



## IYHA Update December 20, 2006

Good morning IYHA families. IYHA action comes to a virtual shutdown for the holiday break. Our older players will get a practice in next week, but no games are scheduled and the younger players are off for two weekends. But there was plenty of action over this past weekend to report on.

### Travel and UNY Reports



**Ithaca Pee Wee Travel** took two Q games over the weekend. Ithaca overwhelmed Binghamton 8-2 on Saturday and came back on Sunday and did it again 4-1. On Saturday, Teo Camadella had another explosive game leading the team with five goals. Chuckie Benedict scored twice and offered three assists. Dan McGill added a goal and Kevin Bilinski chipped in with an assist. Between the pipes Danny Leonardo and Wes Feeney combined for 13 saves.

On Sunday, it was Jeffrey Kirkwood's leading the team with two goals while Michael Abdulky and Ian Patrician pitched in with one each. Sam Currie and Benedict dished out assists. Leonardo stopped seven shots to shut down the Binghamton offense.

*Thanks to Marsha Emerson for the report.*

### Snowbelt Report



Squirt Snowbelt 2 lost a hard fought 3-2 battle with Camillus Snowbelt 2 on Saturday. Ithaca jumped out to 2-0 lead to open the game. But Camillus came back to tie it and scored the go-ahead goal with just 1:30 left in the game. Luke Knowles and Alex Ward scored goals for Ithaca while Kagan Gehring and Ward added assists.

*Thanks to Chris Ricci for the report.*

### Mite/Initiation House Report



A big weekend for the **Mites** with House League games and three extra select/travel games.

In the House League, **Reamer's Recycling** outlasted **Certified Properties** in a see-saw battle 4-3. Bailee Brekke scored with three minutes left in the game to claim the victory for Reamer's. Brekke scored two goals, Woocheol Hyun and Ben Hallisey had one apiece while Terrance Brand chipped in with an assist. Graham Mandl had 15 saves in goal for Reamer's. Nick Miller led Certified with two goals; Collin Case added another, while Griffin Varricchio stopped 10 shots in goal.

In another tight game on Saturday, **Papa John's** scored an empty netter in the closing minute to prevail 4-2 over **McCarthy Builders**. Scott Partington turned a hat trick to lead Papa John's. Partington also assisted on a goal by Sam Roach. Devon DiMarco tended the net for Papa John's. McCarthy was led by Steven Carman and Yoon Shin who scored a goal each, while Sean O'Neil and Duncan McAllister added assists. Craig Moster played a strong game in net for McCarthy, stopping several breakaways.

A group of first year Mites played their first "travel" game wearing the Ithaca jersey against the Cortland Flames Saturday at The Rink. Yoon Shin exploded for four goals to lead Ithaca to a 7-3 victory. Sam Roach, Uro Lyi and Richie Kuhar added a goal apiece, while Lyi and Jack Travis offered assists. Ryan Franzese stopped 12 shots between the pipes for Ithaca. The rest of the members of the team included: Kai Lego, Bryce Mitchell, Rip Oh, Alex Perkins, Grady Simpkins-Marston, Conner Thayer, Mason Thomas, Jack Travis, and James Vought. The team was coached by Rick Kuhar assisted by Mahlon Perkins and Dan Mitchell.



IYHA Mites take their first face-off in an "Ithaca" jersey.



Center Sam Roach



IYHA First Year Mites

Also on Saturday, another group of Mites took on a squad of first year TGHA players at Cass Park. The IYHA Mites proved to be a bit too much for the newer players, taking the game 8-1. It was a good opportunity for the TGHA players to see the team play of the more experienced IYHA Mites. And it was a good opportunity for the Mites to work on their passing, with several goals scored off of two assists.

To close out the big weekend, the IYHA Mite 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year Select team traveled to Elmira again on Sunday. Despite a great effort, Elmira's Mite Travel team shut out us out this time 7-0. But thanks to CJ Smiley's Grandmother, a big tray of her delicious homemade cookies wiped away the loss and made everything better!!! Skating for IYHA were Alex Bahar, Bailee Brekke, Steven Carman, Collin Case, Madison Gneo, Ben Hallisey, Graham Mandl, Nick Miller, Craig Moster, Keane Niday, Scott Partington, CJ Smiley, Andrew Troy, and Griffin Varricchio. Devon DiMarco tended the net for the team. *Thanks to Craig McAllister, Alison Shull, and Shane*

*Varricchio for contributing to the report and Stephanie Roach for the photos.*

## **Fundraiser**



## **Eat Dinner With The Big Red Hockey Team!**

The **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 Eagles Club is located behind Wegmans at 161 Cecil Malone Drive. 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. Order tickets from Blaine Friedlander at 227-8155 or from Tina Gourley at 539-7368.

## **Wrapping It Up**

Okay I tried to hang my hockey equipment bag from the mantle last night hoping that Santa will get the hint and fill it up with some great new equipment. But my wife was afraid the odor emanating from it might be combustible and would ignite by the burning Yule log in the fireplace. She made me put it back in the basement!

I hope everyone has a great family holiday season. I look forward to seeing you around the rinks when we get back in January ----- Rick Kuhar