



ICE CHIPS

News and Notes

EHA Board Meeting

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2003. It is held in the auditorium at Asnuntuck Community College. The meetings start at 7:00 pm and are open to the public.

The Board will be voting for the Coaches of the 2003-2004 season.

Wanted EHA Equipment:

Pat Colca has been elected as the new equipment manager. Please return any E.H.A practice jerseys or game jerseys to him. Any equipment needing to be returned please contact him at 749-6706.

A Bear of a Different Color Challenges the U-15 Lady Eagles

By Katherine Murray

On Saturday, 1/18/03, the U-15 Lady Eagles crossed sticks with a mighty opponent out of the Berkshire Hills. A group of talented players, from the Vermont and Massachusetts borders, made the road trip to Enfield Twin Rinks. This team was skilled and drilled in the basics and their knowledge of the game was evident from the first puck drop.

The Black Bears roared off the bench during the first period, taking the Eagles by surprise with 4 consecutive goals. Enfield did not give into this mighty opponent; they ended the first period and battled their way into the second with self-discipline.

With 2 minutes remaining in the second period, Erica Warzyski battled her way to the net and earned Enfield's first team goal. Jen Strayer assisted Erica in her effort. Enfield held the Black Bears to one goal, at the 44-second mark, in the second period. The Eagles put on a strong showing, launching and all out defensive effort. The score stood at 5 - 1, Berkshire at the end of the second period.

During the third period Berkshire earned 3 goals to Enfield's 1. Kim Pizzoferrato, assisted by Laura Bartus, scored the Eagles' goal. The final score stood at 8 - 2, Berkshire.

Post game Coach Rossignol noted the team's strong performance during the second period. He acknowledged the strength and skill of the Berkshire team and complimented the Eagles for not giving up in the heat of battle. Stay tuned for the next meeting of the Black Bears and the Eagles in February!

U-15 Lady Eagles Shutout the Dover Stars

By Katherine Murray

On Sunday, 1/19/03, the U-15 Lady Eagles made the long road trip to Dover, New Hampshire. The scenic drive resulted in a 5 - 0, shutout for the Eagles. Erica Warzyski led off the scoring during the first period. The team's second goal was attributed to the teamwork of Tara Walsh and Laura Bartus and came with a scant 40 seconds

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remaining in the period. During the second period, the Lady Eagles earned 3 during the second period; the Lady Eagles earned 3 additional goals. The score at the close of the second period stood at 5 - 0, Enfield. Ali started the second period rally earning her unassisted goal from a shot at point. Ali started the second period rally earning her unassisted goal from a shot at point. Welcome back from the injured / reserved list, Ali! Kim Pizzoferrato, assisted by Jen Strayer, earned the next goal. Chelsea Cormier, assisted by Karly Bruce, earned the third and final goal of the game. The third period yielded no goals for either team.

Post Game, Coach Rossignol complimented his goalies for their steady performances with the shots offered. According to Coach Rossignol, "all though the team got off to an ugly start, they settled down," and played their game well by the second period. Offensively Coach Rossignol noted that all lines worked well, though mismatch from the team's typical pairings. The Coaching staff stated with certainty that Chelsea Cormier and Kim Pizzoferrato were definitely the keys to the win against Dover. They demonstrated good passing and moved the puck with authority. Coach Rossignol also complimented Katie Byrne and Karly Bruce on their strong back checking. Defensively, Coach Rossignol complimented Ali Murray and Eleni Pitardis on strong defensive games. Congratulations on another shared Shutout, Caitlin McGunigle and Elle Peck!

U-15 Lady Eagles Defeat Assabet

By Katherine Murray

This past Sunday, 1/26/03, found the Lady Eagles on the road to Concord, MA to face off against one of Assabet's Bantam teams. The Lady Eagles came away victorious with the final score of 6 - 2, in their favor.

Captain Sam Smith made a triumphant return to ice, after a long illness, this past weekend. The results? All Good! Sam scored the team's first goal against Assabet with the help of linesman Kristen Willard. Sam's goal, scored 2 minutes into play, went unanswered by Assabet until the final minute of the period. The two teams pressed on into the second period, with the score tied at 1 -1.

The second period was dominated by Enfield. They scored 3 of their 6 goals during the second, bringing the score to 4 -1, by the close of the period. Kim Pizzoferrato started the second period rally with the help of Laura Bartus, seconds into regulation play. Three minutes later Laura took the lead, scoring her goal with the assistance of Nicole Clavette and Katie Bryne. Kristen Willard closed out the period. Kristen was set-up for her shot by the efforts of Wing, Chelsea Cormier and Defenseman, Ali Murray. Nice passing play Ladies!

The Third period found Katie Byrne in the mood to score. And score she did with the assistance of Nicole Clavette and Laura Bartus. Chelsea Cormier closed out the period with her unassisted goal, coming amongst much confusion around a dead puck in the crease. Though Assabet earned one goal during the opening seconds of the period, they did not maintain the momentum necessary to prevail over the Eagles.

Post game; Coaches Rossignol and Walsh noted the strong play of their defensive bench, noting, "They all played great." Offensively, Coach Rossignol complimented Laura Bartus, Katie Byrne and Karly Bruce on their fore-checking, hustle and movement of the puck. MVP status went to Laura Bartus, "hands down." After a slow start, Enfield kicked up their game a notch or two, leaving Assabet behind. Congratulations on a strong win, Lady Eagles!

U-15 Lady Eagles Defeat Darien at Home

By Katherine Murray

On Saturday, 2/1/03, the U-15 Lady Eagles hosted Darien at the Enfield Twin Rinks. The Eagles were victorious with the final score standing at 6 -5, Enfield. It was a battle, in deed! Darien came on strong during the final period of the game. The Lady Eagles persevered, earning the final goal of the game!

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Darien scored the first goal within 3 minutes of the start of the first period. Enfield responded with their first goal coming 2 minutes later. Erica Warzyski scored the Enfield goal with the assistance of Karly Bruce and Kim Pizzoferrato. Neither team scored again during the first period, despite battles at both ends of the ice.

The second period was dominated by Enfield. The Eagles earned two more goals during the second period. Kristen Willard netted the team's second goal. This goal came within seconds of the period. Tara Walsh and Chelsea Cormier supported Kristen's effort. Erica Warzyski, assisted by Jesse O'Connell and Ali Murray, earned the team's second goal at the close of the period. The score stood at 3 -1, Enfield, moving into the third period.

During the third period, Darien rallied earning 4 of their 5 goals. Enfield responded to this effort by adding 3 additional goals to the scoreboard, closing out the game with a 1-goal lead. Laura Bartus earned Enfield's first goal. Laura cut through three Darien opponents to earn her goal. Nice moves, Laura! The second Enfield goal went to Jesse O'Connell, supported by Erica Warzyski and Karly Bruce. The final goal is credited to Erica Warzyski assisted by Karly Bruce. Congratulations on the Hat trick, Erica!

Post game, Coach Rossignol complimented Siobhan Davis and Jen Strayer on their strong defensive play. He further commented on Laura Bartus' "unbelievable effort at both ends of the ice." Coach further noted the big games that Erica Warzyski, Karly Bruce and Chelsea Cormier had, supporting their team throughout the battle against Darien.

U-15 Lady Eagles Face Defeat on the Road

By Katherine Murray

On Sunday, 2/2/03, the U-15 Lady Eagles took a snowy drive into the heart of Boston to face off against Charlestown. The pairing ended in a loss for Enfield. The final score was 4 -1, Charlestown.

The first period set the tone for a very physical game. During the first period, Charlestown only earned 1 goal at the three-minute mark.

The teams battled into the second period where Charlestown earned their second goal at the 3-minute mark. Enfield scored their goal with a scant 6 seconds remaining in the second. Team captain earned the goal, Sam Smith assisted by Kristen Willard.

During the third period, Charlestown earned a third goal at the 8-minute mark. Enfield then held Charlestown off until the last 40 seconds of the period, when they earned their final goal. The closing score stood at 4 - 1, Charlestown.

A return engagement is scheduled for these two opponents during February. Stay tuned to see how the Lady Eagles leverage this experience during future meetings!

Panthers Defeat Pee Wee B Eagles 8-3

By Lisa Reda

The Avon Panthers broke open a close game in the third period to hand Enfield a disappointing 8-3 loss in the rubber match between these two teams. Mid-way through the second, it appeared as if the momentum had swung in the Eagles favor and they would put this game in the W column but it was not to be on this night. The Eagles started strong as Justin Ashline hit the post less than 1 minute into the game. Play was mostly in the Panther end and the pressure paid off minutes later as Reilly Higgins opened the scoring with a nice wrist off a Josh Fasano feed. Josh showed great patience by waiting until the defenders converged before sending the pass to Reilly. Avon attempted to

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answer but goaltender Chris Lamay, filling in for the vacationing Kyle Dyer, made a beautiful kick save to preserve the lead. Dan Kraucunas came up big by stopping a 3 on 2 rush. The score was knotted late in the first as the puck deflected off an Enfield player and into the top of the net. Avon broke on top after connecting on a 2 on 1 rush. A Josh Fasano hook gave Avon a chance to increase the lead but Pete Aikins did a great job in killing the penalty. Avon then scored directly off a face-off increasing their lead by 2. An Eddie Dukette hold gave the Panthers another chance to ice this game but instead Enfield closed the gap to 1 on the play of the day by Brett Sullivan. Brett intercepted a pass and led a 2 on 1 rush feeding the puck to Matt Reda at the last second. Matt shot, the goalie made the initial save, and Brett followed up like lightning poking the puck home. Sports Center highlight stuff there! Unfortunate for Enfield, Avon came back to score 2 unanswered goals and increased their lead to 5-2. Eddie Dukette then made a nice stop on a 3 on 1 rush as did Tony Colca on a 2 on 1. Thomas Campion then found net by using great position and putting back a rebound off a Justin Ashline shot from the point. The third period was all Avon as they scored 3 additional goals to ice the game but the Eagles never gave up. Brett Sullivan showed great hustle in stopping a potential breakaway, Chris Lamay made a nice stop on a 2 on 1 rush, Brian Solnick and Kurt LaPointe consistently applied heavy fore check pressure, and Reilly Higgins dinged one off the crossbar.

Knightly Saves the Day in a 4-3 Thriller

By Lisa Reda

Jordan Knightly scored a hat trick – with the last 2 goals coming in the final 1:30 - as Enfield stormed back from an early 3-0 deficit to defeat the East Haven Hornets 4-3. Enfield was trailing by 1 with 2:37 remaining when East Haven was hit with a 3-minute roughing major. This gave Enfield a man advantage for the remainder of the game. The Eagles applied heavy pressure, keeping the puck in the Hornet zone. Jordan set up off the left post and upper shelved a rebound off an Eddie Dukette shot from the point to knot the score at 3 with just over 1:00 remaining. On the ensuing face-off, Jordan came away with the puck, blew past the opposing center, split the defense, and hit net for the game winner capping the furious comeback and heart-stopping finish. The match began on a sour note for Enfield as East Haven scored two early goals to jump into the lead and then added a third late in the first. Tony Colca then stepped up on D to turn the tide by stopping a 2 on 1 rush. An Eddie Dukette crosscheck turned the heat-up on the Eagles but Reilly Higgins and Pete Aikins did their part to kill the penalty. Goalie Chris Lamay also came up big with a couple of nice saves. Matt Reda and Jordan Knightly erased a second Eddie Dukette penalty. As the penalty expired, Thomas Campion came off the bench just as the puck was being broken out of the Enfield zone. Thomas caught the heads-up pass by Justin Ashline and scored on a breakaway to put the Eagles on the board. Dan Kraucunas getting the second assist. Reilly Higgins then made a great save on a puck that was loose in the crease sending it down the ice and ending the threat. An East Haven charge put Enfield in a man advantage but they could not convert. The second period ended with a Justin Ashline slap shot from the point that was saved but knocked the wind out of the unsuspecting Hornets goalie. The Campion-LaPointe-Solnick line turned up the heat in the third and had a few scoring opportunities but could not convert. The first goal of Jordan's hat trick was a put back off an Eddie Dukette shot mid-way through the third setting up the fantastic finish.

Pee Wee B Eagles Whomp On Wolves 5-2 as Knightly Nets Hat-Trick

By Lisa Reda

What is white, slippery, but can stick like Velcro? West Hartford's Veterans Memorial ice. The soft, slow surface created a number of over skated pucks, passes behind the receivers, etc. but the Eagles overcame this nuisance to defeat the West Hartford Wolves 5-2 in a Saturday night game. This win avenged the last second loss to the Wolves
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earlier in the season. The game was knotted at 0 at the end of the first. Josh Fasano was high/lowed at center ice early in the game indicating what type of play could be expected from West Hartford. A Wolves slash gave Enfield the power play but they could not convert. Jordan Knightly, David Cardaropoli, Eddie Dukette, and Dan Kraucunas erased a Josh Fasano rough. Enfield turned up the heat to start the second. Pete Aikins had a nice backcheck stop and then heading the other way, hit Reilly Higgins on the stick from the right circle. The Wolves goalie came up big to deny Reilly the goal. Kyle Dyer then made the save of the game by turning away a West Hartford breakaway. After an Enfield penalty, Jordan Knightly scored shorthanded on a nice feed from Justin Ashline to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead. Moments later, David Cardaropoli scored the second shorthanded goal as his shot deflected off a West Hartford player into the top of the net. Jordan Knightly getting the assist. Justin Ashline made a nice clear when the puck was sitting free in the crease to end a potential Wolves threat. The lead was increased to 3 when Jordan Knightly put back the rebound off a David Cardaropoli shot from the left circle. The Wolves finally put one on the board with 0:45 left in the second; however, seconds later the lead was back to 3 as Matt Reda deflected a Justin Ashline blast from the point. Jordan Knightly getting the second assist as he won the face-off cleanly back to Justin. Enfield tallied their final goal in the third as Jordan Knightly took the outlet pass from Matt Reda, skated through the West Hartford defense, and upper-shelved one past the goalie. Brett Sullivan and Josh Fasano both came back strong on separate back checks to stop West Hartford rushes late in the 3rd. Overall, a very good team effort – especially the defense - against a much larger opponent.

Enfield Drops Close One to Capitols 3-2 as Dyer Shines

By Lisa Reda

The Pee Wee B's dropped their rematch with the Central Capitols 3-2 in a hard fought, physical battle. The Eagle ran out of steam in this high tempo affair mid-way through 2nd, no doubt as a result of the game played the night before. Enfield had an opportunity to tie the score with less than 1 minute left in the match; however, despite pulling the goalie and having a 6-4 advantage as a result of a Central trip, they could not convert. The early play was back and forth as each team was denied scoring opportunities. Kyle Dyer made a beautiful save on a point-blank shot from just outside the crease. As the second period began, Kyle made a similar save to keep 0's on the scoreboard. Central turned up the pressure and Enfield responded with a penalty. The Capitols then scored on the power play to take the lead. The Eagles came right back with their own power play goal after a Central rough. Jordan Knightly, skating down the right side, drew the defense over and then made a perfect pass onto David Cardaropoli's stick. David then easily beat the goalie from the left side. Thomas Champion getting the second assist. Central pulled in front late in the 2nd after a shot flew out of a scrum and into the net. Dan Kraucunas made a nice stop on a Central 1 on 1 rush keeping the deficit at 1. Central scored early in the 3rd to take a 2-goal lead but Enfield responded with great defense for the remainder of the period. Brett Sullivan made a goal saving clear as the puck was free in the crease. Justin Ashline broke up a 3 on 1 rush with a poke check that put the puck in the corner. Kyle Dyer made a save on a 4 on 1 rush. Halfway through the 3rd, David Cardaropoli struck again off a feed from Jordan Knightly to narrow the gap to 1. Enfield; however, could not pull even despite great hustle from the Bryan Solnick, Kurt Lapoint, Tony Colca, and Eddie Dukette. Credit Kyle Dyer for keeping this one close as he made one tough save after another.

Pee Wee B's Drop 2-1 Decision to Mid-Fairfield

By Lisa Reda

The Enfield Pee Wee B's dropped a close 2-1 decision to Mid-Fairfield. The Eagles controlled most of the game and had numerous opportunities to score but could not put the puck in the net. During the first shift of the game, the Cardaropoli, Knightly, Reda line applied heavy pressure and had quite a few shots on goal but were turned away by
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nice goalie play. This was to be a scene that repeated itself throughout the game. Enfield's lone goal came on a deflection shot by Dan Kracunas who found the puck free on the left side and rushed past the slow-footed Mid-Fairfield defense. Dan's shot gave the Eagles an early 1-0 lead. The Colca-Fasano-Higgins line also had a great opportunity to increase the lead but a shot by Reilly barely missed the left post. Mid-Fairfield tied the score in the second despite most of the period being played in their zone. The Campion-LaPointe-Solnick line had a few nice rushes in the third but could not connect. Mid-Fairfield took a 2-1 lead late in the third off a nice shot from the right circle. Enfield pulled the goalie but could not capitalize on the 6 on 5 as time ran off the clock. The defense of Sullivan, Dukette, Ashline, and Kracunas controlled the tempo of the game but it was not enough to pull out the win.

Pee Wee C's Dominate Franklin County

By Lynn Ballard

On Saturday, Jan. 18, the Pee Wee C team (9-2-3) traveled to Olympia in West Springfield to meet Franklin County (3-9-2).

Frankie Ruggiero put Enfield on the scoreboard first at 3:20 in the first period. Eric Quagliaroli and Jordyn Fauteux assisted him on the play.

Both teams played tight defense in the second period until Enfield center Jordyn Fauteux grabbed his own rebound and scored with one minute left in the period. Nolan Davis quickly made it 3-0 in favor of Enfield. Alex Pieper and Nick DeMontigny assisted him.

Enfield built its lead to 4-0 in the third period when Eric Quagliaroli sent it in from the point to Frank Ruggiero who then fed Alex Fenyo for the goal. Enfield's defense battled all period to protect the shut out for goalie Chris LeMay. But Franklin County finally broke through with just two minutes left in the game to make the final score 4-1.

Pee Wee C's Escape With a W Against Rough Ludlow

By Lynn Ballard

The Pee Wee C's entertained GSL league leading Ludlow at the Twin Rinks on Saturday, Jan. 25. Since second place Enfield had handed Ludlow its only loss of the season just a few weeks earlier and Ludlow leads the league in penalty minutes, all were expecting a hard game.

Alex Fenyo put Enfield on the board first early in the first period with Glen Gonzalez assisting. Then, on his next shift, Alex found the goal again, this time unassisted.

In the second period, Enfield once again dominated with goals by Jacob Robbins and Glenn Gonzalez. Mike Small and Nolan Davis assisted Robbins. Ludlow's frustration grew, as did its penalty minutes.

Ludlow is a physical team and no one expected them to give up. They finally got on the board at 9:08 in the third period, and then quickly added another goal a few minutes later. But Mike Small broke through the Ludlow defense once again in the third to break Ludlow's momentum. Ludlow managed to score once more in the period but Enfield hung on the rest of the way for a final score of 5-3.

Pee Wee C's Dominate Bay State

By Lynn Ballard

On Sunday, Jan. 26 the Pee Wee C's traveled to Olympia to take on Bay State. Enfield totally dominated the game and skated away with a 10-2 victory. Nolan Davis, Glenn Gonzalez, and Jordyn Fauteux each had two goals for Enfield while Jacob Robbins, Frank Ruggiero, Alex Fenyo, and Nick DeMontigny each picked up one. Connor Norman led the assist column with three, followed by Glenn Gonzalez and Mike Small with two each. Also recording assists were Seth Grunert, Nolan Davis, Alex Pieper, Jordyn Fauteux, and Jack Savage. Way to go guys!

Pee Wee C's Travel to Midstate (Mass) Tournament

By Lynn Ballard

The PeeWee C's traveled to Auburn, Mass. to play in the Midstate Youth Hockey Tournament on Friday, January 31 through Sunday, Feb 2. For its first opponent, Enfield faced Needham. The first period was not pretty for Enfield who started sluggish. Needham scored three times in the first and Enfield had dug itself into a pretty deep hole. Enfield seemed to pick it up in the second period and the defense tightened up. The period was scoreless until Mike Small put Enfield on the board at 3:28 with Jordyn Fauteux recording the assist. Enfield came out with new life in the third and Alex Fenyo put Enfield within one at 5:25. Jacob Robbins and Eric Quagliaroli assisted him. Enfield kept pressure on the Needham goalie but didn't score again, with a final score Needham 3 Enfield 2.

On Saturday morning the PeeWee C's met Midstate 3. The team was hoping that a change of rink, now playing in Worcester, would help change their luck. The Enfield defense of Jack Savage, Joe Ballard, Seth Grunert, Kyle Murkowitz, Connor Norman, Alex Pieper, and Eric Quagliaroli contained the speed of Midstate throughout the first period and most of the second. Midstate was the first to finally score with just two minutes left in the second period. Unfortunately, one goal was all Midstate needed as Enfield had trouble containing Midstate in the third period. Midstate scored four times in the third period for a final of 5-0, just the second time the PeeWee C's had been shut out this season.

On Sunday the PeeWee C's finished out the tournament meeting Midstate 4 in Worcester. The teams were evenly matched. With two minutes left in the first period, Glenn Gonzalez was the first player in the scorer's column, assisted by Alex Fenyo. Midstate responded with a goal of their own just before the end of the period. The lead went back and forth in the second period, keeping the fans on edge. Midstate started the period with a goal, quickly answered by Jacob Robbins for Enfield. Nolan Davis then put Enfield on top. Glenn Gonzalez assisted both goals. But Midstate responded with two goals of their own. Jordyn Fauteux closed out the period with a goal for the Pee Wee C's. Matt Kitchen and Mike Small picked up assists on the play. With the score tied at 4 in the third period both teams were battling hard. The penalties mounted for Midstate, with four penalties called to one for Enfield. Enfield, however, was not able to convert on the power plays. It looked like the game would end in a tie. With just twenty seconds left, Midstate scored for a final of Midstate 5 Enfield 4.

Squirt A's tame the Bears

By Joanne Kapinos

In a rematch against the Northern Blackbears our Eagles took the ice at friendly Twin Rinks. Northern came out fast by finding the back of the net 44 seconds in, to take a 1-0 lead. Realizing that they were "in the game" our Squirts picked it up a notch with solid fore-checking by Tyler Reopel and Katie Sullivan. Enfield tied up the scoring midway thru the first period as Chris D'Onofrio found Kyle Hughes who found the back of the net. Period 2 opened up with plenty of back and forth action while Ethan Cournoyer and Justin Bird anchored the defense. Enfield broke the tie late in the period when Wade Schools scored on an unassisted goal and momentum clearly was in Enfield's favor. A minute later Derek Geoffroy found a loose puck and stuffed it home to take a 3-1 lead ending the second period. Period 3 started with solid goaltending from Andrew Silva. The score remained the same until Kyle Hughes cleaned up in front of the net finding a loose puck to get Enfield their final score of 4-1. The game was led by solid hustle from Ryan Guhne, Justin Locke and Alex Nacin.

Squirt A's Earn A Tie

By Joanne Kapinos

In a rematch of a previous Eagles win at Simsbury earlier in the season we hosted the rematch at Twin Rinks. The game started off with plenty of back and forth play. Enfield kept the visitors off the board with solid defensive play from Justin Bird and Ethan Cournoyer. Toward the end of the first period Tyler Reopel put Enfield on the board with a nice goal as period 1 ended. Period 2 started with solid fore-checking from Justin Locke and Alex Nacin, but Simsbury tied it up then took the lead from our inability to clear the puck out from in front of the net. Period 3 started with Enfield needing a goal to tie it. Ryan Guhne took a good shot off the goalie leaving a rebound for Ben Kapinos who found the net to earn Enfield a 2-2 tie.