



ICE CHIPS

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

Try the feedback section of the new and improved EHA website. Log onto enfieldhockey.org for details.

EHA NEWS

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday of every month. The meetings are held at Asnuntuck Community College and begin at 7:00 pm. All association members are welcome to attend.

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 B

Submitted by: Tim Bourdeau

Date: 11/4/06 Enfield (15) vs. Yale (0)

The Enfield Eagles Mite B team came ready to play the visiting Yale Mite B team. Even though 3 players were missing from the line up, the Eagles immediately began on offensive attack that kept the puck in Yale's end most of the game. The Yale team played hard through the entire game and never gave up but in the end, Enfield was too much for them. Goals were scored by **Drew M** (4), **Michael K** (3), **Zachary C** (2), **Stephanie M** (2), **Austin R** (2), **Jared C** (1), and **Jacob B** (1). The Eagles worked on their passing and used the defense quite a bit in the offensive zone.

Submitted by: Tim Bourdeau

Date: 11/4/06 Enfield (4) vs. ECHO (1)

The Enfield Eagles Mite B team traveled to Bolton for a rematch with the Echo Mite B team. The Eagles started quickly and it took just 2 minutes for Enfield to score their first goal. **Nicholas M** scored with an assist from **Michael K** and **Jared C**. Less than 4 minutes later, **Daigen D** burst down the side of the ice after receiving a pass from **Stephanie M** to score the second of the game. **Michael K** scored an unassisted goal to lift the Eagles to 3-0 at the end of the first period. The second period brought another exciting rush by **Daigen D** for his second goal of the game. The rest of the game was nearly scoreless. As the last remaining seconds ticked away, Echo made a break for the net and scored their only goal with 8 seconds left in the game. What excitement! A well played game by the entire Enfield team, great passing and tremendous skating by all.



**Dick's Sporting Goods to Host
ENFIELD HOCKEY NIGHT**

Dick's Sporting Goods in Enfield will be holding an Enfield Hockey Night on December 6, 2006 from 6:00p - 9:00p.

Just come in and say that you are with Enfield Hockey. There will be a table setup at the entrance with a small welcoming sign. Everyone will receive coupons offering the following:

- 10% off any hockey stick
- 10% off any pair of skates
- 10% off any accessory item
- 10% off any protective hockey item
- 10% off any hockey net or goal
- 20% off any apparel item
- \$10 off any sporting goods item \$50 or more
- \$10 off any pair of athletic footwear \$49.98 or more



Submitted by: Tim Bourdeau

Date: 11/4/06 Enfield (3) vs. Springfield Jr. Pics (1)

The Mite B team traveled to Holyoke for a rematch with the Springfield Jr. Pics. The Eagles were surprised to learn that the game would be played by Metro/Boston League rules. This allowed the use of the heavier black puck, 15 min periods, checking, and the tag-up offside rule. Enfield took some time to get used to the new puck and rules and the Pics scored first to take the lead 1-0 at the end of the first period. The Eagles re-grouped between periods and went on the attack. **Daigen D** drove hard to the net and got a shot off. **Nicholas M** crashed the net and picked up the rebound to tie the game 1-1 for the end of the second period. Goalie **Stephanie M** made many fantastic saves to keep her team in the game. The third period brought 2 more Enfield goals. First, **Michael K** scored with an assist from **Drew M**. Then **Drew M** scored one of his own unassisted. This was a well deserved win against a tough opponent. Every player on the team played their hardest and they should be very proud of themselves.

Squirt A

Submitted by: Ken Labak

Date 11/12/06 Enfield (1) vs. Hamden (1)

Enfield came out and played a great game against a very physical Hamden team. The Eagles kept their cool, with only 2 penalties, compared to the 11 that Hamden took. **Brendan Sherba** scored the tying goal for the Eagles in the third period. **Mike Sweeney** played an outstanding game in goal, keeping the Eagles in it with some clutch saves.

Submitted by: Ken Labak

Date 11/25/06 Enfield (3) vs. North East (3)

The Eagles came out flying at the Hartford Civic Center against the North East Ice Dogs. Taking the game to the Ice Dogs, Enfield built up a 3-0 lead before letting the Ice Dogs back into the game midway through the 3rd period. The skaters had a great experience on the professional ice, and look to take a complete effort into the second half of the season.

PeeWee B

Submitted by: Michelle Sellew

Date: 10/28/06 Enfield (9) vs. Westfield II (2)

Well the PeeWee B team is on a roll. With another win in the books they are becoming a great team!!!

They work together wonderfully. You couldn't ask much more from this team with their passing, talking, and working like a true team. **Eddie Dias** got his first hat trick today scoring 3 of the 9 goals of the game. **Jacob Quinn** had 4 assists and 1 goal. **Tommy McCabe** had 2 assists and 1 goal. These are some of the highlights of the game. **Ryan Sayers** scored 2 goals along with an assist. Here are the other scorers/assisters of the game!!!!

Tom McCabe assisted by **Jacob Quinn**

Ryan Sayers unassisted

Ryan Sayers assisted by **Jacob Quinn**

Eddie Dias assisted by **Tom McCabe**

Eddie Dias unassisted

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



John Sellew assisted by **Ryan Sayers**
Jacob Quinn unassisted
Eddie Dias assisted by **Jacob Quinn** and **Tom McCabe**
Brenton Buchholz assisted by **Jacob Quinn**

Here is to another great game boys. We are on a roll now!!!!

Submitted by: Michelle Sellew

Date: 10/29/06 Enfield (6) vs. Holy Name (2)

Well the Eagles came out to play and they did. In the first period Enfield scored the first goal. Then Holy Name scored their first one. The team held off Holy Name when they were down 2 guys in the first. Great job. **Eddie Motherway** scored our first goal and snagged it away from Holy Name and took it in for the goal. Awesome. The boys came alive even more and before they knew it they were on another roll and scoring away. **Luke Cormier** had 2 goals. The highlight of the game though was when Holy Name had a penalty shot and **Brandon Carey** snagged it from the opponent. It was wonderful. The team went wild after that and came out with such high spirits! What a feeling **Brandon** must have had after saving that shot! The team work is awesome. Being undefeated the boys have such a great feeling of accomplishment. They are truly becoming a great team!

Eddie Motherway unassisted
John Sellew assisted by **Tom McCabe**
Ryan Sayers assisted by **Cam Korona**
Eddie Dias unassisted
Luke Cormier assisted by **Ryan Sayers**
Luke Cormier unassisted

Us parents are so proud of you boys keep up the great work and have a great season!

Submitted by: Michelle Sellew

Date: 11/4/06 Enfield (4) vs. Holy Name (3)

Well what a tough game. The Tri City kids came out to play and give our kids a run for their money. It was a physical game and it went back and forth with scoring.

It was nice to see the kids fight for their victory. Again with their passing and team work we had 4 different scorers of the game. Our goalies **Brandon Carey** and **Chris Hagenow**, they worked really hard as Tri City took a lot of shots on net. They made some really nice saves and took the victory.

Our scorers of the game were:

Luke Cormier assisted by **John Sellew**
Cam Korona assisted by **Ryan Sayers**
Ed Dias assisted by **John Sellew** and **Tom McCabe**
Jake Burnham assisted by **Jacob Q.** and **Brenton Buchholz**

Submitted by: Michelle Sellew

Date: 11/5/06 Enfield (4) vs. Amherst (1)

Well this was a tough game for the kids. They came out to win and they did. However, Amherst came to play hard as well. It was a good game for the kids and our goalies did a great job making those saves. Great Job Goalies!!!!!!

We had lots of opportunities to walk away with it however some of the shots just kept missing. We had some nice breakaways and shots on

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net. The Amherst kids tried to get our kids off of their rhythm but the kids did a good job of controlling the game. We are still undefeated. Keep up the great work boys!!!!
Our scorers of the game were.

Luke Cormier assisted by **Cam Korona**
Ryan Sayers assisted by **Cam Korona**
Cam Korona unassisted
Ryan Sayers assisted by **Luke Cormier**

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.

The Booster Club is looking for volunteers to help fill open positions. These positions include yearbook, awards night, coaches' game and fundraising. Our meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm right at the Twin Rinks. Any one interested in finding out more information feel free to join us for a meeting or contact me directly at the below email address or phone number. Just a reminder helping out with the Booster Club counts towards the volunteer hours.

Booster Club Store is now open!

Many of your favorite hockey and EHA apparel and merchandise are now available at the Booster Club Store. Look for our exciting new merchandise as well. It's a great place to get a head start on your holiday shopping!

Did you know that Booster Club Store is run entirely by Enfield Hockey Team parents and volunteers?? Without **YOU**, the booster club store is unable to provide some of the money needed to help out with end of year awards ceremony, trophies, and yearbooks. EHA teams have been scheduled to cover the store when they have a game scheduled in Rink 2. If you have not heard from your coach or team parent about how to volunteer your time (and earn volunteer vouchers), please get in touch with them today or email me to schedule a day and time. You can volunteer 1 hour or multiple hours if you would like to get all your volunteer hours at once.

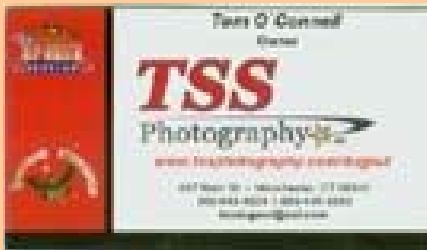
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Inside Player Development



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	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Midget / Bantam Clinic
Sat, Sep 30	7:40a - 8:40a	Rink 1	In-House Clinic
Sun, Oct 1	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Pee Wee Clinic
Sun, Oct 8	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Goalie Clinic
Sun, Oct 15	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Squirt 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	Mite 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	Mite 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	Mite Clinic
Sun, Feb 25	6:30p - 7:40p	Rink 2	Squirt Clinic

I Hope They Didn't Bring Apple Juice

By Steve Simmons (forwarded to by Mite B Coach Cairns)

(Steve Simmons writes a city column for the Toronto Sun when he isn't coaching. His syndicated Sunday sports column is the most read sports column in Canada).

There was about two minutes to play in the playoff game and I was anxiously pacing behind the bench, barking out whatever instructions seemed important at that very moment. You watch the game and you watch the clock in those final seconds, sometimes precisely at the very same time. We were up by a goal, poised to advance to the next round of the playoffs, when I felt a tug on my jacket. "Ah coach," one of my players said on the bench. "Yea," I answered, concentrating more on the game and the clock than on him at that instance. "Is there snacks today?" "Whaaaat?" I barked exasperated. "Did anyone bring snacks today?" "Huh," I looked away. "I hope they didn't bring apple juice." The young boy said. "I don't like apple juice." The moment froze me in all the playoff excitement, the way all special and meaningful moments should. If somehow, I could have captured that conversation on tape, I would have had one of those special sporting moments for parents everywhere, the kind you need to play for coaches and executive and trainers and managers and all of us who take kids' hockey way too seriously. It isn't life or death, as we like to think it is. It isn't do or die as often as we pretend it to be. In one tiny moment in one game minor hockey was reduced to what it really is about. Apple juice.

OK, so it's not apple juice. But what apple juice happens to represent in all of this. The snack. The routine. The ritual. Kids can win and lose and not even give a second's thought about either, but don't forget the post-game drinks. If anything will spoil a good time, that will. You see, it's all part of the culture of hockey. Not who wins, not who scores goals, not which team accomplished what on which night, but about whether Mom and Dad are there, whether their grandparents are in the stands watching, whether their best friend was on their team and they got a shift on the power play, and yes, about what they ate.

When you get involved in hockey, when you truly put your heart into the game and into the environment and into everything, it can be when it's at its best, the game is only part of the package. It becomes a social outing for parents. It becomes a social outing for children. It should never be about who is going for extra power skating and who is going straight from minor tyke to the Ottawa Senators but about building that kind of environment, the kind of memories kids and parents and families will have forever.

Sometimes, when I stand around the arenas I can't believe the tone of the conversations I hear. The visions are so short-sighted. The conversations are almost always about today and who won and who lost and who scored. Not enough people use the word fun and not enough sell it that way either. Hard as we try to think like kids, we're not kids. Hard as we try to remember what we were when we were young, our vision is clouded by perspective and logic, something not always evident with children. Ask any parent whether they would rather win or lose and without a doubt they would say win. But ask most children what they would prefer: playing a regular shift, with power play time and penalty killing time on a losing team rather playing sparingly on a winning team, and the answer has already come out in two different studies. Overwhelmingly, kids would rather play a



lot than win and play a little. Like we said, it is about apple juice. It is, after all, about the experience.

You can't know what's in a kid's mind. I was coaching a team a few years ago when I got a call from the goaltender's Father. It was the day before the championship game. The Father told me his son didn't want to play anymore. "Anymore after tomorrow." I asked. "No," the Father said. "He just doesn't want to play anymore." "Did something happen?" I asked. "He won't tell me," the Father said. I hung up the phone and began to wonder how this happened and who would play goal the next day when I decided to call back. "Can I talk to him?" I asked the father. The goalie came on the phone. "I don't want to play anymore." "But you know what tomorrow is, don't you? Are you nervous?" "No." "Then what? You can tell me." "I don't like it anymore." "Don't like playing goal?" "They hurt me," he said. "Who hurts you?" "The guys," he said "What guys?" "Our guys. They jump on me after the game. It hurts me and scares me." "Is that it?" "Yea." "Do you trust me?" "Yea." "What if I told you they won't jump on you and hurt you anymore. Would you play then?" "Are you sure?" "I'm sure." "Then I'll play." And that was the end of the goalie crisis. The kid was scared and wouldn't tell his parents. The kid loved playing but didn't love being jumped on after winning games. You can't anticipate anything like that as a coach. You can't anticipate what's in their minds.

It's their game, we have to remember. Not our game. They don't think like we do or look at the sport like we do. They don't have to adjust to us, we have to adjust to them. We have to make certain we're not spoiling their experience. Our experience is important too, but the game is for the children and not for the adults. We can say that over and over again, but the message seems to get lost every year. Lost in too many coaches who lose perspective and who think nothing of blaming and yelling and bullying. Lost by parents who think their son or daughter is the next this or the next that and they are already spending the millions their little one will be earning by the time they finish hockey in the winter, 3-on-3 in the summer, power skating over winter break, special lessons over March break, pre-tryout camp before the AAA tryouts in May and a couple weeks of hockey school, just to make certain they don't go rusty.

I have asked many NHL players how they grew up in the game. My favorite answer came from Trevor Linden, who has captained more than one team. He said he played hockey until April and then put his skates away. He played baseball all summer until the last week of August. He went to hockey camp for one week then began his season midway through September with tryouts. No Summer hockey. No special schools. No skating 12 months a year. "I didn't even see my skates for about five months a year. I think the kids today are playing way too much hockey and all you have to do is look at the development to see it really isn't producing any better players. "We have to let the kids be kids."

When, I asked Gary Roberts recently, did he think he had a future in hockey. "When I got a call from an agent before the OHL draft," he said. "Before that, it was just a game we played."

Do me a favor: until the agent comes knocking on your teenager's door, let's keep it that way. A game for kids. And one reminder, I don't care what the age: don't forget the snacks.

