



IYHA Update November 10, 2006

The season is now officially fully underway. All teams are now playing. We have a couple of great game reports submitted by team representatives. Keep the submissions coming; we enjoy hearing the updates on the teams and players. The big news this week is the Midget Travel team clinching a berth in the State Championship!

Travel Report



Midget Travel capped their half season of play as Central Section Champions with a 19-4-0 record. The team swept the Sectionals this past weekend defeating Elmira 5-2 and Binghamton 12-3. The victory gives the team a berth in the New York State Midget 18 and Under Boys championships in Buffalo on March 16-18, 2007.

The team used a balanced attack throughout the weekend. In the first game vs. Elmira five Ithaca players scored, including: Gabe French, Sean Callinan, Alex Yale-Loehr, Erin Ferro-Murray and Sean Seyler. Cody Knewstub had 2 assists and Seyler also picked up an assist. Zach Wilder stopped 18 shots in goal.

Nine different Ithaca players rang up goals in the victory over Binghamton. Tim Bilinski, Chase Benjamin and Yale-Loehr led the way with two goals each. Dave Iles, Jim Carroll, Jess Esposito, Callinan, Seyler and French all scored. Contributing assists were Cody Fisk with four, Esposito, Bilinski & Ferro-Murray two each, and Pete Massicci, Matt Watson, Iles, French & Seyler each adding one. Cody Kendall-Jacobs and Wilder played goal.

Other team members, unable to play Sunday due to injury are Logan Lofgren, Dan Kelley & Brian Lamb. The team is coached by Hank Watson, Dave Iles & Ron Wilder. Team Manager is Steve Lamb. The team would like to thank Terry Fisk and Jesse Esposito for helping out with the coaching on Sunday.

Snowbelt Report



Ithaca Pee Wee Snowbelt #2 opened its season with a hard fought 3-1 win over Skaneateles last

Saturday. Andrew Bouchard opened the scoring five minutes into the 1st period. Assisting on the goal were Tyler Gourley and Dan Urda. Ithaca extended its lead to 2-0 at the 9 minute mark of the second period on a goal by Tyler O'Connor. O'Connor had worked his way free in front of the Skaneateles net and Adam Friedlander fed a pretty pass from behind the net to the wide open O'Connor who buried the puck into the net. Ithaca got its final goal when Gourley let a shot go from the point that eluded the Skaneateles goaltender to make it 3-0 Ithaca. Urda assisted on



the goal. Skaneateles finally got on the board with just over 4 minutes left in the game to make the final score Ithaca 3, Skaneateles 1. Parker Callister played extremely well giving up one goal on 29 shots and making several acrobatic stops as Skaneateles maintained pressure in the Ithaca defensive zone throughout the game.



Ithaca Pee Wee Snowbelt #1 defeated **Ithaca Pee Wee Snowbelt #2** 3-2 on Sunday in a game featuring awesome goalie play and very tight, hard hitting end to end action. Ithaca #2 opened the scoring at 12:47 of the opening period on a goal by Timothy VanDover, who was assisted on the play by Adam Friedlander. Ithaca

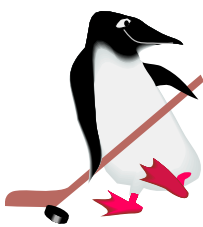


#1 tied the game at the 8:05 mark of the second period on an unassisted goal by Dave Fontana. Ithaca #2 answered right back with a goal 22 seconds later as Friedlander lit the lamp. VanDover assisted on the goal. Ithaca #1 would tie the game up at 2 with a goal by Serena Mendola at the 2:45 mark of the 3rd period. She was assisted on the goal by Fontana. Ithaca #1 got the game winner at 7:17 of the 3rd period on an unassisted goal by Wilson Gearhart. Parker Callister had 28 saves in goal for Ithaca #2, while Ithaca #1's R. Hallisey registered 25 saves.



Ithaca Squirt Snowbelt #3 defeated **Ithaca Squirt Snowbelt #2** 4-2 last Saturday. SB #3 was led by Gaige Gregoire with a goal and two assists. Mitchell Doney, Brandon Shirley and Josh Beebe each added goals. Leading SB #2 were Zach Ricci with a goal and an assist, Alex Ward with a goal and Connor O'Neil chipping in with two assists.

Mite/Initiation House Report



The **House Mite** Program got off to a great start this past weekend. We had 56 players on the ice for two large, two-hour practices! This was a good opportunity for the coaches to see all the players at once and establish a base line for the player's skill levels. The Tuesday night Mite Extra Skate session was also well-attended with the players participating in drills focused on skill development.

This week, the Mites will split up alphabetically as follows:

Friday November 10 at The Rink

5:45-6:45pm Last name M-Z

6:45-7:45pm Last name A-L

Saturday November 11 at The Rink

9:00-10:00am Last name M-Z

10:00-11:00am Last name A-L

Families who haven't already pre-registered for the Mite extra skate and would like to register your player to join us, you may pay the fee at the next session on Tuesday, November 14th, 5:15-6:30pm at Cass Park.

Initiation also got off to a great start last weekend. Over 40 players were on the ice having fun and learning how to play hockey. There is still room for more so if our players have friends who would like to join us, bring them out to the Rink Saturday and Sunday mornings from 8:00 to 9:00am. IYHA staff will be available to take new registration forms.

IYHA Board Meeting



It's time for our monthly IYHA Board meeting. I really want to encourage hockey families to come and check out a Board meeting. I think you would be impressed with the amount of planning, discussion, consideration and decision-making that goes on to manage a program of this size. Our Board members are all volunteers who give their time and talent to ensure that we are delivering a quality program for our youths. Association members who sit in on the meetings often offer valuable suggestions, opinions and questions. It's our kids, it's our association, and we are inviting you to participate.

The meeting will be held on Monday, November 13th at 6:00pm, at The Rink. No need to RSVP..... just show up!

Parent Education Class



Just another reminder about the next scheduled Parent Education Classes at The Rink. Tonight, Friday, Nov 10. 6-6:30pm and tomorrow, Saturday, Nov 11, 8:30-9:00am.

Fundraising



Hey, its Friday night and Harvard's in town!
Here's a To Do List for you:

- 5:00pm Go to Wegmans and purchase your choice of fresh seafood.
- 6:00pm Drive over to the American Legion Hall and enjoy a great spaghetti dinner.
- 7:00pm Head on over to Cornell and cheer on The Big Red!

Hope you can stop by and support the **Pee Wee Travel Team** at their fundraising dinner. The menu includes: all-you-can-eat spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, beverages and deserts. The American Legion is located at 1231 Danby Road, South of I.C. on Rt. 96B, Ithaca. Price is \$6.00 adults, \$4.00 children (10 & under).

(Just kidding about the seafood, I think we're tossing teddy bears this year!)

Wrapping It Up

So much hockey action going on this weekend: Dinner, games, practices and Parent Education classes. Hope you have a safe and fun hockey weekend.

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