



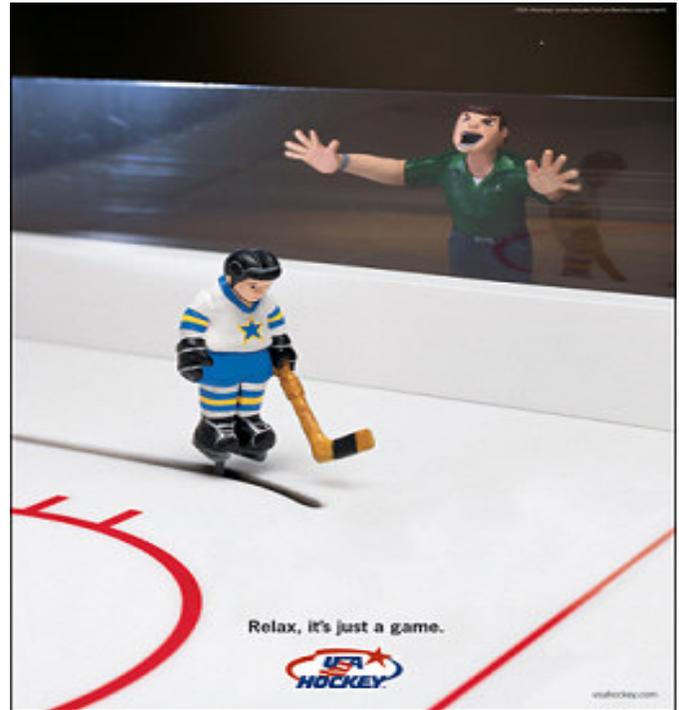
ICE CHIPS

News and Notes

EHA Board Meeting

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2003. 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.



Enfield Eagles Reach Semi-Final's at the Jingle Bell Skate

The Enfield Pee Wee B team reached the semi-finals of the New Year's Jingle Bell Skate Tournament in Marlborough Mass.

Enfield started the tournament on Tues 12/30 vs the Southern Rhode Island Rams. The Eagles came out with one of their strongest periods of the season dominating the Rams in every aspect of the game. The period ended with Enfield up 1-0, with a goal by Kyle Hughes, assisted by Eric Quagliaroli. The second period continued the same way as the first with Enfield having the upper hand. A goal by Mike Small and a shorthanded goal by Matt Spadorcia gave the Eagles a 3-0 lead before the Rams scored 1 by the end of the period. The third period saw Enfield tack on 1 more by Kyle Hughes to close out the scoring. The outstanding goaltending tandem of Zach Perkins and Andy Silva contributed to the 4-1 win to get the Eagles started out on the right foot.

The second game was against Gardner, Mass. Mike Small started the scoring with a simple

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dump in from the red line that eluded the Gardner goalie, giving the Eagles the lead that they would not relinquish. Mike Small continued his scoring ways with a goal in the second. Gardner got one in the third to cut the lead to 1, but the defense led by Kyle Murkowicz, Mike Caplette, T.C. Crane, Eric Quagliaroli and Robbie Picard prevented Gardner from scoring the tying goal in a wild final minute of the game. Once again the goaltending tandem of Zack Perkins and Andy Silva withstood the Gardner attack to help preserve the 2-1 win.

The Eagles were in good position after the first 2 days of the 8 team tournament with a 2-0 record. After a team dinner on New Year's Eve and some celebrating the New Year, it was time to take the ice on New Years day to face the Woonsocket North Stars. The North Stars were also coming into the game sporting a 2-0 record. The game started fast and it looked like it would be another tough one. The teams traded goals in the first period, With T.C. Crane getting the goal assisted by Robbie Picard and Reilly Higgins. Woonsocket got one more goal in the first with 49 seconds left to take the lead into the second. Enfield tied it up quickly in the second with a goal from Reilly Higgins assisted by Kyle Murkowicz. After that the only time Enfield would get on the score sheet would be for one of their many penalties. Woonsocket took advantage of this to finish the game with a 5-2 victory.

Enfield reached the semi final with a 2-1 record, winning the first tie breaker of least goals allowed. Their opponent would be the first seed Framingham JR Flyers. The Enfield line of Nick DeMontigny, Reilly Higgins and Eric Tenczar, started the game by putting immediate pressure on the Flyers goalie. The next line up, Kyle Hughes, Jake Robbins and Tim Bordeau, continued again controlling the play in the oppositions end. Tom Campion, Mike Small and Matt Spadorcia followed keeping up the pressure. The first period came to an end with the score tied 0-0. The second started the same way, with constant pressure from the Eagles. Framingham finally got on the board, picking up an errant pass in their end and driving it into the Enfield zone for a quick goal. The Flyers struck again with another goal 1 minute later. The defense again played another strong game taking the body and making the Flyers pay for coming into the Enfield zone. Late in the second period, Enfield went back to the ways of the previous game and started to pick up penalties and Framingham capitalized. It was 6-0 before Mike Small scored late in the third to prevent a Framingham shutout.

Even though the Eagles lost 6-1, they should be proud that they advanced to the semi finals against some tough competition.

Pee Wee B Wins Penalty Filled Game

The Enfield Pee Wee B team won a penalty filled game against Columbia a 6-1. Tim Bourdeau got the hat trick, while Kyle Hughes, Tom Champion, and Matt Spadorcia got single goals. The two teams combined for 26 penalties in a game that never had any flow and always seemed to have 1 team short handed throughout

Pee Wee B Tie Wallingford

On Sat January 10, the Enfield Pee Wee B team battled the Wallingford Hawks to a 4 – 4 tie. Wallingford came out hitting and scored the first goal in the first period. Enfield started the second down by 1 but Reilly Higgins tied it up half way thru the second. Wallingford got one back 1 minute later, but 1 minute after that Reilly struck again. Wallingford added one more before the second period ended. The third period saw Enfield trying to come back from 3-2 deficit. Enfield controlled the action in the third, but had a hard time getting one by the Hawks goalie. Wallingford added one more before the Eagles' Matt Spadorcia fired one by to bring Enfield back to within one. Kyle Hughes scored the game tying goal with an assist from Jake Robbins with just over 1 minute left. Enfield continued to press the last minute, but was unable to get the game winner. Ethan Cournoyer led a strong defensive effort along with Robbie Picard and Eric Quagliaroli.

Pee Wee B Tie New Milford

Enfield traveled to New Milford for a rare late Sunday night game. Even though it was a long drive, you would never know it from the way the Eagles come out. They were all over New Milford, however, New Milford struck first. Reilly Higgins got Enfield's first goal with 42 seconds left in the first. New Milford got the only goal in the second and the Eagles were in a familiar position, down going into the third. Enfield got 2 quick goals in the middle of the period to take the lead. First Matt Spadorcia found the back of the net with an assist to T.C. Crane. Shortly thereafter, Tim Bourdeau buried one to give the Eagles the lead. A few minutes later New Milford tied it up, and that's how the game ended. Enfield played one of their better passing games, moving the puck quickly thru the neutral zone and into New Milford territory.

The defense of Kyle Murkowicz, T.C. Crane and Mike Caplette kept New Milford at bay and started many of the breakouts with their quick passes. Any Silva and Zach Perkins came up with the big saves when needed to keep Enfield in the game

Jan 18, Pee Wee B double up New Milford

After last weekend's tie with New Milford at Canterbury, The Pee Wee B Eagles were looking forward to their rematch. The Eagles were not to be denied, winning this one 6-3. The Eagles came out flying in the first. Mike Small started things off with a goal six minutes

in with an assist from Tom Champion. Reilly Higgins followed things up 2 minutes later with a solo goal. Two minutes after that Tom Champion blasted a slap shot past a stunned New Milford goalie to give the Eagles a 3-0 lead after the first period. New Milford got one back 3 minutes into the second, but Kyle Hughes countered that with a goal of his own with assists going to his line mates Jake Robbins and Tim Bourdeau. New Milford got one more before the end of the period to stay 2 behind after 2. The third period saw Reilly Higgins continue on his hot scoring streak notching his second of the game. New Milford added one on a breakaway before Reilly finished the scoring by burying a nice pass from his line mate Eric Tenczar. This game had everything, good shots, great back checking, and nice saves by Zach Perkins and Andy Silva. The Eagles have a tough weekend coming up starting. First up will be Middlesex A followed the next day by a tough Simsbury B team.

Bantam Bs Sweep Weekend Set

On Saturday, Jan. 17th the Bantam Bs traveled to Bolton to face Columbia for the 3rd time this season. The first time these teams played early in the season Columbia dominated the Eagles with their size and depth, which included a couple or 'twin towers' destined for the high school team. The rematch in December saw the Eagles play their hearts out and take this same Columbia squad deep into the game at 2-2 late in the third. However, a late disputed goal by Columbia resulted in a heartbreaking 3-2 loss for the Eagles.

This third time, however, would find the squads more evenly matched due to Columbia finally placing a couple of skaters with their high school programs. The pace of the game from the opening face-off was quick and intense as both teams traded scoring chances as the play went up and down the ice. Then late in the first period Tyler Orszulak opened the scoring for the Eagles on a partial break, with assists going to Kurt Lapointe and Nolan Davis. The Eagles continued to clamp down on defense, with the parings of Justin Ashline-Alex Pieper, and Kurt Lapointe-Jordan Fauteux standing tall in front of goaltender Steven Fiedler who, while not tested often, did come up with several big saves midway through the game. About mid-way through the second period, Alex Fenyo made it 2 - 0 Eagles on a goal assisted by Orszulak and Davis. As the game wore on, the Eagles continued to control the game by controlling the puck - especially in their own zone. With less than five minutes left, Orszulak fed a pretty pass back to defenseman Lapointe just inside the blue line, who shot on

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net for what appeared like his first goal of the season and an insurmountable 3 - 0 lead for the Eagles. However, apparently an Eagle had a toe in the crease that a ref saw and the goal was disallowed. Then with under a minute left and the Columbia goaltender pulled for an extra attacker, Orszulak poked the puck away from a Columbia attacker in the Eagles end and

found Lapointe, who skated a few feet and then launched a shot from before the red-line for a game clinching goal and a fitting repeat of the Orszulak to Lapointe connection. Again, goaltender Fiedler was solid throughout in recording his third shutout of the season in leading the Eagles to a 3 - 0 victory over Columbia. Forwards Matt Reda, Derek Michaud and Jesse Kettle played outstanding two-way games as well for the Eagles.

On Sunday, Jan. 18th goaltender Steven Fiedler 'pitched' his second consecutive shutout in leading the Bantam B Eagles to a 4 - 0 victory over South Windsor at Enfield. As was the case the day before against Columbia, the Eagles controlled the flow of the game throughout with solid defense, sharp goaltending, and an opportunistic offense led forwards Alex Fenyo (2 goals, 1 assist) and Tyler Orszulak (goal and assist), and the potent shooting of defenseman Justin Ashline (goal and assist). Fenyo opened the scoring in the 1st period with the assist going to Kurt Lapointe following a scramble to the right of SW's goal. Late in the first period, Ashline blasted one of his many shots on goal and Orszulak picked up the rebound, spun around and lifted a shot over the SW goaltender for a 2 - 0 lead. Fenyo got his second of the game five minutes into the second period with the assist going to Nolan Davis. From there, the Eagles were content to control the flow for most of rest of the game with solid defense, goaltending, and two-way hockey. Late in the third, SW took a penalty and on the ensuing face-off Orszulak got the puck back to Ashline who blasted a low shot directly past the SW goaltender for a power play goal to close out the scoring at 4 - 0 and put the cap on a terrific weekend for the Bantam B's, their first two game weekend sweep of the season. Forwards Glenn Gonzalez, Jordan Fauteux, and Matt Reda were solid throughout, while defenseman Alex Pieper and Connor Norman were strong as well.

Short Handed Pee Wee A's Win

Our Eagles hosted Newington the Sunday after Christmas match-up, Enfield was down five skaters. Period 1 ended scoreless anchored defensively by Matt Simon, Andrew Votta and Danny Kraucunas, and the great goal tending job of Scott Stevenson.

Enfield finally got on the score board 6 minutes into period 2 as David Cardaropoli scored assisted by Zach Allard and Craig Downs, Newington quickly tied it up minutes later. Enfield took the lead back as Ben Kapinos found David Cardaropoli at center ice who got thru the defense and scored. With 16 seconds left David scored unassisted to make it a "hat

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trick” and Enfield took a 3-1 lead. Period 3 opened up with solid fore checking from Wade Schools and Ryan Martin. Zach Allard scored Enfield’s forth goal assisted by Craig Downs. Newington scored 2 late but Enfield held on with a 4-3 win.

Pee Wee A’s travel to win rematch

Our Eagles traveled to Stamford Twin Rinks on an icy cold Saturday afternoon for a game to settle, a previous decision against Darien ended in a tie. Period one opened up with plenty of back and forth play and solid defensive play from Anthony Poissant, Matt Simons, Andrew Votta and Danny Kraucunas. Darien came out playing hard and at the 10 minutes mark they scored from the blue line with a wrist shot to give them a 1-0 lead. Period 2 opened up as Enfield picked up the pace with solid fore checking from Wade Schools, David Cardaropoli and Ben Kapinos. Enfield tied the game with a pure individual effort by Zach Allard who wrestled the puck free at center ice to create a break away and buried the puck to tie it up as period 2 winded down.

Period 3 started with plenty of opportunities for both sides but Pete Akins put Enfield up for good with a goal assisted by Tony Colca. Zach Allard then scored from a nice feed from Ryan Martin and Craig Downs. As the clock winded down Kyle Dyer played well and goalie Scott Stevenson saved 25 shots for an Enfield 3-2 win.

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