



IYHA Update January 10, 2007

Big hockey weekend for IYHA. Bantam Travel leads the way this week with their second tournament championship of the season. Way to go guys!

Travel and UNY Reports



The **Bantam Travel** team is now two for two in tournaments after going undefeated in the "Between The Pipes" tourney in Clifton Park, NY this past weekend.

The Bears defeated the Skaneateles Lakers 3-0, Amherst, Mass. 6-0, and the Plattsburg Roadrunners 6-0, to advance to the championship. In the finale, the Bears dueled the Bethlehem Eagles to a 5-5 standstill at the end of regulation time. The two teams stayed knotted through the five minute overtime setting up a dramatic shootout. The Bears finally prevailed, taking the shootout 1-0 and bringing home their second tournament championship of the season. The Bears took the Thanksgiving Classic in Binghamton back in November.

The Bantam Travel Bears team members include: Ari Alexander, Craig Esposito, Myles Gaines, Eli Golbrecht, Zachary Hughes, Connor Lofgren, Anthony Massicci, Kristian McGrath, Gabe Mendola, Marko Novosel, Genji Onishi, Sam Rollo, Austin Romantic, Luke Saul, Ryan St. Denis, Tyler St. Denis, and Kyle Wierzbicki. The team is coached by Head Coach Scott Hughes and Assistant Coaches Beau Saul and Russ Johnson. The Team Manager is Nancy Massicci. *Thanks to Penny Romantic for the report*

Ithaca Pee Wee Travel split its games with Camillus this past weekend, losing at home 5-2 on Saturday, but bouncing back strong on Sunday to take an 8-2 victory at Shove Park. In Saturday's game, Sam Currie and Dan McGill scored with assists registered by Chuckie Benedict and Teo Camadella. Wes Feeney served in net for Ithaca.

On Sunday, the team used a balanced attack with seven different players scoring to overwhelm Camillus. Camadella led the way with two goals, with a goal each contributed by: Jeffrey Kirkwood, Kyle Wilson, Ian Patrician,

Kengo Onishi, Benedict and McGill. Benedict also dished out four assists, while Currie, Camadella, Keenan Hughes and Luke Mendola added one each. Danny Leonardo anchored the victory in goal.

The team is now headed to the Oswego Power Play Tournament this upcoming weekend with an impressive record of 23-10-2.

Thanks to Marsha Emerson for the report.

Mite/Initiation House Report



The Mite House League resumed play last weekend. In an exciting battle, **Reamer's Recycling** tied **Papa John's** 4-4, while **McCarthy Builders** used an explosive offense to take **Certified Properties** 10-4.

With less than two minutes to go and Papa John's holding on to a slim 4-3 lead, Reamer's center Graham Mandl picked up a puck in the neutral zone and skated in around two defenders to score the game tying goal. Reamer's held off Papa John's high scoring offense with a strong defensive effort from: Terrance Brand, Bailee Brekke, Woocheol Hyun, Richie Kuhar, Jack Travis and goalie Keane Niday. Jaeyoon Kim led the Reamer's attack with his first career hat trick. Andrew Troy led the way for Papa John's with a brilliant four goal effort, each goal coming off beautiful wrist shots. The Papa John offense featured Daniel Halpern, Drew Goldberg and Aaron Greenberg making solid contributions in their debuts as center. Sam Roach put in a strong effort in his first game in goal for Papa John's.

Although we don't have a full report on the McCarthy/Certified game, Madison Gneo broke in her new stick by scoring two goals for Certified. Nick Miller also chipped in two while Griffin Varricchio had 12 saves in goal for Certified.

Mite team and individual photos will be taken this Friday during practice at the RINK 5:45pm and 6:45pm. Players are asked to wear their team jerseys and to arrive early so we can get the photos done and have more time for hockey! All players will have their picture taken with no requirement to make a purchase. Families will be able to view the digital photos on a website and place orders. Big thanks to Myra Hubbell and Tim Mckinney for

coordinating and taking the photos.

Our **Initiation** players also returned to the ice this past weekend after a long holiday break. Not only were the youngsters happy to be back on the ice again, but they were also thrilled to get their first real hockey jerseys! The players were placed onto four teams: Instant Replay Sports, Glenwood Pines, Security Mutual, and Maxi's Supper Club. Big thanks to our sponsors for supporting IYHA's youngest rising stars!

IYHA Team Fundraisers

Here's another notice of the two great meals our Bantam Snowbelt and Pee Wee Snowbelt #2 teams are cooking up for us this weekend.



IYHA Bantams host Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 13

Sit down and "syr-up" delicious flapjacks: The IYHA Bantam Snowbelt team will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 8 a.m. to Noon at the new Elks Club, located at 124 Coddington Road in Ithaca. (It's the site of the former Angelina Centini's Restaurant.) Proceeds go to support the Bantam team. All tickets are \$5. For information, contact Yvonne Everhart at (607) 227-1677 or Blaine Friedlander at (607) 227-8155.

Eat dinner with the Big Red Hockey Team on Sunday, Jan. 14

The IYHA Pee Wee Snowbelt #2 hockey team will host a benefit Spaghetti Dinner at the Eagles' Club on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The dinner will feature special guests the Cornell Big Red hockey team. The Pee Wees will raffle a signed Cornell Big Red hockey stick and one week of Cornell hockey camp. Dinner Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 under 12, and those age 3 and under eat free. The Eagles Club is located behind Wegmans at 161 Cecil Malone Drive. Order dinner tickets from Blaine Friedlander at 227-8155 or from Tina Gourley at 539-7368.





Coach Rich Armstrong and the **Ithaca High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team** extend a special invitation to all IYHA players to come on out and cheer on the Little Red as they host Oswego High School this Saturday, January 13th, 1:30pm at The RINK. Any youth hockey player wearing a hockey jersey will be given free admission!

The Ithaca Little Red team is coming into this game with 5-0 record in league play; 12-3 overall. The team features many IYHA alums and current IYHA Midget Travel players. I'm sure our young players and their parents will enjoy seeing these amazing players who honed their skills in our IYHA Initiation through Midget programs. So let's get a big IYHA turnout and cheer our talented young men on as they skate their way toward Sectionals.

Wrapping It Up

Put this on the To Do List for this weekend:

- 1) Sat morning breakfast at the Elks Club.
- 2) Go to your son/daughter's hockey game.
- 3) Cheer on the Little Red Boys Varsity Hockey Team Sat afternoon.
- 4) Go to your son/daughter's second hockey game of the weekend.
- 5) Dinner at the Eagles Club Sunday evening, bring your camera and autograph book!

See you around the rinks ----- Rick Kuhar