



ICE CHIPS

News and Notes

EHA Board Meeting

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2002. 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.

U-12 Lady Eagles Challenge the Ice Breakers

By Kate Murray

On Saturday afternoon, 12/16/01, the U-12 Lady Eagles traveled to the Stamford Twin Rinks to meet a new opponent, the Darien Ice Breakers. Though the Ice Breakers won the game, 2 - 1, Enfield did not go down without a fight and out shot the Darien team 16 to 11.

It was another strong defensive showing for the young Enfield team. Eleanor Peck had another strong showing in the goal, inspiring her teammates. In fact Elle held off all attempts on the Enfield net until the end of the second period. The first Darien goal came with a scat 3 minutes remaining in the second.

Darien went on to score their second goal two minutes in to the third period. Chelsea Bolton netted the Enfield goal with 2 minutes remaining in the game. Fellow linesman, Danielle Harris, assisted her. Nice team work Lady Eagles. Welcome to the land where goals are realized, Chelsea. May you visit more often!

Post game, Coach Stewart positively re-capped the team's play in his locker room debrief. He noted that the team played assertively against a significantly larger opponent without giving measure. He praised them for their persistence and non-stop end to end play. Coach Rossignol congratulated Chelsea Bolton on her goal. In addition, he noted Danielle Harris' strong positional play as key in the final moments of play. Overall, Coach Rossignol recognized the effort put forth by Ali Murray. With three rushes and movement from defense to offensive lines within the game, Coach Rossignol was pleased with her tenacity. Coach Gifford recognized the great performance of Danielle Harris and the strong play of Sara Stewart during the physical game.

The Eagles and the Ice Breaker's are due to meet again this coming weekend. Perhaps Darien witnessed just the tip of the iceberg this past weekend. The Lady Eagles may just send Darien home in defeat this coming weekend!

U-12 Lady Eagles Earn a Shutout Against Milton

By Kate Murray

The U-12 Lady Eagles earned an early Christmas Present in Milton, MA on 12/23/01. The 23rd marked the third paring of these two teams. The third time was definitely the charm for the Lady Eagles! Enfield meticulously worked their way to a shutout!

The first period found the Eagles earning their first goal just shy of the halfway mark. No other goals were earned until the second period. The second period marked the beginning of the end for Milton. Emily Walsh was the leader in the second, with one assist and two goals. The score stood at 4 - 0 entering at the start of the third.

The third found Emily earning her second Hat trick of the season at the 8-minute mark. The period ended with a dramatically at the 19 second mark with Nicole Clavette, supported by Danielle Harris, leaping to earn the final goal. Nice move, Nicole. Nice positional play and assist, Danielle.

Post game, Coach Rossignol noted the team's good effort and hustle. Rossignol stated that the Eagles really "gelled as a team today." Other noted highlights from the coaching staff were the strong positional play and effort put forth from Kylie Gifford. As well as, the smart defensive play of Siobhan Davis and Brianna Buchalski. Welcome back to defense, Brianna!!

Of course the team's strong defensive play was anchored by goalies Peck and Holt. These two ladies shared their first shutout at Milton's expense. Elle Peck continued her - winning streak with the ease of a veteran and graciously gave way to new peer Kristi Holt. Elle's enthusiastic cheers for Kristi encouraged the entire team. Welcome to the roost, Kristi! You are in good company.

U-12 Lady Eagles Defeat Pawling

By Kate Murray

The U-12 Lady Eagles continued to win over the Holidays. The Lady Eagles defeated Pawling, NY on Saturday, 12/29/01. Newcomer, Kristi Holt, earned her first shutout in goal for the Eagles. Congratulations, Kristi! The final score was 4 - 0, Enfield.

As promised, for many a game now, Kylie Gifford started off the Enfield rally by netting her first goal of the season at the 6-minute mark in the first period. Yes, Mom was on hand and cheering in the stands. Way to go Kylie, I'll now stop asking you "when" after each game! After making a celebratory pass of the bench, Kylie continued her aggressive play for the remainder of the period! Nicole Clavette netted the team's second goal, off of a Mary Michaud deflection, with 2 minutes remaining in the first. The score was 2 - 0 entering the second period.

Pawling held the Lady Eagles off during the second. Enfield obliged, by doing the same. Though no goals were earned, it was not from a lack of trying! Jenelle Herrick and Sara Stewart repeatedly visited Pawling's goal during the second. Good pressure and effort Ladies! Way to stand tall defense!

During the third period, Mary Michaud would not be denied. Mary took the puck from Nicole Clavette off of the opening face-off and never looked back! Her goal came 10 seconds into the start of the third period. Morgan Ouellette, assisted by Chelsea Bolton earned the team's fourth and final goal. It was Morgan's first goal of the season and she celebrated with style and was cheered on by her teammates.

Post game, Coach Rossignol noted nine solid saves by Kristi Holt as one of the keys to the team's victory over Pawling. Additionally, Coach Rossignol stated that, "Jenelle Herrick made things happen" from the beginning of the game to the end. He recognized Kylie Gifford's awesome game and that of Sara Stewart. He was very pleased to see Mary Michaud playing her "typical, aggressive game and earning the results." The coaching staff recognized the outstanding performance of the defensive pairings and of young Kristi Holt. Congratulations, Lady Eagles!

U-12 Lady Eagles Earn Third Consecutive Shutout in Simsbury

By Kate Murray

The U-12 Lady Eagles are looking forward to the New Year! They closed out 2001 by earning another shutout against Simsbury on 12/30/01. The Lady Eagles did well in their first paring against league newcomers, Simsbury.

Emily Walsh scored the team's one and only goal at the end of the first period. Though the crowd of burgundy jersey's on the Simsbury net made it hard to determine from the stands, eyewitness accounts indicate that Emily pulled off a great move and wrapped the puck around to meet with net. Nice move Emmie!

During the second and third periods, Enfield attempted many a rush to Simsbury's few. The Goalie for Simsbury was talented with her glove, and that was the key to their success in the remaining periods. The shutout was shared once again by Elle Peck and Kristi Holt.

Post game, Coach Rossignol noted that the defense for the Lady Eagles played well. In particular he noted the pairing of Siobhan David and Vicki Heyse. Offensively, Mary Michaud had a strong game along with fellow linesman, Nicole Clavette. Coach Gifford noted that the line of Herrick, Ouellette and Bolton was working well together and are sure to net success in the future! Congratulation on your shutout and strong teamwork. May 2002 be your year to shine!

U-12 Lady Eagles Tie Simsbury On Home Ice

By Kate Murray

On Saturday evening, 1/5/02, the U-12 Lady Eagles played Simsbury at the Enfield Twin Rinks. Simsbury carried a deep bench of 21 players. Regardless of vast numbers of opponents, Enfield hit the ice with zeal.

The two teams came out fast during the first period. Enfield's solid defense kept Simsbury at bay until the final 2 minutes of the period. Simsbury drew the first goal, but Enfield was not deterred and looked forward to the start of the second period.

Five minutes into the second period defenseman Ali Murray rushed the puck from end to end to score Enfield's first goal of the game. This ignited center Emily Walsh. Emily broke away from the pack of Simsbury players to earn the team's second goal with 1 minute remaining in the second period. Nice moves, Emily! Simsbury was denied a final attempt on Enfield's net by Mary Michaud as she cleared the puck out of the zone with 3.6 seconds remaining in the second.

Enfield's defense dominated the third period up until the last two minutes of play. Simsbury placed one final shot on net with 2 minutes remaining in the game. Although Enfield rallied for two final attempts on Simsbury's net, with only 1.47 minutes remaining in play, the Eagles' attempts did not fly. The final score was a 2 - 2 tie.

Coach Dave Rossignol was pleased with Enfield's strong defensive lines and congratulated Ali Murray, Lauren Little, Siobhan Davis and Vicki Heyse on their games. He was pleased to note that the forward lines played equally during the game. He noted the exceptional play of Jenelle Herrick and Emily Walsh throughout the game. Defensive Coach, Gary Stewart, complimented goalies Elle Peck and Kristi Holt on solid games. Enfield has won one and now tied one against Simsbury. The next paring of these to team should prove interesting.

U-12 Lady Eagles Lady Eagles Snare the Bears in a Tie Game

By Kate Murray

The U-12 Lady Eagles tied the Northford Polar Bears in Northford on Sunday, 1/6/02. The Eagles persevered through a very physical game to tie the Polar Bears in the third period. The Bears found that they could not easily rattle the Eagles and perhaps lost some their concentration in the process.

The Bears had to work hard to score their first goal against Enfield. In fact, that goal did not come until three minutes remained in the first. Enfield's defense hit the ice ready to lift sticks and protect their net. The Enfield offensive lines back-check the Bears with ease.

On to the second where Enfield's Emily Walsh cut through a den of Bears to net the tying goal four minutes into the period. Smooth sailing for Emily! The Bears netted a second goal with 5 minutes remaining in the second. From that point on, Enfield's defense shutout the Bears.

At the end of the second period Elle Peck stepped back in the net in place of injured goalie, Kristi Holt. Inspired by Kristi's efforts, Elle stood her ground and effectively shutdown the Northford's attempts at scoring for the remainder of the game. But, Enfield was not finished. The Bears were ahead 2 -1, when defenseman Lauren Little took matters into her own hands. Five minutes remained in the Third period when Lauren's shot from the point found the net. The game was now tied, 2 -2. The tie stood as the final buzzer sounded.

After the game Coach Rossignol recognized Brianna Buchalski's efforts, stepping back into defense from the front lines. He acknowledged the strong contributions of Ali Murray, Siobhan Davis and Lauren Little on Defense. He further noted that both Goalies played well and equally during the rough, physical game. He complimented Elle Peck on her strong return to the net after Kristi's injury. Coach Stewart noted that all of the Eagles played well, lifting sticks and stopping the Bears' rushes. Offensively the coaches recognized Morgan Ouellette, Jennelle Herrick and Emily Walsh for their effort throughout the game.

Enfield GSL Bantams Crush Westfield I

By Craig Robinson

The Eagles Bantam GSL team met the Westfield I Wings at Olympia on 12/21 and came away with a 7-1 victory. Ben Quesnel who has apparently adjusted to his new stick scored the first goal less than two minutes into the first period. Mike Boice had the assist. Westfield got their only goal of the game halfway into the first period on a power play. Keith Loiselle scored towards the end of the first.

Ben Quesnel got his second goal unassisted at the beginning of the first period. A minute later on a 3 on 2 rush Nick Kozaczka scores off a well placed pass in front of the net by Chris Robinson with second assist to Keith Loiselle. That is shortly followed by an excellent shot and goal by Keith Loiselle who was assisted by Craig Lamond and Mike Watson. At 4:47 Westfield had one of its only breakaways but Eagles Offense Craig Lamond in a great play sprinted back and managed to reach out and lift the Westfield skaters stick preventing the shot.

Third period Mike Boice gets a goal assisted by Ben Quesnel. Craig Lamond gets the last goal unassisted. Enfield won 7-1. Although Eagle retaliatory penalties were down there were still far too many careless open ice penalties by the Enfield team.

GSL Bantams Have Narrow Loss To Tri-City

By Craig Robinson

On December 22nd the Eagles played a hard fought game with Tri-City known for its illegal physical play only to come up short in a 2-1 loss. While Enfield kept the retaliation down to a minimum the team still had too many penalties. This game also found the teams star Offenseman Mike Boice making the adjustment to playing defense. Much of the first period was spent in the Enfield zone as Eagles Goaltender Mike Mamunes made one outstanding save after another. Defensemen Mike Watson and Tony Nelson spent time in the penalty box leaving the team shorthanded on the ice.

Second period it was Defenseman Nate LaPlante's turn in the penalty box. Despite excellent defensive effort by Mike Lajoie and Mike Boice the Tri-City got a shot off and a goal with only 8 seconds left on the penalty.

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Center Ben Quesnel flanked by Nick Kozaczka and Chris Robinson came back with an incredible offensive drive. Nick got the shot off but it was saved by the Tri-City goalie. Half way through the second period Tri-City got its first penalty but Enfield could not convert. With both teams back at full strength Rick Cousineau, Nick and Chris pushed hard into the attack zone. But again no goal. The remainder of the second period was dominated by Tri-City. They got their second goal of the game and forced Goaltender Mamunes to make several more incredible saves. The Eagles had trouble breaking out of their own zone when they had the puck. The lack of practice ice time clearly showed in this period.

Less than one minute into the 3rd period Craig Lamond gets a breakaway shot off a pass from Mike Boice and puts Enfield on the boards. Despite an effort by many players to avoid the penalties (for example Boice holding Watson back to prevent a retaliatory) Enfield wound up with 2 men in the penalty box and not much chance to turn the game around. The closest chance Enfield had for a goal was a powerful slap shot by Mike Boice from the center line right into the goalie's glove. This is a game Enfield could have and should have won.

Determined GSL Bantam Eagles Tie Holy Name

By Craig Robinson

The Eagles game with Holy Name on December 29th at Olympia was one that had the team's fans on their feet. Holy Name had beaten Enfield in both previous match-ups with the last score a lopsided 5-2. Going into this game Holy Name was tied for the top spot in the division with Westfield II. Since their last meeting the Eagles had lost several of its best skaters and a goalie to either high schools or the other Enfield Bantam B team. To make matters worse the Association had expected the two Bantam B teams to collapse into one after high school selection and had not scheduled practice ice time for the GSL team. So the team only had a couple hastily scheduled practices in the last month. Head Coach Jim Nasuta has been attempting to share practice ice with other teams at reasonable hours. To make matters worse Enfield had only 10 team members show up for this game; Holy Name had a full bench of 22.

While Holy Name showed it's well practiced passing skills and plays in the 1st period the Eagles played with more heart and true grit. Enfield was winning the battles along the boards. Holy Name was unable to take many quality shots on goal as Enfield controlled the puck in the attack zone. Ben Quesnel kept the HN Goalie busy with a couple breakaway shots. With about 4:30 left in the 1st period Ben took the puck in close to the HN net and made an excellent centering shot to Keith Loiselle who's shot was stopped. Ben got another quick shot off which was also saved. At 2:45 Mike Watson made an awesome defensive play, which led to another offensive drive into the attack zone. A minute later still set up in the HN zone Watson took a powerful shot on goal, which was stopped by the goalie. Mike Lajoie led an offensive charge late in the first period. It ended with no score. Penalties were even at two apiece.

Enfield was on the offense for the first solid minute but then HN cleared the puck out past the blue line. A pass back to Defenseman Tony Nelson was intercepted leading to one of the few HN breakaways in the game but Enfield Goaltender Mike Mamunes made an excellent save. But this shifted the momentum of the game as Holy Name remained in Enfield's zone. With Enfield at full strength they were able to clear the puck down to the other end of the ice. Chris Robinson outraced two HN skaters to touch the puck first and avoid an icing call. But with no one close behind HN regained control and brought the puck back down the ice. Mike Lajoie, Mike Watson, and Tony Nelson all put in a great defensive effort at different times battling for the puck behind our net and along the boards. Both teams alternately skated the puck to each other's ends of the ice. Enfield's tenacity and true grit paid off as Mike Boice got the first goal with 1:36 left in the second period. He was assisted by Tony Nelson and Chris Robinson. Holy Name not used to being down 1 zip in the end of the second period came on strong. Trying to slow down their onslaught both Mike Watson and Tony Nelson got called on penalties. With two men in the box and very tired Enfield skaters Holy Name scored with 8 seconds left in the period.

Enfield continued to play into the 3rd period with determination despite legs like rubber. A shot off the face off by Ben Quesnel resulted in a surprise goal for Enfield as the Eagles again took the lead. A defensive penalty a minute later resulted in a power play goal by Holy Name at 8:54 in the 3rd period. An offensive push by Enfield resulted in a mighty slap shot by Mike Boice on net but no goal.

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With three additional penalty calls against Enfield in the period after that and none against Holy Name the exhausted Eagles had few offensive opportunities. As the clock ran down the Eagles cleared one puck after another from their zone and Mike Mamunes made several quality saves that left the game a 2-2 tie that may have knocked Holy Name into second in the standings. It should be noted that Rick Cousineau, Keith Loiselle, and Nick Kozaczka made significant contributions to the offensive line, which kept Enfield in Holy Name's zone much of the game. If this team can play its future games with this much heart, get some practice ice time and trim some unnecessary penalties it can be the #1 team in the division.

GSL Bantams Have Tough Loss to Greenfield

By Craig Robinson

The Bantams faced off with Greenfield at Olympia arena on 12/30. The first half of period both teams were able to alternatively mount offensive drives down the ice. With 3:37 left Greenfield gets a major for hitting from behind. On the power play Ryan Holloway, Keith Loiselle and Chris Robinson worked the puck down the ice. Keith got a nice shot off a centering pass from Chris but it was blocked by the Greenfield goalie. Greenfield then took control of the puck worked it into the Enfield zone, shot and scored. Another notable play in the first period was the perfect set up pass made by the teams star center Ben Quesnal to Rick Cousineau. Rick's shot was unfortunately smothered by the goalie.

With a little over a minute into the 2nd period Greenfield got their second goal. Things looked bleak until 30 seconds later Defenseman Mike Boice made a perfect pass to Rick Cousineau in the neutral zone who was along the boards. Rick put on an incredible drive deftly skating around three Greenfield skaters passes to Ben Quesnal in front of the net who shoots and scores. Less

than 30 seconds later Ben Quesnal showed his skating skill on a 1 on 0 breakaway. Unfortunately the goalie got lucky and blocked his shot. The Enfield team still energized Mike Boice again passes to Rick Cousineau who made a drive on net and scored Enfield's second goal with a wrist shot to the upper right hand corner of the net at 9:14. Less than two minutes later do to a puck turnover Goalie Brandon Brown made a great save on a 1 on 0. Ben Q. later in the period got another breakaway opportunity but was denied a goal by the Greenfield goalie. While Enfield controlled the puck and out shot Greenfield in the 2nd period it was Greenfield that got the next goal with 3:15 to go in the period. Enfield did not give up as right after they came back with two quick shots: one by Nick Kozaczka and the other by Mike Boice. Enfield battled to the end of the period when on a three man rush Ben Quesnal got off a wrist shot as the buzzer sounded.

Enfield started the 3rd period determined to get the next goal. Keith Loiselle made a perfect centering pass to Ryan Holloway but his shot on net was stopped by the goalie. Greenfield managed to make the next drive on the Enfield goal pay off as the next shot got through the 5 hole of Goalie Mike Mamunes. He redeemed himself at 5:42 with a great glove save from a fiery slap shot. Enfield didn't quit but despite their effort Greenfield got the final goal at 3:15. Penalties can't be blamed for this loss as Enfield did an excellent job staying out of the box. Enfield had several good shots on net but not the luck to get the goals. Some games we got it - and some we don't.

Goalie Brandon Brown announced in the locker room this was his last game so he could better focus on his High School wrestling. He will be remembered by the team for the near perfect game he played allowing Enfield to be the first team to defeat the #1 Westfield Wings. Good Luck Brandon.

Enfield GSL Bantam Game With Westfield Suspended

By Craig Robinson

The Eagles got their first opportunity to try the ice at the newly constructed Amelia Arena in Westfield, MA in a game against the Wings II team on January 6th. The place is incredible from its gas fireplace in the lobby, to its spacious locker rooms and its comfortable molded seats in the stands.

Both teams struggled to get the puck into the other's zone for the first 4 minutes of play when Westfield finally got off a nice wrist shot but Mike Mamunes made a nicer glove save. A trailing Westfield offense whacked him with a stick after the play to rattle him. Tony Nelson took exception and both teams got a man in the penalty box. Thirty seconds later the Wings made another push down the ice. Defenseman Mike Lajoie knocked the puck away in the corner but Westfield regained it. A clean check from Lajoie caused Westfield to turn over the puck only to regain it in the neutral zone. Mamunes makes another great save at 7:07. About a minute later with some nice passing back and forth Craig Lamonde and Mike Boice work the puck down the ice. Boice took a slap shot on net that was blocked by the goalie. But Westfield came right back and scored the first goal of the game. Later in the period with Boice in the penalty box the Eagles had a tough time clearing their zone. With 2 minutes left Westfield got a penalty and it was even strength. Fifteen seconds later Westfield got another penalty. (Enfield clearly had no complaint with the refs at this game.) Unfortunately Enfield could not convert even with a two man advantage. (Offensive players Ben Quesnal and Chris Robinson were on the disabled list due to flu.)

In the second period Westfield continued to get called on penalties but the Eagles were unable to take advantage. At 9:50 Westfield scored a short-handed goal. Less than a minute later Westfield intercepted a pass from an Eagles defenseman in the neutral zone got a break away and scored. Four minutes into the second period saw 3 Westfield players in the box due to a major and a minor penalty. But again even with a two-man advantage the Wings managed to get shots off on the Eagles goal. At 7:17 Westfield took out Defensemen Nate LaPlante

behind the Enfield net and Mike Lajoie in the corner. Both hits reverberated throughout the rink. The Westfield player that hit Nate got a double boarding penalty. Nate was driven into the boards head first. We held our breath waiting for him to get off the ice but he didn't move. Finally the ambulance was called and he was taken to Noble Hospital. I spoke to his Mom that night who said that after several hours of tests and evaluation it was determined he suffered no serious spinal or head injury and could be back on the ice after a few days of rest. This is why your coaches repeatedly tell you to always keep your head upright when you play hockey. Medical experts suggest that ducking or putting your head down by tucking your head to your chest results in far greater spinal cord neck injuries.

The game was suspended so the refs and coaches agreed there would be a rematch.

Pee Wee "A"'s Host Yale

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

At the warm and balmy International Skate Center in Simsbury where the ice was soft for the entire game with slush in the corners even in the third period the game played ugly like the ice. With little resemblance of offense from either team, period 1 ended with no score.

Period 2 played the same way scoreless, but with 8 seconds left, Matt Vozzolo cleaned up in front of the net to give Enfield a 1-0 lead, Andrew Caronna assisted the goal.

In period 3 Matt found the net again to give Enfield a 2-0 lead, the goal was assisted by Jeff Harris and Aaron Simons. Yale scored a late goal to close the gap to a 2-1 ending score.

Pee Wee "A"'s Lose Shootout at South Windsor

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

In a game where there were 20 goals, 12 penalties and blue lines that became invisible where does one start. Most of the team arrived early at South Windsor to sharpen skates, buy equipment or just be early, it seemed to mean something on this day.

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Enfield opened up fast and early peppering the goalie and giving our goalie Nate Allard a chance to get acquainted to the Pee Wee A's. Zach Daniels scored first with assists from Aaron Simons and Justin Harden, then came Tim Giguere scorching slap shot to give Enfield a 2-0 lead, Matt Vozzolo found Tim open for the assist. Off an Adam Cartier shot Nick Kapinos knocked in Enfield's third goal and then Nick found Matt Vozzolo open for Enfield's fourth goal. In 6 minutes Enfield built a 4-0 lead, but there was always South Windsor's ability to skate around people. South Windsor added a goal late and period 1 ended with a 4-1 Enfield lead.

Enfield quickly added their fifth goal as Zach Daniels found the rebound and a 5-1 lead, the assists went to Aaron Simons and Mike Furey on the play. All along our Eagles were doing this offensively without taking the body in their own zone. The hometown advantage started to take shape and Enfield started their rotation in the penalty box, in the next 6 minutes Enfield, being short handed, allowed South Windsor to basically skate around our Pee Wee's and SW scored 6 unanswered goals to take a 7-5 lead. But, we were far from over as period 2 ended with a 7-5 South Windsor lead. Matt Vozzolo, with just pure effort on his part cut the deficit to 8-6 with an unassisted goal, shortly after Nick Kapinos cleaned up a rebound to get Enfield to 1, Matt Vozzolo and Andrew Caronna assisted the goal. The next shift Andrew found Nick with a nice pass to tie the game at 8 to 8, but this defensive battle was not over yet nor the hometown advantage. South Windsor answered to take a 9-8 lead with 2 minutes remaining. Andrew Caronna, after nice passes from Adam Cartier and Nick Kapinos tied the game for Enfield again at 9-9 with 1 minute left.

After winning the face off at center ice Enfield's inability to dump the puck caused a neutral zone turnover and a 3 on 1 odd man rush. While being offside by yards and the hometown advantage once again South Windsor easily scored, then added an open netter to make the finale score of 11-9, in what was one of the most exciting games seen this season.

Pee Wee “A”s Make Quick Work of Northern

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

Our Eagles hosted the Northern Black Bears at Simsbury during a midweek face-off. Andrew Caronna off a pass from Nick Kapinos put the Eagles quickly on the board. While Zach Daniels added Enfield's second goal, which was assisted by Jeff Harris and Matt Vozzolo. Within minutes Nick Kapinos scored assisted by Jimmy Thompson and Andrew Caronna. To close out the first Aaron Simons scored assisted by Adam Cartier and Mike Furey. Period one ended with a 4-0 Enfield lead.

Period 2 opened up with Adam Cartier carrying the puck end to end for an unassisted goal to build a 5-0 lead. Jimmy Thompson scored assisted by Andrew Caronna for the sixth goal. Northern added a goal in the second but the game was all but over. Andy Nacin played well in goal while Tim Giguere, Mark Zabicki, and Justin Harden anchored the defense in a 6-1 Enfield win.

Pee Wee “A”s Travel to Greater New Haven

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

After remembering their first meeting of the year, which resulted in a disappointing tie, our Pee Wees traveled to Northford for a late night pre Christmas rematch.

GNH jumped out to a 1-0 lead after our Eagle's dominated play at the outset, but at the 4 minute mark, Tim Giguere knocked the puck out to center ice off the boards to a cutting Nick Kapinos and went one on one with the goalie who lost, and the game was tied 1-1. Enfield took the lead shorthanded as the defense sent the puck out of the zone to Nick Kapinos who scored for a 2-1 lead. Enfield added to their lead as Aaron Simons found a crashing Joe Fusco in full stride at the net with one of the nicest plays of the year to give Enfield a 3-1 lead. Within 20 seconds Nick Kapinos found Jeff Harris in front of the net and Jeff buried it to give our Eagles a 4-1 lead. Enfield scored their fifth goal as Jeff Harris cleaned up in front of the net to score, Aaron Pion and Matt Vozzolo assisted the goal. But let's not make it easy. Our Eagles apparently felt a 4-goal lead was good enough and decided not to skate over the next 14 minutes allowing GNH to skate around them to score 3 goals and close the gap to 5-4. Big thanks to Andy Nacin in goal who stood on his head refusing to give up the tying goal at the end, while Nick Kapinos found the empty net with seconds remaining assisted by Adam Cartier to give Enfield their 6-4 win and a nice ride home to celebrate Christmas.

Pee Wee B2s Finish Runner-up in Simsbury Holiday Tournament

By David Orszulak

The EHA Pee Wee B2 team battled hard but came up just short, losing 5 - 4 to host Simsbury in the championship game of the Simsbury Holiday Tournament.

The Eagles were trailing 5 - 2 late in the third before mounting a furious comeback on goals by Jordan Knightly (from Ben Broadhurst) and Brian Buchalski (from Kyle Houlihan and Matt Poremba), the last coming with just 42 seconds left. As the Eagles scrambled to pull goaltender Eric Nasuta for the extra attacker, Simsbury frantically held on to win the championship. Other goal scorers for EHA were Poremba (from Zach Lavender and Nick Goulet) and Knightly (from Eric Rubin and Tyler Orszulak). Unfortunately the Eagles were not able to avenge an opening game loss at the hands of Simsbury, 3 - 0, and were also hampered by having played and won a morning GSL game against a tough Ludlow squad that clearly drained a lot of energy and emotion from these Eagles.

Following the opening game 3 - 0 loss to Simsbury, the Eagles came back strong in game 2 against the Storrs Cyclones. Ben Broadhurst opened the scoring early in the first, with the assist going to Zach Lavender. Early in the second, defenseman Brian Buchalski continued his offensive surge banging in a rebound of a Broadhurst shot to stake the Eagles to a 2 - 0 lead. Later in the second, Matt Poremba was sent in alone off a feed from Kyle Houlihan and Eric Cournoyer for a 3 - 0 lead. The Eagles would cruise from there as Zach Lavender (from Nick Goulet and Eric Rubin) and Jordan Knightly (from Poremba) closed out the scoring for a 5 - 0 win. Goaltender Eric Nasuta was solid in the nets for the Eagles, earning his second shutout of the season.

All that stood between the Eagles earning a spot in the championship game, and a rematch with host Simsbury, was a Northern team who thus far in the tournament were 0-1-1 while the Eagles were 1-1-0. Nevertheless, the Eagles had to beat Northern to guarantee a slot in the championship. This one was dominated early and often by the Eagles as Ben Broadhurst recorded the team's first hat trick of the season while also adding and assist for a four point game, and Tyler Orszulak had 2 goals and an assist to lead the Eagles to a 8 - 0 win. Other goal scorers were Zach Lavender (plus an assist), Matt Poremba (plus an assist), and Jordan Knightly (plus two assists); while assist getters were Kyle Houlihan (2), Brian Buchalski, Eric Cournoyer (2), Nick Goulet, Eric Rubin, and Andrew Pantuosco. Eric Nasuta continued his solid play in net recording his second straight shutout and third overall.

Pee Wee B2s Upset Strong Ludlow Squad

By David Orszulak

In what was easily their most workmanlike and impressive win of the season, the EHA Pee Wee B2s upset a bigger and more talented team from Ludlow 4 - 3 in a Greater Springfield League game. The last time these two teams met, Ludlow swarmed all over the Eagles with their size and talent en route to an easy 7 - 2 win. This time, the Eagles seemed to capitalize on the momentum they had built over the last two days in the Simsbury Holiday Tournament by playing disciplined and inspired hockey in a game in which, remarkably, they never trailed. Newly appointed captain Ben Broadhurst opened the scoring with just 27 seconds left in the first, assisted by Nick Goulet and Drew Thompson. After Ludlow tied the score in the second, the Eagles went up 3 - 1 on Broadhurst's second (from Andrew Pantuosco) and then a breakaway goal by Matt Poremba, set up nicely by Jordan Knightly and Kyle Houlihan. But Ludlow came storming back in the third with two goals in two minutes to tie the score at 3, making it seem as though this one would get away from the Eagles. However some huge goaltending by Eric Nasuta down the stretch, combined with an equally huge game winning goal by Knightly from assistant captain Zach Lavender, propelled the Eagles to the 4 - 3 upset win over Ludlow.

Enfield Squirt A Team Splits over the Weekend

By Bill Bolton

The Enfield Eagle Squirt A team was dealt a big blow this week. One of their star defensemen went down with an injury. Matthew Cartier who is leading the team in plus/minus this season broke his left wrist. The early prognosis is that he will be out for 4 to 6 weeks. Going into Saturday night's game against Ridgefield the coaching staff knew it would be a different game. Enfield had beaten Ridgefield earlier this season 3-0 but it was a tough battle. Ridgefield, being a perennial force in CHC, did not take kindly to the loss. So the grudge match this Saturday night at Cromwell turned out to be quite a game. Enfield went with just 3 defensemen leaving their forward lines intact. The game started out with both teams pressing with their aggressive forwards. After several opportunities on both sides of the puck it was Ridgefield who would succeed first. At 5:24 of the first period a Ridgefield defenseman took a long shot from the blue line area along the boards. With 3 to 4 players in front of Zach Nolan he never saw the puck and it found its way home. Ridgefield had taken the lead 1-0. The game continued with Ridgefield showing a lot of speed and determination. Just about a full period later Ridgefield scored again. The opponents were now up 2-0. Between the second and third periods the Enfield boys decided it was time to reach inside and pull out some of the tenacity that's made them a top-flight team this year. Within the first 3 minutes of the third period Enfield's leading defenseman scorer, Eric Chamberland, had tied the score. The goals came just 61 seconds apart at 10:04 and 9:03 respectively. Both goals were unassisted high shots from the point. The heartbreaker however would come just 11 seconds later. Right off the center ice face-off Ridgefield moved through the neutral zone broke in on a 2-1 and took the lead for good 3-2. Over the last 8 minutes of the third period Enfield did everything it could to tie the score including a Joe Giordano point blank shot that hit the post but was unable to do so. With 1 minute left in the game Enfield pulled the goalie and controlled the play but was still unable to salvage a tie. A great game in every aspect but Ridgefield was to be the victors on this day. Final Score: Ridgefield-3 Enfield-2.

On Sunday afternoon in Stamford Connecticut it would be the Stamford Squirt A Sharks who would have to pay the price for Enfield's tough loss the day before. Enfield decided in this game that they would go with 4 defensemen moving Brian Sullivan back from his forward position. Brian had called head coach Bill Bolton right after he heard about Matthew's injury and offered to play defense. Brian had been an A level defenseman two years ago and gladly offered his services. This would also have an impact on Enfield scoring punch, as Brian was one of the top 3 scorers on the team. Having 4 strong defensemen and the offense looking for redemption from yesterday's loss added up to bad news for the Stamford team. Branden Chicorka, the team's captain, knew the team would be weaker offensively and took the offense on his shoulders. In short he dominated the game scoring 4 goals and adding 2 assists. At one point Branden came down on one of Stamford's defensemen, made a couple of his patented moves and sent the defenseman flying without even touching him. He then walked in and scored his 4th goal of the game. Thomas Grigely and David Lloyd also added goals both coming of feeds from Branden. Other assists in the game went to Jake Bolton (2), Eric Chamberland (2), Brian Sullivan, and Joshua Stein. Brian, by the way, played brilliantly on defense. Final Score: Enfield-6 Stamford-1. At this point Enfield stands at 16-4-1 in CHC with a 1.000 goals against.

Enfield Squirt A Team Beats Top Ranked East Haven

By Bill Bolton

Our Enfield Eagle Squirt A team hosted the top ranked East Haven Squirt A's on Saturday night at Cromwell. This would be the only game of the weekend leading into the Christmas break, but it was a big one. Enfield by now was considered one of Connecticut's powerhouse teams but East Haven had dealt them one of their rare losses (2-1) earlier this season. East Haven entered the game with only 1 CHC loss and 5 ties. If Enfield could skate to victory they would be able to stake the claim of being the top team in Connecticut. The game began at an extremely fast pace. Both teams moved the puck well through the neutral zone but were unable to generate any strong scoring opportunities. The first period ended scoreless with both teams having played exceptionally well. Enfield had the shot advantage in the period 4-1.

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The second period continued in the same fashion. Each time it looked like one of the teams was about to take control, the other team would strike back and gain the edge. At 7:27 of the second period it was East Haven who would break onto the scoreboard. By the end of the second period Enfield had out shot a strong East Haven team 8-3 but were losing 1-0. The Enfield coaching staff decided that nothing needed to be adjusted for the third period. The troops were told to keep playing just the way they had been and the game would eventually go their way. Enfield continued to play aggressively and was beginning to gain control of the play. At 9:05 of the period Enfield would finally tie the score. Branden Chicorka raced to the left side of the net and spotted Josh Stein out front ready for a pass. Branden fired the puck to Josh who one-timed it just inside the far post. Enfield had tied the score! At this point Enfield picked up the play even more. Just 1 minute and 9 seconds later Enfield would take the lead for good. Joe Giordano lifted a rifle past the East Haven goalie on a great setup play by Thomas Grigely and Brian Sullivan. Enfield was up 2-1. With just 7:56 left in the game Enfield let their strong defensive core take over and ensure the victory. Final shots on net were Enfield-12 and East Haven-6. This game was fast and physical throughout with Enfield bringing home a huge victory. Enfield CHC record now stands at 17-4-1.

Enfield Squirt A Team Wins Championship in Christmas Tournament

By Bill Bolton

The Enfield Eagle Squirt A's participated in Simsbury's annual Christmas Tournament over the Christmas break. Opponents in the tournament would be Simsbury, South Windsor, Millbrook New York, and Albany New York. Enfield started out strong beating the host Simsbury Squirt A team 5-0 on Wednesday the 26th. Eric Chamberland, Joe Giordano, Zach Chmelowski, Derek Michaud, and Jake Bolton scored Enfield's goals. The assists went to Branden Chicorka, Brian Sullivan, and Joe Giordano. On the following day, Thursday the 27th, Enfield had to play two games. The first one was at a COLD Simsbury Farms rink against the Millbrook New York team. Enfield came out flat and over confident in this one and paid the price. Even though our boys were by far the most talented team they allowed Millbrook to constantly gain control of the puck and beat them in the corners. By the end of the second period Enfield had only out shot a weaker Millbrook team by 15-11 and the score was tied 1-1. The goal was an unassisted beauty by Branden Chicorka at 6:44 of the second period. Enfield would finally turn up the heat in the third and take the lead 2-1. The goal was another great shot by Branden Chicorka with the assist going to David Lloyd. Just 26 seconds later however Millbrook would tie the score at 2-2. At this point Enfield tried to gain some semblance of control in a game that should have been over long ago. With just 1:37 left in the game the final dagger was driven home. A Millbrook player lifted a tricky shot from outside the blue line that found it's way past a shocked Zach Nolan giving Millbrook the lead for good 3-2. Enfield had out shot the opponents 16-2 in the third period and 31-13 overall but had lost 3-2. From that point on Enfield was driven to show the tournament attendees that their loss was a fluke. Enfield would not give up another goal for the rest of the tournament and served notice that the tournament was rightfully theirs. The first of the two victims was South Windsor, who they beat 3-0 that afternoon, on goals from Brian Sullivan, Jake Bolton, and Eric Chamberland. Branden Chicorka (2) and Zach Chmelowski had the assists. The second and final victim was the Albany Storm in the championship game on Saturday. Albany had beaten the Millbrook team 5-2 and Enfield entered the game to prove a point. They won the game 2-0 out shooting Albany 19-11 without giving up any legitimate scoring opportunities. The goals went to Derek Michaud (unassisted) and Eric Chamberland from Brian Sullivan. In the end Enfield had scored 12 goals and given up only 3. Zach Nolan posted 3 shutouts in the tournament and the Enfield Eagles were the Champions.

Enfield Squirt A Team Crushes Avon on the Road

By Bill Bolton

The Enfield Eagle Squirt A team played Friday night at Avon Old Farms against a determined Avon squad. Earlier this season Avon traveled to the Enfield Twin Rinks and lost a close 2-1 battle to our Eagles. That game was a big win for Enfield as the Squirt A's had not beaten the Avon A team in years. From that date forward Avon circled this return game on their schedule and promised that the results would be different. With memories of losing to Avon 14-0 and 14-1 in the past, the Enfield boys brought the house down in Avon. Right from the start of the game it was clear that Avon would not receive redemption on this day. Enfield dominated the game right from the start. Their hard work paid off just 2:23 into the game when David Lloyd pulled out a rebound, moved to his right, and fired the puck into the top right corner off the net to give Enfield a 1-0 lead. Just 90 seconds later Thomas Grigely would bury a Matt Cartier rebound and give Enfield a 2-0 lead. Then 28 seconds later, on the same shift, Thomas would again drive a rebound home after a blistering shot from by Eric Chamberland from the right point. The rest of the period continued at this pace but ended with no more scoring. The scoreboard at this point was showing Enfield-3 and Avon-0 with Avon only managing one shot on net. Early in the second period Avon began to bare down to try and make this one a game. The first 8 minutes of the period went scoreless with Avon beginning to gain some momentum. That is until Jake Bolton decided to put the game away for good. At 8:17 of the period Jake received a great feed from Joe Giordano and Matt Cartier. He moved through neutral ice, head faked the final defenseman, raced in alone, deked the goalie to his right, and slid the puck into the short side. Then with just 17 seconds left in the period Jake would strike again. After getting a great breakout pass from Eric Chamberland, Joe Giordano spotted Jake high in the neutral zone. Joe released a strong pass that Jake handled on the fly and again headed in alone on the net. He faked the goalie to his knees and buried the puck. The score at the end of two: Enfield-5 Avon-0. The third period continued to tell the same story. Enfield's Branden Chicorka whistled two point blank shots past the net. Both shots were sure

goals and just moments later at 2:27 of the period he finally hit home to give Enfield an insurmountable six goal lead. The assist went to Thomas Grigely. Brian Sullivan, joining Thomas and Jake, also had a back-to-back scoring performance of his own scoring at 5:35 (unassisted) and 9:28 (from Jake Bolton and Branden Chicorka) of the third to make the final score an impressive 8-0. This game now gives Zach Nolan 14 shutouts overall this season!

On Sunday the Squirt A team traveled to Cromwell for another one of their "long distance" home games. This one would be against the ECHO squirt A team. Echo had also proven to be a top team this season with only 3 losses against 19 wins. One of those losses however was to Enfield 3-1. This game however turned out to be a different story. The game was very fast paced, probably the fastest game of the year for both teams. Each team implemented an aggressive fore check with enough team speed to effectively also pick up the back check. The game however was mired in penalties. The referees decided early on that this would not be a physical game and called a total of 15 penalties. Consequently although the game continued at a torrid pace neither team could gain any sustained pressure. Even with Enfield successfully killing off all of their short-handed situations, Echo would go home with the victory today 2-0. This one could have easily been a 0-0 tie but sometimes in this sport the bounce of the puck determines the out come. The loss broke a 23 game streak for Enfield in which they had not been shutout in CHC competition.

Squirt "A1's" Split A Pair

The Squirt A-1's hosted New Milford's A team Saturday morning, the Eagles David Cardoropoli scored first assisted by Kyle Dyer and Nick Dwyer. In the second Nick Dwyer scored assisted by his defensive partner Matt Simons and Ben Kapinos. New Milford scored late to make it 2-1 after 2. In the third the A-1's DJ DeGray assisted by Collin McGunigle put the Eagles up 3-1. New Milford answered late in the period with 3 goals and won it 4-3.

Saturday afternoon Echo's A-1 came to town. The Eagles still feeling the effects of the morning loss came out slow and Echo jumped out to an early 1-0 lead. Two minutes later Ben Kapinos scores unassisted to tie the game at 1. In the second the Eagles came out working hard and added 2 more goals. One by Collin McGunigle and the other by Pete Aikens, assists earned by DJ DeGray, Pete Aikens and Stephen Daddario. In the third up by two goals the Eagles came out hard after learning no lead is safe in the morning loss and Mike Cherpak added another, assisted by DJ DeGray and Collin McGunigle for a 4-1 victory.

Squirt “A1”s Sweep Through Simsbury Tournament To Take Championship

The Eagles started off with host Simsbury DJ DeGray scored first unassisted for the 1-0 lead, Simsbury came back to tie it 1-1 then with 24 seconds left in the first Collin McGunigle scored for the 2-1 lead after one assisted by Ed Dukette. Both teams played solid defense and after two it was still Enfield up 2-1. Mike Cherpak scored assisted by Matt Simons to go up 3-1, 30 seconds later Simsbury closed it 3-2. Enfield battled hard and with 55 seconds left Kyle Murkowicz sent Collin McGunigle away on a breakaway for a 4-2 win.

In the second game of the day the A-1's played WTM. After a scoreless first period with outstanding goal tending on both ends the Eagles Ben Kapinos scored assisted by Tony Colca to go up 1-0. Three minutes later Mike Cherpak scored unassisted on a nice steal for a 2-0 lead. In the third WTM scored to close it to 2-1 and then DJ DeGray scored two goals 50 seconds apart to put the game away for a 4-1 victory, assists were earned by Ed Dukette and Collin McGunigle.

The next day Enfield traveled to the Farm to take on Millbrook, New York. Millbrook scored first on a breakaway and the Eagles couldn't get any shots by the Millbrook goalie. After one 1-0 Millbrook. In the second Enfield scored five unanswered goals for a 5-1 lead. DJ DeGray scored 2, Mike Cherpak, Ben Kapinos and Matt Reda scored one each. Assists earned by Collin McGunigle(2), Tony Colca, Matt Reda and Matt Simons. In the third Enfield's defense of Ed Dukette, Matt Simons, Kyle Murkowicz and Nick Dwyer took control and shut down Millbrook. Collin McGunigle scored two more assisted by Nick Dwyer and Stephen Daddario and David Cardoropoli closed out the scoring assisted by Mike Cherpak for a 8-1 lead.

Squirt “A1”s Split for the Weekend

The A-1's hosted Darien's A-1 and gave a lackluster performance losing 4-1. Colin McGunigle scored the lone Eagles goal assisted by DJ DeGray and Nick Dwyer. It was time to regroup and see if we could find the winning way for Sunday.

Sunday morning the Eagles were off to Milford to take on the always strong Southern Stars. Ben Kapinos found the scoring touch early at the 10:22 mark of the first. Mike Cherpak earned the lone assist. Matt Reda working hard just missed a tip in on a nice centering pass from Stephen Daddario. In the second period Kyle Dyer scored unassisted as he rocketed one that was tipped by the Southern defense and found it's way to the back of the net. Pete Aikens and David Cardoropoli worked hard on the forecheck that caused the turnover. Ed Dukette and Matt Simons tied up the Stars in front of the net to foil many scoring chances. Nick Dwyer and Kyle Murkowicz did a great job on the penalty kill to keep Southern scoreless and Scott Andrewsikas had some spectacular saves to earn another shutout for the 2-0 win.

Squirt “B”s Have A Busy December

The Squirt B team has been busy the month of December playing 8 conference games. Surviving with 6 wins and 2 losses, succumbing twice to Washington A. There were some memorable moments and some moments that we would like to have back or forget.

We started December off by defeating West Haven 5-4. Enfield controlled for the first two periods and then we let three-third period goals in to keep the score close. Our goals were scored by Zach Allard (in the first) assisted by Anthony Poissant, Josh Fasano (also in the first) assisted by Reilly Higgins. The second period brought goals by Craig Downs and Reilly Higgins and Zach to Tony Colca, Dan Kraucunas, Zach Allard and Justin Bird.) Nice teamwork!

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The next weekend we played West Hartford B. Scotty earned himself another shutout making some nice saves! The team worked well together passing the puck nicely. Nick Demontigny started us off following some nice sequence passing from lines mates Josh Fasano and Nate Turner. Zach, Reilly and Justin showed us "teamwork" as they worked the puck to the West Hartford goalie who unfortunately made a great save with 3 seconds left to end period I. Good passing and "teamwork" gets nice results. Nate Turner had the only goal in period II. The third period began as defenseman Anthony Poissant took the puck up the ice to lay it in the net. This must have fired up Craig Downs as he went on to score the next two Enfield goals assisted by linesmen Bryan Solnick and Tony Colca. Great work!

That same day we played Kent A. This was a game that was not only fun to watch but it showed unselfishness and teamwork. We were a little nervous in the beginning when Kent scored first on a nice give and go and then again with 8 seconds left in the period. We started the second period down 2. At the 10:19 mark Nick Demontigny had a nice wrap around goal to sneak one past the goalie. He scored again at 7:18 on an assist by Nate Turner. Then with 3 seconds left Tony Colca and Craig Downs worked really hard at digging the puck out of the corner and Craig lifted it in the net. The third period was filled with emotion and excitement. Mr. Colca did a nice job keeping the music playing so our goalie could entertain the crowd with his dancing. Scotty, you are just full of action! The team really worked hard on their passing this last period, unselfishly passing to Nick to give him a chance at the Hat. Justin Bird even gave up a shift in an attempt to do so. It just didn't happen, but the support the team gave you is worth more than any goal! Great work! Nick earned player of the game. (Scotty earned first prize in the dance competition, runner up... Mrs. Higgins, of course.)

The next day we traveled to Washington Connecticut to play their A team. We were down 2 players, but despite this, there was no spark. First period was scoreless, we then traded goals in the second. (Josh Fasano and Zach Allard scored our 2) The third period was theirs. Despite Scotty's 26 saves they still beat us 5-2.

The next weekend we played East Haven on home ice. All the Christmas cheer spread the night before at our holiday get together didn't tire these kids out as the 'came to play'. They were all sporting their new Enfield Eagle outfits and the classy 'NO FEAR' team hats given to them as a gift from the coaches. (Thanks coaches Gazdik, Bird, Poissant and Kraucas). The team would also like to thank Mrs. Turner for her shopping and Mrs. Downs for her wonderful gifts of photography. Enfield demonstrated a scoring clinic. It began as Reilly fed Craig behind the net and he wrapped it around and in. Shortly after, Conor fed Zach who scored the identical goal. Reilly deked one in the net, Josh caught a rebound in front, then the team used their point and Anthony fed Tony on the wing to end the period 5-0. Period II began as Tony used his point and Conor fed one to Bryan for the first of eight goals this next period. The next two goals showed great teamwork as Reilly Higgins and Nick Demontigny worked hard to feed Craig Downs the puck for the HAT! Great effort Craig...I heard that your Mom promised you a new stick if you got a hat trick! Craig went on to score 2 additional goals (What was promised if you scored a double hat trick?) His efforts earned him player of the game. (And Denise where was your camera?!) Other goals were scored by Reilly, Zach, Josh and Bryan Solnick, The defense was moved to the front for the third period. It was great to see the teamwork really hard to earn these kids some goals, again, the camaraderie and respect of your teammates is worth more than any goal. Scotty appreciates the defensive effort you show as he earned another shut out and the "D" combined for 5 assists. There would be no "W's" without you! Teamwork is the key. Reilly Higgins and Zach Allard both earned playmaker patches. "Merry Christmas!"

The next day we played New Milford and we earned a 5-1 victory with 2 goals going to Zach Allard (one unassisted and one assisted by Nate Turner). One goal is credited to Josh Fasano (assist Nate Turner) Craig Downs scored on an assist by Josh and Nate Turner scored the final goal on an assist by Craig. Good work!

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This weekend we faced two tough opponents Washington A and ECHO B. Washington flat out skated us. We couldn't establish any offense. We had our moments, but we just couldn't connect. We can play a better game. It is hard to lose knowing this. Conor Walsh had an excellent game! He did a nice job on "D" earning the honor of player of the game by his coaches for his efforts. (Could it be that new stick?!) Either way, Danny and Conor you played well together.

The next day we played ECHO B the boys were ready and the parents were well behaved in the stands! Enfield controlled the first period, goals were scored by Craig Downs (unassisted) and by Nick Demontigny (assist Nate Turner) ECHO scored in the second and then in the third to tie us up. The kids didn't give up. There was a nervous moment as our only goalie had to take an injury time out after having been speared in the throat. He recovered nicely to keep them from scoring again. Then with 1:30 left on the clock, Josh Fasano fed Nate Turner, who scored to defeat ECHO 3-2. Bryan Solnick earned the vote of player of the game for his hard work and efforts.

Despite the 2 losses in December the Squirt B team enters 2002 with a conference record 17-3-3. The team scored 113 goals to their opponents 48. Nice work. Happy New Year!

Enfield Squirt B Victorious Over Avon B

The Squirt B team traveled to Newington to play Avon Saturday night and came away with a 6-2 win.

Enfield dominated from the first face-off, keeping the puck in the Avon zone for most of the first period, they just couldn't get that biscuit in the basket. Craig Downs finally found the net 5 minutes into period 2 when he caught a rebound from Nate Turner and backhanded it into the net. Nice way to jump start the offense. 45 seconds later Josh Fasano caught Nate Turner's rebound and scored the second Enfield goal. Dan Kraucunas fed

Bryan Solnick with a minute left in the period to give Enfield a three-point advantage. The defensive pairs of Kraucunas/Walsh and Poissant/Votta did an awesome job holding Avon to only 5 attempts on goal in these two periods. The Avon parents told us after the game that our defense was "impressive." Way to go boys! Avon had two goals in the third period with their second coming with 20 seconds left "showing" on the clock. Perhaps if they started the clock after our last goal, time may have expired, but...oh well, it didn't matter. Enfield also scored three goals this period. Craig Downs scored his second, Nate Turner worked hard at getting the puck to Zach Allard who scored the next one and Nate then fed Josh Fasano for his second. Nate Turner earned his "play-maker" patch as well as the honor of player of the game. Congratulations Nate.

Enfield Squirt B Earns Shutout Against Simsbury B1

Sunday the team faced Simsbury on home ice. The first period ended scoreless despite some nice sequence passing and many Enfield shots on goal. The Simsbury goalie had a lot of skill or an angel on his shoulder, He stopped the barrage of Enfield shots fired at him. Enfield owned the second period. Justin Bird must have picked up some tips from the Bruins as he lifted the puck in the net and past the "brick wall." Dan Kraucunas and Zach Allard earned the assists. Simsbury had the opportunity about half way through the period on a breakaway but they came up against our "brick wall" only to be denied by Scotty Stevenson! There was a scramble in front of the net and Andrew Votta took the puck up the ice on a breakaway, passing to Zach Allard who laid it in the net. The last goal came with 54 seconds left as Andrew passed to Zach who passed to Reilly Higgins who in turn got it past the goalie. The last period remained scoreless. Simsbury could not take advantage of their three power plays great job with the penalty killing! The defense made it so Scotty had little work, but when it came down to the wire he was ready with some great saves earning his 6th shutout! Player of the game honor goes to Andrew Votta for his 2 assists and his defensive effort! Great work Andrew!

Squirt “C”s Shutout Amherst

By Debbie Filiault

The Enfield Eagles started December with an unbelievable game. Alex Pieper and Nolan Davis defended the Enfield goal to perfection leaving the first period with no score for either team. Although Enfield had a lot of penalties, we remained string. Alan Filiault scored the first goal of the game with a wrap around play. Matt Kitchen, CJ Shefrin, and Jacob Robbins kept the puck in Amherst territory throughout the game. In the second period, Jack Savage assisted Alan Filiault for goal number two for the Eagles. Enfield really poured on the pressure in the third period with Alan Filiault scoring goal number three for a hat trick. Dustin Rolocut and Kevin “WoJo” Wezowicz assisted Glenn Gonzalez for an outstanding goal number four for the Eagles. Newcomer TC Crane played a great first game for the squirts by scoring goal number five. Seth Grunert and Zachery Jourdan assisted in helping Chris D’onfrio claim his first shutout patch for the season. Way to stop them Chris. An outstanding game for players and spectators alike. Final score, Enfield 5, Amherst 0.

Squirt “C”s On a Roll

By Debbie Filiault

The Enfield Eagles were at the Olympia on December 2nd against Amherst 2. The teams seemed pretty well paired, put then the Eagle took off. Enfield’s domination of the first period began when Nolan Davis put the Eagles on the board, assisted by Alan Filiault. TC Crane, Dustin Rolocut, and Alex Pieper make a great offensive team. Jack Savage and Zachery Jourdan played a great game of “D” for the Eagles. With help from Seth Grunert there was still no score from Amherst 2 when Glenn Gonzalez took advantage to score goal number two for the team. Matt Kitchen skated well to help support teammate Jacob Robbins who scored goal number three for Enfield. CJ Shefrin had another chance for a shutout until Amherst 2 slipped one by to score their only goal of the game. Special attention goes to Kevin “WoJo” Wezowicz for showing his teammates and fans a great game of defense and team support. Final score, Enfield defeated Amherst 2, 3 – 1.

Squirt “C”s Dominate the Capitols

By Debbie Filiault

On December 8th, the Capitols were at home at Cyr Arena with our Eagles visiting. There would be no home ice advantage for the Capitols this day. Our Eagles had such an overpowering game that it’s hard to give you a play by play without keeping you reading for hours. In the first period, the Eagles scored three goals. Credited with the goals were, Nolan Davis and two goals by Glenn Gonzalez. They were assisted by Alan Filiault, Chris D’onfrio, Zach Jourdan, Alex Pieper, and last but not least, Dustin Rolocut. In the second period, the Capitols managed to squeak a puck past goalie CJ Shefrin. However, that would be there only goal. The Eagles scored five more goals in the second period. Credit for goals were given to Matt Kitchen, Alex Pieper, TC Crane, and two goals for Chris D’onfrio. Assists went to Alan Filiault, Jack Savage, Nolan Davis, TC Crane, Jacob Robbins, Seth Grunert, Zach Jourdan, and Kevin Wezowicz. In the third period, CJ never gave the Capitols another opening to score and his teammates kept the pressure on to score yet another three goals. Credit for goals were given to Alan Filiault, Alex Pieper, and Jacob Robbins. Assists went to Dustin Rolocut, Glenn Gonzalez, Seth Grunert, Matt Kitchen, and Zach Jourdan who earned a playmakers patch. The game seemed to last forever and the Eagles showed how good teamwork prevails. Final score, Eagles 11, Capitols 1.

Squirt “C”s Top Tri-City

By Debbie Filiault

The Eagles played Sunday, December 9th at the Olympia against the Tri-City Thunder and the Thunder never had a chance. Although Tri-City skated hard, they barely had two lines and our Eagles were in top form. The Eagles opened the first period with Nolan Davis, Alan Filiault, and Dustin Rolocut working together to form a great offensive line. TC Crane scored goal number one for the Eagles.

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In another team effort, Glenn Gonzalez assisted defenseman Alex Pieper to score the second goal for the Eagles. The Thunder had no score going into the second period. Jack Savage and Alan Filiault assisted Matt Kitchen in a well-manuevered goal number three. Our Eagle "D", Alex Pieper and Seth Grunert assisted Matt Kitchen who scored the fourth goal for the Eagles. Chris D'onfrio skated well today in a give and go assist to Zach Jourdan for goal number five. In period three, Jacob Robbins showed his stuff and Kevin "WoJo" Wezowicz had heads up "D" to help out goalie CJ Shefrin. The Thunder by now had to be tired but they continued their attempt on goal and were finally able to put themselves on the scoreboard. The Eagles continued to play an off your seat game. Zach Jourdan, with great stick - puck control found the net yet one more time for the Eagles. These Eagles have what it takes and will be the ones to watch. Final score, Eagles 5, Thunder 1.

Big Win for Squirt C Over Westfield

By Debbie Filiault

The Eagles remain in top form with yet another victory under their belt. In a December 15th contest against Westfield, Jacob Robbins scored the first goal before two minutes had elapsed off the game clock. Our defenseman, Seth Grunert made a picture perfect assist to Matt Kitchen to score goal number two for the Eagles. Kevin Wezowicz and Zach Jourdan played great defense and kept the puck in the Westfield zone throughout the first period. TC Crane scored goal number three, assisted by teammate Jacob Robbins. With Enfield up three at the end of the first period, Westfield picked up the pace, but our Eagles Matt Kitchen, assisted TC Crane to score goal number four. Nolan Davis played well to assist Alex Pieper who made an unbelievable backhanded goal to make it five for Enfield. Dustin Rolocut and Glenn Gonzalez kept the pressure on throughout the game. CJ Shefrin and Alan Filiault made numerous attempts on goal. Alan Filiault was able to prevail to score once again for the Eagles. Kevin "WoJo" Wezowicz assisted Jacob

Robbins who collected a hat trick for himself. Seth Grunert assisted defenseman Jack Savage who played a great game and scored the final goal for Enfield. Our Eagles goalie Chris D'onfrio played a wonderful game. Chris gave up not a goal and earned himself a well-deserved shutout patch. Final score, Eagles 9, Westfield 0.

Squirt C Victorious Over Amherst

By Debbie Filiault

The Enfield Eagles are on a winning streak and have been playing hard to keep it up. This team is making a commitment to themselves and their teammates to remain strong and to be just what they are ... team players. Rolocut Construction is proud to be their sponsor. On December 16th, Amherst gave the eagles a very competitive game. Enfield started off the scoring with Glenn Gonzalez assisting Nolan Davis for goal number one. A very determined Glenn Gonzalez scored the second and third goals. Jack Savage and Kevin Wezowicz played heads up "D" for the Eagles. Dustin Rolocut assisted teammate Alan Filiault to score goal number four in the second period. Seth Grunert defended his goal well with goalie Chris D'onfrio, but Amherst managed to slip one by to put themselves on the board. The Eagles came back with Matt Kitchen assisting Jacob Robbins to score again for Enfield. CJ Shefrin assisted Dustin Rolocut who scored with a nice chip shot. TC Crane scored goal number seven for the Eagles and Alex Pieper powered one in to score the final goal for the Eagles. In period three, Amherst managed to hold off the Eagles and our goalie, Chris, did the same. A power struggle with no results for either side. Final score, Eagles 8, Amherst 1.

Squirt “C”s Win Over WTM

By Debbie Filiault

This game on Dec. 30, 2001 was not to be believed. These squirts played against some real heavy hitters. WTM had five penalties against them for the game. One including a five-minute penalty, but our Eagles played tough. Alex Pieper assisted Nolan Davis who knows how to find the net and score a big one for Enfield. Shortly thereafter Nolan returned the favor back to Alex who scored Goal Two. Joe Ballard filled in for our much missed Jacob Robbins. Kevin Wezowicz skated a good game and Zachery Jourdan took the hits and hooks and would not let WTM get him down. Nolan Davis assisted TC Crane who has become a real team player and scored Goal Three for the Eagles. Alan Filiault and Matt Kitchen make a good team with Alan assisting to Matt who chipped in Goal Four. With WTM playing rough, Glenn Gonzalez kept his head down and skated around these guys. Alan Filiault assisted again but this time to TC who scored to put the icing on the cake. Jack Savage played a great defensive game and with the help of Seth Grunert, Chris D'onofrio provided Enfield with a shut out game. Way to go. A special note to player Dustin Rolocut, keep up the good work! Final Score, Enfield 5 WTM 0.

Squirt “C”s Tie Westfield

By Debbie Filiault

Our Eagles played at Blunt Park on Dec. 29, 2001 against Westfield who came out strong to surprise Enfield with a goal scored in the first two minutes of the game. However, our offenseman Glenn Gonzalez made a nice assist to Nolan Davis who scored first to put the Eagles on the board. TC Crane scored goal number two to put the Eagles on top after the first period. Going into the second period Jack Savage and Zachery Jourdan played a heads-up game of “D” to help out Goalie Chris D'onfrio hold off Westfield. Things were looking up as Nolan Davis assisted to Alex Pieper to score goal three. When Glenn and Alex helped Nolan score goal number four, we were like wow! Westfield really poured on the juice and scored again to make them at two. At the end of the

second period Alan Filiault took advantage of a power play and assisted CJ Shefrin who scored goal number five. Westfield then came back to score with a power play of their own. Matt Kitchen and Joe Ballard work well together and with the aid of Seth Grunert and Kevin Wezowicz things looked good for the Eagles. Dustin Rolocut really applied the pressure but Westfield came into the third to score goal four and then again to tie Enfield. Lots of action for both teams. Final Score, Enfield 5 Westfield 5.

Tri City Breaks Winning Streak For Squirt “C”s

By Debbie Filiault

Our Eagles goalie CJ Shefrin and defenseman Kevin Wezowicz, Joe Ballard, Nolan Davis and Alex Pieper did everything they could to try and stop Tri City. It must have been all the Christmas excitement that caught them off guard. The Thunder and the Eagles were evenly matched during the first period with Dustin Rolocut, Alan Filiault and Chris D'onfrio on the line. Jack Savage, Matt Kitchen and TC Crane on another. And last but not least Zachery Jourdan, Glenn Gonzalez and Seth Grunert on another. Tri City scored goal after goal with four under their belt by the third period. It looked as though we weren't going to get on the board when TC Crane came through for the Eagles and scored. A tough game for the Eagles but you can't win them all. Final Score, Enfield 1 Tri City 4.

Enfield Mite “A”s Stand Tall in Select Stamford Tournament

By Stephen Palmer

Our Enfield Mite A’s are a very special group of young kids. With a strong start early this season against the top teams in the State, they were rewarded with an invitation to Stamford’s annual Christmas tournament. I have never seen a team improve so quickly and consistently and this tournament was no exception. They brought their game up to a level never witnessed while learning some valuable lessons in the process. Our team gained respect from the #1 Mite team in the state and from arguably the best Select Mite A teams in both NY and NJ.

Our first tilt was against the only undefeated CHC squad in the state, Mid-Fairfield. Entering the tournament, Mid-Fairfield had only once been held to only two goals against any CHC team. Our young Eagles fought them tooth and nail in route to a tough 2-0 loss. Quality scoring opportunities were pretty equal. The first period was controlled by MF. Our kids were caught off guard by their quick acceleration out of their zone and through the neutral zone. While being out shot 12-3 in the period, our kids managed to keep the game close with a 1-0 deficit. Christian O’Shea was key for us, he was required to “stand on his head” several times during the period.

Our kids regrouped during the first intermission and came out like gangbusters for the next 24 minutes. Mid-Fairfield was forced onto their heels for all but 6 seconds of the second. They capitalized on a brief lapse of hustle by our forechecking forwards and carried the puck end to end. Christian got a piece of the shot with his stick, but the hockey gods weren’t on our side. This was a tough pill to swallow, but our team hung in there and battled MF hard for a scoreless third period. All doubts on whether we could beat them were erased. Our confidence grew and respect was awarded in return for our effort.

Following the emotional loss hours earlier, our kids took the ice against a talented Ramapo select AAA squad. We came out flying for the first 6 minutes only to be stymied by a great goaltender. Frustration set in and our kids lost their adrenaline rush they had been playing with for the

entire day. Ramapo pasted our kids with a 4-0 drumming. All wasn’t lost in our efforts, our kids finally learned how to slow down an opponent with their sticks and drop an opponent with a legal check. The locker room was somber, but by the looks of these kid’s faces, they weren’t done yet. Keep in mind, not only were our players learning some valuable lessons, coaches were as well.

After a fun night in the hotel, our kids woke up to face the best team and eventually the tournament champion, the Long Island Royals AAA squad. To coach’s surprise, soul searching was barely noticed in the locker room. These kids knew they had nothing to lose. If we won, we played a talented unknown team from Westchester, NY but if we lost we were facing a big-time revenge game verse #1 Mid-Fairfield. The kids were joking about letting the Royals win so they could face MF. Obviously, our coaches relinquished these thoughts and concentrated on playing our game and being physical. Our #1 focus for the tilt was summed up in two words, “controlled chaos.”

The game began with the Royals scoring only 20 seconds into the first due to a gifted bad bounce off the boards. Oh boy..... Not quite the start we had in mind, but it never affected these kids. We quickly changed lines and what was witnessed for the next 35 minutes and 40 seconds of the game was the purest effort I’ve coached or watched. These kids shaked-and-baked with the best, and controlled the neutral zone with a physical bump and grind style of hockey (something learned on their own by the way). By the time the third period rolled around there was standing room only in the West rink at Stamford. These kids shocked the world of hockey in the Northeast and Atlantic regions of our country. They held a team both Mid Fairfield or Ramapo NJ couldn’t even get close to during the season. We lost 1-0 but if the goal posts were separated by another ½ inch it would have been a tie game. Dillon DeRosia nearly tied the game in the second after he double-posted a shot from his campsite 5 feet in front of their goal. The shot was covered by a defenseman, but after a brief referee conference it wasn’t ruled as such (the hockey gods struck again). No problem, these kids rebounded with the toughest, fastest competition these Royals have ever seen. Ironically, the team was never nervous, they were doing just what they were told, “Play hockey with controlled chaos.” Our team could have pulled Christian with a 5-4 power play with 2 minutes left to go in the third but the thought never crossed our minds. Why go for the tie when we’d already proved our point and a showcase game against Mid-Fairfield was on the wing.

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We knew what we accomplished (respect) and we only did what our kids wanted, create a one vs. two rematch for CHC. More importantly, we did not want a meaningless empty net goal to tarnish the looks of the game, or de-energize the rising confidence of our boys and girl. All coaches, Stephen Gorman, Guy and myself left the ice with so much pride. Many thanks to the kids for the purest effort ever!!!! Coincidentally, after the game home and away games were scheduled with the Royals.

Following the emotional game against the Royals, our kids were fired up to face-off against Mid-Fairfield. Unlike our first game the day before, our kids roamed the locker room and ice rink full of confidence and pride. Confidence breeds off itself and is rarely created by the coaches, but rather the kid's own inner strength. The locker room was full of energy and we stormed the ice with the will to win and score our first goal of the tourney. Mid Fairfield swarmed early, but a few nice saves by Christian ignited our aggression. The kids fell down 1-0 in the first off another fluky play in our zone. Once again our composure remained intact and we continued to play hockey at a feverish pace. Then in the middle of the second, something special happened. Our kids scored a goal. Brendan Fleming connected on one of his patented rushes. The bench and the stands erupted. The players tackled each other on the ice and bench. The excitement wasn't just ignited by the fact we tied the game, but for the pride of finally scoring. The game was played evenly for the rest of the second until the unthinkable happened again. With numbers on our side in their zone, we went from a 3-1 down low advantage to a 4-2 rush by MF. They converted on a long-range wrister down the left wing with three seconds left. The goal ricocheted off a defenseman and Christian's glove. The team remained focused and positive the remainder of the game but were unable to convert some excellent scoring opportunities. Christian and our defense kept MF from even getting close to our

net for another tally. The score would remain and finish 2-1 MF. Our kids were crying so hard while lining up to shake hands, that their tears were actually bouncing off their cheeks out through their facemasks. This was the proudest moment for me ever! To see our kids give their all; heart and soul in an effort to win as a team was something to behold. We've gained respect and a lot of pride due to these great young hockey players. I am so proud of each and every one of you. You are truly a great team. Trust me!!! Win or lose, I'd do this all over again in a heartbeat. There is nothing like being pushed to excellence and having a lot of fun in the process. Don't ever forget, you left this tourney with your chins held high and a great deal of respect on your shoulders. Congratulations to Matt Antanocci, Eric Cormier, Ethan Cournoyer, Dillon DeRosia, Brendan Fleming, Kyle Hughes, Christian O'Shea, Steven Palmer, Joey Papetti, Stephen Pernal, Robbie Picard, Zachary Stein, Katie Sullivan, Evan Thompson and Tyler Watts.

Enfield Mite "A's Start the Year with Solid Wins

By Stephen Palmer

On January 5th, our young Eagles took on a rough and tumble team from West Hartford. Enfield registered a solid 6-2 victory. Our team's captain, Steven Palmer, was strong in goal making 10 saves in his first game between the pipes this season. Offensively, Kyle Hughes (hat trick), Tyler Watts (1goal, 2 assists) and Eric Cormier (1 goal, 1 assist) were awesome in applying constant pressure with uncanny speed. Also contributing well on the front was Christian O'Shea (1 assist), Matt Antonocci (1 goal) and Zachary Stein (1 assist). Steven was helped with some great defense from Brendan Fleming, Stephen Pernal, Evan Thompson, Robbie Picard and Ethan Cournoyer.

Our Mite A's faced-off against a strong Stamford team on January 6th. With tired legs and minds, our kids managed to walk away with a solid 3-0 victory. Christian O'Shea was simply remarkable in registering his 6th shutout of the season. Not only did he assure his team the win, but did it by standing on his head. Steven Palmer led the squad with 2 goals. Zachary Stein scored the team's second goal with a blistering top-shelf shot over/off the goalkeeper's head. Kyle Hughes notched 2 assists thanks to his relentless forechecking presence. Dillon DeRosia contributed with a pretty assist. The team's record improved to 18-3-2 in CHC and 25-5-2 overall.

Mite B Eagles Earn Third Shut Out

By Mike Stasiowski

The Enfield Mite B Eagles extended their unbeaten streak to seven games when they shut out ECHO 4-0 in Enfield on December 23, 2001. Wade Schools opened up the scoring in the first period with a goal at 1:37. Wade picked up the puck at center ice and rushed past two defenders for the unassisted goal. Andrew Silva made six saves in the first period to keep the Eagles in front 1-0.

In the second period, Ryan Guhne scored at 1:45 to give the Eagles a two-goal lead. Joe Stasiowski got the assist when he intercepted a pass along the boards. Ryan Guhne scored his second goal of the game at 10:20 of the second period to give the Eagles a three-goal lead. Justin Lock set up the play when he took the puck out of the Enfield end and hit Ryan with a pass just inside the ECHO blue line.

With the Eagles leading by three, Ryan Guhne earned the hat trick with a goal at 5:58 of the third period. Justin Lock picked up his second assist of the game when he hit Ryan with a pass from behind the ECHO net. ECHO was never able to get back in the game as the Eagles dominated the third period. Back checking from the Enfield forwards combined with solid defense from Chris Oski, Zack Seagrave, Thomas Noll and Shaun Kellam allowed the visiting team just one shot on goal in the final period.

Andrew Silva registered his third shut out of the season and lowered his goals against average to 2.00. The Eagles have six wins and one tie in their last seven games as they improved their record to 11-3-2.

Mite "B"s Defeat Greater New Haven

By Mike Stasiowski

On Saturday, December 29, the Enfield Mite B Eagles earned a hard fought 2-1 victory at home against Greater New Haven. The game remained scoreless through most of the first period with good defensive plays at both ends of the ice. During that time, Shaun Kellam made two

outstanding plays to stop break-a-ways from the visiting team. At 10:29, Ryan Guhne scored an unassisted goal to put the Eagles up by one. After the goaltender saved his initial shot, Ryan picked up the rebound in the slot and fired the puck inside the far post.

At 0:32 of the second period, David Ouellette scored an unassisted goal to give Enfield a two-goal lead. David picked up the puck along the boards and beat the partially screened goaltender from twenty-five feet out. Greater New Haven fought back and scored a goal at 3:53 to cut the Enfield lead to 2-1. In the last half of the second period, Greater New Haven had several scoring opportunities that were stopped by Andrew Silva including a diving save to the stick side.

The third period ended up being a goaltender's clinic with good saves by both goalies. Neither team was able to score in the final period and the Eagles skated away with a 2-1 win. Enfield is now 12-3-2 and they are unbeaten in their last eight games.

Mite "B"s Blanked In Darien

By Mike Stasiowski

On December 30th, the Mite "B" Eagles put their eight game unbeaten streak on the line and traveled to Darien to play what many considered the top "B" team in the state. The game was a late addition to the Eagle's schedule and they're toughest challenge of the season. In the end, Darien showed why they hadn't lost to another "B" team this season as they shut out the Eagles 5-0.

Darien controlled the first period pouring 14 shots on net compared to 4 by Enfield. Darien scored their first goal at 5:27 on a 2 on 1 break away. Just 32 seconds later, they scored their second goal on a rebound shot after a fine save by Andrew Silva. The home team's third goal was a power play goal at 7:54 of the period. With just 16 seconds remaining in the period, the home team added a fourth goal after a skirmish in front of the Enfield net.

In the second period, Darien continued to stay in control of the game sending seven shots on net compared to three by Enfield. At 9:08 of the period, Darien scored to increase their lead to 5-0.

The third period was scoreless with Enfield getting five shots on goal compared to three by Darien. The Darien goal tender played a superb game and handed Enfield their first shut out loss of the season. The Enfield Mite B Eagles are now 12-4-2 on the year.

Mite B Eagles Suffer Second Shutout

By Mike Stasiowski

On January 5th, the Mite B Eagles played Wallingford in Enfield for the second meeting of the two teams. The Eagles were looking forward to the match-up to avenge a 2-1 loss they suffered at Choate earlier in the season.

The first period was scoreless with Enfield taking 6 shots on goal to 5 by Wallingford. Enfield's best scoring opportunity was a break away by David Ouellette that was stopped by the Wallingford goaltender. Wallingford's best opportunity to score was a close range shot that was saved by Andrew Silvia and cleared away by Chris Oski.

The second period was also scoreless for much of the first 10 minutes. Then at 9:59, Wallingford got on the board when they scored off a shot from 15 feet out. Just 8 seconds later Wallingford scored their second goal when they broke in on goal off the center ice face-off. Shortly after play resumed, Stephen Picard came close to cutting the lead in half when his shot on goal hit the shaft of a defenseman's stick and deflected wide of the net. With just 50 seconds remaining in the period Wallingford scored on a break away rush to gain a 3-0 lead.

At 5:48 of the third period, Wallingford went on the power play. Down by three goals with time running out, Enfield tried to press for a short-handed goal. Instead, Wallingford was able to take advantage of the penalty and score a power play goal at 6:44 of the period to put the game out of reach. Zack Palmer had a break away opportunity in the last minute of the game that was stopped by the Wallingford goaltender to preserve the shut out.

After compiling an eight game unbeaten streak, Enfield has now suffered their second consecutive shut out loss. The Eagles are now 12-5-2 on the season and they have not scored a goal in their last 7 periods of play.

Mite "B"s Lose To ECHO

By Mike Stasiowski

The Mite B Eagles traveled to the Bolton Ice Palace on January 6th hoping to turn things around after two straight losses. This was the third meeting of the season for the two clubs with the Eagles winning both of the first two games.

Enfield took a 1-0 at 5:49 of the first period on an unassisted goal from Ryan Guhne. Ryan stole the puck at the ECHO blue line and took it in for the score. Just a couple of minutes later, ECHO nearly tied the game but Thomas Noll made a good defensive play to break up a pass in front of the Enfield net. ECHO also failed to connect on two power play opportunities in the period and the Eagles held on to a 1-0 lead.

The second period was a defensive struggle for most of the first 10 minutes with neither team allowing many scoring chances. Then at 9:56 of the period, ECHO tied the game on a fluke goal. A shot from the right wing side hit a player in front of the Enfield net and redirected into the corner of the goal. Then with just fifteen seconds remaining in the period, ECHO went ahead to stay with a goal off of a rebound shot.

Early in the third period, Justin Markowski stole the puck from behind the ECHO net and nearly set up the tying goal. A good play from the ECHO defense foiled the pass. The ECHO defense continued to play well throughout the third period to preserve the 2-1 win.

Enfield has now lost their last three games and is 12-6-2 on the season. The Mite B Eagles have hit a scoring slump with just one goal in their last ten periods of play.