



ENFIELD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



# ICE CHIPS

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Enfield Lady Eagles

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## To The Enfield Lady Eagles

This Special Edition of the Ice Chips is dedicated to the 2000 – 2001 inaugural Enfield Lady Eagles Team.

## **Enfield Lady Eagles Win Their Inaugural Game**

The Enfield Lady Eagles, EHA's new U-12 girl's team, started their inaugural season with a solid 10 - 1 victory over visiting Milton, MA on Saturday, September 30, 2000.

The first goal of the season came 54 seconds into the first period and was earned by Emily Walsh, assisted by Erica Warzyski. Erin Osborn, Kim Pizzoferrato, Jennifer Strayer, Tara Walsh, and goalie Kayla Lessard put on a strong defense that Milton did not penetrate until late in the second period. The game ended as it began, with a final pairing of Emily Walsh and Erica Warzyski.

Coach Pierre Lessard was pleased with the team's first showing. He sited the team's strong passing game as the key to their success.

Congratulations and welcome to the Enfield Lady Eagles.

## **Enfield Lady Eagles Lose Their First Road Game**

On Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, the Lady Eagles met with defeat as they faced a seasoned Seacoast team in Exeter, NH. Seacoast won the game, 8 - 0.

A rocky first period galvanized the Enfield team into action. The team settled down during the second and third periods, offering more shots on goal and a strong defense. Though the Exeter team won the match, Coaches Lessard, Osborn and Rossignol were please with their team's performance in the latter part of the game. The coaches sited that their young team did not give into defeat, but rather fought a good battle and worked hard to the end.

Tara Walsh revitalized the defensive squad as she took command during the second period and inspired her teammates to follow her lead. Offensively, Laura Bartus, Elyse Rossignol, Mary Michaud, and Chelsea Cormier launched repeated attempts against the rock-solid Exeter defense. The most notable Enfield play came early in the third period when goalie Kayla Lessard staved off an Exeter breakaway. Way to go, Kayla! Good teamwork, Enfield!

## **The Lady Eagles Split for the Weekend**

The Lady Eagles continued their season with a win against Duxbury, MA and a loss to the Northford, CT Polar Bears this past weekend. The Eagles record stands at 2 wins and 2 losses. A win on the road continues to elude the team, but with their experience mounting, it is sure to come!

Chelsea Cormier started the rally during the October 14th win against Duxbury with the team's first goal. Her efforts were followed by those of Emily Walsh, Chelsea Ouellette, and Erica Warzyski.

Prior to the game, Coach Lessard instructed his players not to allow anyone in Kayla's house. Indeed, Enfield allowed no houseguests as Goalie Kayla Lessard earned her first shutout of the season. The final score of game was 4-0.

Sunday evening, October 15th, found the team in on the road to Northford, CT. The Eagles were down 2-0 at the beginning of the second period when Tara Walsh took matters into her own hands. Tara broke away with the puck and scored the team's first goal. Kathryn Mullin earned the team's second goal early in the third period. The defensive play of the game goes to Jen Strayer. Jen foiled Northford's attempt to score off a breakaway during the third period, thus earning a trip to the penalty box.

Coaches Lessard and Rossignol were please with the team's play. Enfield put forth a solid effort against the experienced Polar Bears. The final score was 5-2, Northford.

## **Angels Answer Enfield's Prayers for a Road Win**

Sunday, October 22nd found the Enfield Lady Eagles on the road to scenic South Boston's MDC Arena. The Lady Eagles hit the ice with a vengeance and soon met with divine intervention in the form of South Boston goalie, Mariella Collins.

Collins' athleticism halted many an attack launched by Enfield during the first and second periods of play. Loyal fans uttered many an oath as notable shots by Brianna Buchalski, Alison Murray, and Chelsea Ouellette almost found their mark late in the second period. Tara Walsh's signature play met with defeat early in the third period as a cool handed Collins deflected her rush on goal.

All prayers ended with less than 2 minutes of regulation play remaining in the third period. Like a demon possessed, Mary Michaud deflected the puck to Kathryn Mullin who put the Eagles on the scoreboard. The final score was 1-0, Enfield.

Goalie Kayla Lessard, assisted by defensive lines of Erica Warzyski/Erin Osborn and Kim Pizzoferrato/Tara Walsh, earned her second shutout of the season. Coach Lessard noted his team's passing and persistence in front of the net as the keys to their success against South Boston.

A rematch with South Boston is scheduled for this coming weekend. Stay tuned to see if Eagles in the zone transcend an Angel in the crease!

## **Lady Eagles Prevail Against Angels**

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, the Enfield Lady Eagles beat the South Boston Angels on home ice. Saturday evening marked the second meeting of the two teams. The final score of the game was 2 to 1.

South Boston came out strong with their first and only goal coming with less than two minutes remaining in the first period. From that point on, it was all Enfield.

From their last encounter with Angels, the Lady Eagles learned to go low and often when shooting on South Boston's talented goalie. Tara Walsh and Erica Warzyski earned Enfield's goals on breakaways during the third period. All of the offensive lines worked hard to keep the puck in their zone. The defensive points were always on hand to keep the puck in play.

Coach Lessard was pleased with his team's work ethic and sited the play of the offensive line comprised of Bartus, Mullin, and Ouellette as key to the team's assertive play. Lessard also noted the confidence of Erin Osborn's play, as a critical element to the team's defensive success.

The Eagles will tread on the Angel's ice again this weekend. Go for the three-peat, Enfield!

## **Fledgling Lady Eagles Rattle Seasoned Polar Bears**

Talons and claws clashed as Enfield's Lady Eagles faced off against the Northford Polar Bears on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. This pairing was a true nail-bitter for the loyal following of the Lady Eagles. It was obvious that the Eagles surprised the seasoned Bears team with their aggressive play and unwillingness to relent their positions. Post game, a jubilant Coach Lessard was heard to comment, "This was the most exciting game I have coached, ever!"

The Bears lead by two goals in the first period when the defenseman, Tara Walsh, made her move. Tara rushed for the first goal and put the Eagles on the scoreboard with 4:35 remaining in the period. Due to the strong defensive play of Jen Strayer, the bears did not earn another point during the first period.

The second period found the Lady Eagles rallying offensively when Kim Pizzoferrato swooped down on the puck and took it in for the Eagles second goal, just minutes into the period. A second goal by Ali Murray was called back due to an early whistle. Though disputed by Coach Lessard, the call of no goal remained. The Lady Eagles were undeterred by these events as Erin Osborn sent home the final goal of the period with 1:01 remaining in regulation play.

The start of the third period found the Eagles ahead 3 to 2. The Polar Bears racked up a penalty and tied the score 4 minutes into the period. Mary Michaud responded to the Bears' challenge by scoring the Lady Eagles' final goal of the game. The Bears went on to score two additional goals, turning the scoreboard in their favor. The final score was 5 to 4, Polar Bears.

Coach Osborn noted his teams improved position play and all round smart play as keys to their success during Saturday evening's game. The Lady Eagles certainly gave the Bears something to hibernate on!

## **Lady Eagles Tie South Boston Angels**

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, found the Lady Eagles back at MDC Rink in South Boston. This trip marked the third meeting of the two teams. The two prior clashes of wings found the Lady Eagles as the victors.

After a scoreless first period Eagle, Chelsea Cormier, lit the scoreboard seconds into the second period. South Boston scored with 3 minutes remaining in the second period. Tara Walsh and Kim Pizzoferrato earned trips to the penalty box as they defended their goal. The Eagles played a physical game, forcing South Boston to mind their positions.

There was a dispute over a second Eagles goal by Mary Michaud that was denied by the referee during the second period. The goal was not awarded for reasons unspecified. The game ended in a 1 to 1 tie. Wings are sure to collide during future pairings of Eagles and Angels. Keep your halos handy!

## **Feathers to Fur, The Lady Eagles Challenge the Polar Bears**

Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Lady Eagles hosted the Northford Polar Bears on home ice. The stands were packed with enthusiastic fans from both sides. Team cheers erupted early from the Enfield crowd as moms, dads, brothers, sisters and grandparents pushed the Lady Eagles onward in their quest against the bears!

The first period was dominated by the Polar Bears, who earned 3 of their 5 goals in the first. Kayla Lessard cooled some Polar Bear's paws when she foiled their final breakaway attempt late in the period.

By the second period, Erica Warzyski had tolerated enough! Erica's first goal led the Eagles' rally during the second period. Erica's shot was followed-up by those of her teammates, Chelsea Cormier (assist to Emily Walsh) and Tara Walsh. Warzyski closed out the period with her second goal. A frustrated Polar Bear squad was held to 1 goal in the second. Way to go defense!

The 5<sup>th</sup> and final goal for the Polar Bears came with only 38 seconds remaining in the third period. The final score of the game was 5 to 4, Northford. Coach Tom Osborn was thrilled with his teams' play, noting the team's dramatic comeback from a 4-goal deficit. Osborn was heard to comment, "they never laid down, even when the odds were against them." The season is young, we may yet see the Lady Eagles soar and score against the Bears! Faithful followers sharpen your talons and stay tuned!

## **Lady Eagles Earn Tie and Win Over Thanksgiving Weekend**

This past Friday evening, November 27<sup>th</sup>, the Lady Eagles went up against Simsbury's Division 5 Girls team. The backdrop for the gathering was the picturesque, yet frigid Simsbury Farms outdoor ice arena. I think I have thawed enough to type the details!!

The Eagles hit the ice with determination. The fact that the opponent was a division ahead of our Ladies was no cause for concern. The Eagles played the Simsbury team with vigor, demonstrating control and concentration beyond their rookie status in the NEGHL. The Lady Eagles put more shots on net than Simsbury even thought of!

Though the game was scoreless, the Lady Eagles learned that they could rise to the occasion and match skills with a Division 5 team. Definitely a time for thanksgiving - the Lady Eagles give thanks to the many hours their coaches, team managers and parents have put into their success!

## **Lady Eagles Defeat Milton**

The Eagles faced off against Milton for the second time this season Saturday evening on home ice. The pairing earned goalie, Kayla Lessard, her fourth shutout of the season as our Ladies beat Milton, 10 -0.

Coach Lessard praised his team for their passing skills. There was a lot of action to record! Erica Warzyski started the team's rally with a rush to score, 3:56 into the first period. Tara Walsh added her point to the scoreboard with a scant 9.4 seconds remaining in the first period.

On to the second period! We all had our hats in hand, anticipating Emily Walsh's hat trick!! Alas, Emily scored two goals, instead of the requisite three! We will keep our hats ready, Emmie! Kathryn Mullin, assisted by Brianna Buchalski, scored in the second period along with teammates Chelsea Cormier and Elyse Rossignol.

Erica Warzyski added an additional goal to the scoreboard with 6 minutes remaining in the third period. Kim Pizzoferrato added two goals and an assist to the night's activities. Kim's last goal

came with only 43.4 seconds remaining on the clock! Way to keep us at the edge of our seats, Kim!!

To say the least, it was a very bountiful weekend for the Lady Eagles!

## **Enfield Lady Eagles Defeat the Clippers**

Wednesday evening, November 29<sup>th</sup>, found the Lady Eagles on the road to Cromwell to match skills with the Clippers. Former Clipper Alumnus, Jen Strayer, Kayla Lessard, and Erin Osborn donned their Eagles jerseys with pride as they returned to their old stomping grounds.

The Lady Eagles soon set out to dominate the game. The first score of the evening came from Kim Pizzoferrato, assisted by Mary Michaud, 7 minutes into the first period. The line of Bartus, Mullin, and Ouellette gelled two minutes later, when Chelsea Ouellette scored with the help of her linesmen.

Chelsea Ouellette continued to cut smoothly through the Clipper defense adding her second goal of the game to the scoreboard with 22.2 seconds remaining in the second period. Chelsea was assisted by teammate, Chelsea Cormier.

During the third period, our Eagles added 4 additional goals to the score. Erin Osborn earned her second goal of the season with assistance from Kathryn Mullin. Laura Bartus' goal came 9 minutes into the period. The night ended with two impressive goals by Erica Warzyski. Erica received support from Kim Pizzoferrato and Kathryn Mullin on her first initiative. Erica's second, short-handed goal came off a rush with only 30.6 seconds remaining in regulation play. Very classy move, Erica! Goalie Kayla Lessard has her 5<sup>th</sup> well-earned shutout. The final score, 7 - 0 all Enfield.

Coach Lessard was happy with the team's play. He noted that the team is starting to play a more physical game. Keys to their success were their passing game and their willingness to follow the puck into the corners and battle for control! Coach Osborn noted that all lines did their jobs with relentless effort. Congratulation Lady Eagles on a great team effort!

## **Enfield Lady Eagles a Tough Act to Beat**

On the weekend of December 8th, 9th, and 10th, our Lady Eagles took the wind out of sails, clipped Angel's wings and ruffled some fur! The action started with the Cromwell Clippers Friday evening, followed by the Angels on home ice Saturday evening and closed with the Polar Bears in Northford on Sunday night, 12/10/00.

Coaches Lessard, Osborn and Rossignol were pleased with the Eagles play on the evening of 12/8/00. Though the Clippers came on strong during the first period of play, scoring their two goals of the game, they did not withstand the test of time! Chelsea Cormier started the Enfield rally with her first goal of the game 8 minutes into the second period. Chelsea added her second short-handed goal, with assistance from Laura Bartus, with only 2:25 minutes remaining in the second period. The Third period belonged to Ali Murray and Erica Warzyski. Ali was assisted by Jen Strayer in her effort half way through the third period. Erica took the pass from Emily Walsh and found nothing but net a minute later. The game ended with Kayla Lessard making a big save off a Clippers' rush. Way to stand tall, Kayla! Again, strong defensive play and passing was the key to success for our Lady Eagles. Final score, 4 - 2, Enfield.

Saturday evening provided our Eagles with another opportunity to tilt halos! Lady Eagle, Kathryn Mullin started the team off, scoring on a pass from Laura Bartus with only 1:13 minutes remaining in regulation play. Chelsea Cormier's goal in the second period was answered by the South Boston Angel's first goal, at the close of the second. Mary Michaud, assisted by Tara Walsh, scored early in the third period. The Angels found divine intervention and placed their second and final score on the board one minute later. The final score was 3 - 2, Enfield. Coach Lessard pointed out the smart play and back-checking efforts of Chelsea Ouellette as one of the keys to the Eagles success against the Angels.

By Sunday evening the Lady Eagles had the bears on the run! The Polar Bears had to work hard to get past our hungry Eagles this past weekend in Northford. Erica Warzyski was the first to find fur in her talons, as she scored the team's first goal 9 minutes into the first period. The Polar Bears did not answer the Eagles effort until the second

period, when they scored with only 16 seconds remaining. On to the third period showdown! The Bears gained the first score, followed by the efforts of Kim Pizzoferrato, assisted by Erica Warzyski. The score was tied, 2 - 2. Alas, the Bears got away with a third and final goal with 1:33 minutes remaining in regulation play. The final score was 3 - 2, Northford. Coach Lessard was pleased with his young team. He stated that this was one of the most exciting games of the season. The team held the Bears to 3 goals, disrupting their winter hibernation! Surely, the Bears will listen for and come to fear the cry of the Eagles!

## **Lady Eagles Earn Dramatic Tie**

Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, found our Lady Eagles matched with the Simsbury Division 5 Girls team. Unlike the 0 - 0 tied that resulted during last paring of these two teams, both teams hit the ice with scoring in mind!

Simsbury found their mark first with their initial goal coming just shy of two minutes into play. Lady Eagle, Erica Warzyski, answered Simsbury's challenge by scoring with a scant 33 seconds remaining in the First period.

Though the play was exciting with many opportunities afforded them, the Lady Eagles did not light the scoreboard during the second period. The good news... neither did Simsbury! On to the third period with a 1 - 1 tie noted on the board.

Again, Simsbury scored less than two minutes into the final period. The score stood at an agonizing 2 - 1, in favor of Simsbury, until a scarce 20 seconds remained in regulation play. Defenseman, Tara Walsh sent the puck out to the point where Kim Pizzoferrato one-timed it into the Simsbury net.

Coaches Lessard, Osborn, and Rossignol were please with the fact that the Eagles never backed down from play. All Lines worked hard to keep the puck in the Simsbury zone during the last period. The final score, a 2-2 tie. Our second tie against this Division 5 team! Perhaps the third meeting of the pair will be the charm for Enfield!

## Lady Eagles Victorious in the New Year!

The dark hours of Sunday morning, 1/7/01 found our Lady Eagles on the road to rural Pawling, NY. After a brief league hiatus, to partake in the Polar Bears Tournament over Christmas, the Eagles were ready to hit the ice!

The first period belonged to the Lady Eagles; they scored 4 of their 8 goals during those initial 12 minutes. Erica Warzyski, assisted by Kathryn Mullin, started the rally by lighting the scoreboard 5 minutes into the period. Ali Murray crashed the net shortly afterward to score off of Laura Bartus' deflection. Emily Walsh was the proud owner of the third goal of the period. Kim Pizzoferrato closed out the period with her goal hitting home with 1 minute of play remaining.

Pawling earned the first of their three goals at the beginning of the second period. But that is all that they earned! Strong Eagles defensive play held Pawling to one goal during the period. The Eagles earned 2 additional goals during the second period. Chelsea Cormier got a little help from teammates Brianna B. and Tara W. to earn the team's 5th goal. Erica Warzyski executed a picturesque rush to earn the team's 6th and her second goal of the game. Nice move Erica! On to the third...

Pawling added their second goal to the board 2 minutes into the third period. Ali Murray answered Pawling's efforts by adding her second goal of the game to score 5 minutes into regulation play. Linesman, Chelsea Ouellette, assisted Ali. Pawling rallied one last time to add their third and final goal to the scoreboard. Chelsea Ouellette, assisted by Kim Pizzoferrato, paired up to add the 8th and final goal to the Eagles score with a scant 2 minutes remaining in the game.

The Eagles solid play allowed the coaches to mix up the lines and give the defensive lines a chance to move on up to the front lines. Jen Strayer demonstrated her smooth moves, as did her partner, Tara Walsh. The final score was 8 - 3, Enfield.

Coaches Lessard, Osborn, Rossignol, and Hynes were pleased that the team did not lose concentration and continued to focus on their passing game to the end. Welcome into the New Year Lady Eagles, your loyal fans wish you much success in 2001!

## Halos Tarnished by Lady Eagles

The South Boston Angels visited the Lady Eagles on home ice this past Saturday, 1/13/01. Rest assured our Ladies did not fear to tread all over the South Boston defense!

Chelsea Cormier opened the first period six minutes into play, scoring off a beautifully executed pass from Brianna Buchalski. The Angels talented goalie held the Eagles to a single goal for the remainder of the period. Late in the second period, Erica Warzyski executed a SWEET, unselfish pass to Mary Michaud resulting in the Eagles second goal. Nice teamwork ladies!

Erica's finesse carried the team into the third period, where she rushed to put a short-handed goal on net. Minutes later, the line of Mullin, Michaud, and Warzyski gelled again, as Kathryn Mullin scored with the help of her linesmen. The rally continued as the line of Rossignol, Bartus and Murray connected to give Elyse Rossignol her first goal of the season. Way to go Eylse! Erica Warzyski closed out the game with 19 seconds remaining in regulation play. Erica got a little help from her friends, Mary Michaud and Kathryn Mullin.

Defensively, Erin Osborn and Tara Walsh put in strong performances. Jen Strayer held her own, while her partner in crime did time in the penalty box! Kayla Lessard was able to rack in another shutout and have energy leftover to beat Laura Bartus out of the locker room, post play! Now that's an accomplishment!

The final score of the game was 6 - 0, Enfield. Coach Lessard credited his team's good play to their great effort on the ice. He noted that all lines were coming out of the zone quicker and hitting the corners harder to retrieve the puck. The Eagles definitely gave the Angels something to contemplate during Sunday Vespers!

## **Lady Eagles Battle Simsbury to the End!**

On Friday evening, 1/19/01, the Enfield Lady Eagles journeyed to the Simsbury Farms Ice Rink to face off with the Simsbury U-12 Girls team. This marked the 4th meeting of the two teams. Prior matches have been dramatic to the end, always resulting in a tie!

The game started just as those prior jousts had, with Simsbury taking the lead with their first goal coming less than two minutes into the first period. The Lady Eagles would match that goal with a minute left in the second period when Laura Bartus rushed the net and scored. Very smooth move, Laura!

The Simsbury team put their final goal on net 2 minutes into the third period. Coach Lessard launched a valiant attempt to rally during the third, ultimately pulling the goalie. Tara Walsh and Erica Warzyski had multiple attempts during the last two minutes of play, but alas did not find net! Final score, Simsbury 2 - 1.

As always, it was a battle to the end with this upper division foe. In his post game wrap-up, Coach Lessard told his team that they should be proud, "you gave 100% effort and should be proud of yourselves." There is a rematch scheduled against Simsbury this coming weekend. Stay tuned to see if our Lady Eagles turn the tides during the next round!

## **Lady Eagles Shutout Duxbury**

Saturday evening, 1/20/01, found our Lady Eagles on home ice facing off against the U-12 Girls team from Duxbury, MA. Coach Lessard used the home-ice advantage to mix up the lines and give the defensemen a chance to hit the frontlines. The results were spectacular!

The Lady Eagles soundly defeated the young Duxbury team, with the first goal lighting the board 63 seconds into the opening period and the 10th and final goal registering with 52 seconds remaining in the third period.

Let's recount the action... The first period belonged to Ali Murray, who appeared to be on her way to earning a natural hat trick (with some assistance from Chelsea Cormier, Erica Warzyski and Kathryn Mullin), when teammate, Laura Bartus, netted the team's third goal with the help of Kim Pizzoferrato. Taking a break from her usual defensive position, Jen Strayer rushed the net to earn the team's 4th game goal (her first goal of the season). Way to go Jen! Laura Bartus, supported by Erica Warzyski, closed out the period with the team's 5th goal.

Kim Pizzoferrato started the second period rally off with an unassisted goal. Erica Warzyski, playing defense, was not to be left out of the scoring action and fielded the team's 7th goal 30 seconds after Kim's effort. The game closed with goals from Elyse Rossignol, Mary Michaud, and Kim Pizzoferrato assisted by Chelsea Cormier, Laura Bartus, and Erica Warzyski.

Hard to keep track of all this activity - the final score was 10 - 0, Enfield. Chalk up another Shutout for goalie Kayla Lessard and her defensive steadies Erin Osborn & Tara Walsh. Even the mixing of lines with defensive/offensive players did not deter the Eagles. Looks like our Ladies have gelled as a team!



## **Waves Crash, Lady Eagles Soar!**

This past Sunday, 1/29/01, our Lady Eagles traveled to Milton, MA to play the Cape Cod Waves. The Eagles sent the Waves back out to the sound in short order. Enfield dominated the game, scoring 3 points per period for the 9 – 0 win. Special congratulations go out to Center, Chelsea Cormier, for earning the first Hat trick of the season!

Chelsea Cormier led the way in the first period with her first goal coming 3 minutes into the first period. Emily Walsh assisted Chelsea with her first effort. The next goal came minutes later off a classic Erica Warzyski rush. Laura Bartus, assisted by Chelsea Ouellette, closed out the period with the team's third goal.

The second period started on the same note as the first, with the pairing of Chelsea Cormier and Emily Walsh. Chelsea's Second goal came seconds into the period. Ali Murray followed up Chelsea's efforts earning a goal off of a rebound from Laura Bartus. Tara Walsh took a turn at the front line and earned a goal with the help of linesmen, Mary Michaud and Erica Warzyski, thus closing out the second period.

Ali Murray led off the third period with her second goal of the game coming 5 minutes into regulation play. Chelsea Cormier's sweet hat-trick goal came 2 minutes later off of a perfectly executed rush on the goal! Mary Michaud was not to be outdone and delivered the games final goal seconds later. Mary was assisted by teammate, Kathryn Mullin.

Let's not forget that defense! Kayla Lessard earned another shutout with the help of her defensive teammates Erin Osborn, Kim Pizzoferrato, Jen Strayer, and Tara Walsh. After the game, Coach Lessard praised his team for their effort noting that they never stopped hustling or passing.

As the Waves quietly receded off of the Boston shoreline, the Eagles turned their attentions to next weekend. It's back inland they go to do a little bear hunting! Sharpen those talons, Ladies! Your loyal following will be there to cheer you on!

## **Lady Eagles Hold Bears at Four**

Once again our Lady Eagles faced-off against the Northford Polar Bears. The Eagles started off strong, scoring first and held the Bears scoreless through out the first period. The first goal of the game was awarded to Brianna Buchalski, her first of the season. Way to go Brianna! Brianna's unassisted goal came with 5 minutes remaining in the first period. The rock solid Eagles defense kept the Bears from the net for the remainder of the period.

The second period belonged to the Polar Bears. They scored two goals in the second. The first coming within 6 minutes of play and the second at the end of the period.

The Bears came out strong in the third period, earning their third goal a scant 3 minutes into regulation play. The fourth and final goal for the Bears came 5 minutes later, due to the tough defensive play of all of the Enfield lines. The Lady Eagles were down 4 to 1. The line of Tara Walsh, Chelsea Cormier, and Erica Warzyski did not tolerate this. The trio connected with 3 minutes remaining in the game to put the last goal on the board. Walsh earned the goal with assistance from Cormier and Warzyski.

The coaching staff was pleased the Eagles strong defense play throughout a very physical game. All players were commended for their spirit and unwillingness to relent. The schedule holds future pairings for these two foes. Perhaps next time the Bears will be sent home in despair!

## **Lady Eagles Shut Out Milton, 9 - 0**

On Sunday afternoon, February 11th, the Lady Eagles traveled to Milton Massachusetts to play the Milton Girls Travel Team. The Milton Team hit the ice with good drive, demonstrating the gains they had made as a team during the season. Milton's effort did not stand up against the Eagles onslaught.

During the first period, Milton held our Lady Eagles to one goal. Tara Walsh earned the team's first goal with the support of teammate, Elyse Rossignol. Happy Birthday to you, Tara!

A last, Milton's defense collapsed during the second period and our Lady Eagles showed no mercy taking advantage of the opposition's fatigue. Laura Bartus started the second period rally earning her first goal of the game seconds into the period. The assist on the goal went to Kim Pizzoferrato. Less than two minutes later, Ali Murray added her goal to the scoreboard with the help of Chelsea Ouellette. Laura Bartus was hungry and not to be denied! She added a second goal to the total halfway through the period. Again, Chelsea Ouellette was there for the assist. Chelsea Cormier received a perfect pass from Kim Pizzoferrato to add her goal to the score with 7 minutes remaining in the period. Erin Osborn was not to be outdone on defense. She took a pass from teammate Cormier and flipped the puck into the net with one minute remaining in the 2nd. A Kodak moment to be sure! Mary Michaud closed out the period with a dramatic goal at the 15-second mark. Assisting in the drama was teammate Elyse Rossignol.

On to the third where Laura Bartus had a dream come true... Can you say HAT TRICK?? Laura can and earned her first of the season by scoring her third and the team's 8th goal three minutes into regulation play. Chelsea Cormier closed out the period with her second goal. Chelsea was assisted by Emily Walsh and Brianna Buchalski. In case you could not follow all that net action, the final score was 9 - 0, Enfield!

Defensively speaking, Goalie Kayla Lessard had some perfect stops during the first period and earned another shut out for

the season record. Of course, Kayla had a little help from her friends, Jen Strayer, Erin Osborn, Kim Pizzoferrato, and Tara Walsh. Congratulations Lady Eagles!

## **Lady Eagles Prevail Over Pawling**

The Lady Eagles hosted Pawling on home ice this past Saturday evening, 2/24/01. Pawling came out strong in the first period, demonstrating the skills they had gained during the season. The Eagles took control during the second period and maintained that control throughout the remaining period of the game.

The first period ended with no scoring for either team. On into the second period where Emily Walsh and Chelsea Cormier got down to business. Chelsea made a sweet back pass to Emily for the team's first goal halfway through the second period. Laura Bartus followed up that effort by netting her own rebound 3 minutes later. The Cormier to Walsh connection ended the period as Emily again took the feed from Chelsea and scored her second goal.

The third period found Elyse Rossignol in the mood to score! Elyse took the pass behind the net from Ali Murray and executed a wrap-around goal to earn the team's 4th and final goal of the game. The final score, 4 - 0 Enfield.

Coaches Lessard and Rossignol were very pleased with the ladies! Coach Lessard commented on the smart play of Chelsea Ouellette and Ali Murray, as they effectively picked up defense when their points were on the rush. Coach Rossignol praised his defensive squad for their ability to regrouping and regaining the zone. Coach Lessard also noted the effort of Kathryn Mullin and her, "heads up, tape to tape passing." All in all, it was another demonstration of the solid team effort the Lady Eagles put forth on ice. Congratulations on a strong win!

## Pilgrimage to Plymouth Pays-off for Lady Eagles!

Through sleet, fog and freezing rain the Lady Eagles delivered! The ride to Plymouth, MA to face off with the Duxbury team proved to be no small feat in itself this past Sunday, 2/25/01. Like Miles Standish before them, our Lady Eagles took to the shores of Plymouth and met with success.

The first period of the game belonged to the Eagles. Four of the team's six game goals were scored during the first period of play. An eager Erica Warzyski put the first goal on net a minute into play. Minutes later, Elyse Rossignol earned her 6th season goal off of a rebound from Kim Pizzoferrato. Tara Walsh was the next to add to the scoreboard with her rush on goal coming with less than 3 minutes of play remaining in the period. Not to be outdone by her older sister, Emily Walsh pulled off a dramatic wrap-around to score with 37seconds remaining in the period.

On to the second where the team of Cormier and Walsh were at it again! Emily Walsh scored off a pass from Chelsea Cormier 5 minutes into the period. Duxbury came alive during this period, scoring two of their three game goals. Their efforts were too little, to late to catch the soaring Eagles.

Chelsea Cormier scored the 6th and final goal of the game at the start of the third period. Duxbury went on to score a final goal with 2 minutes left of regulation play. The final score of the game was 6 - 3, Enfield.

Coaches Lessard and Rossignol credited the victory to strong passing and aggressive play in the corners. It was definitely a day of Thanksgiving for the Lady Eagles!

## Lady Eagles Finish Third in First State Tournament

The Enfield Lady Eagles participated in their first CHC State Tournament this past weekend, March 1st – 4th. The Eagles did extremely well for their first journey to the States. They finished third overall netting 2 wins, 1 tie, and 1 loss.

I would ask that those of you following the Lady Eagles forgive me my lack of detail in this report. I was traveling during the tournament and did not get to do my typical rink side review! The team's tournament record definitely shows that all of our Ladies played to win over the past weekend.

The combination of all, lead to success on ice!

A highlight of the Tournament was the Lady Eagles win over the Polar Bears White team. You will recall that this has been the elusive win for the Eagles all season. The Lady Eagles started off the Tournament hunting for Bear and came up winners! Mary Michaud scored the one goal of the game with the assistance of linesman, Kathryn Mullin. The game was won with a 1 – 0 score on the board. Victory was never so SWEET for the Eagles. Nice shutout Kayla Lessard! Post game, the Polar Bear's coach was heard to say, "The Eagles came to win and that's just what they did from the minute they hit the ice." Sore losers?? No the Polar Bears were sportswomen to the end, congratulating our Lady Eagles on their win.

Game two of the Tournament was against the Cromwell Clippers. The Clippers did not stand a chance against our Eagles. The final score of the game was 6 - 0, Enfield. Ali Murray scored the most notable shot of the game when she netted the puck after striking it mid-air with her stick. Thanks for the help, Flipper!

The third game of the Tournament was against Simsbury. Once again, our Lady Eagles tied Simsbury! The tie came late in the game and was pulled off by a dramatic goal by Tara Walsh. Where did the element of high drama come into play? Tara earned her goal with mere seconds left in the game. All would have been lost, if not for Tara's flare for the dramatic!! Way to go Lady Eagles.

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The final game of the Tournament found our Lady Eagles squaring off against the Blue Polar Bear's squad. This team typically plays in the division ahead of our team and we had not encountered them since our last tournament play over Christmas. Our Eagles came out with fire beneath their wings.

The Bears were held to 3 goals. Tara Walsh scored our goal on a rush during the second period.

Coaches Lessard, Osborn, and Rossignol were highly pleased with the Eagles' Tournament play. The coaches cited the entire team's defensive posture as a main reason for success through out the tournament. In addition, the team regrouped quickly. This Tournament was the culmination of a season's worth of commitment and learning for our Ladies. Congratulations to all of the Lady Eagles and their Coaches! Their skills and sportsmanship boded well for them throughout the weekend.

## Lady Eagles Win One for St. Patrick!

If you're winning one for St. Patrick, there has to be a Hat Trick! Enough of the Limericks, this game had no gimmicks! The third Hat Trick of the season went to Erica Warzyski this past weekend as our Lady Eagles beat Milton on Sunday, March 18th.

Milton opened the period with their first and only goal of the game coming seconds into regulation play. The first goal did not rattle the Eagles. Erica Warzyski started the team's rally with her first goal coming four minutes into play. A minute later, Ali Murray followed up Erica's effort. Ali crashed the net for the team's second goal. Not a bad Birthday present, Ali!

On to the second period, where the Lady Eagles ruled! Kim Pizzoferrato took a pass on point from Erica and scored the team's third goal. Erica continued her strong play, adding

her second goal to the scoreboard halfway into the period. Erica was assisted her linesman. Chelsea Ouellette, assisted by Laura Bartus and Ali Murray, scored with 2 minutes remaining in the period. Jen Strayer finished out the period with a goal off of a pass from Brianna Buchalski.

At the start of the third period, the score stood at 6 - 1, Enfield. Milton held off the Eagles until the remaining 2 minutes of play. Brianna Buchalski lead the scoring in the third, earning her goal with a little over a minute of play remaining on the clock. Chelsea Cormier added her first goal of the game to the board with 36 second remaining on the clock. You might have thought the game was over, but Erica still needed her third to complete the Hat trick. Erica netted her third and the game's final goal with 28 seconds on the clock. Very dramatic close, Erica!

The defensive play of Tara Walsh, Erin Osborn, Kim Pizzoferrato, and Jen Strayer turned back many an attempt by the Milton team. The Luck of the Irish prevailed and Lady Eagles won the game 9 to 1.

For sure, Irish eyes were smiling in the Enfield locker room!

## **Lady Eagles Take First Place in N.E.G.H.L. Division 6**

The Lady Eagles have left their mark on the New England Girls Hockey League in their inaugural season by taking first place in Division 6.

During their 35 game season, the Eagles faced many a worthy opponent on the road to victory. The journey through the 2000 - 2001 season found the Ladies matched up against experienced competitors such as the Northford Polar Bears, Simsbury Division 5 Girls, and the Cromwell Clippers. The road also took the team into uncharted turf against newly formed organizations throughout Massachusetts. Through all the twists and turns along the back roads of Connecticut and Massachusetts, our coaching staff remained true to their goal of developing the fledgling squad.

The Lady Eagles would like to thank Coaches Pierre Lessard, Tom Osborn, Dave Rossignol, and Lori Hynes for their dedication and patience in teaching throughout this formative season. True, miracles on ice have been known to happen, but coaching is instrumental in such happenings. The Lady Eagles were fortunate enough to have received such support from their Coaches. To Coach Pierre, held in high regard by all of the Lady Eagles, we thank you for being our leader! To Coach Tom, nobody sets up lines and gets 'em off the bench like you do! Thanks for matching us up against the competition. Coach Dave has a passion for defense and goalies. We thank him for developing our defensive game and keeping our goalie focused! Coach Lori was a role model that passed on her passion for the game! You go girl!

The drive to set-up the Girls Program within the Enfield Hockey Association came from behind the scenes, far away from the coaching bench. For this we need to thank Carol Lessard who single-handedly wooed our girls away from co-ed play and onto the Lady Eagles roster. Carol coordinated the set-up of the squad, represented us at association meetings, and scheduled all of our treks! For her abundant energy and commitment to the development of the Girls Program we thank her!

To our sponsor, Thomas Photography of Enfield, we thank you for the uniforms and pictures! We would also like to thank Ann Ouellette for running the team's finances - never an easy job! To Morgan Ouellette, no team had a better manager! To our water boy, Matt Michaud, now you know what it's like to have not one, but 15 sisters! Bless you! To Kate Murray, who documented the successes of the Lady Eagles through her eloquent game accounts in the Ice Chips. For all the parents who took on tasks to make the team a success and tirelessly drove from game to game... may your daughters thank you!

It is our hope that what the Lady Eagles have started in the 2000 - 2001 EHA season will continue and grow in the seasons to come. We thank the EHA Board for supporting us on the initial leg of our journey. As we seek to grow the Girls Program I am sure that we will continue to make the association proud!

To each of the Lady Eagles, be proud of your pioneering spirit and your success during the inaugural season of the EHA Girls Program. May you skate on into many more SWEET seasons of success! Always remember, you are the Eagles, the mighty, mighty Eagles!!