



ICE CHIPS

News and Notes

EHA Board Meeting

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 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 Back & Forth with the Clippers Continues

By Kate Murray

The U-12 Lady Eagles hosted the Cromwell Clippers at Enfield Twin Rinks this past Saturday evening, 1/12/02. The two opponents continued their tug of war, with the win going to Cromwell this time around. Rest assured the Lady Eagles did not go down gently to defeat! Though the final score was 4 – 0 in favor of Cromwell, it was not an easy win for the Clippers.

During the first period, Enfield held the Clippers to one goal, halfway through regulation play. Enfield owes its thanks to the defensive pairing of Siobhan Davis and Vicki Heyse for their assertive, smart play during the first. Goalie, Elle Peck, stood tall in the net, inspiring her team to match her defensive efforts. Up on the front lines, Sara Stewart played as if possessed! We like this side of you Sara keep tying them up on the boards! Coach Stewart, may we recommend pancakes as a standing pre-game meal??

The second period again found the Clippers held to one goal. The goal came seconds into the period. The Enfield Offensive and Defensive lines kicked into action to hold the Clippers for the remainder of the period. Offensively, the efforts of Nicole Clavette, Jenelle Herrick, Mary Michaud and Emily Walsh did not go unnoticed in the stands. These ladies put on the rushes, back-checked and went end to end in support of their team. They worked tirelessly shift after shift. Their hunger for net was obvious, but unanswered. It was certainly not for the lack of effort!

During the third period the clippers scored their two final goals. At the sounding of the buzzer the final score stood at 4 to 0. The U-12 coaching staff commended the play of their team. Player of game, according to Coach Rossignol, was Sara Stewart. He complimented Sara on her aggressive play and non-stop effort. Way to go Sara! Surely, efforts such as Sara's are the reason why the Clippers will never underestimate the Eagles. We will live to play another day and continue this rivalry on the ice!

Winter's Rage Does Not Deter U-12 Lady Eagles

By Kate Murray

Through rain, sleet and dark clouds of winter skies the U-12 Lady Eagles delivered! Sunday, January 13, 2002 was definitely lucky for the Lady Eagles and their parents who braved the trip out to South Dennis on the Cape. The Eagles were victorious with a final score of 7 - 1, Enfield.

Leading off the scoring rally during the first period was none other than Brianna Buchalski. Brianna has supported her team by moving back and forth between defense and offense during the season. This past weekend her time on the front lines paid off! Brianna was assisted in her efforts by teammates Mary Michaud and Siobhan Davis. The team's second goal came 5 minutes into play and was scored by the ever hungry, Jenelle Herrick. Morgan Ouellette scored the third and final goal of the period, with assistance from Jenelle Herrick.

On to the second, where it looked much like a repeat of the first period! Brianna Buchalski leadoff the scoring with her second goal and the team's 4th coming 40 seconds into play. Mary Michaud and Ali Murray supported Brianna. Next up, you guessed it, Jenelle Herrick with her second goal. Brianna and Mary assisted Jenelle. The period ended with Ali Murray scoring the team's sixth goal. Ali received help in the form of Nicole Clavette and Jenelle Herrick.

The Lady Eagles drew the first goal at the beginning of the 3rd period. Ali Murray scored with the assist going to Siobhan Davis. The Clippers scored their goal with 4:10 remaining on the clock. The final score stood at 7 - 1, Enfield.

Post game the coaching squad complimented Brianna Buchalski on her strong positional play throughout the game. Mary Michaud gave a very strong performance, supporting her team as needed offensively and defensively! Jenelle Herrick met her goals as well. May you always be hungry for more, Jenelle! Coaches pick for another strong showing, Sara Stewart. Sara's assertive play this past weekend won her the respect of her team and it's coaching staff! Nice teamwork Lady Eagles!

U-12 Lady Eagles Victorious Over Cape Cod

By Kate Murray

This past Saturday, January 26th, the U-12 Lady Eagles matched skills with the peewee team from the Cape Cod Waves organization. The Eagles were challenged by this pairing, but persevered to outshoot their opponent and win the game. The final score was 2 - 1, Enfield.

Defense has not slowed down Emily Walsh's rush to the net! Emily scored her first goal of the game 8 minutes into regulation play. Cape Cod could not respond until 2 minutes remained in the first. This was their first and only goal of the game.

The second period was a battle to a draw. It was a physical period with both teams working hard to gain/maintain their respective zones.

There must have been something with 8's and Emily Walsh... with 8 minutes of play under her belt, she scored the go-ahead goal for her team. Way to go, Emily!

Coach Rossignol was pleased with the strong defensive play of the Lady Eagles. He felt the squad rose to the challenge issued by Cape Cod. He sited the strong work in the net by starter, Kristi Holt and closer, Elle Peck. Also noted were the assertive efforts of Kylie Gifford and Sara Stewart. Coach Stewart noted the work ethic exhibited by Chelsea Bolton, Nicole Clavette and Emily Walsh as key to the team's success.

Challenge begets development! Focus and effort are required to surpass such ventures. As a team, the Lady Eagles withstood the test this past weekend. Congratulations on your hard won victory!

U-12 Lady Eagles Unfurl Sharks

By Kate Murray

This past Saturday, 2/2/02, the U-12 Lady Eagles hosted the Stamford Sharks at the Enfield Twin Rinks. It was the first parring for the two teams. The Sharks are a talented group of girls that typically play on co-ed teams and have just started to make appearances in the New England Girls Hockey League. The game proved to be great fun to watch. Stamford played a very physical game. Undaunted, the Eagles team withstood the jousting to turn the score in their favor by one goal. The final score was 3 - 2, Enfield.

It took the two teams until the final minutes of the first period to light the scoreboard. Chelsea Bolton, demonstrating excellent positional play, manned her post and put the puck on net with 2 minutes and 10 seconds remaining in the period. Chelsea was assisted d by Lauren Little and Danielle Harris. The Sharks responded by earning their first goal a mere 16 seconds later. The teams sailed into the second with the score tied, 1 to 1.

The second period was perhaps the most hard fought, with the Eagles' goalies earning their keep. Elle Peck and Kristi Holt did not disappoint the crowd. With the support of their defensive lines and a hungry offensive squad, the score stood into the third.

The third period ignited Emily Walsh into action. After suffering physical abuse at the hands of her opponents, Emily had had enough! She earned a penalty shot and proceeded to fake out the Sharks goalie earning the team's second goal with a scant 5 minutes remaining in the game. Her efforts earned Emily a trip to the front row, were back on offense she scored her second goal of the period. Kylie Gifford assisted Emily. The Sharks netted one final goal, but it was too little, too late! The final score stood at 3 - 2, Enfield.

Post Game, Coach Rossignol noted the all out team effort witnessed by the Lady Eagles' fans. He praised his players for all executing their jobs and working together as a unit. He congratulated Kristi Holt on two tough saves late in the third and recognized the efforts of Elle Peck early in the game. Offensively he noted the stellar play of Emily, Kylie, Brianna, Chelsea and Morgan. Defensively he acknowledged Ali Murray for a "great game on D." Vicki Heyse was also a welcomed addition back on Defense! Congratulations on your win Lady Eagles. Mark another one up to strong team play! May you greet your next opponents with the same solidarity!

U-15 Lady Eagles Have Winning Weekend

By Carolyn DiCarlo

The first (yes, you read it here first) your FIRST PLACE Lady Eagles U 15 had another in a long series of spectacular weekend games.

The Troy/Albany Ice Cats were their first victims. The Lady Eagles out shot them, out played them and most importantly, out scored them by a 5 to 1 score. Kayla Lessard gave the Lady Eagles her usual outstanding performance in net, making some saves that were simply breathtaking. Five different players scored to prove that this year's edition of the Lady Eagles is a well rounded powerhouse. Erica Warzyski opened the scoring with an assist from Jessie O'Connell. Ashley Kaufman, assisted by Chelsea Cormier, ended the first period with a stunning goal. The Lady Eagles opened the second period with an eye-catching goal by Samantha Smith. Jessica O'Connell and Erica Warzyski provided the assists. Chelsea Cormier slammed the door on hopes of an Ice Cat victory with a dramatic goal in the closing seconds of the second period. She was assisted by Ashley Kaufman. Laura DiCarlo closed the scoring with her amazing goal late in the third period. Once again, Jessie and Ashley provided the assists.

The next day these flying high Lady Eagles traveled east to take on their toughest opponents of the season, second place Tewksbury. When all was said and done, the Lady Eagles left the arena still in first place and Tewksbury still in second. The Lady Eagles, simply put, played their game. They waited for the Tewksbury girls to make a mistake and pounced. Ashley Kaufman had 2 goals and Jessie O'Connell had 1 in the 3 to 1 victory. Kathryn Mullins, Chelsea Cormier, Erin Osborn and Erica Warzyski added to their points totals by assisting on Ashley's and Jessie's goals.

As in all the games played so far, credit should go not only to the scorers but to the forwards and defensive players that make things happen but never get that fourth assist. Laura Bartus, centering her new line, is equal to having a third defenseman (lady?) out there. Kim Pizzoferrato is creating havoc for the opposing team with her awesome playmaking abilities. Jen Strayer and Tara Walsh are two reasons goalie Kayla Lessard's goals against average is microscopic. Their defensive play is equal to none.

Practice Makes Perfect- Well Almost

GSL Bantams Beat Westfield II

By Craig Robinson

The Bantam GSL Eagles had their first good practice in a long while on Sunday, January 12th where most of the team showed up. Coaches Jim Nasuta and Norm Quesnal worked the team pretty hard. It paid off in their next game as they beat Westfield II by a score of 4-2. Westfield II was intended to be an "A" team the didn't make the cut during evaluations. Their goalie is an "A" goalie from Holy Name. (It should be noted that the GSL voted to have the Ludlow "A" team which hasn't done to well so far also play in the "B" division for the last half of the year.)

The game started out in the words of one of the team parents: "butt ugly." I had made up my mind before the game I was tired about writing about losses and the way this one started I wasn't taking notes. Craig Lamond injured his knee early on and was on the bench much of the game. Enfield passes were being picked off and Westfield was keeping the pressure on. Defense Mike Lajoie, Tony Nelson, Mike Watson and Nate Laplante kept the Westfield shots on goal to minimum but the Westfield Wings still scored the first goal about 3 minutes into the first period. Even with a two man advantage shortly after that goal the Eagles couldn't get a quality shot. The Eagles offense finally started to come together towards the end of the first period. With less than a minute left Ben Quesnal with his exceptional skating worked the puck into the offensive zone. He passed to Keith Loiselle who made a well placed pass to Nick Kozaczka in front of the net who shoots and scores. This is when I decided maybe I should start taking notes again.

About one minute into the 2nd period Enfield got a penalty resulting in a couple quality shots by Westfield but Enfield Goalie Mike Mamunes came up tall and held the game to 1-1. A minute later Westfield is in the penalty box allowing Enfield to go on the offensive but the Eagles could not capitalize. Back at full strength the Wings put on a tremendous offensive drive with a few shots on goal and a loose puck in front of the net which Mike Watson fell on. He got a delay of game penalty.

Thirty seconds later Nate Laplante and Anthony Santinello were rolling around on the ice fighting. The two refs had to pull them apart with one falling to the ice. Laplante was ejected from the game for abuse of an official. About 7 1/2 minutes into the 2nd period Westfield gets a penalty for slashing and 30 seconds later gets another for high stick and minor misconduct. Enfield pours it on. Unfortunately Westfield intercepts a pass and makes a breakaway but Mamunes makes a textbook glove save. Ten seconds later still on a powerplay Ben Quesnal streaks back down the ice on a breakaway, shoots and scores. Not to be outdone by his buddy, Mike Boice gets a breakaway and a goal at 10:36 with a well placed top shelf wrist shot.

Third period started poorly with two Eagles in the penalty box. Despite some aggressive skating by the remaining three Enfield skaters Goalie Mike Mamunes was like a sitting duck in a shooting gallery as Westfield hammered him with shots- not weak shots but quality shots. Deflecting top shelf wrist shots stick side and making glove saves on slap shots so fast I couldn't see the puck Goalie Mike Mamunes clearly stood out as the most valuable player this game. Finally back to full strength the offensive plays started to even out. At 3:31 in the period Mike Boice worked the puck into the attack zone and passed to Ben Quesnal who got his second goal of the game. About 5 minutes into the period Mike Lajoie made an excellent defensive play stripping Westfield of the puck in a 2-1 situation. He managed to get the puck out of the zone. The Wings did not give up but played harder. Halfway into the period they scored their second goal. A couple minutes later Enfield got a penalty and Westfield was fired up. About thirty seconds into the Westfield powerplay Mike Boice got a penalty for holding to prevent a shot. The Wings then had a two man advantage and again started peppering Mamunes with a flurry of shots. This assault continued but with less force when a Westfield penalty reduced their advantage. Goalie Mike Mamunes was incredible but so was the rest of the team. Mike Lajoie in the locker room attributed their win to the team's first good practice in a long while the week before. With a couple good practices per week the team could be back on top of their division.

Pee Wee A's look for revenge against Southeastern

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

After losing their first meeting of the year down in New London 4 to 3, our Eagles hosted the Seahawks at friendly Twin Rinks and jumped on them early with Nick Kapinos scoring on his first shift assisted by Drew Caronna. Midway thru the first period Nick found a crashing Jimmy Thompson and fed him a nice pass for Enfield's second goal. Enfield wrapped up their first period scoring with 7 seconds left as Aaron Pion knocked a rebound in for a 3-0 lead. Aaron Simons and Jeff Harris assisted the goal.

Period 2 opened up with solid defensive play lead by Justin, Zach, Tim, Adam, and Mark who neutralized any attack by the Seahawks. To close out the second period Nick Kapinos scored an unassisted goal for a 4-0 lead.

Period 3 started off by solid goaltending of Andy Nacin and good fore checking by Joe Fusco and Matt Vozzolo, while Nick Kapinos knocked in a rebound off a Justin Harden shot who assisted the goal to give Enfield a 5-0 lead. Our Eagles closed out the scoring as Aaron Simons scored after nice passes from Mike Furey and Adam Cartier who both assisted the goal.

Enfield won 6-0 revenging an early season loss and Andy Nacin netting his second shutout of the year.

Pee Wee A's Beat Central

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

After a long week off the Pee Wee A's entertained Central at the Twin Rinks in a Saturday morning face-off. Enfield quickly opened up the scoring as Jimmy Thompson, with a heads up play from behind the net found Nick Kapinos for Enfield's first goal and period 1 ended with a 1-0 lead with plenty of back and forth play.

Our Eagles built on the lead in the second with solid play especially on the defense by Adam Cartier who had a superb game. Andrew Caronna scored to give Enfield a 2-0 lead; Jimmy Thompson and Nick Kapinos assisted the goal. Enfield added their third goal as Andrew Caronna with a nice pass

found Nick Kapinos in the slot to take a 3-0 lead. Central scored a goal with 13 seconds left in the period to cut to gap to 3-1 as period 2 ended.

Central came out in the third period and scored 15 seconds into the period to cut their deficit to 3-2. But again, anchored by strong play defensively from Zach Daniels and mindful net tending from Andy Nacin, Enfield stopped any momentum that Central was going to start. Aaron Simons scored a big fourth goal for Enfield to make it a 2-goal lead, Matt Vozzolo and Justin Harden assisted the goal. Enfield spent the rest of the third period killing penalties and Nick Kapinos made the final score as he flipped the puck over everyone to find the empty net. A solid 5-2 Enfield win.

Pee Wee A's revenge early season loss to Ridgefield

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

In a rematch in Cromwell against powerhouse Ridgefield, our Pee Wee A's came out strong, played strong and finished strong against a hard hitting and quick opponent. Our defensive quintet had something to prove this time around and with hard work basically shutdown the speed of Ridgefield allowing no odd man rushes. JUST FANSTASTIC!

Enfield quickly got a goal on the board with Nick Kapinos finding the back of the net; Andrew Caronna and Jimmy Thompson assisted the goal. With in just two minutes Justin Harden found Joe Fusco along the boards who then found a crashing Aaron Simons in the neutral zone and with hustle, created a breakaway to bury the shot to give Enfield a 2-0 lead. Period one ended 2-0 Enfield.

As our defense lead by Tim Giguere, Adam Cartier, Zach Daniels, Justin Harden and Mark Zabicki continued to shut down the fleet footed opponents, Aaron Pion cleaned up a rebound to score and build a 3-0 lead, the goal was assisted by Matt Vozzolo and Mark Zabicki. At this point, "shock" was the atmosphere on the Ridgefield bench, they later added a goal late in the second period but at the end of two it was 3-1 Enfield.

Period 3 played tough for both teams as Enfield played pure defense shutting down Ridgefield completely. Andrew Caronna rolled an "empty-netter" to give Enfield a 4-1 win and Ridgefield a long ride home.

Pee Wee A's Ending the Year with Winning Ways

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

After having another week off between games Jesse Peters' Pee Wee A's entertained the Bumble Bees of East Haven at Cromwell to revenge a tough early season loss. With the possibilities of seeing our opponents again in the States a message had to be sent early and often that we are not the same team as we were 3 months ago. The Pee Wee's are quietly getting accustomed to winning, the last 12 of 16 games and wrapping up the CHC strongly.

This game opened up with tremendous checking on Enfields' part with defensive men Tim Giguere and Adam Cartier swatting any Bumble Bee that came close. Period 1 was an exhibition of aggression by Enfield neutralizing any idea of East Haven getting a legitimate scoring chance, while Enfield showed their week off and missed the net on numerous occasions. Period one ended with no score.

Period 2 opened quickly for Enfield as Justin Harden ripped a shot from the point and found the back of the net to give Enfield a 1-0 lead, Mike Furey assisted on the goal. Midway thru the second Nick Kapinos got Enfield their second goal with a rebound off his own shot. With tremendous pressure in the zone Jimmy Thompson scored Enfields' third goal to take a 3-0 lead, the goal was assisted by Nick Kapinos and Andrew Caronna. Period 2 ended with a 3-0 lead for our Pee Wees.

Period 3 opened up with a little lapse on Enfields' part giving up 2 goals in 7 seconds letting East Haven close the gap to 3 to 2, but for the rest of the game goalie Andy Nacin said "the goal is closed" and Enfield playing solid defense coupled with the early hitting took any punch out of East Haven and prevented them from any good scoring chances.

In one of the most physical game of the year we revenged the early lost and won 3-2.

Pee Wee A's Beats Watertown in Regular Season Finale

By Joanne and Alex Kapinos

Jesse Peters' Pee Wee A's wrapped up the regular season at Watertown with a 3-1 win. The Pee Wees finished the season winning 14 of their last 20 games against the strength of their schedule.

This game opened up tentatively for both teams, with 5 minutes left in the first period Aaron Simons off a nice pass from Mike Furey snapped a wrist shot past the goalie to give Enfield a 1-0 lead. With a back and forth game much of the way, Andy Nacin was at the top of the game in the net to keep Watertown off the scoreboard.

Midway thru the second Justin Harden found Nick Kapinos on a breakout and Nick took the puck the length of the ice and with a corner shot found the back of the net for Enfields' second goal. Within minutes Nick again scored on an unassisted goal to give the Eagles a 3-0 lead. Enfield held Watertown scoreless until a late goal by the opponents made the final score 3-1 Enfield.

Pee Wee "B's" Beat Wallingford

By Paul Rivard

The Enfield Pee Wee B's split the weekend with two well-played games resulting in one win and one loss.

On Saturday the 26th, the B's faced off against the Wallingford B's at the ISCC in Simsbury in a 7 - 2 win. This game was Enfield's from the beginning with our crew showing a clear domination right out of the gate. Enfield went ahead 2 - 0 by the end of the first period on a goal by wing Scott Duguay assisted by center Garrett Rivard. The second tally of the period came from Rivard with assists going to wing Luke Anderson and defenseman Chris Boulanger. Shots for the period were few, favoring Enfield 7 to 4.

The second period began with Wallingford coming out hitting hard, and ended with 2 more goals for Enfield, both coming from the stick of Rivard for the hat-trick. The first was assisted by Duguay and Boulanger, and the second, unassisted. Shots for the period, 8 - 5 again favoring Enfield.

The scoring for the third period was opened up by the Wallingford crew with a goal around 2 1/2 minutes into the period. This was answered one minute later with a goal from wing Alexi Grandahl, assisted by Rivard. Wallingford then countered with their second and final goal of the game one minute later. The final two goals of the game came from wing James Drummey assisted by Duguay and Grandahl, and from Duguay, his second of the game, assisted by Grandahl and Drummey. Shots for the third were 10 - 7, Enfield, for a game total of 25 - 16.

Enfield's strong passing game and control of the neutral and offensive zones clearly gave them the edge in this meeting.

Pee Wee “B”s Out Shoot West Hartford

By Paul Rivard

The Enfield Pee Wee B's, sponsored by Norcom Financial Services, played their second game of the weekend on Sunday against the West Hartford Pee Wee B's. Coming off a decisive victory the day before, the Enfield team hoped to carry their momentum into this game, a close battle ending in a 2-1 loss to West Hartford.

The score board was first lit by Enfield with a late first period goal by center Garrett Rivard, unassisted.

The score remained 1-0 for Enfield for most of the match, with Enfield carrying over their offensive push from the previous game, outshooting their opponent 18-13 through two periods.

Though the Enfield squad edged out West Hartford for shots in the third (4-3) and ended the game with a 21-16 shots advantage, the West Hartford crew managed to tally two third period goals to seal the victory 2-1.

The entire Enfield squad played well for this game, with special mention going to goalie Nate Allard who made some spectacular saves for Enfield.

Pee Wee “B”s Host Columbia A

By Paul Rivard

For the second weekend in a row, The Pee Wee B's split the weekend with a home/away, win/loss in CHC competition. On Saturday, Feb 2nd, the B's hosted the Columbia A team in what proved to be a close battle, ending in a 5 - 4 victory for Enfield.

Columbia opened up the scoring on an early first period goal, followed by another about four minutes later. Enfield was undaunted though, and continued to pressure Columbia finishing the period with a 9-5 shot advantage and a late goal from wing Alex Grandahl assisted by center James Drummey.

It was beginning to look as though the second period may end scoreless, when Columbia finally tallied one late in the period. This did not upset our crew however, who

answered with two goals of their own to end the period tied at 3. With just under 2 minutes remaining in the second period, Grandahl scored his second of the game, assisted by center Garrett Rivard. And then with a mere second remaining on the clock, Rivard sent one home, assisted by wingers Devin DeRosia and Luke Anderson. The shot total at the end of the second period favored Enfield 19-11.

Perhaps sparked by the late 2nd period goal, the Enfield squad came out in the third period as team on a mission. Defense was tight from the whole squad as it had been from the first face-off, with particular mention going to Ethan Sobel and Chris Boulanger who showed they would allow no one to get close to their net minder.

It was at around 3 1/2 minutes into the third period, when Enfield took the lead for the first time. The Eagle's were actually down a man with Sobel in the box, and the penalty-killing crew of Meghan McGunigle, Jim Drummey, Sam Leonardo, and Sean Hughes stepping in. Enfield kept Columbia at bay and managed to spend a fair amount of time in the visiting team's zone with tenacious forechecking from forwards Drummey and McGunigle. It was this tenacity that paid off for Ms. McGunigle when she forced a Columbia skater into giving up possession while attempting to exit their zone, and capitalized with a rocket of a wrist-shot that found it's way by the Columbia net minder for the unassisted goal. Columbia tied the game with 5:41 remaining in the third period, only to have Enfield answer back 36 seconds later with what would ultimately be the game winner off the stick of Rivard, his second of the game, assisted by Sam Leonardo. Shot total for the period was 11-6 favoring Enfield, for a game total of 30-17.

Great Job B's!

Pee Wee "B"s In Physical Game Against Washington

By Paul Rivard

On Sunday, February 3rd, our Pee Wee B's faced off against the Washington Pee Wee A's, for the second game in a home / away weekend.

Coming off a hard fought win the previous day to Columbia A, our crew was determined to take that same work ethic on the road to The Guntery. Though that work ethic was in fact there, our B's were met with a formidable opponent that showed a noticeable size and speed advantage. This was also the first game in the last four in which our squad was out-shot (32-14). The end result was a 4-0 loss for Enfield.

Some notables for Enfield in this CHC meeting were Sam Leonardo who played his usual solid game on defense, making it quite clear to the Washington skaters, that their physical play would be reciprocated every time they dared cross our blue line. Also turning in an impressive performance were the wing tandem of Devin DeRosia and Anthony Sarno who kept Washington's defense busy with some nice passing on several offensive rushes. This effort was nearly rewarded when Sarno was narrowly stopped by the opponents' net minder late in the third period. Get 'em next time, guys!

Pee Wee B2s Overwhelm Westfield

By David Orszulak

Jordan Knightly recorded a 3 goal hat trick and 5 points overall, while Ben Broadhurst had 4 points (goal and 3 assists) and Kyle Houlihan had 3 points (goal and 2 assists) to lead the EHA Pee Wee B2s to a 9 - 2 rout of Westfield in a Greater Springfield League game. The last time these two teams met, the Eagles needed a late 3rd period goal to squeak out a 4-all tie. This time, the Eagles played Westfield fairly evenly in the first period though led 4 - 1 on the strength of two late goals inside the last 30 seconds, and then kicked it into overdrive with 2 more in the second and three in the third to record their highest offensive output - 9 goals -

of the season. Others recording points in the game were Tyler Orszulak, Matt Poremba, and Eric Rubin with 2 points each; while Dan Aikins, Brian Buchalski, Eric Cournoyer, Peter Devylder, Zach Lavender, and Drew Thompson had a point each. Goaltender Eric Nasuta improved his overall record to a winning one at 8 - 7 - 4. The victory was not without cost, as the Eagles lost forward Andrew Pantuosco (broken wrist) and defenseman Nick Goulet (severe ankle sprain) to injury during the game.

Pee Wee C Hosts Westfield

By Doreen Newell

On February 3, the Enfield Eagles hosted Westfield. Both teams came out strong. With great saves by goalie Jacob Nelson, the first period ended scoreless for both teams. Four minutes into the second period, David Newell (C) scored top shelf on a rebound shot by Jeff Marek. The Eagles held onto the lead for the remainder of the period. Then the third period got ugly! Westfield scored two power play goals to win the game 2 - 1.

Mass-Conn Braves Defeat Enfield Squirt A Eagles in a Great Game

By Bill Bolton

The Enfield Eagle Squirt A team took on the Mass-Conn Brave's Squirt Major team last Saturday morning. Mass-Conn's squirt majors are a very strong select team that plays in the Northeast Metropolitan League. In an earlier meeting this year Mass-Conn shut out Enfield 3-0. This game turned out to be a great game to watch. Both teams were fast and moved the puck well. During the first period most of the play was spent in the neutral zone with both teams battling for an edge. At the end of one each team had 3 shots on net with the score remaining 0-0. The second period continued at a fast pace with the game becoming a little bit more wide open. Both teams began to create opportunities. At 5:36 of the second Mass-Conn finally broke onto the scoreboard. Enfield picked up the pace and buried what looked to be a great rebound goal but the referees agreed that the puck had never crossed the line. Then with just 1 second left in the period Mass-Conn took a 2-0 lead. After a breakdown in the transition area Mass-Conn moved in, dropped the puck to a trailer and buried a nice goal.

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Shots on net for the period were Enfield-5 and Mass-Conn-6. The third period continued the trend of wide open play. The teams were now both able to use their speed to move down the ice. With 4:35 gone in the third Mass-Conn would take a decisive 3-0 lead. At this point Enfield came alive. Dominating in a way that Enfield is capable of they deposited 11 shots on net. Each time the Mass-Conn goalie turned them aside. Then with just 3:36 left in the game Thomas Grigely finally got Enfield on the board. The goal was an unassisted tally. With 1 minute to go Enfield pulled their goalie and continued to dominate in the offensive zone but was unable to hit the back of the net. Final Score: Mass-Conn-3 Enfield-1. It was later discovered that none of the top teams in Squirt CHC had come as close as Enfield did (3-1) in games against this tough Mass-Conn team.

Enfield Squirt A Beats Mid- Fairfield A and West Hartford A

By Bill Bolton

The Enfield Eagle Squirt A team played three games this weekend going 2-1. The wins came against a tough Mid-Fairfield Squirt A team (3-2) and West Hartford's squirt A team (5-1). The defeat came at the hands of the same Mid-Fairfield A team (1-0).

On Saturday the Enfield Squirt A's played two games. The games were just over 3 hours apart. The first was against the Mid-Fairfield squirt A team at the New Haven Coliseum. Mid-Fairfield was a strong Division 1 contender and Enfield was determined to show why they were also considered among the best. Goaltending turned out to be the story of this game. Both teams played very well and created several scoring opportunities but the goalies each stood tall and made save after save. Both teams were mired in penalties causing the coaches to constantly mix and match teammates in special team play. The game went scoreless until the 8:22 mark of third period. A Mid-Fairfield player moved across the blue line and fired a tricky shot past a screened Zach Nolan. Mid-Fairfield had taken the lead but the shot was nothing to write home about. That is the way this one

ended. Enfield did pull their goalie and dominate the last 30 seconds of the game. There was a melee out front with several shots and rebounds but Enfield just could not get the puck past Mid-Fairfield's goalie. Final Score: Mid-Fairfield-1 Enfield-0.

The Enfield boys rushed into the locker room, got undressed, and headed for Simsbury to take on West Hartford who at this point was sitting in the number one spot in Division 2. Enfield arrived just in time to get dressed again and hit the ice not missing a beat. With all their hard work in practice Enfield looked just as fresh as they had in their earlier game. The results of this one would never be in doubt as Enfield deposited 3 goals in the first period. West Hartford did post a goal as well but the pace of the game heavily favored Enfield. Goals for the first period went to Jake Bolton, Joe Giordano, and Branden Chicorka with assists going to Joe Giordano, David Lloyd, Eric Chamberland, Brian Sullivan, and Thomas Grigely. Shots on net for the period were Enfield-12 and West Hartford-2. The second and third periods played out at much the same pace as Enfield still continued to control the game adding a goal in each period. The fourth goal went to Thomas Grigely from Steve Alexander and Brian Sullivan. The fifth and final goal went to Eric Romeo on a great shot from the point with the assists going to Thomas Grigely and Branden Chicorka. Even a tired Enfield team was too much for West Hartford on this occasion. Final Score: Enfield-5 West Hartford-1.

On Sunday morning Enfield headed back down state to take revenge on Mid-Fairfield's squirt A team. Even though yesterday's loss was only 1-0 Enfield felt they had deserved the victory and were out to prove that point on the road today. The game started out just as Enfield planned. They controlled the play and used their speed to set up in the offensive zone. At 4:57 of the first period Enfield would take the lead on a power-play goal by Branden Chicorka with an assist going to Eric Romeo. At this point the play began to get physical as the Mid-Fairfield boys were getting desperate. Just 10 seconds into the second period Jake Bolton would make them pay. He fired a shot from above the top of the circle that broke off the goalie and into the net. Enfield was now up 2-0. Mid-Fairfield continued their physical play drawing a total of 7 penalties.

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This one looked like a decisive victory until a questionable call with 5:37 left in the game. The referees called Steven Alexander for tying up the puck in the goal crease. A call you almost never see called... unless of course you're on the road! A Mid-Fairfield player was awarded a penalty shot and proceeded to score on a great deke that brought the score to 2-1. Enfield then dug down deep and raised the level of play yet again drawing another Mid-Fairfield penalty. Then on the power play Enfield would put this one away for good. Eric Chamberland scored on a great play from the point with the assists going to Eric Romeo and Branden Chicorka. With 59 seconds left Mid-Fairfield did bring the score to 3-2 but Enfield would not be denied. Final Score: Enfield-3 Mid-Fairfield-2.

Enfield Squirt A's Finish CHC Season with some Tough Games

By Bill Bolton

The Enfield Eagle Squirt A team loaded the end of their schedule with some very tough opponents. The last 10 games of the regular season included 8 games against Division 1 teams and 2 games against Division 2 teams. The final three of the season included Darien, Southern, and Wallingford.

On Saturday morning the 26th Darien traveled to Enfield to take on our Squirt A boys. This was one of the rare home ice games that Enfield would actually be playing at the Twin Rinks. Enfield had beaten Darien earlier in the season on the road 3-0. Our boys knew that this game would be different. Darien would bring everything they had for revenge. Suffice it to say that this would not turn out to be one of Enfield's finest games. Right from the start Darien carried the play. By the end of the first period the score was 1-1 (Branden Chicorka scored from Brain Sullivan) but the shots on net were 18-8 in favor of Darien. Only Zach Nolan's brilliant play kept the game

in reach. In the second period Enfield started to come alive. The play had evened out much more with Enfield out shooting Darien 8-4. Darien however had deposited two goals while Enfield only found the back of the net once (Branden Chicorka again, from Thomas Grigely). At the end of the second Darien was still in the lead by the score of 3-2. The third period saw Enfield continue to gain momentum. There were several great opportunities to tie the score but nothing went in. Joe Giordano had a point blank shot that hit the post and several rebounds just didn't find their way past a tough Darien goalie. Towards the end of the game Enfield began to press and off some aggressive play Darien was able to spring an odd man rush and score their 4th goal. Enfield did pull the goalie at the end of the game and managed to barrage Darien's net minder but the final score would remain: Darien-4 Enfield-2.

Early Sunday morning Enfield traveled down 91 to play Southern at the Milford Ice Palace. This game was probably the best effort put forth by Enfield this year but the result was a 3-2 loss. To put it directly, Enfield was robbed of certain victory. At the end of period one, Enfield had totally controlled the game leading 2-1. The Enfield goals were by David Lloyd and Eric Romeo with an assist going to Eric Chamberland. Southern's lone goal came off a deflection from the far end that gave them an odd man rush. Other than that the game was safely in Enfield's hands. Then with approximately 6 minutes left in the second period everything would change. In the middle of sustained offensive pressure in Southern's end, Branden Chicorka walked the puck out front and buried a beautiful shot that bounced off the back of the net and out. While the Enfield boys skated over to Branden to celebrate a Southern player picked up the puck, headed down the ice, and shot it past Zach Nolan. Both referees then declared that they had not seen Branden's goal go into the net and awarded Southern a goal. Rather than having a commanding 3-1 lead Enfield was now faced with a 2-2 tie on the road. After much deliberation and admittance for both coaches that the puck had gone into the net, the referees threw their arms up and apologized but did nothing to rectify the situation. The results would not be changed. Rather than being down by 2 goals Southern was now handed a tie. The pain of this one would run deeper than that as was with time running out in the third period a Southern shot from the point would bounce off a skate blade and into Enfield's net. Enfield would actually lose the game 3-2.

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This was a game that turned out to be very hard for our youngsters to take. The boys had never beaten Southern and on this day were far the best but would not aloud to celebrate their deserved victory. Final Score: Southern-3 Enfield-2.

The last game of the regular season was played in Cromwell against Wallingford. Although Enfield was safely in Division 1, Wallingford was not. They were the 8th seed and without a victory in this game they would surely fall to Division 2. That being said, you can imagine how Wallingford attacked the game. They were on a mission from the start and as the game unfolded Enfield could not seem to obtain the momentum needed to hold them back. The Wallingford brass seemed to be able to power through every play and control the puck at will. Enfield was able to frustrate them in the neutral zone but struggled to generate any offense. Our Enfield boys did score first at the 10:54 mark of the first period on a power play goal (Branden Chicorka from Brian Sullivan) but overall it was Wallingford dictating the pace of the game. By the end of the second Wallingford had built a 3-1 lead and fought for all they were worth to hang on to Division 1. In the third period Enfield began to come alive with some of their own well-known defensive and offensive power. With just 7:46 left in the game Branden and Brian would hook up again with Brian scoring this time on a great pass from Branden. With the game now 3-2 Enfield was able to find that spark needed to compete at the top level. With the rest of the game being wide open and fast paced both teams created some great opportunities but neither were able to score. In the end it would be Wallingford who would take home the victory. Final Score: Wallingford-3 Enfield-1. After posting a 22-9-1 CHC record with 10 shut outs our Squirt A team is ready for the state tournament.

Squirt "A1"'s Take On A Level Schedule And Go 2 – 2 – 5 For January

The Squirt A-1's took on Avon's A-1 team Friday night, in the first Matt Simons scores for Enfield assisted by Nick Dwyer for a 1-0 lead after one. In the second Avon scores two and the Eagles fell behind 2-1. In the third Enfield answers back with a goal by David Cardoropoli, assisted by Mike Cherpak and Nick Dwyer for a 2-2 tie.

Saturday the Eagles took on GNH and after one it was 0-0, both goalies working hard. In the second DJ DeGray scored twice assisted by Collin McGunigle to put Enfield up 2-0. In the third David Cardoropoli scores to put the Eagles up 3-0 and GNH scores one late for a 3-1 Enfield victory. Sunday mourning the A-1's took on Middlesex's A team. Middlesex scores one in the first for a 1-0 lead. In the second Enfield scores two to go up 2-1. Goals were scored by DJ DeGray and Mike Cherpak with assists by Collin McGunigle and Ed Dukette. In the third Middlesex ties it at 2-2, then Enfield goes up 3-2 on a goal by Stephen Daddario assisted by Pete Aikens and Ben Kapinos. Middlesex fights back and goes up 4-3. With one minute to go Collin McGunigle scores to get a 4-4 tie.

Sunday night the team traveled to New Milford for a rematch with their A team. Enfield scores first on a DJ DeGray score unassisted. New Milford ties it at one and the first period ends that way. In the second DJ scores another unassisted goal on a turn over as Collin McGunigle and Matt Reda fore checked. After two tied at two. In the third both teams had great opportunities and the goalies come up big. Kyle Dyer rips one by the NM goalie on a nice pass from Mike Cherpak to go up 3-2. NM battles back and ties it at four with less than a minute to go after pulling their goalie and Enfield getting a penalty and the game ends tied 4-4.

The A-1's continued their tough A level schedule with a trip to South Windsor. The first period goes scoreless as Scott Andrewsikas came up with many big saves. In the second SW takes a 1-0 lead half way through the period. With just over two minutes left in the second Kyle Dyer scores to tie it at one assisted by Mike Cherpak. In the third both teams traded goals early in, Enfield's by DJ DeGray, assisted by Matt Simons. Both teams worked hard and Enfield's defense, Matt Simons, Ed Dukette, Nick Dwyer and Kyle Murkowicz, did a great job of limiting SW's scoring chances to end the game tied at two.

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Next up was Newington's A team. Both teams skated hard and had some good chances but it was the goal tenders that shined as both teams couldn't score for the first two periods. In the third Newington scored at 4:39 for the 1-0 lead. Enfield battled back and at the 1:53 mark Collin McGunigle scored assisted by David Cardoropoli and Nick Dwyer. Neither team could score after that for a 1-1 tie.

Off to Stamford to take on the Sharks. Late in the first Stephen Daddario scores unassisted after Ben Kapinos and Pete Aikens force Stamford into a turnover with some great fore checking for a 1-0 lead. In the second Mike Cherpak blasts one into the net assisted by Kyle Dyer for a 2-0 lead. Scott Andrewsikas earned another shutout, final 2-0 Enfield.

Next up was Northern's A team and bragging rights at ETR. David Cardoropoli scores first, assisted by Mike Cherpak. DJ Degray adds another one, assisted by Nick Dwyer to put the Eagles up 2-0 after one. In the second Kyle Dyer adds another one unassisted to put Enfield up 3-0 after two. DJ DeGray scores unassisted to put the A-1's up 4-0. Northern gets a power play goal to make it 4-1. Collin McGunigle adds another one, assisted by DJ, for the 5-1 victory.

Friday night and another chance at South Windsor's A team. Enfield scores first as Collin McGunigle scores, assisted by DJ DeGray, to put the Eagles up 1-0 after one. The second period belong to the goalies as both teams were stopped and Enfield was up 1-0 after two. SW came out strong and Enfield playing with some ill players gave up two goals in the first six minutes. Time to reach down for that extra effort and the Eagles battled back to tie it at two on another Colin McGunigle goal, assisted by Mike Cherpak and Kyle Dyer, to earn another tie, final 2-2.

Saturday morning and off to Avon to Take on their A-1 team. Avon scores first for the 1-0 lead. Ben Kapinos strikes back with a nice pass from Mike Cherpak to tie it at 1-1 after one. Both teams worked hard, but it was the goal tenders that decided the rest of this game, a 1-1 tie for the third tie this season between these two teams.

Next up was Darien's A-1 team. Again the team came out a little flat and shorthanded due to illness. Darien won 4-2, the two Enfield goals were scored by Collin McGunigle with assists by DJ DeGray and Mike Cherpak.

To end the CHC season the Eagles took on Echo's A-1 team. Short are leading scorer DJ the team managed one goal by Mike Cherpak, assisted by David Cardoropoli. The team played hard but couldn't manage to score any more and lost 3-1. Time to regroup and prepare for the States.

Enfield Squirt "B"s

On January 9th the Enfield Squirt B and ECHO B had the honor of playing on the big ice of the Hartford Civic Center prior to enjoying a Wolf Pack game. ECHO wanted us badly, having lost the 2 previous challenges. For the first period we exchanged goals. Enfield's Justin Bird scored first on an assist by Reilly Higgins, then came ECHO, next cam Reilly's turn to score, credit the assist to Zach Allard, next ECHO scored to end the period 2-2. The second period was ECHO's time to go ahead scoring the solo goal for the period. Tony Colca came out on fire in the third period to score an unassisted goal to tie things up. ECHO answered five minutes later to go ahead, but not for long..Justin Bird got the puck to Zach Allard to once again tie it up 4-4. ECHO almost got us...It looks like they may get another chance in the states. Player of the game went to 'the team'.

The following Saturday Enfield traveled the long journey through Connecticut. It is hard to believe that one could drive sooo long and still be within the state limits. This was probably one of the worst officiated games, despite this, the kids played well and they didn't let things get the better of them. It is too bad the 'seeing eye dog' was running loose in the rink the refs needed him on skates. Due to the number of whistles and 'penalties' the kids were forced to play a defensive game.

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Zach Allard deked one in the net during the first period. S.Kent answered in the third period on a power play to even the score but that was all the offense we got to see. We ended with a 1-1 tie. Conor Walsh dove to stop a puck that was on its way in the net and Scotty stopped a penalty shot in the final minutes to give us the tie. Player of the game was awarded to Conor Walsh for his aggressive defensive efforts.

The following Friday we traveled to Newington to play Central. Friday night games are not our favorite but this one proved to be in our favor. We out shot this team 36 to 7. Late in the first period Justin Bird and Zach Allard took it up the ice and on a nice give and go Zach laid it in the net. Then with 19 seconds left in the period Central got one in the net on a nice deflection from our defenseman's skate, unfortunate but okay. In the second period there was a lot of action, the central goalie stopped 15 shots the defense held Central to 1 shot on goal. Nick Demontigny caught Nate Turner's rebound and snuck it in the net. Nick caught another rebound from Josh Fasano in the third period and scored again. Way to be there Nick!!! Craig Downs scored our fourth goal in the third and then with 12 seconds left Central snuck one in to end the game 4-2.

The next day the Squirt B team played the CY. Cyclones. Scotty Stevenson had another shut out. We are so proud of our defense. This game earned Craig Downs and Zach Allard each hat tricks and Bryan Solnick and Reilly Higgins both earned playmaker honors. Other goals were credited to Reilly and Tony Colca with assists credited to Dan Kraucunas, Conor Walsh, Anthony Poissant and 2 to Andrew Votta. Hey, isn't that the defense! Great job on D and great work setting up those plays and protecting Scotty!

The next day the team traveled to "The Wonderland of Ice" to play Bridgeport B. Once again Scotty had another shut out. How many now Scotty?...\$50 worth? This game was physical and aggressive from the first face off. Our kids made some adjustments and then took control. Craig Downs scored first on an assist by Dan Kraucunas. Conor Walsh dumped the puck in the neutral zone right to Tony Colca who took it up ice and in to score our second. A minute later Reilly Higgins set up Zach Allard

to finish it off 3-0 Enfield! Player of the game honors went to Tony Colca, Scotty Stevenson and Conor Walsh. A great team effort!!!

The kids couldn't keep up the intensity for their 4th game that weekend. Was it because they were tired or because they knew it was a nonconference game or what? Either way despite goals by Reilly Higgins (assist Justin and Zach) and by Nick Demontigny (assist Dan K and Josh) we still fell short a goal losing to Amhearst 2-3.

The following Saturday Enfield played Southeastern B once again losing 2-3. Enfield goals were scored by Nick Demontigny (assists Tony Colca and Allard) and by Zach Allard. (assist Nate Turner)

Sunday Central came to our home ice to revenge our last win where we clearly dominated despite the 4-2 score. For this game their goalie could not stop the barrage of Enfield shots. There were 7 different Enfield scorers. (Justin Bird started us off followed by Zach Allard, Tony Colca, Craig Downs, Nick Demontigny, CONOR WALSH, and Reilly Higgins.) Justin Bird also had 2 assists, 2 assists credited to Andrew Votta, assists by Anthony Poissant, Zach Allard,,and Conor Walsh. Reilly Higgins earned himself another playmaker and the honor of player of the game.

This game also taught us a lesson and that is that winning isn't everything! We need to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. We need to play "SMART-HOCKEY" and not lower ourselves to the standards of others. We need to show respect in order to earn respect! Good playing and hard work will be rewarded. SMART-HOCKEY players!

That afternoon the team went to the Fasano's for a BABY SHOWER for coach Glenn. It was a lot of fun and the food was terrific, thanks Ron and Traci for the great time. The boys have been planning this celebration for a while and they are so excited to be a part of this special time. Glenn and Julie you will be great parents and we have 14 little people and their parents who can attest to this. We cannot wait!!! Congratulations Coach!

Enfield Squirt “B”s vs Columbia A

The Enfield Squirt B team played back to back games with the Columbia A team. Saturday we traveled to the UCONN arena in Storrs,CT. What team showed up? I don't know. We were lucky to squeak by with a tie. The first period went scoreless, we dominated the ice but we needed the net to double in size and the goalie to shrink to get us a goal. Columbia scored early in the second period. Once again we could not buy a goal. The third period brought much of the same. Finally, some excitement. . . Columbia had a breakaway with 1:42 left on the clock, as our defense went for the Columbia player his stick got stuck in the players blade and he was sent to the box for tripping. Shortly after Coach Bird pulled our goalie, we were all even, then we killed the penalty and we were up a man, Bryan Solnick centered the pass and Nate Turner laid it in the net at the 26 second mark! Like I said, we were lucky to leave with a tie.

The next day we were back on home ice to play them once more. The Columbia team drew first blood at the end of the first period...oh no! Then the "Enfield Team" showed up. Enfield answered a minute later as Andrew Votta set up Craig Downs to tie it up. The second period was much like the first, we could not buy a goal, then with 7 seconds left in the period Zach Allard got the puck to Conor Walsh who fired it from the blue line, Justin Bird caught the rebound and sunk it for the go ahead goal. Way to use your points! Coach Bird got to use that quote some 30 seconds later when Josh, Nick, and Nate couldn't quite make it happen around the net. Nick Demontigney passed to the point and Anthony Poissant shot a rocket that blew past the defense and into the net. "See what happens when you use your points" Enfield continue to dominate. There was some nice sequence passing, some great efforts and pretty play to excite the crowd and finally Reilly Higgins passed to Zach Allard who took the puck from behind the net and wrapped it around to score! Final score Enfield 4, Columbia 1. We were glad to see the TEAM come to PLAY. Tony Colca was voted by the coaches as player of the game. Way to go Tony!

Squirt “C”s Tie Tri-Town

By Debbie Filiault

Our Eagles and Tri City are pretty evenly matched. This team keeps us on our toes. The first period seemed to go on forever with shots on goal by both sides coming up empty. With 4:39 to go Tri City Scored. Going into the second period scored again and it looked like we were in trouble. Today just didn't seem to be our day. Our Eagles stepped up a gear and Defenseman Kevin Wezowicz made a nice assist to TC Crane who put Enfield on the board. With Enfield down by one and into the third Zach Jourdan stayed on top of their offense and helped defend the Eagles Goal and goalie CJ Shefrin. Alex Pieper and Dustin Rolocut assisted to Jacob Robbins who scored for Enfield to tie up the game. Seth Grunert has really been doing a nice job on defense for the Eagles. Keep up the good work Seth. Jack Savage and TC Crane worked well together to assist to Alan Filiault who scored for Enfield with a nice Chip Shot. Nolan Davis made some great assists in this game. Tri City came back to score back to back goals. Chris D'onfrio played a great offensive game. With less than five minutes left in the game it looked as though we weren't going to get our act together Kevin Wezowicz and Alex Pieper assisted to Glenn Gonzalez who scored for the Eagles. A very exciting game for family and friends. Final Score Enfield 4 Tri City 4.

Squirt “C”s Win Against Capitols

By Debbie Filiault

On Mon. Jan. 7, 02 Enfield played well with Glenn Gonzalez starting off the game to assist to Alex Pieper to score for Enfield. With four minutes to go in the first period Goalie CJ Shefrin made a valiant attempt for the save but the Caps made it onto the board. At the buzzer the Caps scored again to end up on top after the first. Defenseman Seth Grunert made a perfect pass to Nolan Davis to score goal number two for the Eagles. Dustin Rolocut skated well to help out his teammates today. WOJO Wezowicz and Zach Jourdan played a good game of defense and TC Crane filled in on “D” to cover for Jack Savage. Our offensive Matt Kitchen was also missed this game. Alex Pieper scored goal number three to put Enfield on top. Alan Filiault and Jacob Robbins worked together to assist to a waiting Chris D'onfrio who scored the final goal for the game. A real team effort by the Eagles. Final Score Enfield 4 Caps 2.

Squirt “C”s Against Amhearst 2

By Debbie Filiault

Jan. 12, 02. There are some games that you lose by numbers but not by skill and this was one of those games. I was so proud to see the Eagles skate so well and really work together as a team. Goalie Chris D'onfrio had over twenty five attempts on goal for the game and to give up only three was an outstanding job in its own right. Amhearst took control of the first period scoring two and into the second they scored again. Matt Kitchen, Glenn Gonzalez, Dustin Rolocut, and Alex Pieper skated well and had numerous shots on goal with no luck. Jacob Robbins assisted to TC Crane who scored for the Eagles and started the Eagles in motion. Seth Grunert, CJ Shefrin, Jack Savage and Zach Jourdan, our Eagles “D TEAM” played tough and Goalie Chris wasn't going to let anything else into his zone. Nolan Davis and Jacob Robbins assisted to Alan Filiault who scored for Enfield. With Enfield down by one the eagles just simply ran out of time. A Game that was well played by all and although the game was lost it wasn't due to lack of effort or sportsmanship. Nice Job Enfield. Final Score Eagles 2 Amhearst 3.

Squirt “C”s Rally Against Amhearst 1

By Debbie Filiault

Jan.13, 02. It's easy to see why these guys are moving on up. There teamwork is really paying off. Dustin Rolocut and Alan Filiault work well together and aren't afraid to pass the puck. TC Crane passed it along to help teammate Nolan Davis score the first goal for Enfield. Amhearst came back at the end of the first to tie up the game. Jack Savage and Seth Grunert have been playing a great game. Zach Jourdan never gives up and really helped out Goalie Chris D'onfrio today. To start off the second Amhearst let their final goal of the game slip by but Chris said enough is enough. Matt Kitchen skated hard and took the puck down the ice to score for the Eagles and tie up the game. CJ Shefrin gave it his all today. Jacob Robbins was relentless and didn't stop until he scored for the team. Alex Pieper filling in for Wojo scored the final goal for Enfield. Glenn you missed a great game. The Eagles ended the game on top and should be proud of their performance. Way to Go Eagles. Final Score Eagles 4 Amhearst 2.

Squirt “C”s Move Up To B Division

By Debbie Filiault

The Eagles are off to a great start on Jan. 19, 02 against Baywest. Alan Filiault and Jacob Robbins played center for the Eagles and really showed off their skating skills. Glenn Gonzalez the third center for the Eagles skated well and worked together with Nolan Davis to assist to Alex Pieper who scored to put the Eagles in front. Kevin Wezowicz and Jack Savage on the “D” line and Seth Grunert and Zachery Jourdan on the other “D” line worked well to help out their goalie Chris D'onfrio keep Baywest struggling to score and Chris never let them have a single chance. Our Eagles with one and Baywest still at zero CJ Shrefrin and Dustin Rolocut kept up with heads up hockey to lead to no score for either team in the second. Matt Kitchen and TC Crane paired up and made numerous attempts on goal with no results. Nolan Davis assisted to Alex Pieper who scored again for Enfield to put the Eagles up by two. The Enfield Eagles proved that they are worthy to be in the B Division and should be proud of themselves for their performance. Final Score Enfield 2 Baywest 0.

Squirt “C”s (B) Play Tough Against Holy Name

By Debbie Filiault

When the Eagles got moved up and the other teams come on so strong one might think retreat, but not with our guys. They have a strong desire to be the best and prove that they won't give up without a fight. On Jan. 20, 02 the Eagles played against Holyname. They are known to be a strong team but in only went to show that are Eagles can hang. Holy Name's goalie was incredible and never wavered. Our Eagles goalie Chris D'onfrio should be very proud to give up only one goal for the entire game. Matt Kitchen, Jacob Robbins and Dustin Rolocut made a great line with lots of backup from Kevin “Wojo” Wezowicz and Jack Savage. Alan Filiault, TC Crane and CJ Shefrin played the passing game and had Seth Grunert and Zachery Jourdan as their backup. Alex Pieper, Glenn Gonzalez and Nolan Davis prove to be strong and I think that Holy Name was surprised at their competition. A game well played with still so much to learned. Keep up the good work Eagles. Final Score Enfield 0 Holy Name 1.

Squirt “C”s (B) Tie Franklin County

By Debbie Filiault

The game started a little slow for our guys. Franklin Cnty scored two goals back to back with 8:57 still to go in the first. Kevin Wezowicz and Jack Savage picked up the pace and the real game began. The Eagles woke up and our Eagle Goalie CJ Shefrin stayed on his feet and wouldn't say quit. Alan Filiault assisted to Chris D'onfrio who scored to put the Eagles in the game but still down by one. Franklin Cnty is a great passing team but Zach Jourdan and Seth Grunert would not be swayed. Dustin Rolocut, Jacob Robbins and Matt Kitchen made some nice plays on goal. TC Crane and Alex Pieper skated hard for Enfield. At the end of two Franklin was up by one. Into the third Franklin scored again but Chris D'onfrio said I'll see to that and took the puck down, unassisted to score. With less than two minutes left in the game Franklin received a penalty and Enfield got the break they needed. Glenn Gonzalez came through for Enfield by successfully scoring on a one on one and tied the game. Enfield held them off for the remainder of the game. A very exciting game and the Eagles are on their way. Final Score Enfield 3 Franklin Cnty 3.

#1 Ranked Enfield Mite “A”s Preparing For CHC Tournament

By Steven Palmer

The word is out, our Mite A's are pretty good hockey players! These kids gave their heart and soul in route to a #1 preliminary State ranking. The ranking is beautiful reward for these young kids. They deserve every ounce of pride for it because they earned it. I can't imagine going thru this experience as an eight or nine year old. I commend the way these kids handled the peer pressures and doubts from people. Their true character was on display and they handled it with uncanny composure, pride and maturity. Way to go!

Our Mite A's played the toughest 5 games to end this year's regular season. Getting to #1 is a lot easier than remaining there. These boys and girl responded with toughness and

talent to finish 4-0-1. I'm impressed.

Our 1st challenge was down at Milford Ice Palace on a Thursday Night (1-24-02) against a talent Southern A squad. The game was a carbon-copy of our first meeting both ended in a 2-2 stalemate. Steven Palmer scored both of our team's goals. The game tying tally was on a beautiful wrap-around shot. Dillon DeRosia assisted on the first goal. Christian O'Shea made several clutch saves for the team. Every player contributed.

Our 2nd challenge was against our perennial rival South Windsor. SW came ready to play and actually gained the lead 2-1 early in the third period. Our kids answered by out shooting them 16-1 in the last period, converting on 4 scores in the final 5 minutes of play. I don't think SW's coach ever witnessed such will and desire like these kids displayed in the final moments of the games. Our kids were challenged and responded with unparalleled effort and teamwork. Goals were scored by Matt Antanocci, Katie Sullivan, Brendan Fleming, Tyler Watts and Zach Stein. Assists were earned by Steven Palmer (playmaker patch), Robbie Picard, Dillon DeRosia and Kyle Hughes.

Our third challenge was hosted by Darien. Honestly we were to walk away with a victory. Darien played a spectacular game. Their only problem was the hockey gods were on our side. (it's about time)! Our kids were tired both physically and emotionally. The bottom line is they persevered with a 3-2 victory. Goals were scored by Joey Papetti, Katie Sullivan and Steven Palmer.(with 1:47 remaining in the tilt) Our goals were manufactured due to great assists by Dillon DeRosia, Zach Stein(2) and Stephen Pernal. Christian O'Shea battled hard protecting our net while fighting the pain of an ear infection.

Our Mite A's traveled down route 5 to face off against South Windsor on Feb 2nd. Our kids rolled home with solid 4-1 victory. Our defensive corp of Brendan Fleming, Ethan Cournoyer, Robbie Picard, Stephen Pernal and Evan Thompson dictated the game with their relentless pinches and transitional play-making passes. I am so happy these boys are on our team because I don't think we would score many goals otherwise. Our offense was bolstered by Brendan, Kyle Hughes, Steven Palmer and Matt Antanocci. Assists went to Zach Stein, Steven, Brendan (2), Dillon DeRosia and Katie Sullivan.

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Last but not least, our Mite A's completed the regular season with a very impressive showing. They defeated a talented Wallingford squad in convincing fashion by the score 3-1. This was probably the best team victory of the season. Our kids dominated all but 1 minute of the game. Bench work was easy, the kids did all the work themselves. Whatever happens from here on out is immaterial. These kids are our #1. Goals were scored by Joey Papetti (2) and team leader Dillon DeRosia. Our defense played extremely defensive. The refs were okay as well. Congratulations are due to the entire team, parents and coaches for our huge success this season. The team recorded a 23-2-3 (CHC) and 31-6-3 (overall) record with their efforts. The entire team earned the "Janney Jersey".

Mite “B”s Win Two January 12th

By Mike Stasiowski

On January 12, the Enfield Mite B Eagles traveled to Simsbury Farms to try and break a three game slide. A mix up with directions caused five players to arrive late for the game forcing coach Bill Noll to make some last minute changes to start the game.

At 1:11 of the first period, Stephen Picard scored to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead. Steven beat the Simsbury goaltender to the glove side after receiving a pass from Wade Schools. Simsbury came close to tying the game halfway through the first period but Zack Seagrave broke up the play in front of the Enfield net. The action moved back and forth with few scoring opportunities until Ryan Guhne scored at 0:18 of the second period. Justin Locke assisted on the goal with a pass from the right wing side. Enfield continued to pressure Simsbury in the second period but they could not add to their two-goal lead.

In the third period, Simsbury cut the Enfield lead in half with a goal at 1:11. Just one minute later, Ryan Guhne

scored his second goal of the game after stealing the puck in front of the Enfield net and taking it the length of the ice. At 9:15, Thomas Noll hit Ryan Guhne with a pass in front of the Simsbury net and Ryan scored to earn the hat trick. The 4-1 win snapped a three game Enfield losing streak.

Later that same day, the Eagles played the Cyclones in South Windsor. This turned out to be a mismatch with the Eagles winning big. Scoring for the Eagles were Zack Palmer, Justin Locke(2), Jeffrey Bird, Ryan Guhne(3), Wade Schools(3), Chris Oski, Thomas Noll, Zack Seagrave and Joe Stasiowski. Also Ryan Guhne, Justin Locke, Zack Palmer and Wade Schools picked up assists. The Cyclones managed only one shot on goal for the entire game.

Andrew Silva recorded his fourth shutout of the year. With the two wins, the Mite B Eagles improved their record to 14-6-2.

Mite B Eagles Shut Out Southeastern

By Mike Stasiowski

Earlier this season, the Enfield Mite B Eagles lost 4-3 to Southeastern in Norwich. The much-anticipated rematch was played in Enfield on January 13. This time, the result was different.

At 3:24 of the first period, Wade Schools scored to put the Eagles up by one. His unassisted goal surprised the Southeastern goaltender when it went in from a difficult angle. Just thirty seconds later, Southeastern had two players free in front of the Enfield net. A great block and clear by Chris Oski stopped the threat and preserved the one goal lead. Then at 8:24 of the period, Ryan Guhne scored to give Enfield a 2-0 lead. Ryan picked up the puck at the blue line, skated in and cleanly beat the Southeastern goalie.

In the second period, Southeastern threatened again with a shot twelve feet in front of the Enfield net. But Andrew Silva made a nice glove save to keep Southeastern off the board. At 6:44 of the second period, Joe Stasiowski fought off a Southeastern defender and redirected a Justin Locke pass into the Southeaster net to give Enfield a 3-0 lead. Ryan Guhne also got an assist on the play. With the same line still on the ice, Justine Locke scored off a pass from Ryan Guhne making the score 4-0.

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The third period started off with the Eagles in the Southeastern zone for the first four minutes. After several scoring opportunities were stopped by the Southeastern goaltender, David Ouellette scored to give the Eagles a 5-0 lead and put the game out of reach. Wade schools set up the score with a crisp pass. At 10:29 of the third period, Steven Picard closed out the scoring when he picked up a rebound and fired it into the Southeast goal. Zack Palmer got the assist after taking the puck the length of the rink for the initial shot on goal.

The win is Enfield's second straight shut out and third win in a row. The Eagles are now 15-6-2 on the season. This also was Andrew Silva's fifth shut out of the season improving his goals against average to 1.96.

Mite B Eagles Notch Third Consecutive Shutout

By Mike Stasiowski

On January 19, the Enfield Mite B Eagles beat Northern 7-0 to record their third consecutive shut out. At 3:57 of the first period, Joe Stasiowski put a rebound over the sprawling Northern goaltender to give Enfield a 1-0. Ryan Guhne received the assist. Late in the first period, Ryan Guhne gathered up his own rebound and beat the Northern goaltender to the stick side to give Enfield a 2-0 lead. The Enfield defense dominated the first period allowing Northern just one shot on goal.

In the second period, David Ouellette scored at 3:56 to give Enfield a 3-0 lead. Wade Schools saw David wide open in front of the net and delivered a pass from the left wing side. An offensive surge by Northern near the end of the second period almost resulted in a goal but Andrew Silva made a nice sliding save to keep the score 3-0. Then with just 10 seconds left in the period, Ryan Guhne picked up a loose puck behind the Northern goal and circled around for the score.

At 1:31 of the third period, Wade Schools put one into the Northern net to make the score 5-0. David Ouellette hit Wade with a pass near the Northern blue line and Wade skated in for the score. At 5:06, Shaun Kellam fired a hard wrist shot from the point and beat the Northern goaltender to the stick side to make it a 6-0 game. Thomas Noll picked up the assist. Then Ryan Guhne earned the hat trick at 10:18 to close out the scoring. Joe Stasiowski passed to Justine Locke for the shot and Ryan was there for the rebound. With the win, the Enfield Mite B Eagles are now 16-6-2.

Mite B Eagles Beat Holy Name

By Mike Stasiowski

A late addition to the Enfield schedule had the Eagles playing a rare Friday afternoon game at the Olympia on January 25th. Ryan Guhne started off the scoring at 4:49 of the first period to give Enfield a 1-0 lead. Ryan accepted a pass from Thomas Noll, faked to the glove side and scored to the stick side. But for most of the game, Enfield seemed flat and could not sustain pressure in the Holy Name zone. Andrew Silva came up with several key saves to preserve the Enfield lead.

In the second period, David Ouellette scored to give the Eagles a 2-0 lead. Wade Schools carried the puck into the Holy Name end and hit the post to the right side. David picked up the rebound and fired it into the net. Once again, Andrew Silva played a strong period to keep Holy Name off the board.

In the third period, Holy Name scored at 0:19 to cut the Enfield lead to 2-1. The Holy Name goal ended Andrew Silva's shut out streak at eleven consecutive periods. With just five minutes left on the clock, two Enfield penalties gave Holy Name a two-player advantage. But Enfield was able to hang on for the win to improve their record to 17-6-2.

Mite “B”s Win Sixth Straight

By Mike Stasiowski

On Saturday, January 26, the Enfield Mite B Eagles traveled to Loomis Chaffe for their second meeting with Northern. Both games ended in a 7-0 Enfield victory. At 0:53 of the first period, Justin Locke scored to give Enfield a 1-0 lead. Zack Seagrave and Joe Stasiowski picked up the assists. The Eagles continued to apply pressure in the Northern end but the Northern goaltender was able to keep his team in the game. Then at 10:30 of the period, Ryan Guhne picked up the puck in the Enfield end and broke in for the score giving Enfield a 2-0 lead.

At 1:34 of the second period, Ryan Guhne scored his second goal of the game to give the Eagles a 3-0 lead. Chris Oski assisted on the goal. At 4:20 of the period, Justin Locke scored his second goal of the game to make it a 4-0 game. Wade Schools assisted on the play after making a fine pass. Late in the second period, Northern nearly scored a power play goal when two players were free in front of the Enfield net. But Chris Oski made a nice sliding block of a pass to end the threat.

At 1:53 of the third period, Ryan Guhne scored to give Enfield a 5-0 lead. The unassisted goal completed the hat trick for Ryan. Zack Palmer scored at 10:05 of the third period to make it a 6-0 lead. Zack accepted a pass from Justin Markowski inside the Enfield end and took it the length of the ice for the score. Then Joe Stasiowski completed the scoring by beating the Northern goaltender to the glove side at 10:42. Ryan Guhne assisted on the play. The win improves the Enfield record to 18-6-2. Andrew Silva earned his seventh shut out of the year.

Mite B Winning Streak at Seven

By Mike Stasiowski

On Sunday, January 27, the Enfield Mite B Eagles traveled to Canterbury School in New Milford for a 4:00 PM game. The Eagles dominated the game from the opening face-off. At 4:01, Wade Schools scored an unassisted goal to give Enfield a 1-0 lead. Wade first hit the crossbar but picked up his own rebound for the score. At 6:08, Ryan Guhne scored a rebound to make the score 2-0. Justin Locke took the initial shot after receiving a pass from Joe Stasiowski. At 7:57, David Ouellette scored to make it a 3-0 game. Wade Schools set up the score sending a perfect pass to David. Just 22 seconds later, David Ouellette stole the puck at center ice and took it in for the score for his second goal of the game.

In the second period, Wade Schools scored at 0:32 on an unassisted rink long rush. This was Wade's second goal of the game. At 8:45 of the second period, Justin Locke scored a shorthanded goal to give Enfield a 6-0 lead. Just 47 seconds later, Justin Locke scored again after picking up a rebound off the stick of Ryan Guhne.

At 0:52 of the third period, Joe Stasiowski scored to make it an 8-0 game. Joe picked up a rebound shot from Justin Locke. At 8:53, David Ouellette earned the hat trick with his third goal of the game. Wade Schools assisted on the play. Eight seconds later, Wade Schools took the center ice face-off in and scored his third of the game for the hat trick. With the win, the Mite B Eagles improve their record to 19-6-2. The shut out highlighted another solid defensive performance by Zack Seagrave, Thomas Noll, Shaun Kellam and Chris Oski. It was Andrew Silva's eighth shutout in goal for Enfield this season.

Mite C vs Southeastern

By Judy Landry

Of course a few main goals of our mite program is that the players come off the ice not only that much more experienced, but also that much more happy... because they had FUN! Of course if you also happen to WIN while striving to achieve these goals...it's the 'icing' on the cake, right? On January 5th the Mite C Team traveled to Norwich and set out to do just that!

The action began just ten seconds into the game with the first and only goal of period one scored by Alex Nacin, assisted by Ryan Zetterholm. The second period brought much more scoring action for both teams. Another goal by Nacin, assisted by Alexandra Starzyk and Lindsay Stewart, brought the game to a 2-1 Enfield lead. In the stands we couldn't help but look on excitedly as our mites banged their sticks and cheered on their teammates from the bench. The final Enfield goal was scored by Cole Henry, assisted by Shannon Cherpak. The Third period was suspenseful, but goalie Mike Thompson stood 'tall' and shut out the Southeastern team—leading Enfield to it's first win of the season 3-2.

Win or lose, home or away, a game like this one—so well-matched, and so well-played—makes it all worth it for us. All goals were achieved... they learned, they enjoyed, and well, yes, they won! I know I will always remember the smiles on their faces at that final buzzer...they glowed out from under their helmets, traversed the icy plain, and warmed my heart. Great job, Mite C!

Mite C vs Central

By Judy Landry

So I guess it's true...sometimes nice guys do finish last!

On January 6th the Mite C Travel Team hosted Central in what at first appeared to be an easy tally in our win column. Our hats went off to Alex Nacin in the first period with three quick, unanswered, and unassisted goals for a 3-0 Enfield lead.

Having just played-and won-a very well-matched and exciting game the day before against Southeastern, our mites immediately recalled the great value of such an

experience for BOTH teams. We made a few position adjustments to keep the competitive spirit of the game alive as we entered period 2.

Well, I believe Central must have been snacking on their Wheaties behind those boards, because they came on strong offensively and shot five consecutive goals into our net during this period! Our mites fought back very hard, but they could not stop the momentum. Although period three brought many more challenges to our players, they held Central to just one more goal for a final score of 6-3.

This day our mites learned the unpredictability of their sport. It is a fast-moving game in every way—including the speed of the numbers rising on the scoreboard! But as they exited the rink we saw that their smiles remained intact. All is well. Our "nice guys" will return to the ice next week...ready to learn a bit more AND have a bit more fun. You'll always be "first" in our book, Mite C!

Mite C vs Southeastern

By Judy Landry

The hustle and bustle of Christmas was not limited to the shopping malls this season! On December 22nd the Mite C Travel Team hosted Southeastern for a pre-holiday game with action that would have rivaled the best pre-holiday toy sale!

Enfield's shopping spree began when Alex Nacin was assisted by Avery Boissy in a goal 6:58 into the first period to tie the game up at 1-1. Zachary Anderson "bought" the only Enfield goal of the second period at 9:02 with an assist by Nacin to narrow Southeastern's lead to 3-2. In the third period Shannon Cherpak, Alexandra Starzyk, and the rest of our busy Enfield elves "shopped" til they dropped—but the sale was over...Enfield fell to 0-2 with a final score 5-2. But lucky for us Santa was watching-making his list, and checking it twice to be sure that our not so "naughty" Enfield Mite C team got rewarded for their "nice" effort.

Mite C vs Avon

By Judy Landry

The EHA Mite C Travel Team hosted a ... let's say... 'sizeable' and 'seasoned' Avon team on December 30 at 1:10 in Rink 2. We all knew it would be a tough game, but we also knew that in order to improve, we must be challenged on the ice. And that we were...

We took a heartening early 1-0 lead with a goal by Evan Boissy assisted by his brother Avery just 2:44 into the first period, but it wasn't long before the challenge before us revealed itself entirely. A fantastic effort-with numerous 'picture-perfect' saves-by goalie Mike Thompson and a third period goal by Alex Nacin was not enough to defeat the powerful Avon team and our Mites dropped to 0-3 with a final score of 10-2 (Did I mention they were big, and experienced? Oh, yeah, I did.)

But you know what? We're young....and, as a result, we're extremely resilient. We are learning, we are improving, and we still have lots of time to sharpen our skills, as well as our skates. Go Mite C!

In-House Lower Mites: EHA Starrs vs. Enfield Federal Savings

By Judy Landry

We had first ice of the day. It was sooo early, it was sooo quiet, and 'oh, man!' it was sooo cold! But it was STARRS... playing ENFIELD FEDERAL SAVINGS...you make the sacrifice!

Almost as a reward for our efforts, on this particular "AM" the players were treated to some "FM" ...music, that is...between all plays and periods of the game. We witnessed some moves during this game that just may belong in an MTV video...both on the ice AND in the stands (a person has to keep warm somehow!).

Starrs player Nathan Smith "rocked" in the first goal of the game just 2:27 into the first period for an early 1-0 lead. Definitely "on-beat" defensive performances by Jack Kapino, Evan Landry, Ian McDonald, and goalie DJ Trudeau were not enough, however, to blast the short-handed "rock" Starrs to the top of the charts. Enfield Federal Savings came back with four unanswered "hits" to win 4-1. Great effort, Starrs! Keep "rehearsing", get those moves down, and we'll go platinum in no time!