



ICE CHIPS

News and Notes

EHA Board Meeting

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 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 Shut-out Simsbury

By Kate Murray

This past Saturday evening the U-12 Lady Eagles welcomed Simsbury to their home ice. Though the scoreboard did not reflect it until the second period, the Eagles definitely came to play and win at the game of hockey!

During the first period Enfield out-shot their opponent, but could not get past Simsbury's goalie. Anchored by Goalie Kristi Holt Enfield's defensive lines effectively shutdown all attempts on their net. On to the second where the story line changes...

Three minutes into the second period Emily Walsh scored Enfield's first goal. The defensive pairing of Vicki Heyse and Lauren Little assisted Emily. For the remainder of the second the defense kept Simsbury at odds and out of the zone!

A scant minute and a half into the third period, Jenelle Herrick connected with Emily Walsh giving Enfield their second goal of the game. Enfield would not score again until a minute and a half remained in the game. Mary Michaud "lit the lamp" with the assistance of linesman Sara Stewart. The games final score stood in favor of Enfield at 3 to 0.

Post game a jubilant Coach Rossignol entered the locker room and proclaimed the victory an "all out team effort," with all players having given 100%. He praised his defensive pairs for their efforts and noted that they definitely "came to play hockey." He noted Lauren Little's passion to score and her multiple efforts at pushing the puck up ice. He noted the solid presence of Ali Murray and her assertive play at the line.

What can we say about Kristi Holt's performance, just one thing - SHUTOUT!! Need I say more? Congratulations, Kristi!

Offensively, the coach was pleased with Chelsea Bolton's heads-up play and solid performance. Morgan Ouellette was honored with the "flu award." Morgan, on the rebound from a recent bout with the flu, still managed to take Simsbury to task along the boards.

Our fledgling U-12 Lady Eagles have certainly come a long way! Chalk-up another solid team effort for the 2001 - 2002 season. May you long cherish the memories you have made!

Road-Trip Victory for U-12 Lady Eagles

By Kate Murray

Sunday afternoon found the U-12 Lady Eagles on the road to victory! The Eagles' bus trip took them to Pawling, NY to match talents with Pawling's Youth Hockey organization. The frigid rain did not deter the spirited team from enjoying the long bus ride along Route 84. In fact, the Eagles high spirits carried over onto the ice netting them a victory.

The two teams battled back and forth during the first period with no score resulting. Enfield's defense was strong and effective against Pawling's attempts at the net. Enfield's goalies were hot and vigilant in defense of their net. Enfield fans were forced to wait until the second period for the offense to heat up!

Eight minutes into the second period Chelsea Bolton netted Enfield's first goal. Chelsea, playing smart positional hockey, took the pass from center Jenelle Herrick to push her goal in at the post. Way to go, Chelsea! Roughly a minute later Pawling netted their first and last goal of the game.

The third period found Nicole Clavette in the mood to score. And score she did! The first of Nicole's goals was unassisted and came at the 5-minute mark during the period. Loving drama, Nicole made her loyal fans wait until 15.5 seconds remained in the game to score her second goal! The second goal was a perfect rush to Pawling's open net, finished off with a pretty push pass into the net! Way to seal the game, Nicole. The final score of the game was 3 - 1, Enfield.

The Lady Eagles key to success this past weekend was "all out team effort," according to Head Coach Dave Rossignol. "All three forward lines played well and the defense was rock solid." Coach Rossignol noted the assertive play of Danielle Harris and Sara Stewart. Chelsea Bolton closed out her weekend with another round of solid positional hockey. Elyse Rossignol demonstrated her solid work ethic yet again.

The Lady Eagles earned two wins over the weekend, due to their efforts as a team! Victories, though sweet, are short-lived. Teamwork, hard earned, lasts to see us through life's lessons. Congratulations, TEAM!

U-12 Lady Eagles Close Out the Season

By Kate Murray

The U-12 Lady Eagles closed out their 01-02 Season this past weekend with games on 2/23 and 2/24. On Saturday evening the Eagles hosted the Cromwell Clippers and traveled to Simsbury on Sunday. The weekend concluded with a loss to Cromwell and a tie against Simsbury.

Cromwell definitely came ready to play on Saturday evening. They came off the bench hungry and earned their 5 goals during the first period. After a punishing first period, the Lady Eagles held their opponents leading to a final score of 5 - 0, Cromwell. And so, the tug of war for wins between Cromwell and Enfield concluded for another season.

Coach Dave Rossignol noted that Cromwell "came ready to play and never let up." The Eagles had a strong second and third period defensively, but did not to move offensively until late in the second. Coach Gary Stewart noted Alison Murray for her exceptional defensive play. Coach Rossignol complimented Danielle Harris on her assertive play throughout the game. For sure, these two rivals will meet again next season!

Sunday morning found our Lady Eagles on the road to Simsbury Farms. The first period was score less, despite many attempts by both teams.

Simsbury netted the first goal at the beginning of the Second period. The Eagles then made Simsbury work to contain their numerous attempts on goal.

The Eagles made their fans wait until the final two minutes of the third period to net the game-tying goal! Nicole Clavette scored the Goal off of a deflected shot by Jenelle Herrick. Nicole and Jenelle worked the puck until they met with success! The game ended in a 1 - 1 tie.

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Post game, Coach Rossignol noted the strength of his goal tending as one of the game's highlights. Additionally, he noted Danielle Harris' strong positional play and the fire in Morgan Ouellette's eyes as keys to the team's inspired play. Coach Rossignol further noted the aggressive skating of Jenelle Herrick as key to the offense's success. He further noted Ali Murray's defensive game, stating that she "held the defense together" throughout the game. Coach Stewart noted Siobhan Davis' smart play at defense as another game highlight. Sara Stewart showed us her heart, once again, through her determined play!

Congratulations on a successful season, U-12 Lady Eagles! You sealed your second place position in the NEGHL, Division 6. Not bad for a newly formed team! Celebrate your growth and new found friendships! Thank your coaches, Dave Rossignol, Tim Gifford and Gary Stewart, for the hours of time given so freely. I give my thanks to the loyal following of the Lady Eagles for assisting me in capturing the play-by-play during the season!

GSL Bantam Eagles Lose Due to Excessive Penalties In Keene Game

By Craig Robinson

The Bantam Eagles faced Keene on 2/2 in what started out to be an excellent hockey game. Although the first period remained scoreless the Eagles totally dominated the puck and spent most of the time in either the neutral or Keene zones. There were only a couple shots on the Enfield net. Ben Quesnal closed out the period with a breakaway shot that was saved.

Thirty seconds into the second period Rick Cousineau gets two good shots on net - both stopped. Two minutes into the period Nick Kozaczka gets a penalty. Within a minute three more Eagles join him in the penalty box. One of the Enfield fathers yelled to the coach that he would run the team from the penalty box side of the ice. Despite the adversity Ben Quesnal beats the goalie halfway into the period to score the first goal of the game. Three minutes later Keene ties it up. Less than a minute later Keene gets their second goal. They win the next faceoff and skate by the Eagles defense forcing Ben Q. to skate back and dives to block the shot. Keene still with the puck takes another

shot and Mike Watson blocks the shot.

Third period Keene dominates. Mike Mamunes is working hard. Seven minutes into the period Keene is taking multiple shots on goal. Finally Mike Lajoie swats the loose puck away from the front of the net and out of the zone only to have Keene bring it back in again. Even on the powerplay Enfield was turning over passes and couldn't get the puck out of their zone. With 3 minutes left Keene scored its third goal. Despite a last minute (literally) burst of speed by Ben Quesnal who scored with 19 seconds on the clock Enfield lost 3-2. Mike Mamunes made an incredible 35 saves while the Keene goalie only had to make 17.

GSL Eagle Bantams Beat Amherst

By Craig Robinson

The Eagles played Amherst at Olympia on February 3rd. Amherst got the first goal two minutes into the game. About two minutes later Ben Quesnal on a drive to the net passes back to Chris Robinson who skates into the left hand circle and beats the goalie stick side midway up the net to tie the game. Tony Nelson did a good job for the remainder of the period hanging back on defense limiting Amherst to four shots. Enfield had a total of 10 shots 1st period; a couple were due to Ben Quesnal breakaways but they were all on the ice and the Amherst goalie was stopping everything low.

Craig Lamond demonstrated some nice puck handling in the second period working the puck down the ice around several Amherst players to make a nice centering pass to Ben Quesnal but he was denied a shot. Ryan Holloway also did a good job battling the puck down the boards as most Amherst skaters were reluctant to get in his way. With 1:56 left in the 2nd Ben Quesnal is finally able to get one by the goalie to put Enfield in the lead. He gets an insurance goal with 21 seconds left in the period. There were 4 shots on Enfield and 7 on Amherst this period.

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Amherst came back strong in the 3rd period with both teams having 7 shots on goal. At 1:10 in the period Mike Lajoie made an incredible defensive play where he came up with the puck in front of the net in a 3 on 1 situation. At 5:30 Mike Watson blocked an important Amherst shot. About a minute later Chris Robinson skates the puck over the blue line and makes a nice centering pass to Ben Quesnal but his shot is blocked. Thirty seconds later Ben gets a breakaway shot which is saved as well. Amherst then put on an offensive drive which resulted in chaos in front of the Enfield net with a few quick shots by Amherst. The final one sent Mike Mamunes sprawling on the ice to make the save. Finally Mike Lajoie came up with the puck and worked it down the other end giving Mamunes time to regain his composure. Amherst regained the puck in their zone but Mike Watson regained possession but no quality shot opportunities arose and Amherst ran the puck back into the Enfield zone. Mike made a nice glove save from a slap shot with 2 minutes left in the game. Thirty seconds later Nick Kozaczka had two quick shots on net but couldn't get them by the goalie. Finally with 15 seconds left in the game Ben Quesnal gets a hat trick off an assist from Tony Nelson. Enfield won 4 -1.

GSL Eagle Bantams Soar Over Simsbury Bantam B1s

By Craig Robinson

The Eagles had a good practice in Enfield the Monday night before their pick-up game with the Simsbury B1 team on February 9th at and it definitely showed. The teams faced off at the Simsbury Farms outside rink where they had to deal with the glare and soft ice from the sun. The Eagles showed they had the stamina to play 15-minute periods on full size ice. Enfield started the game with only three defensemen and six offense because Mike Lajoie had initially gone to the wrong rink and arrive late in the first period. The remaining Defensemen Tony Nelson, Mike Watson and Mike Boice used stick puck checks and body checks to keep the puck out of our

zone. Tony Nelson throughout the game outskated aberrant Simsbury offensive players trying to breakaway and prevent their shots. The first goal came at 2:24 in the first period with a nice set up pass within the Simsbury zone from Center Ben Quesnal to Right Wing Chris Robinson who passed to Left Wing Nick Kosaczka who then shot and scored. At 4:41 Tony Nelson gets the first penalty on a roughing call but redeems himself when he gets out of the box. Again in the Simsbury zone at 5:27 in the period Right Wing Ray Holloway gets the puck back to Defensive Point Tony Nelson who makes an outstanding shot from the blue line and scores. A minute later Ben Quesnal outskates two defense, patiently waits for the goalie to go down, then shoots a scores. At 8:31 Craig Lamonde gets his first goal of the game with a nice wrist shot off an assist from Ryan Holloway giving Enfield 4 unanswered goals. But Simsbury did not give up and managed to get a goal with an assisted shot on net at 9:45 in the first period. Goalie Mike Mamunes made 6 saves while the Simsbury goalie made 7.

Simsbury won the first faceoff in the second but Defense Mike Watson made a nice stick puck check to regain control off the puck. Chris made a nice centering pass from the right corner to Nick but the goalie made the save. At 1:26 in the second period Mike Lajoie off an assist from Keith Loiselle took a slap shot from the blue line that deflected off the goalie's shoulder pad into the net. Less than a minute later Ryan Holloway gets his first goal of the game off a nice centering pass from Craig Lamond. A minute later Tony Nelson is back in the penalty box that slowed the Eagles forward momentum. Once out of the box the Eagles resumed their onslaught. There was one point where they manage to keep the puck in the Simsbury zone for over a minute straight with good passing to the points and shot opportunities. Their persistence paid off at 11:33 when Nick and Chris crash the net. Mike Lajoie who is credited with the goal on the score sheet took a shot which like a pinball bounced off the goalie pad, deflected off Robinson's stick, ricocheted off Nick's stick then deflected off a Simsbury player into the goal. The last goal off the game went to Keith Loiselle who buried the puck in the net off a rebound right after successive shots taken by Ray Holloway and then a five hole attempt by Craig Lamond. Enfield had 15 shots while Simsbury only had 3.

Assistant Coach Norm Quesnal used the substantial lead in the 3rd period to do some experimenting with the lines. The Eagles relaxed this period and had some fun. Enfield had 11 shots on goal to Simsbury's 3 but no further goals were allowed. Each team had 4 penalties each for the entire game. Tony unfortunately had 3 of the Eagles'. His penalty in the 3rd forced goalie Mike Mamunes to make a nice glove save in a 1 on 0 breakaway situation.

Holy Name Beats GSL Eagle Bantams

By Craig Robinson

Another game we would rather forget occurred on 1/27. Holy Name which is a team known for its precision passes, teamwork and clean checks got one unanswered goal in the first period. However the Eagles played well both defensively and offensively.

Holy Name got another goal early in the second period but the Eagles answered back with two of their own. The first was scored by Craig Lamond, assisted by Keith Loiselle and Mike Watson. The second was scored by a strong slap shot by Mike Boice assisted by Keith Loiselle.

Unfortunately Holy Name got 3 more goals in the 3rd. The Eagles Nick Kozaczka got Enfield's final goal through the five hole right off a face off. Mike Boice made a nice dive to block a shot. Ben Quesnal and Nick had a couple more drives to the net but the Holy Name goalie was on top of his game. Another nice offensive play which started with a pass from Chris Robinson to Keith Loiselle to Craig Lamond resulted in a nice shot but no goal. Defenseman Mike Watson's three penalties limited the Eagles offense in the period. It appears the teams limited practice ice continues continues to hurt their stamina in the third period. Holy Name won 5-3.

Ludlow Bantams Prove A Tough Adversary for GSL Eagle Bantams

By Craig Robinson

The Eagles faced off with the Ludlow Wildcats on January 26th for the first time this season. The Ludlow team had been demoted from an "A" team to the "B" division for the second half off the season by the GSL Board of Directors. They had won no games in the "A" Division and on the 26th was missing their goalie and had to put a skater in net. A game everyone expected Enfield to win soon turned ugly as Ludlow got the first goal two minutes into the first period. Enfield could not mount an offense as the team repeatedly turned over the puck in both the neutral and our own zone. Mike LaJoie and Tony Nelson played good defense. Mike Nelson played sick with the flu. Mike Mamunes made a few quality

saves and the period ended 1-0.

At 4:30 into the second period Ben Quesnal threaded a pass to Craig Lamond through two Ludlow defensemen. Craig got off a nice wrist shot and tied the game. About 1/2 way into the period Ludlow gets off a breakaway shot but Goalie Mamunes makes the save. With 4:40 left Tony Nelson gets off a nice shot that bounces off the Goalie pads. Ryan Holloway shoots the rebound but that shot is saved. Less than a minute later the Ludlow team scores with a heavy screen.

Third period play finds Enfield in the penalty box most of the period. Playing shorthanded at 8:48 Tony Nelson putting on some speed out-skates a Ludlow player on an attempted breakaway and steals the puck. A minute later he's in the penalty box and poor goalie Mike Mamunes is being hammered with shots. Later Tony is ejected from the game for 3 penalties. The Ludlow team out shot the Eagles this game 37 to 6. Goalie Mike Mamunes made an incredible 34 saves preventing major embarrassment. Ludlow won 3-1.

The Bigger They Are The Harder They Fall

Enfield GSL Bantams Beat Franklin County 5-2

By Craig Robinson

The Eagles were pumped to take on Franklin County in Enfield on Sunday February 10th after just having creamed Simsbury the day before by a score of 8 -1. But the Greenfield Franklin County team is a much tougher adversary. Their captain and two teammates are large enough to play for the New York Rangers...try 6' 4" and 200 pounds. Put them on skates and in hockey equipment they look even more menacing. Enfield had lost to this team in close games the last two face-offs.

The Greenfield team clearly used its size and strength to control most of the first period play. Within a minute the Greenfield captain had scored his first goal. Ben Quesnel demonstrated for the rest of his team that you can't skate through the three giant redwoods, you have to skate around them. With four minutes left in the first period Ben's efforts paid off as he got an unassisted goal and tied the game.

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But Greenfield continued its offensive pressure and out shot the Eagles 10 to 3 for the period. The only penalty went to Ben Quesnel for elbowing.

The momentum shifted in the second period as the rest of the Eagles team got more comfortable skating around the three giant redwoods. The play went back and forth but Greenfield no longer dominated the rink. Mike Mamunes had to make 7 saves to keep the game tied. Enfield had 6 shots with Ryan Holloway getting an unassisted goal with 1:50 left in the second period. He did a little horse dance that Greenfield skaters must of found offensive because there was an immediate brawl out on center ice with both teams converging. Mike Boice and the Greenfield captain who were in the center of things got matching penalties for roughing.

The 3rd period started with Greenfield taking control of the puck and was working it in the Eagles zone. About a minute into the period Defenseman Tony Nelson came up with the puck and demonstrated incredible puck handling skills as he skated the puck from one end of the ice to the other around 4 Greenfield skaters. Then he shoots and scores giving Enfield an insurance goal. Right then Greenfield #12 gets an unsportsmanlike penalty and things began to heat up both on the ice and in the stands. On the powerplay Enfield puts the offensive pressure on the Greenfield goalie with some quality shots but could not convert. Back to even strength Keith Loiselle one times a rebound off the Greenfield goalie but it was saved. Greenfield moves the play back to the Eagles zone but their offensive drive is thwarted by an outstanding defensive play by Mike Boice at 8:23 that causes a turnover. About 20 seconds later the Greenfield captain tried taking Boice out of the game with an intentional slash to his arm. Again the teams came together and had to be separated by the Ref. who ejected the Greenfield Captain from the game. Boice and one of the Greenfield giants got matching penalties for roughing. A couple Greenfield parents unfortunately demonstrated for the rest of us how hockey parents should not act and were told to leave the rink. During the time Mike Boice spent

in the penalty box Mike Watson, Mike Lajoie and Tony Nelson did on excellent job on D picking up the slack. Hats off to Tony who stayed out of the penalty box.

The Eagles went on a well deserved power play. With 30 seconds left on the man advantage in the Greenfield zone Ben Quesnel makes a perfect set up pass to Rick Cousineau who shoots and scores at 7:04. Things appeared to be settling down when at 5:47 Ryan Holloway is taken down behind the Greenfield net by one of the giants who were still offended by his "horse dance." I didn't see if Ryan did anything to provoke it but suddenly the Greenfield player who is back on his feet slashes at Ryan lying on the ice, and then jumps on him and starts punching him. Not to feel left out Greenfield #12 takes a poke at Keith Loiselle who punches back. Ryan gets a roughing penalty? The other three get game misconduct and leave the rink. Undaunted by this nonsense the rest of the teams continue to play hockey. On the power play Nick Kozaczka got a nice goal(who's kidding who they're all nice) at 4:35 with an assist from Rick Cousineau. Chris Robinson working the puck along the boards found out what its like to run into a giant redwood and got the wind knocked out of him. (Next time skate around). Mike Mamunes made an incredible save at 2:13 but Greenfield came back and got the goal 10 seconds later. Both teams had 9 shots a piece in the third as the Eagles won the game 5-2. Every single player on the Eagles team gave it their personal best in an outstanding effort. While on one hand I'm proud our team was not intimidated by Greenfield's physical play its too bad some players don't realize that the "check" is to separate the skater from the puck and not the head from the body.

GSL Bantam Eagles Lose to Ludlow In Hard Fought Game

By Craig Robinson

The Eagles' first matchup with the Ludlow team on 1/26 was disastrous with Ludlow out-shooting Enfield 37 to 6. In this second face-off the Eagles' demonstrated a better team effort both offensively and defensively although it was not reflected in the final score of 4-1. The Eagles defense was able to trim the Ludlow shots on goal for the game to 27 while our offense increased shots on goal to 16.

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The outset of the first period caught the Eagles napping as Ludlow's #9 scored two unanswered goals in the first 2 1/2 minutes of play. But then the Eagles defense went into high gear. Tony Nelson made a nice stick check in our zone that caused a turnover. A few minutes later Defenseman Mike Lajoie works the puck into the Ludlow zone passes the puck off, its returned to him, he shot but it was saved. Ludlow Defense was tough as Ben Quesnal learned with 1:41 remaining as he tried to thread a centering pass to Nick Kozaczka which was just out of reach and picked off by Ludlow. The Eagles had no real breakaways as the Ludlow D made few mistakes. But Eagles Defenseman Mike Lajoie had some nice defensive plays. One where he forced a turnover in a 2 on 1 situation in front of Enfield's net with a minute left to the first period. The Eagles defense held Ludlow to 7 shots in the first period. Unfortunately two of those were goals. The Eagles offense had only 3 shots first period.

The 2nd period started with some excitement as the Eagles' offense found their wings. Ludlow got a penalty right off the first face-off but despite a couple quality shots came up empty. Back to full strength Defenseman Mike Boice made a nice stick check which caused a turnover and an Eagles drive to the net. Mike Boice got the only Eagles goal of the game at 2:28 into the 2nd period off a nice centering pass from Ben Quesnal. But Ludlow answered back a little over a minute later with their 3rd goal. About 45 seconds later Craig Lamond works the puck down the ice and gets a "wrist" on net. Undaunted the Eagles fought back with one offensive drive after another. Neither team had further penalties in the period. Mike Boice had a couple nice shots on net with a little under 4 minutes left in the period. About two minutes later Ben Quesnel had a quick one-timer but still no further goals. With the Eagles running out of steam Ludlow pushed the play to in front of the Enfield net where Goalie Mike Mamunes was put to the task. At 1:17 left he made a save in a 1 on 0 situation which left him lying on the ice and made another spectacular save from the prone position. The Eagles had gotten 8 shots on net and Ludlow 10.

Enfield started the period determined. Tony Nelson fired a slap shot on net 30 seconds into the game. Ludlow worked the puck to center ice. Enfield regained control and Ben Quesnel worked it into the Ludlow zone and got a shot off. Ludlow immediately regained control and took it back down the ice. At 1:29 in the 3rd Ludlow's #9 got a goal with a deflection off a shot wide of the net. The fact that the Eagles had no practice ice this week showed in the 3rd period as all 10 skaters clearly ran out of legs. The Ludlow team of 20 continued to grind away. Enfield managed to get two penalties this period. Four minutes into the period Goalie Mamunes made an incredible kick save raising his right leg nearly to the top of the goal. Center Chris Robinson and his line did a good job breaking up Ludlow power plays and killing off the two penalties. Still Ludlow had 12 shots in this period to Enfield's 5 and Goalie Mike Mamunes was a busy fellow. The final score was 4-1 Ludlow.

GSL Bantam Eagles Shut Out Westfield I

By Craig Robinson

The Eagles played the Westfield Wings I team at Olympia on 2/23. During the 1st period Enfield dominated the puck. The Wings had only 1 shot on goal while the Eagles had 18. The first goal of the game was scored one minute into the game by Ben Quesnal from a tough angle from the corner. He was assisted by Rick Cousinneau. Halfway into the period the Wings got a penalty for slashing. During the power play Chris Robinson who was continually battling for a position in front of the net got the second goal at 6:31 in the period. He was assisted by Mike Watson. About a minute later Mike Boice rings a slap shot off the post. Thirty seconds later with another drive to the net Nick Kozaczka passes back to Ben Quesnal at the blue line whose one-timer is saved. With about 3 minutes remaining in the period Ben makes a perfect centering pass to Nick but his wrist shot is also saved. With 30 seconds left Keith Loiselle makes a great centering pass to Craig Lamond but his shot was blocked as well. Meanwhile the great defensive work of Mike Lajoie, Tony Nelson, Mike Boice and Mike Watson kept the Westfield shots to 1. Mike Mamunes was doing stretching exercises in the net to stay limber.

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With 23 seconds left Enfield went on another power play. The puck was loose in front of the Westfield goal when Chris Robinson scored his second goal of the game with less than 3 seconds left on the clock. The assists went to Tony Nelson and Keith Loiselle.

About 1:45 into the 2nd period Craig Lamond made a nice pass to Keith Loiselle in the attack zone but Keith's shot was high of the net. Goalie Mammunes continued to feel like the Maytag repairman. He did get a little adrenaline rush with 5:04 left in the period. A shot he couldn't hold onto landed two feet away in the crease. He dove to cover it beating a Westfield skater. One of the prettiest plays of the game came when Chris Robinson sent a pass through the crease right to the center of Rick Cousineau's stick blade. Rick easily tucked the puck in the net behind the goalie who had faced off for a shot from Chris. The second assist went to Ben Quesnel. With about 2:40 left in the period Mike Mammunes demonstrated how one makes a save while lying on your side. With 2:00 to go Craig Lamond made a nice centering pass to Chris Robinson who was looking for his first hat trick but his one timer was saved. Enfield kept the pressure on. Mike Lajoie managed to knock down a waist high pass from Westfield and keep the puck in the attack zone. About a minute later Westfield briefly worked the puck into the Eagles zone. However with 2:63 left in the period Ben Quesnel made a perfect pass to Rick Cousineau who was in the neutral zone just outside the Westfield blue line. Westfield could not catch him and in a 1-0 he put a wrist shot by the goalie. Westfield had 4 shots and Enfield had 9 this period.

Westfield who had a short bench had no shots on goal the 3rd period. Despite 16 quality shot by the Eagles in that period the Westfield goalie came up tall and stopped them all. The Eagles won 5-0 in their second shut out of the season against this team.

GSL Bantam Eagles Almost Beat Holy Name

By Craig Robinson

The Eagles met Holy Name at Olympia on February 24th. The Eagles first line out had Craig Lamond, Keith Loiselle and Chris Robinson as forwards and Mike LaJoie and Mike Watson on defense. They controlled the puck for the 1st 1 ½ minutes of the game getting off a couple shots on goal. As the Eagles were changing up Holy Name got an odd man rush and a goal at 1:48 into the period. The play moved back to the Enfield zone. About a minute and a half later Ben Quesnel works the puck into the offensive zone and manages a shot on net but no goal. The Eagles 1st line comes back onto the ice and kept the pressure on with good fore-checking. Another line change and Holy Name gets another goal with a 2 on 1 rush at 7:07 in the period. Ben Quesnel who had raced back got a call for tripping. The Eagles with excellent goal tending by Mike Mammunes killed off the penalty. With 3 minutes left in the period Tony Nelson engaged in some good back-checking which caused Holy Name to turn over the puck. But the Eagles were unable to break out of their zone and 10 seconds later there is a mad scramble in front of the net with successive shots on goal but Goalie Mammunes kept Enfield in the game. With 1:17 left in the first Rick Cousineau passes the puck in center ice to Nick Kozaczka who crosses the blue line and gets to in front of the net. Nick makes a nice pass to Ben Quesnel who shoots and scores. Mike Mammunes made 7 saves in the period while the Holy Name goalie had 4.

The Eagles went on a power play 2 minutes into the 2nd period. Unfortunately Holy Name got a rush on the Eagles goal requiring Mike Boice to apply some good back-checking. The Eagles could not convert. The play see sawed back and forth. At 5:30 into the period Holy Name scored again putting them ahead 3-1. But the Eagle's stiffed their resolve. Fresh from a line change Craig Lamond got the next goal with a nice quick wrist shot. He was assisted by Mike Lajoie and Keith Loiselle making it a 1 goal game. Finally Ryan Holloway puts the puck away off a perfect pass from Mike Boice and second assist to Ben Quesnel with 4:06 left in the period. The crowd was on its feet as we had a tied game. Ryan Holloway got a penalty for a trip. Short handed Rick Cousineau made a centering pass to Ben Quesnel who was unable to get a shot off. With 2:30 left Mike Mammunes beat the Holy Name skater in a 1 on 0. Mike Mammunes made 8 incredible saves while Holy Name only made 2. Holy Name had 2 penalties and the Eagles 1.

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Holy Name started the 3rd period with tremendous offensive pressure. One minute into the period Mike Watson attempts to stop a high puck with his glove resulting in a loose puck in front of the net. In a mad scramble Mammunes dives on the puck before Holy Name could get a shot. Ten seconds later Ben Quesnal is streaking down the ice around Holy Name skaters and gets a goal at 1:12 in the period. Rick Cousineau got the assist. The Enfield fans roared their approval as the Eagles came from behind to make it a 4-3 Hockey game. But then Rick Cousineau took a weak call for a trip right after and the Eagle had to fight off another power play. At 3 ½ minutes into the period after losing the draw on the Eagle's ice Mike Watson who had his stick held up managed to kick the puck to center ice. The Eagles played incredible hockey as they managed to control the puck for most of the 3rd period. With 4:34 left in the period Ben Quesnal got a shot on net off the draw. The Eagles get another shot on net. Until this point in the period the Eagles had at least 10 shots on goal and Holy Name had only 1. With 2:30 left in the game everyone expected a sweet victory for the Eagles. But less than 30 seconds later Holy Name gets its second shot on goal and scores tying the game at 4-4. Things began to unravel. The Eagles anxious to restore their lead drove too hard to the Holy Name net. When Holy Name forced a turnover there were two skaters in neutral ice and the Eagles defense caught behind in the Holy Name zone. It was impossible for the Eagles goalie to defend the 2-on-0 rush. Holy Name scored again with 59 seconds remaining to regain the lead. Now the Holy Name fans were cheering as the Eagles pulled its goalie. Holy Name scored their final goal on an empty net with 5 seconds remaining. This was a good clean hockey game with plenty of enthusiasm on both sides. The Eagles play excellent offense outshooting the regular season 1st place Holy Name 13 to 4 in this period but needed a little more practice on the back-checking. This effort by the Eagles bodes well for the "Playoffs."

GSL Bantam Eagles Decimates Westfield In First Playoff Game

By Craig Robinson

The GSL Bantam Eagles playoff season started Friday night (3/1) at Olympia versus the Westfield Wings. The first line out had Keith Loiselle as Center; Nick Kozaczka and Chris Robinson as

Wings; and Mike LaJoie and Mike Watson as Defense. They worked the puck into the Westfield zone and kept it there. LaJoie and Watson played their point positions flawlessly. The next line out intensified the offensive pressure. It was comprised of Ben Quesnal (Center), Rick Cousineau and Mike Boice (Wings), and Defensemen Tony Nelson and Nate Laplante. (Welcome back Nate). Six seconds on the ice Rick Cousineau got the first goal of the game at 1:06 with the assist going to Mike Boice. This line was hot as 20 seconds later they worked the puck into the Westfield zone. This time Mike Boice makes the goal assisted by Rick Cousineau. At 3:30 Ben Quesnal made a great pass to Nick who took it to the net but his shot was blocked by the goalie. In a rare instance when Westfield was able to get a puck to skater behind the Eagles line for a breakaway Tony Nelson in a burst of speed caught up to him and in a great defensive play was able to lift the Westfield skaters stick to prevent the shot. Ten seconds later the puck is kicked down the other end of the ice and Chris Robinson skates past the Westfield D to avoid the icing call. Westfield was able to work the puck back down the other end of the ice where Mike Mammunes had to make a save. About 8 minutes into the period Mike Watson took a powerful slap shot on net from the blue line which was blocked. The play soon worked its way back to the Eagles zone. With 2:50 remaining in the period Chris Robinson skated the puck around two Westfield defensemen through the neutral and into the offensive zone to get his first unassisted goal of his career. Feeling left out Ben Quesnal demonstrated some superb skating on a breakaway. In front on the net he faked a shot and then tucked the puck into the net putting the Eagles ahead 4-0. Rick Cousineau took the 1st penalty for a trip with 1 minute remaining. Superb back-checking by Mike LaJoie and Tony Nelson kept Westfield scoreless having had only 2 shots the whole period to the Eagles 10.

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Despite the Eagles starting the 2nd period shorthanded Nick K. managed to work the puck into the Westfield zone. Westfield got a penalty for a trip. Towards the end of the powerplay Ben Quesnal skates the puck through the neutral zone into the Westfield zone and gets his second unassisted goal of the game. At 3:14 into the period Ryan Holloway got a major penalty for high stick. The Eagles defense stepped it up to kill off the powerplay. With 5:07 remaining Ben Quesnal makes a shorthanded breakaway and gets a hat trick putting the Eagles ahead 6-0. The lines changed. Westfield won the draw back to a defenseman. Chris Robinson charged him along the boards forcing a turnover. Mike Lajoie chased the puck into the corner and made a great pass out to Nick K. who shoots and scores 14 seconds after Ben's goal. A minute later Tony Nelson who lately has been avoiding the penalty box got a high stick call and a major. But the remaining defensemen played their positions well and despite 2 major penalties kept Westfield to 4 shots for the period. (Eagles had 14). With a minute remaining Mike Boice got a slap shot on net from the blue line but no goal. With the Loiselle line back on ice Keith digs the puck out from behind the net and feeds it to Chris Robinson who one times it past the Westfield goalie with 43 seconds left in the period.

The 3rd period was relatively uneventful as the Eagles went into defensive mode.. Mike Lajoie, Mike Boice and Tony Nelson did some good back-checking. Mike Watson played the point well when in the Westfield zone keeping Westfield bottled up in there own zone. Even Nick Laplante rusty from his month off the ice made some good defensive plays along the boards. The most outstanding play came when Westfield got a powerplay breakaway and Mike Mamunes had to stack his pads to make the most outstanding save of the game. He told me after the game if I wanted to write about something interesting mention the great save he made against Mike Boice in warm-ups. Westfield had 3 shots for the last period and the Eagles 4. The Eagles win their first playoff game 9-0.

Pee Wee "B"s Win 4 Out of Last 6 Games

By Paul Rivard

The Pee Wee B's continued on their productive run with back to back wins over the weekend, giving them 4 wins out of the past 6 games.

On Saturday, February 9th, the B's pulled out a 5 - 1 win against the West Haven Pee Wee's at the ISCC in Simsbury. Enfield opened up the scoring late in the first period on a goal from center Garrett Rivard, assisted by right wing Meghan McGunigle and defenseman Sam Leonardo. Credit should go to the West Haven goalie for keeping the Enfield lead to only 1-0 at the end of one, despite facing an impressive total of 14 shots from our guys, vs. only 3 shots from West Haven.

Period two action began early with Enfield tallying a goal less than a minute into the period, off a crisp wrist shot from the stick of winger Devin DeRosia (unassisted). The remainder of the period proved to be a close fought defensive battle with each team exchanging virtually the same moderate shot tally (9-8 favoring Enfield), but would end with Enfield again adding the final punctuation. With a mere six seconds remaining, Rivard netted his second of the game assisted by DeRosia and wing Alex Grandahl.

The third period action again began early for the home team, with a goal from right wing Luke Anderson two minutes into the period, assisted on a nice pass from McGunigle, her second point of the game. DeRosia would follow approximately two minutes later with his second goal of the game, assisted by Rivard. It would appear as though Enfield's Nate Allard would be looking at a shut-out, but the visitors would not let this happen (rumor has it that someone on the Enfield bench uttered that phrase -- shut-out -- and jinxed it for them). West Haven would finally net their only goal of the game with around 5 minutes remaining in the final period. Shots for the period, 10-3 for Enfield with a game total of 33-14. In addition to the forwards scoring punch, Enfield's defense and goal tending were again rock solid, resulting in the 'W'. Great job guys!

Pee Wee “B”s Win Over Columbia A

By Paul Rivard

Coming off a decisive win the previous evening, Enfield's Pee Wee B's would carry their momentum on the road for a Sunday (2/10) morning 4 - 2 win over the Columbia-A Pee Wee's at the UCONN arena.

The tight checking first period saw only one late goal from Columbia, despite Enfield leading the shot tally 5- 2.

Second period play would also yield only a single goal. Enfield tied the game 1-1 off a goal by wing Luke Anderson, assisted by wing Alex Grandahl and defenseman Sean Hughes, coming less than one minute into the period. The shot total for this period favored Enfield 8-3.

The scoreboard would be lit many times in the third beginning with Columbia scoring at around the three minute mark, putting them ahead 2-1. Three minutes later Enfield would tie it up with an unassisted goal on a rush from a closely covered but very determined center Garrett Rivard. This sparked the Enfield bench and they rallied with two more goals in the following three minutes. Grandahl would find the back of the net creating the first and final lead of the game for Enfield, with a crisp shot off an assisting pass by defenseman Sam Leonardo. The 'insurance goal' would be added by defenseman Tim Lawless with around two minutes remaining in the game. Lawless (making a guest appearance as forward during the third period) found the back of the net with a rocket of a wrist shot from the slot, off a feed by Meghan McGunigle and defenseman Chris Boulanger.

Solid goal tending and defensive zone play was again a key to this Enfield win. Our squad was able to keep the 'shots against' to a minimum (only 8 for Columbia) while their tape-to-tape passing allowed them to break out quickly and attack the Columbia zone, resulting in their commanding shot total of 25, and ultimately the win.

Pee Wee B2s End Regular Season with Two Wins

By David Orszulak

The EHA Pee Wee B2s ended their regular season on a high note with two straight wins in the Greater Springfield League to finish at a very respectable 11 - 12 - 5. The first of these final two wins came at the expense of Amherst as six different goal scorers lead the Eagles to a 6 - 0 win. Following a scoreless first period Matt Poremba finally broke through on a goal assisted by Dan Aikins and Eric Rubin. Just 8 seconds later, Ben Broadhurst burst through the Amherst defense and scored with the assist going to Brian Buchalski. Soon thereafter, the Eagles would put the game away as Jordan Knightly (assisted by Nick Goulet) and Eric Rubin (assisted by Kyle Houlihan and Buchalski) would stretch the lead to 4 - 0 after two periods. In the third period, Eric Cournoyer (from Andrew Pantuosco and Broadhurst) and Andrew Pantuosco (from Jordan Knightly and Tyler Orszulak) scored to close out a 6 - 0 win. Goaltender Eric Nasuta was solid again recording his second regular season shutout and fourth overall, while defensemen Zack Lavender and Peter Devylder were key in holding Amherst scoreless as well.

In their final regular season game the Pee Wee B2s faced Nonotuck Valley, a team they split two games with previously and one they may well face again deep into the playoffs. This game started fast and got faster and more intense as the game wore on. Nonotuck took an early 1 - 0 lead midway through the first, while the Eagles were turned away on several good scoring chances - including Matt Poremba ringing a post. In the second period, the Eagles were awarded two power plays and completely dominated play territorially but failed to score. Despite coming up empty, during one sequence forwards Ben Broadhurst, Tyler Orszulak and Eric Rubin teamed up with defensemen Zach Lavender and Brian Buchalski and staged what was easily the team's best power play showing of the season with really slick puck movement leading to several outstanding scoring chances. Only superb goaltending and defense by Nonotuck kept the Eagles off the board with the second period also ending 1 - 0 in favor of Nonotuck. Finally with just over 4 minutes into the third period, Matt Poremba wristed a shot five-hole past the goaltender which was setup by Eric Rubin and Drew Thompson following a full shift of intense pressure by these three. Later in the period, Zach Lavender stuffed in a rebound off a scramble of shots by Dan Aikins and Andrew Pantuosco for the game winner as the Eagles came from behind with two third period goals to earn an exciting 2 - 1 win to close out their regular season.

Pee Wee B2s Open Playoffs with Win Over Westfield

By David Orszulak

The EHA Pee Wee B2s opened their playoff run with a strong 6 - 1 win over Westfield. Dan Aikins scored two goals and an assist, while Tyler Orszulak recorded a four point game (goal and 3 assists) as the Eagles shook off a slow first period start by scoring 5 goals in the second period to brake the game open and put it away. In the first, Aikins opened the scoring on a nice one-timer from the slot off a feed from Nick Goulet and Orszulak. Westfield scored later in the first to end the period in a 1 - 1 tie. In the second, Orszulak would score the eventual game-winner as Zach Lavender fed Orszulak who broke in 2 on 1 with line mate Matt Poremba. While the defensemen cheated towards Poremba, Orszulak fired a wrist shot top shelf for a 2 - 1 lead. Less than a minute later, Aikins bagged his second goal of the game from Poremba and Eric Cournoyer. Zach Lavender scored next for the Eagles, this time assisted by Orszulak and Brian Buchalski. Other goal scorers for the eagles in the high scoring second period were Poremba (from Orszulak and Aikins) and "the Stafford Connection" of Kyle Houlihan, assisted by Jordan Knightly and Ben Broadhurst. Once again, goaltender Eric Nasuta was solid giving up only one disputed goal, while the entire defense of Lavender, Buchalski, Goulet and Cournoyer were rock solid in front of Nasuta. Next up for the Eagles in this playoff round - Tri City, a team which upset the Eagles late in the regular season.

Pee Wee C Ties Westfield

By Doreen Newell

On Saturday, February 16, the Enfield Eagles hit the Olympia ice to face Westfield. Westfield scored early in the first period. The Eagles fought back with David Newell scoring a goal with 55 seconds remaining in the period. The second period provided two more goals for Westfield at just 15 seconds in and another at 9:35. The Eagles again fought hard. Matt Kulak skated in to score the second Enfield goal with one minute and 57 seconds remaining in the second period. In the third period, David Newell scored a short handed goal assisted by Jordan Fauteux to tie up the score. Goalie, Jacob Nelson made some great saves to hold on to that tie. Final score 3-3. Great job!

Pee Wee C Loses To Franklin County

By Doreen Newell

On Sunday, February 17, the Eagles faced Franklin County. This team has consistently been a challenge for the Eagles. Both teams worked hard in the first period. Franklin County had the advantage of a power play with five minutes remaining in the period. Nick, David, Matt and Connor played well to hold back Franklin County. Franklin County later scored their first goal against a full Enfield line. In the second period, Franklin County scored a quick goal. Halfway into the period that goal was answered with an unassisted goal by David Newell. Franklin County scored three more goals to end the second period 1-5. Three minutes into the third period, Jeff Marek scored, assisted by David Newell. Unfortunately, despite the offensive determination of Nick, David and Jordan, the puck would not find its way back into the Franklin County net. Final score 2-5 to Franklin County.

Squirt B Vs Southeastern B

The Squirt B team would like to welcome the newest addition to our team. Welcome Tyler James Gazdik! He decided to join the team on February 5, 2002, at 11:04 PM. Tyler weighed in at 71lb 9oz and measured 20 inches long. Do you think that they make hockey sticks that little? Congratulations Coach Glenn and Julie. Thanks for being so good to all of us, we know that you will be a great "coach" to Tyler as you have been to all of us! The team finished off the season defeating Southeastern B 6-1. The first period belonged to Enfield. Conor Walsh started it all off as he got the puck to Craig Downs who scored first. Then Tony Colca had a nice goal a minute later (assists credited to Andrew Votta and Craig Downs. Next Anthony Poissant got the puck up the ice to Nate Turner, shortly after Tony Colca and Craig Downs worked the puck to Justin Bird who scored to end the period 4-0. Nick Demontigney hand the only goal the second period and it was unassisted, nice work! The third period brought Southeastern's only goal followed by one by Reilly Higgins on an assist by Conor Walsh. Nice work Enfield, Way to end the season! Every player has developed throughout the season. It was nice to watch you kids play unselfish hockey and work together as a team. You have made a lot of memories and a lot of good friends. The parents had a great season too! We all enjoyed each other and watching and cheering for the team. You all deserve a hockey puck sticker on the CAN OF FAME!!!

Squirt “C’s” (B) Win Against Rival Tri-City

By Debbie Filiault

On Feb.02,02 Our Enfield Eagles were in top form and it really paid off today. Our Goalie CJ Shefrin vowed to play hard and only gave Tri-City a single goal in each period. Alan Filiault, Chris D’Onfrio and TC Crane work great on line with each other and had the Tri- city goalie and defenseman working hard. Alex Pieper and Kevin Wezowicz started things off by assisting to our Eagles Glenn Gonzalez who scored for Enfield. Dustin Rolocut and Jacob Robbins skated hard and their other linesman Matt Kitchen gathered the puck and scored for Enfield unassisted to put the eagles up by two. With 4:25 left in the first Tri-City scored. Tough break CJ. Into the second Wojo Wezowicz assisted to TC Crane who scored to make it three for Enfield. Our defenseman Seth Grunert and Zach Jourdan kept the puck in the zone and made our offensemans job a little easier. On matching penalties Tri-City scored. At the start of the third Tri-City scored to tie the game but Enfield poured on the pressure. Zach Jourdan and Nolan Davis assisted to Alex Pieper who scored to put the eagles on top again. Nolan Davis assisted again but this time to Glenn Gonzalez who flared one in for Enfield. Tri-City never had another chance to score. Kevin Wezowicz got a well deserved playmaker patch today by passing to a waiting Matt Kitchen who scored the final goal of the game. Always a great game against Tri-City Thunder. Final Enfield 5 Tri-City 3.

Squirt “C’s”(B) Defeated By Nonotuck

By Debbie Filiault

It was a sad day for the eagles on Feb.03,02. The first period started out well enough with Nonotuck scoring only one, but the second period started with an Enfield injury and things went downhill from there. While numerous attempts were made on goal our eagles never got on the board in the second period. Where as Nonotuck scored an astonishing four. Into the third it didn’t get much better. With less than three minutes to go in the game Chris D’onfrio assisted to Dustin Rolocut who scored to save Enfield from a shut out.

You might have thought that they had just won the Stanley Cup. Big pig pile on Dusty. Well thank god for team spirit!! Final Score Enfield 1 Nonotuck ?

Big Win For Squirt “C’s”(B) Vs. Ludlow

By Debbie Filiault

On Feb.09,02 We Played at home against Ludlow Wildcats. The Eagles played a fine game and thanks to Chris D’onfrio our goalie who has been playing to perfection. The Eagles dominated the wildcats in the first period. Nolan Davis scored solo to put the eagles on the board first. Dustin Rolocut, Jacob Robbins and Matt Kitchen make a nice line and kept up the pressure on goal. TC Crane assisted to CJ Shefrin who scored with 4:58 left in the first. The Wildcats came back to score one of their own. Glenn Gonzalez assisted to Alex Pieper who scored for Enfield. Jack Savage is a great defensive player and with Kevin Wezowicz, Zachary Jourdan and Seth Grunert our Eagles “D” is top of the line. Alan Filiault has been skating hard and made a nice pass to teammate CJ Shefrin who scored for the second time in the game. And all that in the first period. The second period was just as exciting with both teams battling for the puck and coming up empty. In the third period the eagles demonstrated great puck control, backup work and team support to make it all come together for them today. Glenn Gonzalez scored the final goal of the game. Oh Happy Day ! Final Score Enfield 5 Wildcats 1

Squirt"C's" Take On Tri-City

By Debbie Filiault

At Olympia on Sat. Feb.16,02 Enfield played the Thunder. As these games between these two teams are always exciting the fans were not let down. With 7:38 left to go in the first period Tri-City took advantage of a crowded net and slipped one by goalie Chris D'onfrio. The Eagles would not be swayed. Nolan Davis and Alex Pieper assisted to Glenn Gonzalez who scored to put the teams at a tie at the end of the first. In the second Glenn returned the favor to assist to Nolan Davis who scored for Enfield. Jacob Robbins on line with Dustin Rolocut assisted to Matt Kitchen who scored to make a nice leading advantage for the Eagles. The "D" team Zachary Jourdan, Jack Savage, Seth Grunert and Kevin Wezowicz make the team complete for Enfield. With two penalties for Enfield under their belt Tri-City scored with less than two minutes left in the game. Alan Filiault who skated a great game with many shots on goal was forced out of the game due to an injury. Zach Jourdan was also injured but managed to get back into the game. TC Crane and CJ Shefrin picked up the slack. Alex Pieper assisted to Jacob Robbins who made an awesome shot at the open net to score and put the icing on the cake. I have to say that our Eagles are really holding their own in this upper division. Job Well Done. Final Score Enfield 4 Tri-City2.

Squirt"C's"(B) Tie Wildcats

By Debbie Filiault

The Sunday game at Olympia on Feb.17,02 against the wildcats was tiresome. The in-house championship games were played hard by all and our eagles were exhausted. The Enfield Eagles played at top rank throughout the game. Jack Savage who had an exceptional game assisted to Matt Kitchen who scored for Enfield

and got the game rolling. Joey Ballard stepped in for Seth Grunert. Matt Kitchen and Alan Filiault both played tough for the Eagles and had strong shots on goal and many assists. the Wildcats remained strong and scored to tie the game. CJ Shefrin assisted to TC Crane who scored for Enfield to put them up by one. At the end of the first Enfield had an excellent opportunity to score with the wildcats receiving a double penalty. With lots of teamwork and shots on goal Enfield came up empty. The second period of the game Zachary Jourdan kept the puck in the zone and with the help of teammate Kevin Wezowicz they were able to hold off Ludlow. Alex Pieper has a heavy wrist shot and made numerous attempts with plenty of backup from teammates Nolan Davis and Glenn Gonzalez. Dustin Rolocut has been giving it his all and as always Jacob Robbins is quite the hustler. Our Eagles goalie Chris D'onfrio really makes the grade. Thanks to Joey who skated well to help us out. With less than four seconds to go in the game it looked as though Enfield had another win but were stripped of it when the Wildcats managed to slip one in to tie the game. Four seconds!!! Final Score Enfield 2 Ludlow 2. A Special Congratulations to Alex Pieper, Dustin Rolocut and Alan Filiault who won the Championship In-house Game for Roncari today. Were proud of you.

Big Win For Squirt"C's"(B) Against Nonotuck

By Debbie Filiault

A monday night game on Feb.19,02 at CYR against Nonotuck was something to worry about. Our last meeting with this team didn't turn out so well so we were determined to show these guys that we had had a bad day the last time we visited. When Nonotuck came out and scored with less than eight seconds underway we looked at each other and said Oh No. Alan Filiault, Joey Ballard and CJ Shefrin skated so well together it seemed as though they had been doing so all season. Don't worry we still missed you TC. Jack Savage assisted to Glenn Gonzalez who scored for us to tie the game. Seth Grunert picked up where he left off and teammate Kevin Wezowicz made a great effort throughout the game. Way to go WOJO. This was one of the most exciting games that they have played throughout the season. Coach Paul would have been proud. Jacob Robbins is a great asset to the team. Alan Filiault really showed them how to hustle out there. Dustin Rolocut should be proud of his improvements as we all are. The two teams continued to battle it out throughout the second period with either team managing to score. The team is very happy to have goalie Chris D'onfrio on board. His skills are finely polished and his performance tonight was simply outstanding. Into the third period Glenn Gonzalez assisted to Alex Pieper who ripped one in to score for Enfield. With Matt Kitchen and Nolan Davis on offense and Zach Jourdan on defense Nonotuck never had another chance to score. The Enfield Eagles applied all their hard earned skills, put it together with team spirit and support and came out of this game surprising Nonotuck. They never knew what hit em. Great Game Eagles. Final Score Eagles 2 Nonotuck 1.

Mite “B”s Winning Streak Ends

By Mike Stasiowski

On February 2nd, Greater New Haven traveled to Enfield to meet the Enfield Mite B Eagles for the second time this season. In the first game, Enfield skated to a 2-1 win.

The first period started with scoring opportunities on both sides. At 9:20 of the period, a New Haven breakaway resulted in a goal and a 1-0 lead. The New Haven forward came in cleanly and finished the play off with a fine shot. Just twenty seconds later, New Haven scored again to give the visiting team a two-goal lead. The shot knuckled end over end making it dip sharply.

After a scoreless second period, Ryan Guhne scored for the Eagles to make it a 2-1 game. Ryan stole the puck in front of the Enfield net and executed a rink long scoring rush at 8:24 of the period. Enfield won the center ice face off and took the puck into the New Haven end hoping to tie the game. A wrist shot by Stephen Picard beat the New Haven goaltender to the glove side but missed the far post by an inch or two. The visiting team picked up the rebound and started a rush into the Enfield end that resulted in their third goal. The Eagles pulled their goaltender late but could not come up with the equalizing goals.

The loss broke a seven game Enfield winning streak. The Eagles are now 19-7-2.

Mite “B”s Beat Avon

By Mike Stasiowski

The Enfield Mite B Eagles traveled to Avon on February 3rd for their second meeting with Avon. Enfield won the first game 4-1.

At 2:22 of the first period, Wade Schools completed a rink long rush and scored to give Enfield a 1-0 lead. Eighteen seconds later, Avon scored on a clean breakaway to even the game at 1-1. Avon continued the pressure inside the Enfield end forcing Andrew Silva to make several tough saves.

In the second period, Enfield started to take control of the game. At 1:04, Ryan Guhne scored to give Enfield a 2-1 lead. Shaun Kellam stole the puck on a nice defensive play in the Enfield zone, passed to Ryan and he broke in for the score.

At 4:10, Wade Schools scored his second goal of the game to give Enfield a 3-1 lead. Wade stole the puck in the Enfield end and took it in unassisted. At 7:49, Ryan Guhne scored his second goal of the game giving the Eagles a 4-1 lead. After the Avon goaltender covered up the puck, Ryan kept his distance forcing him to play the puck. Ryan then moved in for the steal and scored. With just 30 seconds left in the period, Ryan Guhne put a rebound high to the glove side to make it a 5-1 game. Zack Palmer took the initial shot and received the assist. The goal was Ryan's third of the game for the hat trick.

At 2:48 of the third period, Avon scored to make it a 5-2 game. At 5:14, Wade Schools gave the Eagles a 6-2 lead when he scored his third goal of the game. Wade picked up the puck off a face-off outside the Avon end and rushed in for the hat trick. Avon struck back when they scored a rebound goal at 9:29. David Ouellette scored at 10:45 to make it 7-3. Wade Schools delivered a pass from the right wing corner and David poked it into the Avon net. An Avon breakaway at 11:46 made the final score 7-4.

Enfield is now 20-7-2 on the season. They have won eight of their last nine games.

Mite “B”s Edge Simsbury

By Mike Stasiowski

Early in the season, the Enfield Mite B Eagles beat Simsbury 5-2 in Enfield. On Saturday, February 9th, the Eagles traveled to Simsbury for the rematch.

Early morning in-house games may have taken their toll on the Eagles. Right from the opening face-off, they did not look sharp. Simsbury scored off a rebound 49 seconds into the game to take a 1-0 lead. At 2:02, Wade Schools scored to tie the game. David Ouellette passed to Wade and he scored on a backhanded shot to the stick side. Simsbury nearly took the lead at the 3-minute mark when they hit the right post on a shot. At 8:00, Chris Oski broke up a pass in front of the net to save another goal. Twenty seconds later, Andrew Silva made a sprawling save to keep the game tied. At 8:42, Ryan Guhne scored to give the Eagles a 2-1 lead. Ryan stole the puck at center ice and rushed past a fallen Simsbury defenseman.

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In the second period, Simsbury tied the game when a deflected shot somehow dribbled into the Enfield net. Just 39 seconds later, Wade Schools scored his second goal of the game to give Enfield a 3-2 lead. Wade stole the puck in the right corner and fired a tough angle shot for the goal. Just 26 seconds later, David Ouellette scored to make it a 4-2 game. Wade Schools sent a perfect pass to David who was wide open in front of the Simsbury net. At 3:28 of the period, Simsbury scored after a skirmish in front of the Enfield net. Just one minute later, Simsbury scored on a clean breakaway to knot the game at four. Wade Schools answered with his third goal of the game at 4:59. Two nice saves by Andrew Silva at the end of the period preserved the 5-4 Enfield lead.

In the third period, Ryan Guhne scored at 0:21 to give Enfield a 6-4 lead. Joe Stasiowski sent a lead pass to Ryan as he rushed across the Simsbury blue line for the score. Simsbury continued to apply pressure in the third period when Thomas Noll made a nice play to break up a pass in front of the Enfield net. At 8:13, Simsbury went on a power play but they were unable to get a shot on goal. Then with twenty seconds left in the game, Simsbury scored to make it a 6-5 game. Andrew Silva saved a last second shot and the Eagles skated away with the win. With the win, the Eagles improve to 21-7-2.

Mite “B”s Lose 2-1 To Washington A

By Mike Stasiowski

On Sunday, February 10, the Enfield Mite B Eagles traveled to the Gunnery to face the Washington A team. The action was back and forth in the first period with each team getting a handful of scoring opportunities. At 5:58, Joe Stasiowski scored to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead. Wade Schools intercepted the puck near the blue line and passed to Joe who beat the goaltender to the glove side.

The quick tempo of the game continued into the second period. Two minutes into the period, Jeffrey Bird made a nice play to tie up a Washington player in front of the Enfield net getting ready to take a shot on goal. Andrew Silva made several good saves including one on a clean breakaway

opportunity half way through the period. At 10:12, Washington scored a disputed goal to tie the game at 1-1. Andrew Silva made the save and covered the puck on the ice with his glove. While the puck was covered, a Washington winger struck his glove with his stick, jarred the puck loose and put it in the Enfield goal. The referees failed to blow the whistle and it was ruled a goal.

The third period also had exciting back and forth action. Shaun Kellam, Thomas Noll, Zack Seagrave and Chris Oski all played a solid game on defense making several fine plays. An Enfield penalty three minutes into the period gave Washington a power play. Justin Locke made two sliding blocks while shorthanded to brake up possible scoring chances for the home team. With just over 2 minutes left in the game, Ryan Guhne fired a shot that beat the Washington goaltender to the glove side but it struck the right post. After hitting the post, the puck bounced out to a Washington player who started a rush back up the ice that resulted in a Washington goal. Enfield was unable to get a last offensive surge and the game ended in a 2-1 Washington win.

The loss makes the Eagles 21-8-2 on the year. It was a tough loss but well played and hard fought by the Eagles.

Mite “B”s Lose Rematch With Washington

By Mike Stasiowski

On February 16, the Washington A team made the trip to Enfield for the second meeting of the two teams. Washington won the first game, 2-1.

The first period was dominated by the defense with each team getting a few scoring opportunities. Enfield had a slight edge in play out-shooting Washington 7 to 5.

The second period was more wide open. Two minutes into the period, Thomas Noll made a nice play to break it up a two-man rush. Thirty seconds later, Washington had another two on one rush. This time Shaun Kellam broke up the play.

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Five minutes into the period, Zack Seagrave stopped an open player in front of the Enfield net. With the game still scoreless, Washington scored on a hard 25-foot wrist shot at 5:17 to take a 1-0 lead. At 8:14, Andrew Silva stopped a shot directly in front of the goal to keep it a 1-0 game. Then at 9:49, Washington scored to take a 2-0 lead. For Enfield, five different players had scoring opportunities during the period but they could not beat the Washington net minder.

The third period was another tough defensive struggle. Enfield could not score and the game ended with a 2-0 Washington victory. With the loss, the Eagles are now 21-9-2 this season.

Mite B Eagles Beat Westfield Wings Division I

By Mike Stasiowski

On February 17, the Enfield Mite B Eagles traveled to Westfield to take on the Westfield Wings Division I team. Coach Bill Noll hoped the late schedule edition would be a challenging tune up for the upcoming Tournaments. The game lived up to his expectations.

The Wings controlled the first period out-shooting Enfield 14 to 6. At 1:29, Westfield scored to take a 1-0 lead. However, Andrew Silva made 13 saves in the period to keep it a 1-0 game. The Wings played a rough game but no penalties were called in the period.

The play in the second period was more even. Enfield had three power-play opportunities and they converted on one. With just 23 seconds left in the period, Justin Locke scored a power play goal to tie the game at 1-1. Three way passing from Joe Stasiowski to Wade Schools to Justin helped set up the goal.

The third period turned out to be one to remember. At 1:50, Westfield scored on a rebound to take a 2-1 lead. Just 58 seconds later, Westfield scored again to take a 3-1 lead. Action was fast paced with each team getting scoring opportunities. At 5:07, Wade Schools scored to cut the Westfield lead to 3-2. Assists from Jeff Bird and David

Ouellette set up Wade's backhander to the upper corner stick side. Then 53 seconds later, Ryan Guhne scored to tie the game at 3-3. Passes from Justin Markowski and Zack Palmer help set up Ryan's goal in the upper corner glove side. Andrew Silva made several challenging saves to keep the score tied. Then with just over two minutes left in the game, Wade Schools completed a rink long rush to put the Eagles in front 4-3. Jeff Bird and David Ouellette assisted on the play.

With three goals in the last ten minutes of the game, the Eagles staged one of their most impressive come-from-behind wins of the season. Andrew Silva played a great game stopping a total of 39 shots. The Enfield Mite B Eagles are now 22-9-2.

Mite B Eagles Defeat East Haven

By Mike Stasiowski

On Saturday, February 23, the Enfield Mite B Eagles squared off against East Haven for their last game before the start of tournament play. In their first meeting, Enfield defeated East Haven 5-4 in East Haven.

At 6:45 of the first period, Joe Stasiowski scored to give Enfield a 1-0 lead. Joe received a pass from Justin Locke and slid a backhander between the goaltender's pads. At 8:44, East Haven cashed in on a breakaway opportunity to even the score at one each. With less than two minutes left in the period, East Haven went on the power play. However, the Enfield defense was too tough for them and the period ended in a 1-1 tie.

In the second period, Joe Stasiowski scored his second goal of the game at 3:41 to give Enfield a 2-1 lead. Justin Locke stole the puck, shot on net and Joe poked the rebound in for the score. At 6:57, Wade Schools scored to give Enfield a 3-1 lead. Thomas Noll broke up an East Haven pass in the Enfield end and pass to Wade who skated in and beat the goaltender low to the stick side.

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In the third period, Wade Schools scored his second goal of the game at 0:08 to increase the Enfield lead to 4-1. Wade won the center ice face-off and skated in to score from just inside the left wing face-off circle. At 3:40, Justine Locke scored to make it a 5-1 lead. Justin received a pass from Ryan Guhne just inside the East Haven blue line and slid the puck under the goaltender's pads for the score. Then at 7:43, Justin Locke scored his second goal of the game to make it a 6-1 game. Justin stole the puck at the Enfield blue line and skated in for the score. East Haven scored just one minute later to make it a 6-2 game. Then Ryan Guhne completed the scoring at 9:53 to make the score 7-2. After accepting a pass from Justin Locke, Ryan beat the East Haven goaltender with a low shot to the stick side.

Mite B Eagles Defeat Holy Name

By Mike Stasiowski

On March 2, the Mite B Eagles played Holy Name. In their first meeting, Enfield beat Holy Name 2-1.

In the first period, Joe Stasiowski scored at 0:40 to give Enfield a quick 1-0 lead. Ryan Guhne assisted on the play. Just 10 seconds later, Wade Schools took the puck in after winning the center ice face-off to put Enfield up 2-0. At 5:50, Wade Schools scored his second goal of the game to give the Eagles a 3-0 lead. Holy Name scored their first goal of the game at 1:15 to cut into the Enfield lead. Just thirty-two seconds later, Holy Name scored again to make it a 3-2 game.

The second period was hard fought but there was no scoring. At 3:04 of the third period, Holy Name scored again to even the game at 3-3. The Eagles bounced right back with a goal at 5:45 to take a 4-3 lead. Ryan Guhne scored with assists from Steven Picard and Justin Markowski. Justin Locke closed out the scoring with an unassisted goal at 7:21.

Mite B Eagles Finish the Regular Season

By Mike Stasiowski

The Enfield Mite B Eagles finished off the regular season at Bolton with a game against ECHO. This was the fourth meeting of the two teams. Enfield won two of the first three games.

The first two periods were scoreless. Both the ECHO and Enfield defenses played well and allowed few scoring opportunities. In the third period, ECHO took a 1-0 lead just 17 seconds into the period. ECHO increased their lead to 2-0 with a goal at 5:48. Wade Schools cut the ECHO lead in half with a goal at 9:12 of the period. The unassisted goal was scored after Wade picked up his own rebound. Then ECHO scored an empty net goal with 7 seconds left in the game to win it 3-1.

The Mite B Eagles had a very successful year earning a 24-10-2 record. They scored 146 goals and allowed just 73 goals. Andrew Silva finished the year with a 1.98 goals against average.

Marek Jewelers Defeats Oreck Vacuum

By Danielle Hoffman

Marek Jewelers started off the game with a 1-0 lead scored by Evan Marett. Zachery Palmer and Mitch Cobb picked up the assist with 11:31 left in the first period. Oreck Vacuum's goalie Dane Hoffman made a great save when Marek Jewelers came down the center on a break away. Evan Marett in the first period was penalized for roughing, giving Oreck Vacuum a chance to score. Another amazing goal scored by Zachery Palmer with 0.9 left in the first period giving Marek Jewelers a 2-0 lead. With 11:19 left in the second period, Ryan Guhne took the puck down the puck down from behind the red line and shot it. The goalie stopped it, but didn't cover it. David Oulette shot the rebound making the score 2-1. Soon after that Joseph Stasiowski was put in the penalty box for tripping giving Marek Jewelers another advantage to score, but Oreck Vacuum held out good until Joseph was back in the game. Marek Jewelers had an excellent goalie that helped them a lot this game. Half way into the second period Dane Hoffman made an amazing save. He dove for the puck but missed, the puck rolled behind him not crossing the line. The puck was left in front of the net and he quickly covered it keeping the score 2-1. With 4:30 left in the third period, Andrew Silva brought the puck down and shot it. Marek Jewelers luckily caught the puck. David Oulette was put in the box with 3:39 left in the third period for tripping. Marek Jewelers has come a long way and they are very proud of their win.