



WILD THINGS

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U16/14 - "Sweet February" - *By Mary Hawthorne*

U16B team had some sweet victories during the month of February.

The girls faced the Kenosha U16 team on Feb. 10th, for the region 5 representative for the State Tournament. The girls took the win with a score of 5-1. The girls will head to Siren, WI on March 10-12.

Another highlight of February was the girl's trip to Altoona WI for the Altoona Classic Girls U16 tournament, Feb 24-26. Saturday proved to be somewhat uneventful, as the girls faced some newer girls programs. Winning against Altoona 6-1, scoring for the Wild; **Corinne Nierzwicki, Sarah Gelhaar, Megan Gloor, Erika Koppa, and Brittany Berry**. Winning the second game of the day against Hayward WI 12-0. A hat trick was earned by **Abbie Hawthorne**, playmaker by **Brittany Berry** and a shut out by **Jenna LeRoy**.

Sunday's game was against Sheboygan U16. The girls tied and lost to



this team earlier in the season, and wanted to get the win! The girls left Altoona with 'championship metals', beating Sheboygan 3-1. **Megan Gloor** scored 2 goals, and **Abbie Hawthorne** 1. Nice Job girls!

Congratulations to Wild players selected as MWEHL All-Stars:

Kim Tess-Wanat & Ashley Hietpas

Honorable Mentions: Brookley Rodgers, Kirsten Dier, Michelle McGann

Congratulations to Wild players selected for MWEHL Academic Awards:

Jennifer Bextemueller, Ashley Hietpas, Jessica Patrone, Meagan Wanecke, Kathryn Laurado, Kim Tess-Wanat, Brookley Rodgers, Karli Reifschneider, Rachel Gasperetti, Erin Callahan, Kayte Holtz, Michelle LaCombe, Emily Brienzo, Jennifer Roeper, Kirsten Dier, Kathleen Claypool, Sue Schmitz, Leah Coe, Lindsay Cashman, Michelle McGann, Jamie Kivi, Cori Bassett, Heather Rossi

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U19AAA - The "Second Season" Begins - *by Loren Claypool & Dan Koniar*

The Wild began February with a three game, non-conference set against Shattuck-St. Mary's at the school and went 1-2 against the defending national champs in a tough, close weekend of hockey, highlighted by the final game in which the Wild shocked the SSM team and fans with a solid 4-3 victory.

The following weekend it was off to Lansing for the MWEHL league tournament where the Wild went 2-2 and cap-

tured fourth place. The team notched victories against the Ohio Flames and North American Hockey Academy, but fell short to the Colorado Selects in round robin play, and then again to Honeybaked in the 3rd place finale. Shattuck-St. Mary's won the tournament championship, capturing the Justine Pellmann Trophy, named by the MWEHL after our Wild Alumnae.

The cumulative record for the year

through February is 26-19-5.

The team begins the "second season" the weekend of March 10th with their bid for the Girl's U19 Tier I State Championship against the Madison Capitols and Team Wisconsin. The winner moves on to represent Wisconsin in the USA Hockey Central District playoffs in Illinois en route to the National Championship tournament in Buffalo, NY.

U16AAA - *by Michell LaCombe*

In February we traveled to Lansing to attend the MWEHL league playoffs. Our first game was a tough one, we played a great game against Honeybaked pulling off our first win against them ever. It was rough, it was long, and it was fast, but with our positive mindset and our determination, we pulled off a 2-1 win; it was a great way to start the weekend. With the adrenaline + excitement still in our blood from the night before we pulled off another win (6-3) against the Michigan Capitols. The game was slow at first and nobody could tell how it was going to end; until the Wild stepped it up and took the game from the Capitols.

Next up was the Chicago Chill. I don't

think our team was overly confident, or that we were worn out, I think our team just had 'one of those games' at a time when the Chill played very well. The Chill won that game 2-3, which was a HUGE wake up call to my fellow teammates and me. After the coaches left the room the team had a talk and we decided to never let that happen again, and so far it hasn't. Although we had lost that game, the two games we had won before qualified us for the semi-finals, and Little Caesar's was our next opponent.

The game was back and forth, and both teams were dead even and both teams were getting frustrated. The score was 0-0 the whole game until they snapped one

in with about two minutes left to go. This was upsetting, but we learned never to let up, not even for a couple of seconds, because any couple of seconds can win or lose the game.

Over the weekend of Feb 25, our team traveled by bus, up to Marquette Michigan, and boy was there A LOT of snow. We played three games against the Iron Rangers U19 team. They were big, physical, and fast, but we came out ahead by winning two of the three games played.

When the year began, our team had several goals. Going into this season we had never beaten: Assabet, Little Caesar's, TI or Honeybaked. At this point, we have beaten three of the four teams...one team remains.

U12AAA - *By John Zolinski*

February was a very successful month for the U12AAA's as the team went 5-1 against a variety of opponents. It kicked off with a game against the Beaver Dam U14's which showcased the Wild's offensive skills. They began with seven consecutive goals on their way to an 8-2 win. Later that afternoon they traveled to Waupun to face their Pee Wee B team. The Wild led 1-0 for much of the game before Waupun came back in the third to take a 2-1 lead. Not intimidated by the Pee Wee's physical play, the Wild battled back to tie it up late in the game then scored again with 13 seconds left to win 3-2.

The following weekend, with most of the potential competition at State playdowns, the team held an intra-squad scrimmage which included the coaches in full gear.

Now some people might think it wasn't fair that adults play with U12 girls but it turned out OK. The girls took it easy on the coaches. That same weekend **Allie Mueller** took off her skates long enough to compete in the 2006 Wisconsin track and field indoor championships at Carthage College. Acting like she was on a breakaway, Allie sprinted to a first place finish in the 55 meter dash capturing the indoor title for the midget division. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALLIE!!!

Over the next two weekends, back to back games against the Chicago Chill U12 netted two more wins, a 2-0 victory at the Ponds and a 4-1 win at the Arctic Ice arena in Orland Park, IL. *Note: The team wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to Coach Bob for making the long, treacherous, 30 second drive from his*

home to the rink for the second game.

The rematch against Waupun brought the Wild another victory in a very intense game. After falling behind early the Wild came back to take a 3-2 lead. When the girls added an insurance goal late, the Pee Wee's began auditioning for *Slapshot 3*, finishing the game with 4 players in the penalty box. To the Wild's credit, they showed class and composure in not retaliating. The regular season ended later that evening against the Arrowhead U14's. The Wild took a 1-0 lead into the third period but the older girl's size and strength wore them down, resulting in a 3-1 loss.

The 12AAA's finish the regular season with a 24-14-0 record, outscoring their opponents 152-101. Next up is a best 2 out of 3 series against the Madison Capitols for the State Championship.

U10 — "Experience Matters" - *by Kevin Suino*

February was filled with more than hockey hearts and pink pucks. The U-10 WILD team played four games, finishing at 2-2 for the month, and a 14-11 mark for the regular season.

Wild victories came against the Waukesha Mite C White & Gold teams, 5-0 and 5-1 respectively. The Pettit Squirt C team handed the Wild a 12-1 loss, as did the Beaver Dam Mite A team, 5-2.

Minding the nets in February was **Rosie Avery**, who collected two wins and save totals of 5, 19, 11, and a personal best of 21 in the final regular season game. Collecting goals for the Wild were: **Irene Hougard, Hannah Koniar, Justine Ertl, Sloan Sullivan, Kelsey Kaz-**

mierzak, Jessica Foley, and Francesca Suino. February assists went to: **Cora Hougard, Hannah Koniar, and Francesca Suino.**

And now, seventeen lucky girls will have a chance to play at the WAHA State Tournament in Menomonie, WI on March 4th & 5th. That group includes **Tealin Robinson, Rosie Turcott, and Irene & Cora Hougard**, who are all playing in their first U-10 tournament this season.

Long after the awards are handed out and the scores fade away, win or lose; it's the experience of having played in a state tournament that matters most!

Go WILD!!!

U12B "Fabulous February" - *By Tami Clark*

A last minute game against the SHAW U14's showed a poised U12B team. They beat the U14's decisively 6-0 with two goals by **Jeralise Tylke** and Morgan Clark and one each from "D" by **Sarah Atkielski** and **Maggie Ray**. Assisting these goals to the net were **Clark, Atkielski, Irene Hougard** and **Trinity Robinson**.

Our state match-up was against Arrowhead, who beat us 6-1 the previous weekend. The girls were virtually a new team on the ice. The third period score was 2-3 Arrowhead, with goals from the Wild by **Erin Bal-**

linger and **Clark** assisted by **Molli Goble**. A timeout was called by Coach **Jim Goble** to pull the goalie and talk to the girls. They fought hard the last few seconds on the ice, but came up short.

Next, in a good match up against Winter Club, we saw a 2-2 tie. **Gabby Turcott** had both a goal in the game and an assist to **Clark**. All was caught on videotape by mom! The girls chalked up two more wins the following weekend with a 3-0 win over state-bound Ozaukee and an intense 5-4 win over Joliet. **Robinson** and

Birthday Wishes

Annie Ertz

Ellie Buebendorf

Rachel Hafner

Molli Goble

Haley Branovan

Mattie Ramsey

Hayley Siira

Abbie Hawthorne

Suzanne McGann

Jessica Patrone

Meagan Wanecke

Maggie Mickelson

Meagan Sudik

U14B Finish 3rd in GCHL Tourney - *by Christine Neirzwicki*

The U14B team wrapped up the 05-06 season with a 3rd place finish in the Bantam division of the Girls Central Hockey League (GCHL) tournament. The team also finished 3rd in the regular season to qualify for the tournament.

The tournament was hosted by the Springfield, IL Lady Kings on February 18th & 19th. The team was matched up against the 2nd place Highland Park (IL)

Falcons. In the second period the Wild tied the score at one each on a great shot from the point by **Abbie Hawthorne**. However, the Falcons fought back with a power play goal in the third period to win (2 to 1).

The loss put the Wild in the 3rd place game against the Elmhurst (IL) Chiefs. This time the Wild got the lead first with a goal by **Corinne Neirzwicki** and assists

by **Cassidy Radjenovic & Sarah Gelhaar** and an unassisted goal by **Suzanne McGann** in the second period. The Chiefs did not give up scoring two goals early in the third period. However, **Suzanne McGann** came through again with another unassisted goal with 5 minutes remaining to cap the victory & a 3rd place finish in the tournament.

The DEVAS by Dan Koniar

Eight games in 4 weeks, plus practices including a couple of practice/game Saturdays. That gives you an idea of how busy the Devas were in February.

Now factor in the opponents: the DC Diamonds U10 team twice, SHAW Mite C & Elmbrook Mite C teams, as well as our usually fare of mini-mites.

All-in-all a great way to finish a first-ever season of hockey for our young stars. These girls showed class as they worked so hard and had so much fun learning and playing this wonderful team game. Every practice, every game, win or lose, would be brightened by the smiles on our girls' faces, as you could see and feel their excitement being a part of the team, and just being on the ice!

The Devas will close out this year by attending a Milwaukee Admirals' game on Friday, March 17th. Then they will host a Parent/Kid game on the 18th, followed by a the team party at the Ponds. Watching the girls develop as individual players and as a team, I think the parents might be in trouble. No, I KNOW the parents will be in trouble!

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This newsletter is intended to provide timely information and reading enjoyment to all parties interested in the *Wisconsin Wild Girls' Hockey Teams*. We intend to publish it monthly during the 2004-2005 hockey season. Suggestions and ideas for future issues are welcome and should be directed to Dan Koniar at dkoniar@wi.r.com

CALENDAR

MARCH

10-12 - WAHA Championship:
U12, U16 & Tier I

17-19 - USAH Central District
Playoff

29-April 2 - USAH Nationals

Notes from The Board

The Wisconsin Wild Board has three openings this year. The Wild will be looking for a **President**, **VP On-Ice** (which is the liaison between the coaches and the Board) and a **Director at large**. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact any current member of the Board.

- Special points of interest:**
- *Prep for State, Regionals, Nationals*
 - *Birthday Wishes*
 - *Board Notes*
 - *MWEHL Honors*

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