



# EVHA Slapshot!

Newsletter for Eastview Hockey Association Members



## EVHA President's Report

Mark Stillings, *EVHA President*

We are reaching a point in time where your board is looking towards next year. One of the important elements of looking forward is that some of the board members' terms will expire and new members will be needed to take their place. If you've ever thought about getting more involved with our association, becoming a board member is a great opportunity to do so. The board meets at least once a month - twice a month during the off-season. Board member terms are three years in length. Soon mailings will be sent and we will be looking for candidates to place on the ballot.

One very important position we need to fill for next year is our Ice Coordinator position. The person who volunteers for this position does not need to be a board member. The volunteer for this role needs to be a person who is extremely organized, a good communicator, and a great problem solver. If you are interested, please notify me at 952-953-0429.

As many of you have probably heard, our association is well on its way to acquiring a charitable gambling license. Right now, what we really need is a place to sell pull-tabs. Legally, we cannot get our license until we have a venue that will allow us to conduct business on their premises. If you're aware of a place, or have a connection with one, please let me know. We'll be aggressively pursuing establishments soon and we can use all the help possible.

Lastly, the board and I have been hearing complaints about several MITE tournaments whereas an EVHA member (father) allegedly organized a MITE team to participate in tournaments. One tournament was in Baldwin, WI, and the other is in Grand Forks, ND. For the record, these were NOT sanctioned, approved, and did not utilize ANY EVHA funds or resources. Also, we have been contacted by District 6 and were told that if this occurred, a violation of Minnesota Hockey rules has taken place. The rules state:

"Minnesota Hockey does not permit Mite Tournaments nor does Minnesota Hockey permit Mite teams to participate in out-of-state tournaments. Minnesota Hockey strongly encourages the skill level development of all players and especially at the entry level. This level player will play within their district and/or their natural hockey community only except the

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District Director shall, for convenience or to maintain continuity, permit a team to play in their natural hockey community as defined by the District Director. The District Director's decision is final." Also, "Teams participating in unsanctioned tournaments may be suspended from Minnesota Hockey activities for the balance of that season and the following season."

**Another big reason for staying away from "unsanctioned" tournaments is that if the team is not registered with USA Hockey the insurance policy covering the kids and potential injuries will not apply.**

Continue to have a great season and thanks to all the volunteers who have been doing a great job for our association!

## Eagle Valley Financial Services Sponsors 2006-2007 Mite Teams

Chris Carlson, *EVHA Mite Coordinator*

Eagle Valley Financial Services is proud to sponsor the Eastview mite teams for the 2006-2007 season. Eagle Valley Financial Services offers personal retirement and estate planning as well as Business Planning. Eagle Valley Financial Services has access to a network of financial resources to meet a variety of personal and business needs.

As a special offer to Eastview association parents, Eagle Valley Financial Services is offering a free financial consultation (up to 1 hour). Please contact Jeff Buck at 952-997-3045 to set up an appointment.

## Practice Ice Reserved for Playoff Season

Beth Berger, *Ice Coordinator*

For some of the teams the season is winding down. For those teams that will make the playoffs, some ice has been reserved. Team managers: please contact me as soon as you know that your team is in the playoffs so we can schedule playoff ice.

The Eastview Hockey Board is still looking for someone to take on the role of ice coordinator for the 2007-2008 hockey season. If anyone is interested in the position feel free to contact me to find out more about the role.

# Lightning Roundup: A mid-season look at our EVHA teams

## Bantam B2 Team Champions of Roseville Thanksgiving Tournament

Gordy Christian and Dan Williams, *EVHA Parents*

Ross Nygren's dramatic shootout goal clinched the championship title for the Eastview Lightning Bantam B2's at the 2006 Roseville Thanksgiving Bantam B2 Tournament, defeating Blaine 4-3 in the championship game.

In the opening round, Eastview defeated Princeton 7-0. Kurt Bradley led the way with a hat-trick and one assist, and goalie Michael Berger posted a 17 save shutout. Mark Brennan added 2 goals, while Cam Cropsey and Nygren added single goals. Jack Frederickson notched 2 assists, with Brett Beattie, Joe Ruedy and John Schaezner adding single assists.

Against White Bear Lake in the semi-finals, Eastview jumped out to a 4-0 first period lead, with goals by John Iverson, Bradley, Nygren and Beattie. Eric Ritacco assisted on 2 of the goals, with Brennan and Beattie adding single assists. In the third period the Bears barraged Lightning goalie Ricky Williams with 15 shots and tied the game with 1:30 left to play. Eastview dug deep and bounced back quickly with Cropsey scoring the game winner, with 56 seconds to play in the game, on assists from Nygren and Iverson. Williams finished the game with 22 saves and a berth in the championship game.

In the title game, the Lightning came back from a 1-0 deficit, with Cropsey, Iverson and Nygren scoring, and Iverson, Ritacco and Bradley adding assists, putting the Lightning ahead 3-1 in



the third period. The Lightning survived some penalty trouble with some strong penalty killing from Sam Christian, Kyle Robotka and Ross Lundholm, and killed off all 11 power plays for the weekend. Blaine did battle back to tie the game midway through the third period. With neither team able to score during two 5-minute overtime periods, it came down to a 3-man shootout. Iverson scored first for Eastview in the shootout, with a wrister to the top shelf. Berger, who had 37 saves for the game, stopped 2 of the 3 Blaine shooters, giv-

## Bantam A Team Lends a Helping Hand

The EVHA Bantam A Team

Saturday December 23rd was a day to remember for the residents of Rivers Manor in Burnsville. The players of the Eastview Bantam A hockey team paid them a holiday visit. The team played bingo with the residents and helped out with some chores that needed to be done such as washing windows, cleaning dishes, flipping mattresses and fixing appliances. They also had some fun playing pool and enjoying ice cream with the residents. At the end of the day, as the Eastview Bantam A hockey team looked back at their heart warming experience. They felt good about their day and they hope to continue their good deeds in the future. The Eastview Lightning Bantam A Team are: Taylor Branstad, Tony Companion, Clay DeNicola, Erik Edsten,



Bryce Gustafson, Michael Mayer, Jack McDevitt, Ty McDevitt, Chris Pletcher, Nick Reynolds, Nick Samsel, Greg Smidl, Nick Taschner, Luke Trepanier and

Paul Thompson. Coaches are: Tom Allard, Dan Pickens and Joel Barzee

## EVHA Bantam C Looking for Strong Finish

Joel McCann, *EVHA Parent*

The 2006/2007 hockey season is in full swing for the Eastview Bantam C team. This year's team consists of players from Eastview, Farmington, and Eagan. The team hasn't had much luck in the win column, but has been working hard and improving weekly. The players have had a chance to play different positions and work on all aspects of their game. Goalie Corey Anderson from the Eagan Hockey Association has been shouldering the full workload in goal. Tyler Stoltzman, Wally Welzin, and Doran Ritzman from the Farmington Hockey Association have been a great addition to the Eastview team. Returning Eastview players Steven Fredell, Kelly Gibbons, Nate Kline, Jordan Koplitz, Andy McCann, Joe Nelson, Alex Niemczyk, Cole Peterson, Quinn Vidas, Andy Futhey, and Tom Wood round out the roster. The team is coached by Rob Ritzman, Shane Wood, and Kirk Futhey. Manager Julie Fredell keeps things running smoothly. The team is supported by a great group of parents. There is one tournament left in Kason, MN in February. The boys are looking forward to getting out of town and participating in another tournament. They continue to work hard and are looking to finish the season strong.

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# Lightning Roundup.....

## U12A REV Girls Love Hockey and Friendships

Rick Jones, *EVHA Parent*

This is the first season of combining the Rosemount (District 8) and Eastview (District 6) U12A girls' team, nicknamed the "REVs." What has become very apparent is how much the girls love hockey and value the new friendships in the combined program.

Under the direction of their capable coaches, Joe Schmitz, Kevin Riley, and Tim Comstock, the girls have continued to develop skills and the ability to play together as a team.

The REV lineup includes the following girls: Hannah Esselman, Sydney Lubeley, Abbey Knoop, Jessica Schmitz, Amanda Comstock, Amber Anderson, Jill Jones, Maxyne Friesen, Lexi Harnagel, Kelsey Philipsek, Anne Ehresmann, Taylor Sampson, Delaney McKay, Kendra Goodrich, Shannon Field, and Lauren Riley.

So far this season the U12A Girls' team has participated in tournaments in South St. Paul, Hastings, and Andover, and they are preparing for their next tournament in Duluth on January 11-14.

What has impressed both coaches and parents is the girls' ability not to give up, coming from behind in the third period to win or tie games. The parents agree that it appears to be harder on the parents than the girls.

The consistent message from the U12A girls is how much they enjoy the camaraderie of girls' team sports and developing new friendships with like-minded girl athletes. Parents value the girls' dedication, discipline, and time management skills required to participate in the girls' hockey program while working hard in school.

## Peewee A Reaches Final in Faribault

Mike Wohl, *EVHA Parent*

The Peewee A team closed out its tournament schedule with a trip to their third final game of the season. The tournament confirmed the team can play with anyone as long as they work hard and play together. As they work towards securing a Top 5 District 6 playoff seed, their play over the weekend was a needed boost in confidence. Coach Nelson stressed, "We have a chance to meet one of our team goals, and that is to play on the winners side of every bracket we are in. The kids have worked hard, and we look forward to a good tournament."

First up was New Richmond, WI, an unknown team who hasn't been faced this year. The key to the team's success has been scoring first, and Jake Heppner did exactly that with an assist from Mitch Beattie to open the game. In the second period Scott

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Nelson scored on a pass from Ryan Reger and a close game was now 2-0 Eastview after two periods. The Lightning has played strong 3<sup>rd</sup> periods this year, and this game was no exception. The team exploded with 5 goals during the 3<sup>rd</sup> stanza. Ryan McNamara scored with an assist from Jon Plaszcz and Courtney Kukowski. Next was Heppner unassisted followed by Reger from Nelson and Nick Cerrato. Nelson scored next assisted by Alex Pavlo, and Plaszcz closed out the period with an assist from McNamara. Alex Stevenson allowed only 8 shots to be put on goal and The Lightning moved on the next round with the 7-0 win.

Next up was New Prague, for the third time this season. As Coach Nelson says, it's hard to beat a team three times in the same season no matter who they are. New Prague played Eastview tight and through the first two periods the game remained tied at 0-0. Half way through the 3<sup>rd</sup> period Nelson found the back of the net to put Eastview up 1-0. Ben Tindell anchored the defense and Alex Wohl stopped all 14 shots he faced and Eastview was moving on to their third final game in four tournaments this year.

The championship game was a match with host Faribault. Eastview was out to avenge 2006's 3-1 loss in the final. Nelson continued his stellar play scoring with an assist from Reger to open up a 1-0 Eastview lead. Faribault broke through scoring on a breakaway and fluke bounce off a player's helmet to take a 2-1 lead into the 2<sup>nd</sup> period. Both teams played hard hockey and closed down the nets to keep the score 2-1 Faribault going into the 3<sup>rd</sup> period. Eastview kept pounding and pounding on the door as clock kept ticking, and then in dramatic fashion Nelson scored with 20 seconds left in the game to send the championship game to overtime.

In overtime both teams had their chances but the score remained tied at the end, and the team was now going into their first shoot-out of the year. Perhaps the lack of shoot-out experience hurt the Lightning as Faribault scored twice and Eastview was unable to put one past the Flacon's goalie. Despite a good effort the team came away with their second 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy of the year.

Coach Nelson summed it up best, "You have to work hard for all 3 periods and then sometimes good things still don't happen, that's hockey." The team was given an extra treat as Coach Eric Strobel made the drive down to Faribault on a cold Sunday afternoon to be in the locker room and on the bench with the team. "It was great having Eric here, through his recovery he was always asking how the kids were doing, and wanted them to know he hadn't forgotten about them." The team was thrilled to see him, and would like to see him again in the upcoming District 6 playoffs.

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## PeeWee B1 Takes 2nd in Owatonna

Rick Leo, *EVHA Parent*

In the Owatonna opening game, the Eastview team advanced with a commanding 6-0 win over the Des Moines Jr. Buccaneers. Scoring for Eastview was Derek Schleicher, Ethan Murray, Amanda Parranto (2 goals), Kirby McPhee and Nick Abbott with assists by Nick Abbott, Dylan Leininger, Derek Schleicher, Ethan Murray, Jake McGlocklin and Ryan Leo.

Eastview defeated the Waterloo Jr. Hawks next by a score of 5-1 in the second round to advance to the championship. Scoring for Eastview was Ryan Leo, Amanda Parranto (2 goals), Derek Schleicher and Kirby McPhee with assists by Dylan Leininger, Ethan Murray, Ryan Leo, Derek Schleicher and Kevin Wobschall.

The exciting championship match-up pitted Eastview against Wayzata White in a hard fought game that went down to the final minutes. Both teams battled through two scoreless periods before Eastview went ahead early in the third period with a goal by Josh Chatfield assisted by Taylor Fienhage and Dylan Leininger. Wayzata tied on a power play late in the period and went ahead in the final minutes of this thrilling game. Goalie, Connor Twomey had a great tournament allowing only 3 goals with 41 saves.



Team members are, front row (from left): Ryan Leo, Jake McGlocklin, Connor Twomey, Nick Abbott, Josh Chatfield, Kirby McPhee; back row

(from left) Taylor Fienhage, Kevin Wobschall, Amanda Parranto, Dylan Leininger, Derek Schleicher, Chris Granat and Ethan Murray. The team is coached by (from left) Mike Twomey, Kurt Chatfield and Bill Leininger.

## Squirt B Blues Take First in New Ulm Tournament

Dave Bernhardson, *EVHA Parent*

The Eastview Squirt B Blue team had a perfect 4-0 weekend to win the championship of the Hermann Hockeyfest tournament in New Ulm December 15-17. More recently, the team has had a couple of impressive outings in District 6 play, losing a hard-fought game 3-1 to Eden Prairie and shutting out Edina 3-0.

In the New Ulm tournament, Eastview outscored its opponents 25-8 in four games, with Erik Kersten providing solid play in goal for the Lightning. The team skated hard and battled on both ends of the ice, and stayed aggressive on the puck throughout the tournament.

The B Blues opened with an 8-2 win over Blaine. Jacob Wilson, Ben Taschner and Shane Bernhardson got a pair of goals each, with singles from Jimmy Douglas and Tanner Leighton. In game two, Douglas lead the way with a hat trick and Bernhardson,

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## PeeWee B2 Having a Great Season

Rick Nelson, *EVHA Parent*



The Pee Wee B2 team has been having a fun season, both on and off the ice. Our league record certainly does not reflect how great the boys have played, nor how hard fought the games have been. On the other hand, our tournament play has been excellent, with a 5-1 record so far. We started out with the Spring Lake Park tournament, taking the consolation trophy. This made the team hungry for something a little bigger. They accomplished that at the Carlton tournament, taking home the first place hardware.

During the first half of the season, three of the skaters have received special awards: Tyler Boente (Zero Award); Luke Frederickson (Hat Trick Award); and Austin Clapp (Playmaker Award.) Additional offense has been supplied by: Andrew Calhoun, Garrett Cropsey, Tanner Hamill, Jordan Millington, Michael Pearson, Andrew Samsel, and Nate Tyo. Strong defense has been provided by: Brady Kelley, Erik Nelson, Alex Reller and Reid Thompson. Coaches Mike Kelley, Scott Calhoun, Jim Reller and Sean Pearson have been diligent on the ice and the bench. The team has had a lot of fun off the ice, too, starting the season with a team party, and having a lot of fun in the pool and with a hallway knee hockey tournament at the Carlton AmericInn (with a trip to Santa thrown in!) The parents have managed to squeeze in some good camaraderie, too, in between all the driving! We're anxious to hit the second half of the season hard, with tournaments in Anoka and Faribault, and a bunch more league games. Keep it up, PeeWee B2s!!

# Lightning Roundup.....

## PeeWee C Receives Pointers From a Pro

Lynne Schleicher, *EVHA Parent*

It's been an interesting season so far for the PeeWee C team. After a lot of hard work the team is really starting to click and they have continued to improve every game. The team has had checking and shooting clinics with Scott Bjugstad, former MN Gopher and NHL player. We've shifted some player's positions and we're seeing lots of nice teamwork. Having played in a Woodbury tournament already, the team is looking forward to upcoming tournaments in North St. Paul and Wausau, Wisconsin. The team members are Alex Stretar, Andrew Freeman,



Kyle Hanson, Shane Kenealey, Mason Ballweg, Mitch Deinhammer, Andrew Kline, Logan Schleicher, Marshall Lang, Ben Kissell, Tony Favilla, Curtis Peterson, Lucas Gansmoe and Karl Nordmeyer. Coaches are: Tim Stretar, Mike Gansmoe and Scott Hanson. Our student coach is Zach Gansmoe and our manager is Lynne Schleicher.

## U10 Black Having Fun Season

Jeff McNamara, *EVHA Parent*

The Rev U10 Black players have worked hard, made good improvement, and had fun through it all. The team prides itself as the most colorful, sporting the very European Rev sweaters, one matching sock, and one bubblegum pink sock. Their pink practice sweaters have earned them the title of Team Bubble Yum by some of the locals.

Rev U10 Black posts a 3-2 conference record. They started out with a convincing 6-2 win over Inver Grove Heights followed by a loss to Woodbury, wins over Eagan and Hastings, and a character builder at the hands of Farmington Black.

The team is anchored by leading scorers Ashley Terry (4 goals) and Kealey EspindaBanick (3 goals) and solid defense play by Cassidy Leininger and Sarah Chatfield. The versatile Andrea Deutsch, Megan McNamara, and Gabby Stevenson have rotated through the net minder's position while filling in roles at defense or center when called. The corps of wings consists of the lunch bucket crew of Holly McPhee, Shannon Gibbons, and Marie McNamara combined with very feisty first year skaters Hailey Snyder, Carolyn Handke, Abbey Fossand, and Anna Schoonover.

Only a third of way through the schedule, the season promises more hard work, more games and a lot more fun!

## Squirt B Black Heats up Carlton Tourney

Kathy Boente, *EVHA Parent*

Trent Williams' awesome glove save of a breakaway gave the Eastview Lightning Squirt B-Black team a shut-out 6-0 win in their victory over Woodland to clinch the third place spot in the Carlton Tournament.



In the opening game, Eastview defeated Wayzata 5-4.

Sammy Herzog led the way, scoring 2 goals. Sam Mellon added another goal and then Brien Boente

scored the tying goal. The game winning goal was scored by Michael Kylo in this closely fought battle.

Eastview played hard in their semi-final game against Forest Lake, but ultimately could not get any points on the board. Forest Lake prevailed 2-0 with 2 power play goals and Eastview moved on to the third place game.

In the third place title game, the Lightning came out shooting with 29 shots on net. Sammy Herzog struck quickly and scored the first goal of the game. This was closely followed by Brien Boente's breathtaking break-away goal. Joel Iverson then added his goal to the tally followed by another from Brien Boente. Nick Terlizzi finished the game strong for the Lightning with 2 back to back goals.

The Eastview Lightning Squirt B-Black's are: Trent Williams, Brien Boente, Erik Lecy, Erik Johnson, Erik Read, Nick Terlizzi, Joel Iverson, Michael Kylo, Samuel Mellon, Kenny Kirkman, Samuel Herzog, and Michael Krummel. Head Coach is Mark Lecy. Assistant Coaches are Tom Williams, Steve Johnson, Ken Kirkman. Team Manager is Monique Williams.

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ing Nygren a chance to win the game with a goal. Nygren deked the Blaine goalie to the ice and calmly lifted a backhand into the empty net sending the Lightning players over the boards to mob Nygren and celebrate the tournament championship.

The Eastview Lightning Bantam B2's are: Brett Beattie, Michael Berger, Kurt Bradley, Mark Brennan, Sam Christian, Cam Cropsey, Jack Frederickson, Kevin Havlicek, Jon Iverson, Ross Lundholm, Ross Nygren, Eric Ritacco, Kyle Robotka, Joe Ruedy, John Schaezner and Ricky Williams; Coaches Ken Walstad, Dan Baribeau, Glenn Iverson and Dan Williams.

# Lightning Roundup.....

## U10A Team Doing Great In District 8

Mark Koplitz, *EVHA Parent*

The REV girls U10A Lucky Charms took third place in the Andover Husky Tournament in December. They opened with a big 5-0 win over Bloomington. Taylor Heppner and Kellie McGahn had a pair of goals each and Sydney Carlson added another. Courtney Companion earned the shutout with rock solid play in the nets.

In game two, the team played a strong game against Elk River that ended in a 2-2 overtime tie. Playing to get to the finals, the REV lost a hard fought 2-1 tilt versus host Andover. Lindsay Koplitz netted our loan goal. In the third place game Ellie Cardinal scored two minutes into overtime for a nice 2-1 win. Also scoring in the tournament were Kristen Reuter, Molly Reber and Ashlee Humble.

The U10A team already have wins over Roseville, Hudson, Hastings twice and an impressive 4-3 victory over a strong Burnsville team. Also providing outstanding play for the Lucky Charms are Maureen McDonald, Anna De Boom, Natalie Deeg, and Marie Olson. The REV U10A team is coached by Jim McDonald, Paul Carlson and Dan Deeg. Upcoming tournaments include a trip to Fergus Falls and a tourney in Shakopee.



## Squirt A Team Enjoying Success

Amy Hutsell, *EVHA Parent*

What a difference a year can make! For returning Squirt A players Mitchell Cerrato, Cole Cooper, Brendan Kukowski, John Snodgrass, Michael Stillings and Dylan Weigel, last season's tournament drought has been washed away by a flood of well-earned team success this year. This core group of hard working, gifted, players has combined with seven equally talented new faces (Zach Driscoll, Pierce Erickson, Jack Frojd, Tommy Hutsell, Cole McDevitt, Keith Muehlbauer and Brett Schweiger), to produce an up tempo, pressure game that has had many of their opponents wondering what hit them. Head Coach Steve Cerrato is pleased with the combined efforts of his veterans and rookies. "We are seeing everyone contributing to our success to date," Cerrato stated.

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After starting the District 6 campaign with a 5-3 victory over Shakopee and a 4-4 tie with Jefferson, the Lightning charged into the West St. Paul "Salute To Hockey" Tournament ready to erase last year's results. The boys did just that pounding Northfield 9-0 in their opening round game. In a much tighter affair, the Lightning took their semi-final game against Mahtomedi by a score of 3-1. In the championship game, the Lightning ran into a very talented team from Wayzata, fell behind early and, despite a tremendous effort in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods, lost 4-1. The success of their runner-up finish in WSP restored confidence and has set the stage for the rest of the season.



The Lightning's next tournament was the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual North St. Paul Squirt A Tournament. This 16-team tournament attracted several of the top Squirt A teams in the metro area. After an opening round 4-1 victory over Mahtomedi, the boys ran into two buzz saws, losing to the eventual champion, and undefeated, Eagan, and to Wayzata, who also lost only one game all weekend. In true show of character, the Squirt A team rallied to win their last two games, both in convincing fashion, beating host North St. Paul 4-1, and Champlin Park 5-2. To finish in the top half of this talent-laden tournament was another step forward for the team, and it has used that momentum to push its District 6 record to an impressive 3-2-2 (the only two league losses were by identical 2-1 scores against Eden Prairie and Chaska). Coach Cerrato acknowledges this bodes well for his team, noting "we have been improving every game and we're excited about the rest of the season."

No Squirt A season would be complete without the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Squirt A v. Eastview Varsity game. The two sides squared off on New Year's Day at St. Thomas Arena. In the face of several ineffective pre-game threats about "keeping your head up," an inspired Squirt team pummeled the Varsity boys all night, getting much better of the physical play. Unable to match the Squirts' intensity, the Varsity resorted to a strategy of taking penalty after penalty, resulting in a number of penalty shot goals for the good guys. In the end, it was an overtime goal by the Squirts, which vaulted them to a 9-8 victory (their 11<sup>th</sup> straight). A huge thank you goes to coach Gibbons and his team for taking time away from their lives to "face the Squirt music." It was a great time for everyone and something the kids will remember.

# Lightning Roundup.....

## Squirt C Blue Lightning Bolts Strike

Linda Kaye, *EVHA Parent*

The Lightning Bolts are having a great year. Practices are fun and focused with the results seen in every game. December saw the Bolts take the Consolation Championship in the Sartell Tournament with a 2-1 record. The initial loss to Sartell was followed up with 2 victories over Cottage Grove and Andover. Success has also carried over into league play with a current record of 8 wins and only 1 loss. Great Work team! Each player is contributing to the success of the team with many scoring goals, good defensive play and getting a chance to play goal. The team is lead by head coach Chris Carlson and assistant coaches Todd Anders, Shirley Buck, Mike Engst and Matt Fortuna. Due to the great organization of manager Butch Handahl our season is running as smoothly as possible.

The Bolts played in the Brooklyn Park Pirate Classic Jan 12 – 14, 2007. They faced some very good competition resulting in some great games to watch. The results weren't always in the Bolts favor, but the games were exciting. The first match up was a loss against Forest Lake which they followed up with a win against the host team Brooklyn Park. Sunday the Bolts were handed their 2<sup>nd</sup> loss by Sartel, but the team fought hard and game back from a 4 goal deficit to a final score of 5-3. Goal keeping was shared between Roark Roark and Holly. Scoring for the team were Tuthill, Buck, Handahl, Roark, and Peterson. Everyone on the team played hard and represented Eastview well. The Lightning Bolts are: Cole Anders, Dylan Buck, Blake Carlson, Dustin Darud, Logan Engst, Michael Fortuna, Andre Gaubert, Samuel Handahl, Austin Holly, Alexander Nunn, Paul Peterson, Royal Roak, Eric Thompson and Andrew Tuthill.

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Wilson, Taschner and Leighton netted one apiece, as the Lightning defeated Albert Lea 7-2. The semifinal game was a 6-1 win over Richfield, with goals coming from Douglas (2), Wilson, Bernhardson, Taschner and Michael Terry.

In the championship game, the Lightning faced off against an Orono team that had also gone undefeated in pool play. Douglas gave Eastview a 1-0 lead, but Orono responded with a goal to make it 1-1 at the end of one period. The teams traded goals two more times during the game, with Eastview tallies coming from Bernhardson and Terry. With little more than a minute left in the third and the score tied 3-3, Douglas broke free down the middle and slid the puck through the five hole to give Eastview a 4-3 lead. The Lightning had to stave off a six-

skater attack by Orono in the final minute of the game to get the win and capture the championship hardware. Eastview's scoring success throughout the tournament was the result of great passing and team play. Assists totals added up quickly: Bernhardson (6), Douglas (5), Leighton (4), Michael Kagan (2) and one apiece from Karsten Augustin, Luke Peterson, Tanner Roe, Taschner and Wilson.

The Squirt B Blue members are: **Karsten Augustin, Shane Bernhardson, Jimmy Douglas, Michael Kagan, Erik Kersten, Tanner Leighton, Kenny Moran, Luke Peterson, Tanner Roe, Ben Taschner, Michael Terry and Jacob Wilson.** Coaches are: **Jim Douglas, Greg Roe, Tony Taschner and Kurt Terry** The team manager is **Dave Bernhardson.**

## Great Beginnings for U10B Green

By: Cindy Matalamaki, *EVHA Parent*



With five of the thirteen girls new to hockey, the U10B Green Machine may be a bit "green," but they have already demonstrated tremendous growth. Co-coaches Pete Desrocher and Jim Carroll put together some dry land practices early in the season to go over the basics. This hard work paid-off, and the Green Machine came from behind to win their first game of the season 4-3 over Orono after trailing 3-0 with six minutes left in the 3rd period. In fact, the team's great determination and spirit have brought the team two 4th place tournament finishes and a couple of league w's to round out December.

Placing fourth in their first two tournaments has provided great incentive for earning some hardware the next time around. The New Year has started off on the right skate with the Green Machine gaining a sweet victory over Burnsville 5-0 in a New Year's Eve scrimmage. (The Green Machine lost third place to Burnsville in a shoot-out at the November tournament.) The girls had a pizza party with host Burnsville after the scrimmage

Whether on or off the ice, the Green Machine is a true team that knows how to have fun. To help one of their assistant coaches celebrate his 40th birthday, the team worked together to "decorate" his house with a case of toilet paper! "Herbies" anyone? Pizza parties have also been a team favorite for celebrating victories or simply sharing some laughs. And the team understands the power of Krispy Kremes in making those early morning practices a bit more bearable.

The Green Machine is looking with great anticipation to their upcoming tournament in Hibbing. With their focus on teamwork, energy and fun, expect to read about some wins and a trophy in the next issue.

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