



WILD THINGS

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U16AAA - 2005 POLAR BEAR FINALISTS!

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The final week of 2005 provided us a long, tough, and unexpected journey; it was the annual Polar Bear Tournament. Arriving in Connecticut was quite overwhelming, but we kicked off the jetlag Monday night at practice by working extra hard preparing for our first game Tuesday.

After winning against Scarborough by a one goal difference, 3-2, we knew this would be no easy tournament. Our next game against the Force from Massachusetts, was the best game I've yet seen us play; the passes were on the tape, the shots hard, and skating even harder. We looked like a team, and skated the Force right into the ice pulling off a 3-1 win. Being a bit worn out, we went on the bleachers and replenished ourselves with some fruit and bagels. But an hour and a half is obviously just not enough rest. We lost to Colorado with a disappointing score

of 1-4. No one on the Wild team was satisfied with this outcome. At this point, we thought we were going to be out of the tournament. The only way we'd continue is if team Scarborough would beat Colorado. Our next game was against Bridgewater, NJ and no one knew what to expect. We played well and the game ended 7-0 in our favor. We were in our locker room after the game when **Brookley Rogers** ran in with upsetting news saying that the whole Scarborough team is sick with the flu, is throwing up, and their extra goalie is skating out. I hate to say it, but our entire team was doubtful at this point. We showered and got some Gatorade (just in case we would have to play again;) then we went and watched the game. I don't know if it was our cheering or their skill, but somehow Scarborough pulled off the win beating Colorado 3-0 and making it possible for us to move on.

Our quarter final game was against Buffalo who we knew is a very tough and skilled team, but we knew that we had to beat them, and we did 4-1, This was no easy task. Assabet, a well-known National Championship team was our next opponent. We knew what was coming; we knew they were easily one of the best teams in the country, but we also knew that we could keep up. **Kayte Holtz** scored right away which ended up being the only goal of the game for both teams. **Erin Callahan** had the best game I had ever seen she tore up the ice blocking every single shot they gave to her. Winning this game was like the championship to us, we were all so proud to have taken such a big step!

The tournament was not yet over, we had reached the finals two teams out the original forty-two remained. We were going to be playing against a familiar team, one in our own league; Team Illinois. Although we scored first and held it for a bit, it did not take long for the talented TI team to catch up, and then quickly pass with the score 1-4.

We are proud to be the 3rd Wild team to reach the finals in the past 3 years.

*Polar Bear Finalists
Congratulations Girls!*



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The Wild opened up December with two home games at the Ponds, beating TI in conference action and losing to Marquette in a non-conference contest. The team hit the road, going 1-2-0 in conference play at the Kenosha showcase. The Wild took their show to the Polar Bear tournament in Connecticut where they split with the Polar Bear's in pre-tournament action and went 2-2-0 in the tournament with wins against Charles River and Syracuse and one goal losses to Toronto and Les Cheminot. All in, the Wild are 17-14-5 on the year through December and 6-4-4 in the MWEHL.

The New Year has the team setting out with a new attitude, and looking ahead to the final League Weekend in Kenosha on January 20-22. These final MWEHL games will determine the seeding of the Wild in the League Playoffs to be held in Lansing, MI in February. Last year's National Champions, Shattuck-St. Mary's, came out of the MWEHL, and the Wild will have to be prepared for that top level of competition to make it through that weekend.

Visit the Wild website to stay informed of our team's progress!

GOALIE SKILLS

Guided by Goalie Coach Steve Boll, and assisted by Coach Scott Noles, these are valuable opportunities for current goalies and our young goalie prospects to acquire many of the tools for success.

Remaining Sessions:

FEB 2nd & 16th

ALL Goalies should attend these sessions!

A U12AAA Christmas Carol *By John Zolinski*

'Twas the month before Christmas, the 12's hit the rink.

Their play was just awesome, but their hockey bags stink.

They started in Ozaukee, against Pee Wee White,
and beat them nine-zero, then to "U" School that night.

Three **Morgans**, they skated real hard through the game.

While **Hailey** and **Hayley**, on "D" did the same.

With **Anna** in her goal pads, **Bridget** in fur gloves,

They faced off against Winter Club, there were plenty of shoves.

While out on the ice, there were hits, noise and chatter,
the Wild won eight-one, so it really didn't matter.

Next day against Winter Club, we scored in a flash,
and won six to zero, there was hardly a slash.

Three wins in that weekend, it was quite a show.

It raised the team's win streak, to six in a row.

The very next weekend, at the Ponds did appear,

The Fond du Lac 14's, and all of their gear

The Wild asked "who'll lead us, in this difficult job"?

They knew in a moment it must be Coach **Bob**

With Coach **Mary** beside him, on the bench through the game,

he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

Go, **Taija**! skate, **Jessie**! change, **Mattie** and **Jamie**!

Pass, **Allie**! shoot, **Ripley**, score **Ellen** and **Amy**.

They lost big to Fond du Lac, with girls big and tall,
who slashed away, slashed away, slashed away all.

The next week in practice, they worked hard each night,

They were ready for their next game, Ozaukee Pee Wee White.

So out on the ice, the Wild girls they flew,

A great job by **Alysa**, and **Madeline** too.

The Wild had a great game, they won four to one,
but even more important, the girls all had fun!!!

The following morning, they all came to see,
could the Wild win another, versus Waukesha "D"

The girls fell behind, then tried to come back.

but still lost five-four, to the team dressed in black

After taking a break, for Christmas delights,
they played their next game, on a rare Friday night.

The drove to Milwaukee, for a game against SHAW,
and the Wild who were there, they liked what they saw.

They gave up the first goal, but they'd seen that before.

At the buzzer of the second, the ref's said SHAW scored!

But the Wild in the third, they were something to see.

At the end of the game, it was Wild four, SHAW three.

The Beaver Dam 14's, was the last game this year.

Would the year end in sorrow, or would there be cheer?

The first period was quiet, it ended with no score.

The second was better, the Wild scored four.

Four more in the third, that ended the game.

The only thing left, was a shutout to claim.

The defense stood firm, and got the job done.

The Wild scored eight, Beaver Dam they scored none.

The month of December, it was something to view,

The 12 A's were awesome, they won six, lost two

Coach sprang to his car, to his team gave a whistle.

He took off for his date, like an Illinois missile.

But I heard him exclaim, kind words and advice,

"Happy Christmas to all, keep your stick on the ice."

U10 — "Ice-A-Goals" by Kevin Suino

The U-10 WILD started off as cold as ice in December losing their first three games and managing only two goals in the process. In the second half of the month, the WILD heated up the nets scoring eighteen goals and winning two out of three contests, finishing with a 2-4 record for the month.

The four defeats were at the hands of the Appleton Wizards U-10 team, 5-0; Ozaukee Ice Dogs - Mite Blue team, 2-1; the Elmbrook Eagles - Squirt C team, 12-1; and the DC Diamonds U-10 team 4-3. Victories came over the Beaver Dam Mite A team 2-1, and the Elmbrook Mite C team 13-0.

U-10 WILD Highlights in the month:

- two (24) save performances by **Jenna Bales** in goal

- shut out victory in her first game in goal by **Rachel Hafner**
- (52) team offensive shots on goal in one game
- team defense allowing a total of five goals in its last three games
- December goals from: **Zoe Oskarsson, Alexis Aghjian, Jenna Bales, Hannah Koniar, Jessica Foley, Sloan Sullivan**, and hat tricks for **Kelsey Kazmierczak & Francesca Suino**
- December assists from: **Alexis Aghjian, Justine Ertl, Jessica Foley, Irene Hougard, Kelsey Kazmierczak, Hannah Koniar, Zoe Oskarsson, and Rosie Turcott**

Talk a walk on the U-10 WILD side!

U12B - Tami Clark

The U12B girls started December with a 3-game weekend. The first two games netted two defeats while the third game against Sheboygan brought an easy victory of 6-1 with goals scored by **Erin Ballinger, Erica Shaffer, Morgan Clark** and a hat trick from **Sarah Atkielski**. The following weekend the 12B's continued to keep any further losses from their record with a 1-1 tie against the Waukesha Squirts. The weekend ended in a 3-2 win over the Madison Ice. **Maggie Ray** came out personally determined to earn herself a hermit crab and scored from the blue line in the first

period. The goal inspired the girls to play aggressively and they kept the ice at bay with help from some quick action by goalie **Jen DeGeorge**. It was a thrilling game for everyone! Our attitude that an assist is as good as a goal leads us to acknowledge **Katie Grudnowski, Atkielski, Molly Geary, Becca Gecks, and Trinity Robinson** for their awesome support in getting the goals to the net. Before Christmas, we all settled into the party room for an ornament exchange, parental chit-chat, and an intake of Krispy Kremes and cupcakes. Our New Year's Resolution: cut back on the

U14B by Christine Neirzwicki

December was a light month, with only two (2) games, due to a heavy U16B schedule and the cancellation of several games. In the first game on Dec 10th, the team played Appleton U14 Girls. The Wild started strong, scoring early in the 1st period. However, the balance of the game was a defensive struggle, with no further scoring. Strong goaltending capped the victory – 1 to 0. In the 2nd game over the Christmas break, the team played local rival Arrowhead. The Wild had beaten them in November, but came up on the short side in the rematch, losing 2 to 1.

The Wild will need to get pass Arrowhead in the play-downs to advance to the State Tournament in March.

In the GCHL, the Wild is still in 3rd place, trailing Wilmette & Highland Park. January will be a busy month with seven (7) league games including three (3) games with the 1st & 2nd place teams. The top four (4) teams in the U14 division will advance to the league championship on February 18 & 19 in Springfield, IL. For all the GCHL action, check out: www.usahockey.com/girls_central/_main_site/main/home/

Birthdays Wishes

Jessica Malloy

Isabel Pesci

Irene Hougard

Amy Zolinski

Erin Callahan

Jamie Kivi

U16B by Mary Hawthorne

December opened with a game against the Fillies Girls U19 team, from Barrington IL. The girls tied 2-2.

The girls faced the Kenosha U16 team on December 4. This team will be one the girls will have to beat for "state", and were anxious for the match up. The girls took the win, 6-1. Scoring for the Wild **Devon Ellena** (2), assisted by **Suzanne McGann; Abbie Hawthorne**, assisted by **Brittany Berry; Megan Gloor**, assisted by **Devon Ellena; Brittany Berry**, assisted by **Hillary Horvath**, and unassisted goal by **Cassidy Radjenovic**.

Great goal tending by both **Kristen Saragnese** and **Jenna LeRoy**.

The Green Bay Bobcats girls U19 traveled to the Ponds mid December. Word was out that this was going to be a tough team, but the girls were ready. The girls were ahead, 4-3, and with less than 1 minute left in the game the Green Bay girls put the tie goal in the net!

The rest of the month consisted of some tight games; with a tie against Sheboygan's U16 team. The holiday break, proving not to be much of a "break", brought on the DC Diamond U19. The Wild could not penetrate DC's tough goalie; out-shooting the team, however coming up short on the score board 0-2. On December 30, the snow did not stop the Appleton U16 from heading down, and playing a tough fight. A goal by **Brittany Berry** (assist by **Abbie Hawthorne**) in the second period, tied up the game 1-1. With 3 minutes left in the game, Appleton put one in, to take the win 2-1. Great defensive support by **Kaitlin Traverser** and **Erika Koppa**.

The U16B team is looking forward to their first tournament Jan 13-15, in Sauk Prairie.

The DEVAS by Dan Koniar

The Wild Devas finished up 2005 with 4 games in December, and some impressive advances in their play. Although the Ozaukee Mite White team spent a lot of time in our end, the Wild Devas kept after them. The final score of 6-0 in favor of our guests did not reflect the excellent defensive efforts of our young stars. **Cara Anzivino** did a wonderful job in goal turning a way more than one great shot or breakaway or scoring chance. And that's only when our girls let the Ozaukee team through, as the Devas frustrated their opponents' offensive attempts on a consistent basis. The girls generated some offense as they once again negotiated the "off-sides" rule and tried to move the puck forward. All in all the team had fun, and NEVER QUIT!

The team took a "road trip" through the first big snow of the year to West Bend on Dec 4th, and defeated their hosts, the Washington County Mite House team, by the score of 8-3. Coach Scott led the girls through the snow, and guided our girls to victory. **Cara Anzivino** played solid in net, while the offense was led by **Sydney Weinreich & MaKenna Stelpflug**. Great job, ladies!

In our next game, scoring for the Deva's were #14 **MaKenna Stelpflug** with two goals and #9 **Sydney Weinreich** with one goal. Wild 3 - Waukesha Black 5. The month ended with a loss to SHAW's Mite D team, 7-2. **MaKenna Stelpflug** and **Sydney Weinreich** tallied the 2 goals for the Devas.

We are excited because our girls are moving the puck, playing their positions, and scoring goals. It's all part of the process. Keep working, Ladies!

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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

JANUARY	
29 - Junior Wild 3:00pm	16 - Goalie Skills 6:40pm
FEBRUARY	
2 - Goalie Skills 6:40pm	12 - Junior Wild 3:00pm
5 - Junior Wild 3:00pm	19 - Junior Wild 3:00pm
	19 - WAHA Tryouts
	26 - Junior Wild 3:00pm

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 let any member of the Board know prior to February 15, 2006.

WAHA Tryouts for the WAHA summer camps and Team Wisconsin have been announced. These are for girls born in 1992 and earlier. Please see the front page of our website for more details.

Coaches evaluations are out. Please take the time to complete one and return it to your Manager.

Special points of interest:

- Goalie Skills
- Junior Wild
- Birthday Wishes
- Polar Bear

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