard, is really paying off.

Pee Wee C-2 Team Splits First 2 Games

By Jeff Porcello

The Enfield Pee Wee C2 team played their first two regular season games last weekend. On Saturday morning November 3rd, they traveled to Blunt Park to meet Holy Name for the season opener. Enfield found the back of the net quickly with an unassisted goal by their team captain, David Newell-C (#8), in the first period. Later in the first period Enfield struck again with a goal by Jeff Marek-A (#14), assisted by Matt Kulak (#18). Seconds before the first period ended, Holy Name scored their first of the game. Enfield extended their lead in the second period with another goal by David Newell-C, assisted by Nick Labich-A (#12), but Holy Name got another one, keeping it just a one goal lead. In the opening seconds of the third period, Holy Name scored again tying the game at three goals each. Midway through the final period, the game winning goal was scored by Nick Labich-A with assists by Sean Duffy (#13) and Alex Fenyo (#10)! Final score was Enfield 4, Holy Name 3, and Enfield's first win of the 2001-2 regular season! Great job guys.

Sunday November 4th, the Enfield team hit the ice in Greenfield, MA to play Franklin County. Franklin County scored the only first period goal, but the only second period goal was Enfield's. It was scored by Frank Ruggiero (#2), with the assist by Alex Fenyo (#10). The two teams then entered a penalty-filled third period. Enfield players were called for two penalties, and Franklin County for three. An Enfield goal was made by David Newell-C (#8) assisted by Nick Labich-A (#12). Unfortunately, Franklin County scored twice late in this final period, and Enfield ran out of time before they could recover. Although the final score was a 2-3 loss, the team knows they played solidly and looks forward to the next meeting with this team.

Enfield Squirt “A”s Split Over the Weekend

By Bill Bolton

On Saturday afternoon the Enfield Squirt A team squared off against the West Haven Squirt A's at the Simsbury International Skating Center. The boys came ready to play and dominated throughout the game however the results would not show. In the first period Enfield outshot West Haven 16-1 but the score remained 0-0. The second period saw more of the same with Enfield continuing to carry the play. It seemed that no matter what the Squirt A's did they could not get the puck past West Haven's goalie. Enfield had again outshot West Haven 12-4 in the second but still had not produced a goal. The third period saw the game even up somewhat with West Haven getting some great opportunities. With 4:29 left in the game West Haven broke the scoreless tie with a powerplay goal. At this point Enfield had nothing to lose and started to press offensively with all three forwards and one of the defensemen. The aggressive play would pay off with just 1:12 left in the game. Thomas Grigely dug the puck off the boards slid the puck back to a perfectly positioned Steve Alexander who turned and fired a low hard shot that blew past West Haven's goalie. Enfield had tied the score 1-1. The day however would not be Enfield's, as West Haven would score just 32 seconds later with 40 seconds left in the game to gain a 2-1 victory. The shot totals for the game were Enfield-38 and West Haven-8 but the victory was West Haven's 2-1.

On Sunday the Squirt A team traveled to the South Windsor Arena to take on the South Windsor Squirt A's. On this day Enfield would not be denied. Eric Chamberland scored an unassisted goal just 4 minutes into the game to give Enfield a 1-0 lead and just 5 minutes later Thomas Grigely would bury a rebound from a Joe Giordano shot to bring the score to 2-0. Brian Sullivan also assisted on the goal. The game went scoreless for the rest of the first period and most of second with Enfield carrying the play and outshooting South Windsor 15 to 8. With 4:25 left in the second period Jake Bolton would ice the game with a great move off another Joe Giordano rebound. Jake took the rebound off the South Windsor goalie, pulled it to his left, and lifted it into the empty net. There would be no scoring by either team in the third period with the final score being Enfield-3 and South Windsor-0.

Final shots for the game were Enfield-26 and South Windsor-13. Zach Nolan recorded his first shutout of the season. David Lloyd continues to work hard and create several scoring opportunities.

Enfield Squirt A Team Rolls to Two Big Victories

By Bill Bolton

The Enfield Squirt A's took on Simsbury's Squirt A team at the Enfield Twin Rinks on Saturday. Enfield knew they would be in for a tough game as Simsbury always fields a strong team. The game was very fast paced while both teams moved the puck well. Enfield's offense had several great scoring opportunities but was unable to score in the first period. The Squirt A's were doing a great job using their points and getting the puck to the net but at the end of the first it was a 0-0 tie. The second period saw more of the same until Brian Sullivan put Enfield in the lead. Branden Chicorka fired a quick shot from the high slot and Brian was right there to pick up the rebound and send it home. Enfield-1 Simsbury-0. It would turn out to be the game winner, as Zach Nolan would deny Simsbury throughout the rest of the game to post his second consecutive shutout. The shutout notwithstanding Eric Romeo would give Enfield a 2-0 lead with just 24 seconds left in the second period. Branden Chicorka fed the puck back to Steve Alexander at the point who then made a great move around a rushing Simsbury player and released a perfect pass to Eric Romeo. Eric rifled the puck into the top corner from the high slot and raised his hands in celebration. With no scoring in the final period Enfield would post a 2-0 victory. The team had not given up a goal in 6 periods. The big story of the game was Josh Stein. He served notice to Simsbury that if they wanted to do anything on their powerplay it would have to be through him. He single handedly frustrated both of Simsbury's powerplays never giving them a chance to setup in Enfield's zone.

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Sunday had the Enfield Squirt A team traveling swood-Oxford to take on West Hartford. The West Hartford Squirt A team had just beaten a tough Avon squad so Enfield knew they had to play their best. The opponents would take the lead first at 7:39 of the first period but not for long. Enfield would go on a scoring frenzy burying 3 pucks in the next 5 minutes. The first goal would be Branden Chicorka's from Brian Sullivan and Thomas Grigely. Eric Chamberland would score the next two with a couple of great shots. The first one assisted by Eric Romeo and the second one assisted by Joe Giordano and Derek Michaud. At the end of 1 it was Enfield-3 West Hartford-1. In the second period West Hartford would out shoot Enfield 5 to 3 scoring at 7:53 to bring the score to 3-2. The third period was extremely physical with both teams receiving multiple penalties. Enfield would be the team to capitalize on the powerplay scoring at the 7:01 mark to put the game out of reach. Joe Giordano worked the puck to the front of the net, got knocked down, and swiped the puck into the net while on his back. Final Score Enfield-4 West Hartford-2. Zach Nolan had now only allowed 2 goals in the last 3 games.

Squirt "A1"s go 3-0 for the Weekend...

By Jeff and Wiebke Simons

On Saturday (10/27) the "A1"s headed down to Cromwell for a home game against East Haven. This would be the second meeting of the season for these two teams. Enfield started the scoring first when Nick Dwyer assisted on Pete Aikins' goal at 11:25 of the 1st period. The lead did not last too long, however, when East Haven scored less than a minute later to tie the score at 1-1.

Enfield kept the pressure on the entire second period by scoring four goals although two were waived off.

Two goals counted and Enfield was up 3-1 after the second period. DJ DeGray and Kyle Dyer scored the goals. The assists were given to Matt Reda, Colin McGonigle and Mike Cherpak. Kyle Murkowicz had a strong game at defense and controlled the blue line.

Enfield added one more goal in the 3rd when it was an *All in the Family* goal. DJ DeGray scored and the assist was by his cousin Dave Cardarapoli. Final score, Enfield 4; East Haven 1. Enfield completed a season sweep against it's down state rival.

On Sunday morning the A1's headed to Newington to play Central. From the start of the game through the first period most of the action was deep in Enfield offensive zone. When Central did manage to get the puck into the neutral zone the forwards were quick to back check. When Central got the puck deep into the defensive zone our defense quickly rose to the occasion and moved the puck back up the ice. Although they had the pressure on the Central goalie the period ended with no score.

Enfield started to warm up in the 2nd period as David Cardarapoli scored with 1:44 gone in the period. Ed Dukette was credited with the assist. Both teams moved the puck up and down the ice for the remainder of the period when Mathew Simons cleared the puck up the boards, Colin McGunigle gave chase and passed to Mike Cherpak. Mike took the shot and the Central goalie made the initial save then Colin tipped the puck as it crept through the goalies pads. At the end of the 2nd period the score was Enfield 2 – Central 0.

Enfield continued to dominate the game adding two more goals in the third period. Both Colin McGunigle and DJ DeGray scored their second of the game. Scott Andrewsikas made many excellent saves, however one Central goal did find it's way into the net with only 1:06 left in the game. Ben Kapinos and Pete Aikins showed a strong effort by back checking and continuously putting pressure on the Central goalie. Final score Enfield 4 – Central 1.

The weekend's finale started only four hours after the Central game. After a quick lunch the A1's headed over swood-Oxford to play a soft West Hartford team. Fifteen seconds into the game Enfield score it's first of eight unanswered goals. First period goals were scored by Colin McGunigle, David Cardoropoli (2) and Ed Dukette. "Helpers" were given by Mike Cherpak, Matt Reda (2) and Nick Dwyer. Kyle Dyer substituted for Scott Andrewsikas in goal. While Kyle got the shutout, Scotty had the chance to skate out, and he took full advantage of playing defense by scoring a goal with a shot from the blue line. Second period goals were scored by Colin McGunigle and Steve Daddario with assists by Mike Cherpak and Scott Andrewsikas.

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The weekend's finale started only four hours after the Central game. After a quick lunch the A1's headed over to Wood-Oxford to play a soft West Hartford team. Fifteen seconds into the game Enfield score it's first of eight unanswered goals. First period goals were scored by Colin McGunigle, David Cardoropoli (2) and Ed Dukette. “Helpers” were given by Mike Cherpak, Matt Reda (2) and Nick Dwyer. Kyle Dyer substituted for Scott Andrewsikas in goal. While Kyle got the shutout, Scotty had the chance to skate out, and he took full advantage of playing defense by scoring a goal with a shot from the blue line. Second period goals were scored by Colin McGunigle and Steve Daddario with assists by Mike Cherpak and Scott Andrewsikas.

The third period scoring was rounded out by Ed Dukette with his second goal of the game with an assist from DJ DeGray and David Cardoropoli. Mathew Simons and Nick Dwyer had a strong defensive game.

Squirt “A1”s Trip-up West Haven

By Jeff and Wiebke Simons

The Squirt “A1”s kept their win streak alive beating West Haven 4-1 in Simsbury Saturday afternoon. It appeared the Eagles came off the bench at the start of the game looking a bit sluggish. While some parents might have been thinking that West Haven would be another push over victory for our guys, the game was played pretty even from the start. Stephen Daddario started the scoring for Enfield with 5:22 left in the first period. Pete Aikens worked hard for the puck, passed it to Ben Kapinos and Stephen found the back of the net for the score. The lead however, was short lived as West Haven scored with about one minute left in the period. West Haven continued to put the pressure on in the second period, but could not capitalize. Our guys were able to double up the score when DJ DeGray continued his scoring touch with assists from Dave Cardaropli and Matt Reda.

Up until the third period the refs had not used their whistles other than to call an occasion off sides or when the goalies would cover the puck. The whistle didn't even blow when Pete Aikens got whacked in the back of the helmet more than once and Mathew Simons got checked at the blue line while trying to keep the puck in the zone. Suddenly, it was like a train station, whistles blowing every minute or two. It started when Mathew Simons went to the box for tripping then Colin McGunigle followed for high-sticking. Five additional penalties were called on the Westies. At one point, Enfield had a 5 on 3. Although they could not capitalize on the opportunity the A1's kept the pressure on. Ed Dukette put up a few nice shots and Nick Dwyer always kept the puck moving up the ice. Mike Cherpak and David Cardrapoli rounded out the scoring with assists from Kyle Dyer, Colin McGunigle, DJ DeGray and Matt Reda. On to Ridgefield...

On Sunday the Squirt A1 team made the long trek to Ridgefield to play their Squirt B team. I'm not sure if it was the long ride out there or the absence of Dan DeGray in the stands or the fact that half of the team played an In-house game at 12:00, but the Eagles came up on the short side of a 3-1 score. Enfield had plenty of chances but just could not make the most of it. Matt Reda scored the lone goal when he took a shot from the goal line and the puck found its way into the net. Overall all 14 players played a great game.

Josh Fasano Celebrates His Birthday With a Hat Trick in Squirt B Tie

The Squirt B team took their game to the road, traveling across the state to beautiful Ridgefield Connecticut on October 27th.

The teams came out evenly matched battling up and down the ice. Then began the Josh Fasano Show! He drew first blood at 4:40 into the period with a nice assist coming from Nate Turner. Ridgefield scored shortly after to tie it up and then once more to end the period 2-1.

After the parent's rendition of "Happy Birthday Josh" the team was back on the ice. Josh and Nate apparently loved our singing and they rewarded us with another tag-team goal. The line mates really skated hard this period. There were beautiful attempts on goal, some nice passing and teamwork! The kids were working hard adjusting to being down one player when a Ridgefield player took out Tony Colca on a "no call" charge into the boards, leaving us now down 2 linesmen. What a great job adjusting boys! They never let up! Their goalies were outstanding, stopping the dominating offensive efforts of Reilly Higgins and Bryan Solnick. Ridgefield managed to score again in the second period to lead the Eagles 3-2.

There came a long hard fought 3rd period where our offense worked together beautifully, using their points, firing on goal and skating hard finally to be rewarded when Zach Allard passed to Nick Demontigny who passed to...none other than Josh Fasano, who scored to tie the game. Hats off to you Josh! Player of the game...the Birthday Boy...Josh Fasano. Congratulations on scoring the team's 1st hat trick. (Not bad for a kid that left his stick at home!)

Zach Allard Celebrates His Birthday With a Hat Trick in Squirt B Win

On Sunday Oct. 28 The Squirt B Eagles were back on the ice to meet up with New Milford at the ETR. The team started in their usual "1st Period" mode, a ploy to "fool" the opposing team. New Milford scored first at 6:11 to end the period 1-0.

Zach Allard would have no more! One minute into the 2nd period he took it on his own to tie the game. From that point on it was all Enfield! Defensively Andrew Votta, Anthony Poissant, Dan Kracunas and Conor Walsh did a great job keeping the puck in the Zone keeping New Milford from any more scoring opportunities.

Enfield demonstrated a scoring clinic laying in 4 more to end the period 5-1. Justin Bird started the ball rolling demonstrating that persistence pays off - hard work will be rewarded He had a beautiful assist as he set up Craig Downs for Enfield's go ahead goal 2 1/2 minutes later. There was no looking back from that point on! Credit goals to Zach Allard assisted nicely by Andrew Votta, to Nate Turner (who had an awesome game)! Assists going to Josh Fasano and Nick Demontigny. Bryan Solnick also had a solid game scoring on a nice assist from Craig Downs.

The third period was much like the second. Enfield dominated! New Milford's goalie was constantly being fired on, stopping many, credit to him for not giving up! Nate Turner scored his second goal of the game assisted by the hard work of Nick Demontigny. Then just as Mrs. Allard ran out of money for the "can of fame" Zach scored his third! Earning him his first hat trick! Hey is this a "birthday" theme? Nice job Zach and "Happy Birthday". The "team" was voted as "player of the game" for all the hard work.

Squirt B Rolls Over South Windsor

Not much to say about this game, the score says it all 13-0, advantage Enfield. The kids were able to practice their passing and executing skills with the 4 pass minimum rule. Nice job guys but don't let your guard down for some greater competition.

Games like this help us to realize the true potential of this team. They are very unselfish and they work together well. The defense is outstanding setting up their offense, even though the refs don't always credit them with their well deserved assists. We know that you guys are there for us! Scotty this shut out really counts! Congratulations!

The scoring went like this: In the first period goals to Reilly Higgins (assisted by Tony Colca), to Nick Demontigney (assisted by Josh Fasano), to Craig Downs (unassisted), to Josh Fasano (assist Nate Turner), and the last 2 of the first going to Tony Colca assisted both times by Reilly Higgins and Zach Allard.

The second period showed us goals by Josh Fasano (assisted by Nick Demontigney), by Zach Allard (unassisted) and by Craig Downs assisted by Justin Bird. Then the third brought goals by Anthony Poissant assisted by Nate Turner and Zach Allard assisted by Anthony Poissant. Next came Nick Demontigney assisted by Danny Kracunas and finally Justin Bird assisted by Craig Downs!!!!

Our "can of fame" became very heavy for Steffie Kraucunas to pass around, she needed some help from Delaney Higgins. Nice job girls! If the team keeps scoring like this you will develop some nice muscles. Player of the game was awarded to Scott for his second ,yet first official shutout.

A Hot Squirt B Team Defeats Echo

The Eagles took to the road to the "Ice Palace" (an appropriate name for a rink colder than the ETR) to play their first game of the weekend. Despite the chill the Squirt B team was HOT!!! The explosion began 30 seconds into the first period as Justin Bird and Craig Downs worked together really well to get the puck to their other linesman Bryan Solnick who scored to begin the ball of fire. Shortly after ECHO answered to tie us up...but not for long! With 2 minutes left in the period Nate Turner and Josh Fasano teamed up to get the puck to Nick Demontigney who laid one in to score the go ahead and never look back goal. Now to show us what teamwork is all about the line of Reilly Higgins, Zach Allard and Tony Colca combined as Tony scored one minute later to end the first period 3-1.

The second period brought two more Enfield goals. Reilly Higgins scored with an assist from Zach Allard and Craig Downs had a nice unassisted goal to set up a sweet third period where the kids were able to demonstrate some nice plays with very unselfish passing and great execution. Keep it up guys if you play this well now I see some great games in your future.

Period three continued in the same manner, the defense was active and successful at keeping the puck in the zone. ECHO managed to get a second goal despite our team's efforts. Andrew Votta answered with an assist credited to Craig Downs. Next came a pass from Conor Walsh to Nate Turner to Nick Demontigney who scored again for the Eagles. Now for the cherry on top Zach Allard took the pass from Reilly Higgins to finish off Echo 8-2. Hey guys we parents and relatives are going broke contributing to the "Can of Fame". We will be going to Lake Placid in style!

Justin Bird earned the honor of "player of the game" being rewarded for his hard work and effort to lead the Eagles in another VICTORY! Congratulations Justin!

Squirt C Wins 1-0 Against Amherst

What a game for the Squirt C team on Saturday, October 27th! From the first period Enfield commanded the puck. We had some excellent shots on goal by our offensive line as well as some great defensive plays.

There was no score from either side in the first two periods. The defensive line of Nolan Davis, Alex Pieper, Kevin Wezowicz, and Seth Grunert did an excellent job keeping Amherst away from the net. In the first period, our goalie, Chris D'Onofrio barely got to touch the puck!

During the second period, CJ Shefrin stopped a possible break away by the Amherst team. Chris D'Onofrio then covered the puck on a shot from the

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other team. Jake Robbins then came so close to scoring but the puck was covered by their goalie. Matt Kitchen was robbed of a goal. Jake picked up the rebound and came close but just couldn't do it. CJ Shefrin had a close one, too. Alan Filiault had a great chip shot on goal and just missed. Amherst got a tripping call but the Eagles couldn't capitalize on the penalty. Dusty Rolocut, Jake Robbins and Zackery Jourdan were all fighting for goals in the second period. We came close so many times but just couldn't get the puck in the net!

The first minute of the third period was our moment! Matt Kitchen, assisted by Dusty Rolocut, scored – finally!!! The entire period our offensive line made shot after shot on their goalie but we were held to one goal. Great shots were made by Alan, Glenn (who stole the puck from Amherst as they approached our goal!), CJ, Matt, Zack, Jake, and Dusty! Our defensive line was awesome with great saves and steals by Kevin, Alex, Nolan and Seth! They really worked when Glenn was called for a high stick penalty and didn't let Amherst score during that time. And our goalie, Chris, got to touch the puck a few times in the last period – but never let one by him! Great game guys – keep up the good work!

Goaltending Earns Mite “A”s Two More Wins

By Steve Palmer

Our mighty Mite A Eagles rolled into our home away from home, Simsbury International Skating Center, on October 27th (Steven Palmer's 9th birthday) to face a determined West Haven Blue Devils squad. Fortunately, our kids managed to squeak out a 3-1 victory in the closing moments of the tilt. Large ice surfaces seem to add confusion to these young kids minds, position-wise anyway. Just the same a win is a win, I guess... The Blue Devils scored first at the 11:06 mark of the second. Since our kids hate losing we responded with a tally of our own. Tyler Watts slammed home a nice rebound thanks to great efforts by Dillon DeRosia and Kyle Hughes. Notched at one goal a piece, Christian O'Shea kept us in the game with some brilliant saves, until we finally woke up very late in the third. Dillon scored two goals in the last minute of play to lift our team to victory. Palmer (2 assists) and Hughes assisted on these two crucial goals. Defensively, Brendan Fleming, Stephen Pernal, Robbie Picard, Joey Papetti, Evan Thompson and Ethan Cournoyer were stalwart. I'm positive a better team/game will happen when we return to the close confines of West Haven's Bennett ice rink later this season. Also, I hope the kids will never forget a tie is worse than kissing your sister, or brother in Katie's case.

Our Mite A Eagles faced a tough opponent in Avon on Sunday, October 28th. Thanks to superior goaltending by assistant captain Christian O'Shea and some timely goals we were able to finesse a 3-1 win. Avon out-shot our sluggish kids by a 17-10 margin. Goes to show how important a good goaltender is in a team being successful. Hopefully our kids will play harder next weekend and win a couple for Christian. It's only fair.

Enfield scored the first two goals of the game. Steven Palmer elevated a nice corner feed by Katie Sullivan high into the net 2 minutes into the game. Avon responded with several opportunities of their own but luck was not on their side. Six minutes later, Enfield regained their scoring touch with a pretty goal; by Zachary Stein, Defensemen Stephen Pernal made a hard rush up ice into Avon's zone where he slid the puck to center man Palmer. Steven's shot was hard and low, the goaltender managed to block it but not the rebound of a tenacious Stein. Avon scored shortly after to keep the game close at 2-1. In the middle of this wild and crazy first period, O'Shea was called upon to make a fabulous save on an Avon penalty shot. Way to go boy!!!! Enfield's Dillon DeRosia scored a spectacular goal 5 minutes into the second while playing shorthanded. Dillon received and went with a one-touch feed from Palmer and curled and whirled his way thru Avon's defense until it was only he and their goalies. His quick instincts helped him in lifting the puck short side on the stunned Avon goalkeeper. The third period was played mostly in the neutral zone. Defenses of both teams proved to difficult to penetrate. Both Stephan Pernal and Brendan Fleming were forced at the blue lines and in our zone. The team will definitely need to improve before next week's tilts. A much harder and smarter effort up front would surely bring smiles to the coaches and our lonely goaltender. Be ready.