



# WILD THINGS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WISCONSIN WILD GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## U16/14 Team Takes U19 Tourney - *By Mary Hawthorne*

The highlight of January was the team's trip to Rhinelander WI, for the Rhinelander Girls U19 Tournament.

The first game of the tournament brought on the U19 girls team from Merrill WI. The girls had no problems taking the win 7-0. **Brittany Berry** earned a hat trick, and **Jenna LeRoy** a shut out.

The evening's game was against Kenosha's U19 team. This team has become somewhat of a "rival" this season. After losing to this team three times prior, the girls were ready to fight and win. The first period a goal by **Cassidy Radjenovic** tied up the game 1-1. The score held until the third period, when the winning goal was put in by **Sara Reynolds!**

The girls knew Sunday's game would not be an easy one, as they faced a tough Appleton U19 team, for the championship. Appleton scored in the first period, with a 1-0 lead. The Wild's defense (**Koppa, Traverse, McGann, and Hawthorne**) and Goalie (**Saragnese**) held the Appleton girls from scoring. During the third pe-



riod, **Brittany Berry** (assisted by **Hawthorne**) scored to tie the game 1-1. The game went into double overtime. The final goal was tipped in the net (**Berry/Gloor**) to hit the goalie's glove and go in the net! The girls won 2-1. What a great weekend!

The U16B team will face the

Kenosha U16 girls on Feb 10, for a chance at the Region 5 representative for the state tournament in March. The team will also be traveling to Altoona, WI to participate in their U16 Girls Tourney at the end of February.

**GOOD LUCK GIRLS!!**

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## U19AAA: On To League Playoffs - *by Loren Claypool & Dan Koniar*

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After a long December, the Wild has a light January with only 5 games—four of which were MWEHL games. The team went 3-1 in league play with victories over Madison, Little Caesars and Colorado, and the lone loss to Honeybaked. The strong finisher notched a 3rd place finish in the MWEHL's American Division, with a league record of 9-5-4, earning a spot in the league playoffs in Lansing in mid-February. The Wild won their

only non-conference game of the month against the Chicago Chill, 5-2. Through January the Wild are 23-15-5.

The MWEHL Playoffs will pit the Wild against the Ohio Flames, North American Hockey Academy (NAHA) and Colorado Selects in the "World Division" in round robin play. The top team in this pool will face the top team of the "USA Division" of Shattuck / Honeybaked / the Thoroughbreds / Washing-

ton. The U19 Championship game will be played for the Justine Pellman Trophy, named by the MWEHL after our Wild Alumnae who died in a car accident last year.

Our team now has many incentives to capture the league championship. Regardless, our team will be at the championship game in support of Justine's parents, Lance and Christine, and her family.

## U16AAA - *by Michell LaCombe*

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Since our last article, our team has played in our final two MWEHL Showcase weekends. We traveled to Detroit by bus over the weekend of January 14 and 15 where we played four games. Coming in to this weekend we were in third place in our league but the standings were so close, any one of four teams could be eliminated from the playoffs over the next two weekends. We played four games winning one & tying against Little Caesars, tying the Michigan Capitals in an exhibition game and losing one against Honeybaked in the final two minutes of the game. This gave us 3 of 6 possible points for the weekend in league play and secured our playoff position.

The following weekend we were in Kenosha for our final league weekend. We opened on Friday night against Team Illinois. We have not come close to beating TI so far this year, but we came awfully close this last Friday night. It was a snowy night, and difficult to concentrate on the game we were about to play. Four other players and I arrived after the first period due to the weather. As I ran into the rink I found the Wild down by 1. Two first period goals, one by **Jess Patrone** & one by **Brookley Rogers** turned the score to 2-1; WILD IN THE LEAD! Both teams played an outstanding game and with about two minutes left in the game, they

tied it up.

The next game we really wanted to win. In the Polar Bear Tournament we had lost to Colorado by three. This weekend it was our turn. We skated hard and the final score was 2-1 for the Wild. Our final game of the weekend was an early one against Montgomery. It was a long game, but we pulled through, the final score was 2-1.

Our team finished in third place in the MWEHL 16U National Division which turned out to be very competitive. We are practicing & preparing to travel to Lansing, Michigan for the league playoffs February 10-12.

## U12AAA "Chicks With Sticks" Champs! - *By John Zolinski*

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The Wild U12AAA's started 2006 on a high note by battling on and off the ice to emerge as champions of the Chicks With Sticks tournament in Buffalo, MN. The team left on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> expecting to play against five teams from Minnesota. That afternoon the team from Shakopee was disqualified by Minnesota Hockey, their version of WAHA, for not having enough players on their roster to be considered an "A" team. That move would have a major impact on the tournament.

On Saturday morning the Wild opened against Coon Rapids with a hard fought 1-0 win. They followed that up with a 5-1 win against Brooklyn Park later that afternoon which put them in contention for the championship. The problem was the Sunday schedule required changes because of the disqualification. The Wild, the only team more than an hour

away from Buffalo, told the tournament officials the latest start time they could have taking into account airline reservations and 5+ hour drives. That resulted in the Wild being scheduled for the last game of the tournament, against the host team, with a start time which would cause several team members, including the goalie and a coach, to miss the game and cause the rest of the team to arrive home around midnight.

The tournament officials said if the Wild could not play the final game, rather than declaring the game a forfeit, they would call it a 0-0 tie. Since both teams were the only undefeated teams at that time, the tournament would probably be decided by goal differential tie-breakers, which at that time belonged to Buffalo.

On Sunday morning the team could not beat an outstanding goalie from **Anoka**

and lost 2-1. That meant the only way to win the tournament was to play and defeat Buffalo that afternoon. When the coaches entered the locker room after the game they were met with "we took a vote and we're going to stay and play" from the girls. The parents made the necessary arrangements so the game would be played. The girls rewarded them by skating away with a dominant 4-1 victory to claim the title.

Still suffering from jet/car lag the following weekend, the team dropped games against SHAW & Elmbrook PeeWee team on the following Saturday. The regrouped the next days to dominate the Ozaukee PeeWee Green team in a 6-2 win. When Ozaukee cancelled the rematch less than 24 hours before the game, the Arrowhead U14's put together a team of U14's & U12's to take the spot. The Wild won 3-1 but owe a huge thank you to the **Branovan** family for putting the game together on such short notice.

## U10 — "On Frozen Ponds" - *by Kevin Suino*

With area outdoor rinks melting faster than a 4<sup>th</sup> of July ice cream cone, the U-10 WILD spent the month of January in search of frozen ponds. Three road trips, 900+ miles of highway, the team's first tournament appearance, a surprise snow-storm, and a 4-3 record sums up January's exciting action.

The WILD collected wins this month against: Waukesha Mite C Black 7-1; DC Diamonds 4-3; Coulee Region U-8 Girls 7-5; and Elmbrook Mite B's 3-2. They battled but lost games to: Appleton U-10 girls 4-0; DC Diamonds 4-2; and Minneapolis Washburn 10-1.

- Scoring goals in January were: **Cora Hougard, Rosie Avery, Zoe Oskars-son, Kelsey Kazmierczak, Justine Ertl, Sloan Sullivan & Jessica Foley** (hat trick in Coulee Classic)
- January assists went to: **Rosie Turcott, Ellie Buebendorf, Hannah Koniar, Alexis Aghjian, Cora Hougard, Emma Ray, Jessica Foley, Justine Ertl, Kelsey Kazmierczak, Sloan Sullivan, and Francesca Suino**
- In goal: **Rachel Hafner** collected three victories and a personal best 17

save performance. **Rosie Avery** debuted with a seven save victory in her first game minding the nets.

- A highlight for the team & coaches was winning the third place trophy at the Coulee Region Classic in Onalaska, WI.

The team is also preparing for the WAHA State Tournament in March. Based on our games up to this point, there is optimism amongst the players to "do some damage" in the playoffs.

For more WILD news, visit the WI WILD website and select U-10 "monthly reports".

## U12B "January Journey" - *By Jane DeGeorge*

January began with a double winner weekend for the U-12B's. The team accomplished a Saturday 4-1 win over Waukesha Squirt-D White with two goals scored by **Katie Grudnowski**, one by **Sarah Atkielski**, and a Blueline Blaster by **Maggie Ray**. The girls peaked at 25 shots on goal the next day against Fond du Lac with a 3-0 win. **Jen DeGeorge** earned the shutout, **Irene Hougard, Atkielski** and **Morgan Clark** each earning goals. **Jerry DeGeorge**, Assistant Coach was the substitute Head Coach for the weekend, and was congratulated on his 2-0 weekend record.

January 13-15, the team headed to Altoona, WI for a tournament. The girls

earned medals for fourth place. Goals included: "**J**" **Tylke, Atkielski** (2), with assists by **Molly Goble** and **Becca Gecks**. The girls enjoyed hanging out together skating, swimming and a Saturday afternoon pizza party arranged by manager **Julie Atkielski**.

January 21 the girls earned a 5-0 shutout with **DeGeorge** in goal and goals by **Atkielski** (4) and **Goble**. January ended with three losses due to inconsistent play. Two goals were scored in the three games. **Clark** and **Molli Geary** scored with an assist earned by Erica Shaffer. We look forward to the girls rallying for February and the state play downs.

## U14B Place 3rd in GCHL - *by Christine Neirzwicki*

The U14B team moved into sole possession of 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Bantam division of the Girls Central Hockey League (GCHL) with two wins & two losses in league play during January. The victories both came against Winnetka (IL), winning (4 - 0) & (6 - 0). Both losses were close. Coming up short to Wilmette (IL) (0 - 1) & to Vernon Hills (IL) Falcons (3 - 5). In non-league play, the team de-

feated Dodgeville (7 - 2).

Next month the team plays the Kenosha Komets U14 Girls team in the WAHA Region 5 playdowns on February 11 in Fond du Lac. A victory over Kenosha would qualify the team for the State tournament in Viroqua in early March. Also in February, the team will travel to Springfield (IL) for the GCHL league championship on February 18 & 19.

## Birthday Wishes

*Morgan Clark*

*Morgan Pope*

*Morgan Pegg*

*Jen Bextermueller*

*Emily Haluska*

### 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 Session:

**FEB 16th**

**ALL Goalies should attend!**

# The DEVAS by Dan Koniar

The Wild Devas started the New Year with a big win vs. Arrowhead MiniMites at Mullet, 9-2. There were 2 goals each credited to **MaKenna, Sydney, Jordan Trevisan** and **Jessica Malloy**, and 1 goal for **Cara Anzivino**. **Annie Ertz** got the win in goal.

The tables turned in the next game against Waukesha with a 11-1 loss. In goal was **Annie Ertz** making a valiant effort against a couple of quick young players who could break away and shoot high. Shots on goal were 24 with 13 saves. Scoring for the Devas was **Madison Clark** in the 3rd period with 1:33 left to get us on the board. The next day saw Washington County steal one away 4-3. In goal for the Devas was **Ally Noles** also playing tough against a team that we had beaten on their ice back in December. She faced 18 shots on goal with 14 saves. Scoring for the Devas was **MaKenna** with a hat-trick. Strong defensive play by our D and good scrambling by the offensive team to keep us in the game! We almost pulled off a tie with some tough aggressive play in the last minute of the game.

Wild President & Coach **Joe McGann** wrote "I was at 9 hockey games this weekend (and relatively speaking, from an enjoyment perspective, the Sunday afternoon Deva game topped the list. As Coach Neil said, regardless of the outcome, the young ladies played terrific. Great weekend of hockey ladies -and I hope they all had a boat-load of fun!"

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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](mailto:dkoniar@wi.r.com)

## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- 16 - Goalie Skills 6:40pm
- 12 - Junior Wild 3:00pm
- 19 - Junior Wild 3:00pm
- 19 - WAHA Tryouts @ Nagawaukee 6:30pm
- 26 - Junior Wild 3:00pm

### MARCH

- 4-5 - WAHA Championship: U10, U14
- 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 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.

- Special points of interest:**
- U16/14 Tournney Win
  - Birthday Wishes
  - MWEHL Playoffs coming up
  - Goalie Skills

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