



## To compete or be competitive? That is a question we must answer

By Brooks Smith, *President*

As the 2004-05 season nears its end, I have been thinking about some operational issues that the association has dealt with and will continue to deal with in the coming years. There are no right or wrong answers, but they are issues that we will need to decide where we stand as an association.

I think every member would agree that creating a fun, safe, rewarding and affordable hockey experience is at the top of the list for what we want to accomplish as an association. I believe that our framework for that kind of experience is fairly solid. We can always make it better.

I believe we also need to ask ourselves what we want to do to provide an environment for our kids not only to compete, but to excel. How do we build and instill a winning environment at Eastview at our highest levels? Do we want to do this or are we satisfied with having a fun place for our kids to play? These are questions our association will need to continue to answer. Actions speak louder than words.

I have outlined some of the issues that we will likely face while answering these questions:

- **Equal play** - Should all players be given equal amount of ice time? Should playing time be based on effort, merit or skill?
- **Team size** – as a smaller association relative to the rest of our district, our talent pool is not as deep as our competitors'. Smaller team sizes mean better players on the ice. Conversely, do we want as many players as possible to play at the A level?
- **Off ice training** – The past two seasons we have participated in Total Hockey. Do we continue to do that?

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### See you at the season-end social!

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### Mite Matinee at Xcel

The Eastview advanced mite team #1 (pictured above in black) took on a team from New Prague in a Sunday matinee at the Xcel Energy Center in January. There were plenty of good seats available for what turned out to be an entertaining, back-and-forth battle between two teams that were excited to be playing in the big arena.

In the next issue of *Slapshot* ...

### Silver anniversary for '80 gold

February 22, 1980. A date that will forever live in sports history. The young U.S. Olympic hockey team does the unthinkable and defeats the mighty Soviet Union in what many people consider the greatest sporting event of the 20th century.

EVHA's own **Eric Strobel** (pictured at right) was a member of the 1980 Olympic team. Strobel joined his teammates in Lake Placid, N.Y., to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the "miracle on ice" and to honor the legend of coach Herb Brooks.



In the next issue of *Slapshot*, Strobel will share his memories of the 1980 Olympic team and coach Brooks, and how both have influenced his life.

# EVHA Roundup: A look at our teams across the association

By **Tony Taschner**, *Co-Editor*

The following team updates and season wrap-ups were written with information provided by the teams and available on the District 6 ([www.district6hockey.net](http://www.district6hockey.net)) and EVHA ([www.eastviewhockey.net](http://www.eastviewhockey.net)) web sites.

## Bantam As finish season with strong showing in District 6 playoffs

The Bantam As finished the District 6 regular season with a 6-9-1 record and a #7 seed in the district playoffs held at Bloomington Ice Garden in mid February. Eastview defeated Apple Valley 3-2 in the first wild-card game and earned a spot in the final six with a 2-1 win over Chaska in the play-in wild-card game.

In the double-elimination round, the Bantam As lost the opener 2-4 in a hard-fought game against #4 seed Minnetonka. Their season came to a sudden end on Feb. 16 in a 5-4 overtime loss to Jefferson. The lead changed hands several times in an entertaining, back-and-forth game against Bloomington, which went on to take second place in district playoffs behind Burnsville.

Members of the 2004-05 Eastview Bantam A team are **Travis Burkstrand, Corey Fienhage, Andy Freeman, Michael Friedman, Zach Gansmoe, Mark Gauger, Danny Gengler, Nick Gorski, Tyler Krob, Jared Larson, Ben Parranto, Jacob Pavlo, Joe Peters, Travis Schweiger, Tyler Trombley and Peter Zukanoff**; coaches **Buzz Rush, Scott Dobesh and Chris Rush**, and team manager **Vic Zukanoff**.

## Bantam B2s finish second in district; prepare for March 1 playoff opener

The Bantam B2s finished the District 6 regular season with a 13-3-0 record and a #2 seed in the district playoffs, which will be held the week of Feb. 28 at the Eden Prairie Ice Arena. The B2s' first playoff game will be Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.

On the last day of the regular season, the Eastview B2s defeated Burnsville 2-1 in a well-played battle for second place and a bye in the first round of the playoffs. Cory Meyer got the Lightning on the board first midway through the first period and he scored the second goal of the game, the eventual game winner, early in the third period on a rebound putback off a breakaway.

The Bantam B2s played in a pair of recent tournaments, bringing home third place and the sportsmanship trophy from the Alexandria Tournament in late January and taking fourth at the Minnetonka Tournament in early

February. In Alexandria, the B2s had wins of 2-1 over Hopkins and 5-1 over Farmington, with a 1-2 loss to a B1 team from South St. Paul. In Minnetonka, the B2s defeated Becker/Big Lake 4-0 in the opening game, but lost a pair of low-scoring games to Minnetonka (1-3) and Eden Prairie (1-2) to finish fourth.

Members of the 2004-05 Eastview Bantam B2 team are **Michael Barry, Tom Bauer, Joey Desrocher, Jeff Dibble, Corey Hansen, Craig Harnagel, Daniel Iverson, George Jensen, Blake Kleven, Cory Meyer, Drake Myhrman, Vadim Petruk, Shane Sjostrom, Cyle Stelljes and Andy Taschner**; coaches **Ken Walstad, Pete Desrocher and Dan Baribeau**, and team manager **Denise Sjostrom**.

## Bantam Cs win final three games to earn spot in district playoffs wild-card game

The Bantam Cs finished the District 6 regular season with a 6-8-2 record, a #7 seed and a spot in the first wild-card game of the district playoffs, which was scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26, 11:45 a.m., at the Apple Valley High School Arena.

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## EVHA Bantams and PeeWees earn fair-play points in more than 90 percent of games

The fair-play point made its debut this season as part of a new scoring system that was implemented statewide through Minnesota Hockey as part of its Hockey Education Program, or HEP.

Each team could earn one-fair-play point per district game by keeping their penalty minutes below the maximum allowed per game for their level and by exhibiting good sportsmanship by players, coaches and fans. If a team won the game (two points) and met requirements for the fair-play point, they would get three points toward their standings in the district. If a team lost the game and met requirements for the fair-play point, they would get one point in the standings.

EVHA's three Bantam teams earned 44 of a possible 48 fair-play points in District 6 games this season (92 percent). The Bantam B2s earned a fair-play point in all 16 of their games; the Bantam A and C teams each earned 14 of 16 possible fair-play points for the season.

EVHA's three PeeWee teams earned 43 of a possible 48 fair-play points in District 6 games this season (90 percent). The PeeWee Cs earned all 16, the B2s 14 and the A team 13.

## EVHA Roundup . . . . .

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The Bantam Cs finished the regular season with three straight wins to earn a berth in the playoffs, outscoring their opponents 15-4 in those final three games against Edina and both Minnetonka teams.

The Bantam Cs also had a third-place finish at the North St. Paul Tournament in February. Eastview opened with a decisive win over Woodbury, lost a close one to eventual tournament champion Buffalo and captured the third-place trophy in a thrilling, three-overtime shootout victory over Rochester. Eastview tied that game 3-3 by scoring two goals in the final five minutes of the game, with the first one coming short-handed.

Members of the 2004-05 Eastview Bantam C team are **Joel Bertelsen, Beau Blake, Cory Caron, Brandon DeWane, Jacob Dolney, Max Favre, Tom Hinker, Jon Iverson, Bob Krueger, Mikel Lundholm, Ross Osborne, Clay Smith, Adam Sorter, Bryan Thompson and Elliot Williams**; coaches **Dave Hinker, Tim Thompson, Ron Krueger** and **Glenn Iverson**, and team manager **Pat DeWane**.

### PeeWee As enjoy tournament success

The PeeWee As finished the District 6 regular season in early February with a 2-14-0 record. Head Coach Eric Strobel said in several district games this season the team was ahead or within a goal entering the third period but was unable to hold or gain the lead.

The PeeWee As enjoyed success in tournament play throughout the year, including the last two of the season. In January, the PeeWee As traveled to Thief River Falls to play in a tournament at the 3,500-seat, \$15 million Ralph Engelstad Arena, which had hosted games in the World Junior Tournament just one week earlier. Eastview went 2-2 for the weekend in the round-robin style tournament and finished fourth, getting wins over Detroit Lakes and Minot by matching 8-4 scores. The team's first loss came in game two against the Grand Forks Wheat Kings, the eventual tournament champions. In the third-place game, the PeeWee As lost a third-period lead and the game 2-3 to Mound.

Two weeks later, in early February, it was tournament time again and the PeeWee As opened with a victory over the host team from Hastings. After losing the semifinal game to Tartan, the PeeWee As found themselves in a third-place match-up against district rival Burnsville, which had blanked Eastview 2-0 and 4-0 in two previous meetings during the season. It took the Lightning less

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than a minute to break their scoreless streak against the Blaze and they never looked back in beating Burnsville for the third-place trophy at the Hastings Tournament.

Members of the 2004-05 Eastview PeeWee A team are **Michael Berger, Taylor Branstad, Mark Brennan, Spencer Brown, Mike Chacich, Jonathon Cobb, Tony Companion, Jack Frederickson, Bryce Gustafson, Jack McDevitt, Scott Nelson, Ryan O'Shea, Chris Pletcher-Tomczyk, Ben Schmitz, Greg Smidl, Max Smith and Luke Trepanier**; coaches **Eric Strobel, Steve O'Shea, Brooks Smith and Stacey Nelson**, and team manager **Alanna Smidl**.

### **PeeWee B2s finish sixth in district**

The PeeWee B2s finished the regular season in District 6 with a 10-5-1 record, a #6 seed and a berth in the play-in wild-card game, which was scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m., at the Burnsville Ice Center. The winner of the play-in game will advance to the double-elimination round of the PeeWee B2 playoffs, which will be held the week of Feb. 28 at Burnsville.

The PeeWee B2s played in a pair of recent tournaments. In late January, the team traveled to Thief River Falls, where they went 2-2 and finished fourth. Eastview opened with a 7-2 victory over Mora at Ralph Engelstad Arena, then lost to a team from St. James, Manitoba. The B2s earned a spot in the third-place game by defeating host Thief River Falls 4-3, but got blanked in the trophy game by another team from Mora.

In early February, the PeeWee B2s played in the Inver Grove Heights Tournament. The Lightning won their opening game 4-2 over the host team, but lost the next two games to finish fourth.

Members of the 2004-05 Eastview PeeWee B2 team are **Brett Beattie, Kurt Bradley, Kellon Crawford, Andy Futhey, Kevin Havlicek, Ross Lundholm, Ty McDevitt, Ross Nygren, Nick Reynolds, Eric Ritacco, Kyle Robotka, Joe Ruedy, Emily Snodgrass, Alex Stevenson, Nick Taschner and Paul Thompson**; coaches **Mike McDevitt, Joe Snodgrass and Drey Bradley**, and team managers **Brian and Laurie Stevenson**.

### **PeeWee Cs capture tournament hardware**

The PeeWee Cs finished the District 6 regular season with a 4-9-3 record, good for 27 points (including all 16 fair-play points) but not a spot in the playoffs. The Lightning finished the district season with a pair of ties against

Minnetonka and Edina in its final three games. The District 6 PeeWee C playoffs begin the week of Feb. 28 at Braemar Arena in Edina.

The PeeWee Cs brought home hardware from the Owatonna Tournament in early January. After an opening game loss to Eagan, Eastview rebounded with wins of 4-2 over Moundsview and 4-3 over Cottage Grove to win the consolation championship.

Members of the 2004-05 Eastview PeeWee C team are **Sam Christian, Cameron Cropsey, Clay DeNicola, Erik Edsten, Steven Fredell, Kelly Gibbons, Jack Jacobson, Andy McCann, Joseph Nelson, Alex Niemczyk, Nick Samsel, John Schaenzer, Derek Shonka, Quinn Vidas and Thomas Wood**; coaches **Gordy Christian, Paul Edsten, Brian Jacobson and Mark Shonka**, and team manager **Julie Fredell**.

### **Squirt As face cold weather and Canadian opponents in Fargo Tournament**

The Squirt As entered their Fargo Tournament in mid January just one game below .500 and looking to improve on their overall record. The Lightning withstood the minus-20 temperatures, played hard all weekend and came home with a win.

The Squirt As scored first in game one but Moorhead came back with six goals in the first two periods and won 7-3. Game two featured Eastview's first international opponent, a team from West Ridge, Canada. The Lightning again struck first and the teams traded goals to a 4-4 tie after two periods. West Ridge got the go-ahead goal in the third and added an empty netter to win 6-4.

Motivated by Head Coach Steve Cerrato, the weather and the long ride home ahead of them, the Squirt As took a 2-0 lead over Ft. Garry and held off the Canadian team for a 3-1 victory in the final game of the tournament.

In District 6 play, the Squirt As had a record of 6-8-2 when this issue of *Slapshot* went to press.

Members of the 2004-05 Eastview Squirt A team are **Mitch Beattie, Nick Cerrato, Alex Cooper, Taylor Feinhage, Luke Frederickson, John Gauger, Awton Hebig, Jacob Heppner, Courtney Kukowski, Alex Pavlo, Jonathan Plaszcz, Ryan Reger, Ben Tindell, Max Tylke and Alex Wohl**; coaches **Steve Cerrato, Bob Plaszcz, Brian Gauger and Tim Reger**, and team manager **Karen Beattie**.

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### **Squirt Bs take second at Grand Rapids**

The Squirt Bs took second place at the Grand Rapids Star of the North Tournament in early February. Eastview opened the tournament with a 1-0 win over host Grand Rapids and followed that up with a 6-3 win over Superior. The Lightning came up just short in the championship game, losing 2-3 to Wayzata.

The Squirt Bs also participated in tournaments in Rosemount and Coon Rapids. In December, the Squirt Bs opened up the Rosemount Tournament with a 3-1 win over Jefferson but had trouble scoring goals after that and lost games to Burnsville and Coon Rapids. The next month, in Coon Rapids, the Squirt Bs again opened a tournament with a win, a 2-1 overtime thriller against Prior Lake, but again lost the next two games to finish fourth.

In District 6 play, the Squirt Bs had a record of 4-9-0 when this issue of *Slapshot* went to press. The wins include back-to-back victories over Bloomington Kennedy and Jefferson in early January.

Members of the 2004-05 Eastview Squirt B team are **Nick Abbott, Josh Chatfield, Austin Clapp, Clayton Goldbach, Rhett Hebig, Dillon Leininger, Ryan Leo, Ryan McNamara, Kirby McPhee, Ethan Murray, Erik Nelson, Alex Reller, Andrew Samsel, Derek Schleicher** and **Connor Twomey**; coaches **Kurt Chatfield, Adrian Hebig** and **Bill Leininger**, and team manager **Ann McNamara**.

### **Squirt C Blue earns tournament hardware**

The Squirt C Blue team brought home championship and second-place trophies from a pair of in-town tournaments in December and January, and the team is looking forward to its out-of-town tournament in St. Cloud in March.

At the Rosemount Tournament in December, the Lightning opened with a 5-0 win over Chaska. In game two, Eastview overcame a two-goal, third-period deficit to win 5-3. In the championship game, the Squirt C Blue team captured the first-place trophy by defeating a team from Prior Lake that they had lost to earlier in the season.

In January, the Squirt Cs took second place at the Brooklyn Park Tournament, winning three of four games on the weekend. The Lightning overcame a two-goal deficit and scored a last-second goal to defeat Woodbury 5-4 in the semifinal game, but came up short against an unde-

feated Edina team in the championship game, losing 0-3.

In District 6 play, the Squirt C Blue team had a record of 10-3-1 when this issue of *Slapshot* went to press.

Members of the 2004-05 Eastview Squirt C Blue team are **Mason Ballweg, David Cayton, Mitch Cerrato, Garrett Cropsey, Tony Favilla, Andrew Freeman, Tanner Hamill, Brady Kelley, Ben Kissell, Brendan Kukowski, Angelito Micciche, Matthew Montgomery, Karl Nordmeyer, Michael Pearson, John Snodgrass** and **Reid Thompson**; coaches **Joe Snodgrass, Steve Cerrato, Jim Freeman, Mike Kelley** and **Sean Pearson**, and team manager **Patti Favilla**.



### **Squirt C Black takes third at Southwest**

The Squirt C Black team brought home hardware from a pair of recent tournaments. In February, Eastview won a tournament consolation championship and in January the team took third place at the Southwest Minneapolis Tournament held at Parade Arena.

Eastview won a 3-2 nail-biter against Edina in the opening game of the Southwest Tournament, getting goals from Mitch Deinhammer, Michael Stillings, and Andy Calhoun. Eastview faced a tough Minnetonka team in game two. The Lightning outscored Minnetonka in the first and third periods, on goals from Cole Cooper, Calhoun and Kevin Wobschall, but a poor second period led to a 3-5 loss. Eastview got off to a lead in the battle for third place and held off St. Michael for a 4-3 win.

In District 6 play, the Squirt C Black team had a record of 6-6-1 when this issue of *Slapshot* went to press, including a 4-0 win over Apple Valley Brown on Feb. 19.

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## EVHA Roundup

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Members of the 2004-05 Eastview Squirt C Black team are **Connor Beer, Tyler Boente, Andrew Calhoun, Cole Cooper, Mitch Deinhammer, Lucas Gansmoe, Christopher Granat, Kyle Hanson, Christian Hesser, Andrew Kline, Marshall Lang, Josh Ruth, Logan Schleicher, Michael Stillings, Alexander Stretar, Nathan Tyo and Kevin Wobschall**; coaches **Mark Stillings, Tim Stretar and Mike Gansmoe**, and team manager **Beth Cooper**.

### U14A girls' season ends in district playoffs

The U14A girls' team finished the regular season with a 4-10-2 record, 26 total points (including all 16 fair-play points) and a #5 seed in the playoffs, which were held at the Burnsville Ice Center the week of Feb. 14. Eastview lost their playoff opener 2-7 to #3 seed Prior Lake, then defeated Minnetonka in a 3-2 overtime thriller. The U14As were eliminated from the playoffs in their next game against #2 seed Wayzata, which went on to face Edina in the championship game and finish second.

In December, the U14As brought home the third-place trophy from the Cloquet Tournament. Eastview defeated Burnsville 5-3 in the opening game, lost 2-3 to Minnetonka in the semifinal round and blanked Cloquet 8-0 in the trophy game. The 14As also played competitive in the Minnetonka Tournament in January.

Members of the 2004-05 Eastview U14A team are **Mackenzie Caughey, Brianna Dunn, Kelly Egan, Sarah Fashant, Kate Granat, Amy Hart, Danielle Kielas, Sarah Kleven, Kaitlyn Leininger, Samantha Nelson, Jamie Raslack, Mary Kate Rigney, Allison Schreiner, Amy Tanner and Kayla Willer**; coaches **Stacey Nelson and Bill Leininger**, and team manager **Mary Granat and Stacy Kleven**.

### U10As were 'always entertaining'

Sometimes frustrating, sometimes heart-breaking, sometimes magical and always entertaining. That, in a nutshell, describes Eastview's inaugural season in U10A.

Frustrating losing more games than you win and heart-breaking losing players to a series of injuries and illnesses. Through it all, however, the girls remained resilient and the magic that accompanies a rapidly improving group of players coming together as a team provided their fans with some entertaining hockey, especially at the end of the season.

Coaches had the team focus on offense and the girls

responded well, particularly in improving their passing skills. The team had wins over Moorhead (3-2) and Burnsville (1-0), but perhaps the best indication of their late-season improvement came in an exciting 1-3 loss to a tough Chaska team, which won the Minnetonka Invitational Tournament just weeks earlier.

Members of the 2004-05 Eastview U10A team are **Courtney Companion, Anne Ehresmann, Shannon Field, Maxyne Friesen, Alexa Harnagel, Jill Jones, Maureen McDonald, Delaney McKay, Amanda Par-ranto, Kelsey Philipsek, Maura Rigney, Jessica Schmitz, Angelica Sortor, Rachel Young, Brianna Zemien and Alexis Zukanoff**; coaches **Joe Schmitz, Stan Friesen and Jim McDonald**, and team manager **Jim McKay**.

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# EVHA mite teams to close successful season with jamborees

The Eastview advanced and intermediate mite teams will be participating in the annual Bloomington Mite Jamboree March 3-6 at Bloomington Ice Gardens.

EVHA will host a jamboree for all beginner and intermediate mite teams on Sunday, March 13, 11:50 a.m.-5:30 p.m., at St. Thomas Arena.

Good luck to all EVHA mite teams and congratulations on a great season of fun and learning. We hope to see all of you back again in the fall. Below is a list of the players and head coaches for the 2004-05 mite teams in the Eastview Hockey Association.

## Team #1 (Advanced)

**Players:** Brien Boente, Jimmy Douglas, Zach Driscoll, Pierce Erickson, Jack Frojd, Erik Johnson, Michael Krummel, Erik Lecy, Sarah Mayer, Cole McDevitt, Keith Muehlbauer, Brett Schweiger, Ben Taschner, Dylan Weigel and Jack Yueill. **Head Coach:** Mike McDevitt

## Team #2 (Intermediate)

**Players:** Karsten Augustin, Shane Bernhardson, Erik Dahlman, Dustin Darud, Anna DeBoom, Joshua Gauthier, Samuel Herzog, Nick Hodgen, Tommy Hutsell, Nicholas Martin, Sam Mellon, Tommy Micholic, Nick Terlizzi and Samantha Tyo. **Head Coach:** Kevin Mellon

## Team #3 (Intermediate)

**Players:** Erik Brekke, Christopher Casey, Joel Iverson, Nick Kosidowski, Michael Kylo, Alexander Larsen, Tanner Leighton, Taylor Leighton, Zach Lydell, Connor Osborne, Steven Plaszcz, Erik Read, Robert Smock, McKeever Spruck and Patrick Twomey. **Head Coach:** Mike Casey

## Team #4 (Intermediate)

**Players:** Nick Brzezinski, Blake Carlson, Alex Cerrato, Steven Connelly, Melissa Couture, Jacob Duehn, Luke Peterson, Rory Roark, Tanner Roe, Jack Schliesman, Michael Terry, Andrew Tuthill and Trent Williams. **Head Coach:** Craig Couture

## Team #5 (Intermediate)

**Players:** Cole Anders, John Barrington, Adam Hoffman, Michael Kagan, Bryce Kelley, Erik Kersten, Kenny Kirkman, Taylor Lisenby, Kenneth Moran, Matthew Ruzicka, Zachary Whalen, Alex White and Greg Wilson. **Head Coach:** Mike Kelley

## Team #6 (Beginner)

**Players:** Zachery Bailey, Cole Bernhardson, Ian Crookes, Ben Dahlman, Davis DeBoom, Zachary Everett, Maxwell Herzog, Johnathan Hinz, Drew Hoeschen, Daniel Kapala, Noah Lindner, Nathan Plaszcz, Jordan Sabot and Andrew Selchow. **Head Coach:** Burke DeBoom

## Team #7 (Beginner)

**Players:** Joseph Ackley, Jake Budin, Sam Evenson, Shannon Gibbons, Robert Harnagel, Kreid Kolo, Jackson Melby, Andrew Moran, Connor Nyberg, Natalie Snodgrass and Dalton Weigel. **Head Coach:** Joe Snodgrass

## Team #8 (Beginner)

**Players:** Zach Berglund, Noah Desrocher, Logan Engst, Jake Ford, Samuel Franklin, Jack Mason, Thomas Oberle, Brady Renteria, Eric Thompson, Steven VanVoorhis, Justin Weinberg, Ben Wilson, Jacob Wilson and Ryan Zellmer. **Head Coach:** Mike VanVoorhis

## Team #9 (Beginner)

**Players:** Andrew Erickson, Jonathan Falkenberg, Jesse Fan, Laura Krupke, Ryan Krupke, Ellie Murray, Maggie Murray, Austin Peterson, Paul Peterson, Jacob Reller, R.J. Rossman, Jackson Shogren, Ryan Stepka and Mario Villelli. **Head Coach:** Jim Reller

## Team #10 (Beginner)

**Players:** Logan Albrecht, Benjamin Beattie, Jackson Billion, Cullen Buck, Dylan Buck, Justin Deinhammer, Will Hovde, Tyler Kulkowski, Taav Matalamaki, Dane McDevitt, Jack Ritacco, Eric Ruzicka, Joseph Stillings and Joshua Tindell. **Head Coach:** Mark Stillings

## Team #11 (Beginner)

**Players:** Codi Abel, Corey Christian, Tyler Douglas, Danny Hoffman, Joshua Illg, Colin Mitchell, Noah Niemczyk, Blake Osborne, Daniel Rikberg, Matthew Schumann and Joshua Wahlen. **Head Coach:** Scott Wahlen

## Team #12 (Girls)

**Players:** Sarah Chatfield, Kealie Espinda Banick, Bailey Fisher, Marianne Friesen, Taylor Heppner, Kellie McGahn, Michaela Minarik, Sarah Montgomery, Sarah Pellicci, Anna Selchow, Allison Squires and Nichole Squires. **Head Coach:** John Pellicci

## Team #13 (Girls)

**Players:** Carson Albrecht, Ellie Cardinal, Sydney Carlson, Andrea Deutsch, Cassidy Leiningner, Megan Matalamaki, Marie Olson, Hannah Runge, Meghan Seger and Gabby Stevenson. **Head Coach:** Dave Matalamaki



## We Want To Hear From You

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Do we look at other off-ice alternatives? Do we consider our own training facility?

- **Non parent coaches** – Do we require non-parent, paid coaches at the A and possibly B levels?
- **Level of play** – Do we play at the B2 level and be more competitive or do we play at B1 against better competition and groom our kids for the A level?
- **Move ups** – Do we allow younger, talented kids to try to make an A team at the next level? For example, allowing an excellent Squirt player to try to make a Peeewe A team to further his/her development.

These are just a few of the questions and issues that will determine the course of this association in the coming years. As I mentioned earlier, there are no right or wrong answers to these questions. However, if we want to provide not only a fun, but also competitive environment for our athletes, we need to focus on these and other issues. Do we want to compete or do we want to be competitive? What will it take to get there? If the answers to these questions are important to you and your athletes, I invite you to come to a board meeting between now and before next season starts and voice your opinion.