



ICE CHIPS

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HEY COACH!

USA Hockey Board of Directors Mandates Coach's Use of Helmets

This past June, at the annual USA Hockey Annual Congress, the Board of Directors of USA Hockey passed a rule mandating **ALL** ice hockey coaches and instructors of registered USA Hockey teams wear an ice hockey helmet during **ALL** on-ice sessions, including practices and controlled scrimmages.

Speak UP!

Like what is going on with EHA? Want to address the board, but can't go to the meetings?

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AROUND THE RINK

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This section will be dedicated to highlighting various teams throughout the season. Check back to see if your team made the **ICE CHIPS!**

Mite A

Submitted by: **Andy Votta**

Date: 9/30/06 Enfield (0) vs. Hamden (1)

Gene Bouthiette did an outstanding job starting at goalie for the Mite A team, only allowing one goal to visiting Hamden. Even out shooting Hamden 3-1, the home team couldn't put the puck in the back of the net, and lost their season opener 1-0. The defense of **Thomas Vose, Jason Miller, Griffin O'Neil** and **Corey Walsh** played well to help keep Enfield close.

Mite B

Submitted by **Tim Bourdeau**

Date 9/24/06 Enfield (3) vs. Central (2)

The Enfield Eagles Mite B team enjoyed their first game of the season on Sunday which turned out to be a great match-up in Newington with the Central CT Capitals. The first period provided a lot of action as the teams battled to gain the upper hand. The Eagles entered the second period behind 1-0 after the Capitals scored late in the first period to take the lead. **Zach C** put the Eagles back on track as his shot found the back of the net with help from **Austin R**. A defensive rush by **Michael K** ended with the puck in the Caps net for the second time with 1 minute left in the period. The Eagles were ahead 2-1 going into the third period thanks to the efforts of defensive partners **Craig M, Stephanie M, Jared C,** and **Jacob B** along with solid goaltending by **Sean B**. The third period brought some big excitement as both teams lit up the scoreboard. The Caps scored to tie the game with 8 minutes left. The Eagles immediately went on the offensive with an attack led by forwards **Daigen D, Nicholas M, Drew M,** and **Connor R**. In a true display

EHA NEWS



Goalie Needed

The Mite A team is looking for a goalie. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please call either:

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Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board of Directors Meeting is **11/7** at Asnuntuck Community College. The meeting begins at **7:00 pm**, and association members are always invited.

Spring Invitational Tournament

EHA is pleased to host our annual Spring Invitational Tournament, March 1 - 18, 2007. This annual month-long event, which historically has been one of the region's largest and most diverse hockey tournaments, promises to be bigger and better than ever!

The dates for the tournament are as follows:

March 1-4: Squirt C PeeWee C

March 7-11: Mite B PeeWee B

March 14-18: Bantam B
Bantam C

of teamwork, **Brendan L** and **Zach C** teamed up to score the game winner. **Matt S**, who was unable to skate due to an injury, showed dedication to his team by joining his coaches on the bench and supporting his teammates. The Eagles and Capitals both played well and displayed great sportsmanship. The Eagles won 3-2.

Submitted by: Tim Bourdeau

Date: 10/7/06 Enfield (3) vs. ECHO (1)

The Enfield Eagles Mite B team played their first home game on 10/7/06. The team was missing 3 players for this game but the rest of them rose to the occasion. The team looked like they've been playing together for years. The passing and positional play was phenomenal. **Stephanie M** put the Eagles on the board first with a first period assist from **Jacob B**. ECHO scored in the second period to tie the game at 1. **Michael K** scored with an assist from **Brendan L** and **Stephanie M** to put the Eagles back in the lead for the end of the second period. The third period was nearly scoreless. The play was kept in the Eagles' offensive end thanks to the blue line heroics of defensemen **Matt S**, **Jared C**, **Craig M**, and **Brendan L**. With less than 30 seconds left in the game, **Michael K** broke away from the pack with a pass from **Nicholas M** to score his second goal of the game. **Sean B** played an outstanding game in net. He was strong with his stick and quick to cover the puck, shutting down multiple scoring opportunities.

Submitted by: Tim Bourdeau

Date: 10/15/06 Enfield (4) vs. South Windsor (0)

The Enfield Eagles Mite B team burst onto the ice with music blaring over the cheers of their hometown fans. The Eagles put the pressure on the visiting South Windsor team early. They quickly moved the puck into their offensive zone where they intended to keep it for the majority of the game. **Michael K** was first to score with an assist from **Nicholas M**. Entering the second period the Eagles were ahead 1-0 but were relentless in their attack. They posted 2 more goals in the second period. First **Daigen D** found the back of the net with help from **Jacob B**. 2 minutes later, **Brenda L** sent a hard shot from the blue line that the goalie didn't even see coming. The South Windsor goalie played a great game and made multiple saves. The Eagles were able to add one more in the 3rd period when **Jacob B** pushed his way through the defense for an unassisted goal. Goalie **Sean B** and the *Mite B Eagles earned their first shut out of the season*. Congratulations!

Submitted by: Tim Bourdeau

Date: 10/22/06 Enfield (8) vs. Avon (3)

The Enfield Eagles Mite B team traveled to Avon Old Farms for a showdown with the Avon Panthers. The Eagles were slow to start and Avon was able to take advantage by scoring the first goal in less than 3 minutes. The Eagles quickly regrouped and responded with 3 goals of their own. **Michael K** got the ball rolling with an unassisted goal. 2 minutes later, **Drew M** blasted a one-timer past the goalie with a pass from **Brendan L** in the offensive corner. **Zach C** closed out the first period with an unassisted goal of his own. The Eagles and Panthers each scored a pair in the second period. The Eagles struck first as **Conner R** scored with a pass from **Zach C**. **Michael K** netted another to put the Eagles up 5-3. The

Volunteer Needed

The EHA Tournament Committee is looking for someone to help out with the Spring Invitational Tournament program book.

Duties will include taking all of the rosters and team information as well as all of the ads from businesses and creating the program book. The books from previous years are available on a disk to aid in getting started.

This is a great way to use your volunteer hours.

If you are interested, contact Mary Sullivan at spsully@yahoo.com for more information.

Squirt A to skate at HCC

On Saturday, November 25th, the *Squirt A* team will take the ice at the Hartford Civic Center for a game with the *Northeast Ice Dogs*.

The game will be at 4:45 pm, before the *Hartford Wolfpack* take on the *Bridgeport Sound Tigers* and your **discounted ticket** gets you into both events.



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Ticket inquiries should be sent via email to: klabak@yahoo.com.

Look forward to seeing Maroon and Gold throughout the HCC in November.

third period brought 2 more goals for **Michael K**, one assisted by **Zach C. Austin R** rounded out the Eagles scoring attack with an assist from **Jacob B**. The Avon Panthers were unable to score in the third period thanks to the defensive efforts of **Matt S, Craig M, Stephanie M, Jacob B** and Goalie **Sean B**.

Squirt A

Submitted by: Ken Labak

Date 10/7/06 Enfield (1) vs. ECHO (3)

The Squirt A played a close game on the road vs. a good ECHO team. Down 2-1 halfway through the third period, a penalty shot was called on Enfield. Goalie **Mike Sweeney** just missed the shot, making it a 3-1 game. The Eagles applied pressure, and just narrowly missed some opportunities at the end. **Mike Sweeney** finished with 16 saves in the loss. The coaches liked the hustle, with the team playing hard throughout.

Submitted by: Ken Labak

Date: 10/8/06 Enfield (4) vs. Middlesex (3)

Sometimes, a game like this early in the season can begin to define a team. **Coach Pete** and his crew will look to this game as a benchmark for the team going forward. **Matt Boulette** opened the scoring for Enfield in the second period, cutting the Middlesex lead to 3-1. Then the fun began. Trailing in the third period, **Sam Kelly** took the game over, scoring 3 goals to lift the Eagles to a 4-3 win. Out shooting Middlesex 29-17, Enfield applied pressure throughout the game, working together as a team with crisp passes, and good offensive flow. Goalie **Mike Sweeney** again came up big with 14 saves.

Submitted by: Ken Labak

Date: 10/15/06 Enfield (3) vs. Middlesex (3)

A rematch, this time played down at Wesleyan, Enfield achieved a 3-3 tie against a Middlesex team looking for revenge after Enfield's come from behind victory last week. This was a "close encounters" game, as both teams applied pressure in front of the net, making for many nearly missed opportunities. Enfield goal scorers were **Ryan Gaidos, Ernie Bouthiette, and Matt Boulette. Zach Hallquest**, in his first game this year on D, played solid throughout.

Submitted by: Ken Labak

Date: 10/21/06 Enfield (4) vs. Northwestern (3)

The Eagles entered their Saturday game against Northwestern wanting to set the early tone. Playing hard throughout, with good passes and steady defense, the Eagles scored a 4-3 victory. Goal scorers for Enfield were **Matt Boulette, Ryan Gaidos, Kyle Malley, and Brenden Sherba**. Great job Eagles!

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Bantam/Midget

Open Position (TBD)



PeeWee A

Submitted by: Mike Frigo

Date: 10/7/06 Enfield (2) vs. East Haven (3)

Our first regular season game was a loss to East Haven. The game started off slow with the team having difficulty getting the puck out of their zone. As the game progressed the team got better. The Eagles scored two goals in the third period with all three lines having good chances in front of the opposing goalie. Aggressive forechecking helped in the comeback. Both goalies played extremely well for the Eagles, making key saves while the team was short two skaters for serving penalties for elbowing and after the whistle. The penalty killers did a great job. Standouts included **Dominic Blad's** physical style of play in front of the opponents net. "**Doc**" **Hager** sacrificed his body for a body check in order to clear the puck out from our zone. With a little rest he was able to get some air back in his lungs. Both coaches were proud on how the team responded to the penalties and battled back.

Submitted by: Mike Frigo

Date: 10/15/06 Enfield (6) vs. Watertown (2)

The Eagles beat Watertown the following week. We still had trouble in the earlier part of the game getting control of the puck in our zone. It was a close game until half way through the second period. From there on it was all Eagles. The puck was being controlled by the defense and the play was mostly down in our opponent end of the ice. The Eagles wore out the Watertown skaters out skating them resulting in four goals in five minutes of play. Standouts included **David Bray** on defense as he made nice passes to the forwards breaking out of our end of the ice.

PeeWee B

Submitted by: Michelle Sellew

Date: 10/7/06 Enfield (1) vs. BayWest (1)

It was so close that either team could win. With our goalie blocking all of their shots we held them to a 1-1 tie. The defense played hard as well as offense. It was a quick moving game. We had a few break outs but their good goalie was able to hold on. **Luke** scored our only goal and was assisted by **Ryan Sayers**.

Submitted by: Michelle Sellew

Date: 10/8/06 Enfield (6) vs. FCHA (1)

What a game!!!! As the boys continue to play awesome hockey they pulled out another win 6-1. The first period was a close one with the first goal from Enfield coming towards the end. When the second period started the boys came out to play and win. They worked hard for their goals. With the great passing to their wingmen and back to their points they controlled the game. **Brandon Carey** did a fantastic job of protecting his net. He had an awesome game and was so focused. In the third period, **Coach Don** changed the lines as we were winning 4-0 bringing up defenders to play offense and offense players to play defense. Well that didn't stop the boys. They came out and scored 2 more goals

Yucks and Pucks

Taken from USAHOCKEY Magazine, via USAHockey.com



10. You've had to use a grandparent to take kid No. 1 to a tournament because you were in a different state with kid No. 2 at a tournament and your spouse had kid No. 3 two states away in a third tournament all in one weekend.
9. You've received a letter from AAA Automobile Club and called for more info about tryouts.
8. You know every single kid on every single team your child has ever played on, but you don't have a clue as to who his schoolmates are.
7. You've purchased a new \$135 stick because the old one didn't have any goals left in it.
6. You can rationalize spending \$159 on a hockey stick for a 9-year-old but you won't spend \$5 on a birthday card for your spouse.
5. You've planned the birth of next child so he has a good hockey birthday.
4. You hate sending Christmas cards, because the stats only show half the season.
3. You chuckle when a co-worker says his kids play soccer.
2. When someone asks how old your children are, you respond, "I have a 93 and a 90."
1. Your new baby's first word is Zamboni.

for Enfield. Our boys can play anywhere and hold their own. Towards the middle of the third period FCHA came out and scored their only goal against Enfield. Enfield held them to the one goal and came out winning the game. What a game. They played awesome.

Cam assisted by **Ryan**. **John** assisted by **Ryan** and **Cam**. **John** assisted by **Cam**. **Luke** unassisted. **Ryan** assisted by **Dan**. **Tommy** assisted by **Shawn** and **Jim**.

Coach Don said awesome game and we played like a team. They all were in sync!! Even when we switched up the lines from offense and defense, they all got it!!

Bantam A

Submitted by: Mike Tenczar

Date: 9/30/06 Enfield (7) vs. WTM (4)

The Enfield Bantam A took on a tough WTM game in a Saturday afternoon game at the Twin Rinks on Saturday Sept 30. The Eagles dug themselves a big hole going down 3- 0 in the first period. On top of this were the 4 penalties the Eagles took which didn't help their cause. The second period didn't start out much better as WTM scored another goal to build their lead to 4-0. At this point the Eagles woke up and began playing the type of hockey that is expected of them. Enfield newcomer **Matt Baer** got the Eagles on the board first with assists going to **Eric Tenczar** and **Kyle Hughes**. With just under 4 minutes to go in the second period, the Eagles got two more goals. The first one came from **Jon Cieri** with an assist to **Wesley Kauffman**. **Tyler Reopel** followed that up twenty seconds later with a blistering slap shot from the top of the face-off circle. Now they started the third period down by only a goal. The third period was similar to the second. **Alex Nacin** put in the tying goal with **Justin Bird** getting the assist. **Nathanial Allen** then got the go ahead goal. **Matt Baer** got the sixth goal and **Alex Nacin** got the seventh on some nifty passing from **Shawn Kellam** and **Chris D'Onfrio** to give the Eagles a tough 7-4 come from behind victory. **Nate Hollowell** made many saves in net to keep the comeback on track and **Ethan Cournoyer** played his usual strong defensive game to keep things going the Enfield way. This was a complete team comeback, starting in goal, to the defense and the forwards.

Bantam C

Submitted by: Shawn Sniffin

Date: 10/1/06 Enfield (2) vs. Greater Bridgeport B1 (5)

The first home game of the season started quickly with Greater Bridgeport striking first only 1 min 53 sec into the first period. **Mike Desmond**, assisted by **Max Groszyk** and **Chris Roberts** quickly answered with a deflection into the net 1 min and 14 sec later. The teams went back and forth in what was looking to be a tightly contested match when Bridgeport struck again with 2 min left in the first period. The second period again started quickly with Bridgeport taking advantage of a power play to knock in number three five minutes into the second period. Not being discouraged, Enfield struck again six minutes later with a goal by **Brendan Lemire** assisted by **Mike Desmond** and **Eric Myers**. The goal energized the team and had many advances which were turned

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away by the Bridgeport defense. Bridgeport, again taking advantage of power plays, scored again with six minutes left and again just before time expired finishing with a score of 5-2. Great job guys!

Submitted by: Shawn Sniffin

Date: 10/8/06 Enfield (1) vs. Southeastern B (1)

The Bantam C team, coming off a disappointing loss to Greater Bridgeport where penalty killing set the tone of the game, was determined not to let it happen again. The competition was fierce in what was looking to be a battle of the goalies. There was non-stop action up and down the ice with every opportunity for Southeastern being snuffed out by a brilliant performance by goalie **Anthony Asselin**. Enfield's offense was being equally ineffective against the strong defense and goaltending of the Southeastern team. Southeastern put the first goal into the net with less than seven minutes to go in the second period. Not to be outdone, **Brendan Lemire**, assisted by **Eric Myers** put Enfield's lone goal on the board with under three minutes to go in the second period, ending that period in a 1-1 tie. The final period, as with the rest of the game, was marked with awesome goaltending ending the game at a 1-1 tie. Outstanding job guys!

Booster Club News

Interested in Volunteering, but don't know what to do?

Join the EHA Booster Club!



The Booster Club is made up of volunteers who are interested in spending a few hours a week working on activities such as: banquets, yearbooks, trophies, dances, charity events, and much more.

Know that the work you put into it will be appreciated by all people in the association and helps make the hockey season a fulfilling one.

For more information, contact your EHA Booster Club President

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Inside Player Development



Did you know that EHA offers FREE clinics to skaters and goalies throughout the season?

Enfield Hockey provides these free clinics to give all skaters a little extra ice time to work on the fundamentals of the game.

These clinics, which are held at the Enfield Twin Rinks, are free of charge and provide additional hockey instruction to our skaters. With the exception of the goalie clinics, each clinic is targeted towards a specific age group. The goalie clinics are open to goalies in all age groups.

Date	Time	Rink	Event
Sun, Sep 24	7:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Midget / Bantam Clinic
Sat, Sep 30	7:40a - 8:40a	Rink 1	In-House Clinic
Sun, Oct 1	7:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Goalie Clinic
Sun, Oct 8	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Squirt Clinic
Sun, Oct 15	7:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Goalie Clinic
Sat, Oct 21	7:40a - 8:40a	Rink 1	In-House Clinic
Sun, Oct 22	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Midget / Bantam Clinic
Sat, Oct 28	7:40a - 8:40a	Rink 1	In-House Clinic
Sun, Nov 5	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Pee Wee Clinic
Sun, Nov 12	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Mite Clinic
Sat, Nov 18	7:40a - 8:40a	Rink 1	In-House Clinic
Sun, Nov 19	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Goalie Clinic
Sat, Dec 2	7:40a - 8:40a	Rink 1	In-House Clinic
Sun, Dec 3	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Midget / Bantam Clinic
Sun, Dec 10	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Pee Wee Clinic
Sun, Dec 17	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Goalie Clinic
Sun, Dec 24	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Clinic
Sat, Dec 30	7:40a - 8:40a	Rink 1	In-House Clinic
Sun, Dec 31	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Clinic
Sun, Jan 7	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Squirt Clinic
Sun, Jan 14	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Mite Clinic
Sun, Jan 21	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Goalie Clinic
Sun, Jan 28	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Midget / Bantam Clinic
Sun, Feb 4	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Pee Wee Clinic
Sun, Feb 11	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Squirt Clinic
Sun, Feb 18	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Mite Clinic
Sat, Feb 24	7:40a - 8:40a	Rink 1	In-House Clinic
Sun, Feb 25	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Squirt Clinic