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News and Notes

EHA Board Meeting

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

Our association meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month.

Presidents Welcome

Dear E.H.A. Member,

For the past 33 years Enfield Hockey Association has continued to grow, our membership now nearing 500. We are very excited about our up coming season.

We have a web site (enfieldhockey.org) please pay it a visit you'll find some very helpful information. Lots of work went into creating and maintaining it and we would love to hear from you.

Please get involved with our Association, anything you do will directly benefit your skater. Your children are our best asset, help us help you. I invite you to come to our monthly association meeting held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Asnuntuck Community College on Elm St. in Enfield , or join our Booster Club who are always welcoming new members and input.

Have a great season.

Enfield Mite A's off to busy start

By Steve Palmer

The Enfield Mite A's started with two tough preseason games against Southern and East Haven. Both games ended in standstill ties. Our mites rallied to tie Southern 5-5 and East Haven scored late to spoil our Eagles' tremendous comeback. Both games were fast-paced and exciting.

Zack Palmer scored 2 late goals against Southern to secure the tie. Shannon Cherpak tallied the seasons' first natural hat-trick by putting it by the feisty Southern goalie for Enfield's first three goals. Cullen Roberts earned himself a playmaker patch while distributing his three assists amongst Shannon and Zack. Both Zach Audet and Colin Devine played great in the nets (18 saves).

After our Eagles fell behind 2-0, Dan Champiny led our mite A's to a 3-3 tie against East Haven. Dan finished the tilt with a goal and an assist. Zach Palmer (1 goal, 1 assist) scored the go-ahead goal with 6 minutes left in the 3rd to give our Eagles the unthinkable 3-2 lead, capping our teams' third unanswered goal. East Haven eventually found a way to tie the game with 4 minutes remaining. After constant and potent offensive tries by our Eagles, East Haven was fortunate to hold the game even late in the game. Colin and Zach were stalwart in goal. Ryan Zetterholm and Nick Ferracci were great at the blue line. Cullen Roberts (1 assist) and Shannon Cherpak (1 goal) were forces on offense.

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Enfield mite A's won their first regular season game against a tough and relentless Watertown squad by the score 5-2. Shannon Cherpak recorded her second hat-trick of the season. Zach Palmer finished with 3 helpers and a playmaker patch. Ryan Zetterholm contributed with a goal and a two assists in his first game on offense for the team. Cullen Roberts netted the fourth goal on an unassisted effort. Dan Champiny and Krissi Aikens contributed assists on the games first tally. Cole Henry, Nick Sullivan, Willi Hampson, Shane O'Neill and DJ Trudeau were solid on defense.

Our Eagles tied a talented Avon team 4-4 at Avon Old Farms on September 28th. Shannon Cherpak (1 goal, 1 assist) scored the tying goal with 93 seconds left in the game with help from Zack Palmer (2 assists) and Dan Champiny (1 goal, 1 assist). Ryan Zetterholm and Cam Calcolice added key goals early for our young Eagles. Colin Devine made several tremendous saves while preserving the tie.

The next three games didn't turn out quite like our team would have liked. Our kids were beaten by three good teams in East Haven, South Windsor and Greater New Haven. Goals, assists and saves were created by our young Eagles, but our memories of these games have since been lost.

Our Eagles rebounded from a tough 2 weeks of learning with a strong victory over ECHO, 3-2. Zack Palmer scored the teams first two goals with help from Shannon and Cullen. Cullen scored the game winner on a short-handed tally with only 2 minutes remaining on a top shelf roofer. Zack Audet recorded a half-game shutout for the Eagles. Joey Lancioni, Ryan Zetterholm, Willi Hampson, Nick Sullivan, Cole Henry and Krissi Aikens were strong on defense. Overall, not a bad start to a long grueling season for such a young group of hockey players. Congratulations to the entire team; Nick Ferracci, Eli Robbins, Colin Audet, Cam Calcolice, Shannon Cherpak, Cole Henry, Ryan Zetterholm, Kyle Tenczar, Zack Palmer, Willi Hampson, Cullen Roberts, Joey Lancioni, Krissi Aikens, Nick Sullivan, DJ Truduea, Shane O'Neill and Dan Champiny. Also, many thanks to our young assistant coach, Steven Palmer Jr.

Pee Wee A's give up one late

By Alex Kapinos

Our Eagles welcomed Central to Enfield Twin Rinks for the opening game of the year. Central jumped out early with a goal less than 2 minutes into the game, solid forechecking by Tony Colca and Pete Aikins helped keep things pretty even as period one ended with Enfield down by one. Period 2 opened up offensively as Ben Kapinos from the corner found Craig Downs in front who buried the puck in the net to tie the game. Within a minute David Cardaropoli fed Kyle Dyer in front to score Enfield's second goal. Central tied the games at the end of the second period. The last period began as a defensive struggle, mid-way thru David Cardaropoli scored to put Enfield ahead 3-2, Matt Simons assisted on the goal. With momentum in the Eagles favor and time running down Anthony Poissante and Andrew Votta playing well defensively. Enfield took a late penalty and it was costly because Central tied it up with a power play goal. Enfield settled for a 3-3 tie.

Pee Wee A's host West Haven

By Alex Kapinos

Enfield opened quickly as Craig Downs scored assisted by Pete Aikins and then Ed Dukette scored from the point and a cross ice feed from Andrew Votta, Enfield was up 2-0 only 5 minutes in. With a 2-0 lead our Eagles underestimated the visitors speed and hitting ability to quickly tie up the game ending period 1.

Period 2 opened as David Cardaropoli found Ben Kapinos who fed Kyle Dyer in front to give Enfield a 3-2 lead, but on the very next shift W. Haven's ability to crash the net tied the score at 3. Period 2 ended defensively anchored by Matt Simons and Ed Dukette. Period 3 opened up with plenty of back and forth action while W. Haven scored twice in the third period with their team camping out in front of the net. On this day Enfield could not match their speed with a 5-3 lost.

PeeWee A's Outscore Visitors

By Alex Kapinos

Our Enfield Eagles hosted Washington in a mid-afternoon scoring feast. Enfield came out fast with pressure in 36 seconds as Pete Aikins found the back of the net to give Enfield a 1-0 lead. A few minutes later Washington tied it up. Just 25 seconds later Ryan Martin gave Enfield the lead back as Tony Colca assisted both of Enfield's first 2 goals. Tony got in the scoring act with a blistering slap shot to give our Eagles a 3-1 lead. Within 30 seconds Washington scored to cut the lead to one as period one ended.

Washington opened up the second tying the score at 3, it didn't take Enfield long to regain the lead as Wade Schools found Craig Downs who found a cutting Ben Kapinos in center ice to create a breakaway and a 4-3 lead, Wade and Craig both assisted on Ben's goal. Enfield wasn't finished yet as Ryan Martin scored assisted by Pete Aikins and Tony Colca. Washington cut the lead to one and then tied it up at 5. With our Eagles in an offensive mode Craig Downs found Ben Kapinos behind the net who fed Wade Schools nicely in front and he buried the shot to give Enfield a 6-5 lead as period 2 ended.

Period 3 was anchored by our defense who said "enough is enough." Goalie Scott Stevenson said the "net was closed" while Andrew Votta, Ed Dukette, Anthony Poissant, Danny Kraucunas and Matt Simons stepped up defensively to blank Washington the rest of the way. Enfield finished as Ben Kapinos found the net with a wrist shot and Matt Simons scored from the back of the net to make the final score 8-5

Pee Wee A's settle the score

By Alex Kapinos

Avenging a previous tie earlier in the season and playing short handed our Pee Wee's would not be denied with lots of help from our net minder. Enfield jumped out early with a goal by Pete Aikins assisted by Tony Colca. With 14 seconds left in period 1 Tony Colca scored assisted by Craig Downs to give Enfield a 2-0 lead. The story of the game was the play of Scott Stevenson making over 10 saves in period one.

The next period opened with a Central goal cutting the lead but very quickly from the point Anthony Poissant scored to give Enfield a 3-1 lead. Big Scott decided the "goal was closed" frustrating Central. Period 3 opened as Tony Colca scored assisted by Anthony Poissant to give Enfield a 4-1 lead. Scott recorded close to 30 saves as Central pulled their goalie in an attempt to cut the lead but Tony Colca carried the puck into an open net for his "hat trick". Enfield wrapped up the scoring as Craig Downs scored assisted by Danny Kraucunas to give the short handed Eagles a 6-2 win over Central.