



WILD THINGS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WISCONSIN WILD GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR WILD Begins - by Kevin Suino

The Junior Wild fall session got off to a crisp autumn afternoon start on Sunday, Nov 4th. Over twenty girls, some returning skaters and others new to hockey, officially joined the Wild family after lacing up their skates, adjusting their chin straps, grabbing a stick and marching out to the frozen Ponds ice.

They were met by a skilled veteran Wild coaching staff and current U16 and U19 active players. The girls listened & watched the coaches and players explain and then demonstrate various skating skills before trying their own skill level. After fifty minutes of skating instruction & fun, the girls returned to the Junior Wild locker room with family & friends waiting to share stories and enjoy the traditional post-practice "apple juice".

It should be noted that it took Ashley, the Ponds Zamboni driver, additional passes to clean up the ice as it was 'littered with smiles'. It was, indeed, a great day for Junior Wild hockey!

Peyton Behrends	Becca Loper	Elise Sadler
Kylie Diffley	Hannah Loper	Bailey Sandahl
Sarah Gleason	Lexi Loper	Casey Sandahl
Abby Hall	Kaylee Lorincz	Kierra Schwab
Cami Herman	Hannah Maney	Lauren Trific
Emily Jones	Lauren Mayer	Sophia Troller
Niki Kain	Melina Murtos	Emma Vodenlich
Michelle Kugler	Kayla Nettesheim	Marley Wozniak
Sommer Kunstmann	Olivia Oskarsson	Anna Mae Yeazel

It's not too late to sign up for the Fall Session. Contact Neil or Linda Traverse (262-246-8959) for more information, or visit our Junior Development page at www.wisconsinwild.com

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 11 - Junior Wild 3:00-3:50pm
- 18 - Junior Wild 3:00-3:50pm
- 25 - Junior Wild 3:00-3:50pm

DECEMBER

- 2 - Junior Wild 3:00-3:50pm
- 9 - Junior Wild 3:00-3:50pm
- 16 - Junior Wild 3:00-3:50pm

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After 5 games and 16 practices in this young season, several things have become abundantly clear about the U-12 AAA Wisconsin Wild. The strength of this team will be the great team chemistry that is rapidly developing among the girls. These girls truly like and respect one another. They are beginning to communicate on the ice, they are attentive to their coaches, and they are learning that the way to a winning season is to share the puck. And this lesson will be most important for this team in particular, as the girls are equal in ability at this point.

U-12 Wild hockey started with an away and home against the Madison Capitals. The Wild were never really in the game, posting a 5 – 1 loss, the only goal for the Wild an unassisted goal by **Molly Fromm** in the third period. The Wild rallied

in the home portion of this series, however, posting a 3 – 3 tie. **Katie Weber, Molli Goble and Taylor Moreland** scored for the Wild, and **Trinity Robinson** had her first assist, while **Fromm** stopped 13 of 16 shots in her lone appearance in goal thus far this season.

The entourage got their first taste of travel in the NIHL season when the Wild journeyed to Crystal Lake to take on the Yellow Jackets. The Wild were outplayed, taking a 6 – 3 loss. The girls showed heart, however, putting up 3 goals in the third period after falling behind 4 – 0 in the first two periods. **Alexis Aghjian, Molly F. and Taylor** scored on assists from **Molli G. (2) and Erin Ballinger**. The team continued its NIHL season at home in a game against the Flames, a team that was coming off a 1 – 1 tie against the Yellow Jackets the previous day.

The girls took a 1 – 1 score into the third, with the goal coming from **Sydney Weinreich**. Unfortunately, the Flames outskated the Wild in the third, sniping 3 more goals for a 4 – 1 win. **Kori Riffle** kept it tight stopping 24 of 28 shots.

The McPhetridge Bulldogs provided a welcome relief in the next game at the Ponds. In the first year of a new program, the Bulldogs skated girls as young as 8 and 9. The Wild put in 14 first period goals, added 6 in the second on 9 shots and played keep away in the third. **Jennifer Peck** had 7 points on 3 goals and 4 assists, and **Katie Grudnowski, Kelsey Kazmierczak and Sloan Sullivan** got their first points of the season.

As the season progresses, look for the camaraderie that has developed among these teammates to translate to success on the ice.



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U16AAA - *by Mary Hawthorne*

The girls continued their winning ways with a 3-1 league win against the Madison Capitols on October 6th. **Allie Mueller** scored the Wilds first goal on an assist from **Suzanne McGann**. **Rachel Reynard** got the second, assisted by **Abbie Hawthorne**. **Abbie and Rachel** teamed up again in the 3rd period with **Abbie** getting the goal and **Rachel** the assist.

Despite a gritty performance, the girls lost a practice game against the Chicago Young Americans 2-1 on October 20th. Playing with only 6 forwards and 3 defensemen, the girls fought hard but were unable to pull off a victory.

The following day we lost our first league game of the season 2-1 to the Chicago Fury, despite out shooting them 30-16. **Jenny**

Kistner scored the lone tally, assisted by **Abbie Hawthorne** and **Holly Lesperance**.

The last weekend of the month takes us to Faribault, Minnesota and the campus of Shattuck-St. Mary's for a round robin tournament. The girls went 1-1-1, losing to Team Illinois, beating the Madison Capitols, and a tie against a very solid Walser team.

With only 8 skaters (**Becca Gecks**, **Morgan Clark**, **Cara Anzivino**, **Jamie Ertl**, **Alyssa Webb**, **Sarah Atkielski**, **Jessica Foley**, and **Hayley Siira**) and goalie, **Jen DeGeorge**, the U14 girls beat the Huskies at International Ice Centre on Saturday, October 6. **DeGeorge** earned a shutout and **Ertl** scored two hat tricks, for a 6-0 win, with two assists from **Foley** and one

from **Webb**. Three Sunday games followed: a 2-1 win at Lake Forest Academy; goals by **Jessie Nelson** and **Ertl**, with a **Nelson** assist; a 1-3 loss to Wilmette with goal by **Taija Robinson**, assisted by **Erica Shaffer**; and a 1-1 tie against the Falcons, goal by **Ertl**.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday games completed the last weekend in October. Friday, Ozaukee outshot the

Wild 35-16, and won the game 3-2, with **Robinson** and **Ertl** scoring the two goals. Saturday Wilmette outshot the Wild 27 to 14, yet the “D” and **DeGeorge** held them to a 1-1 tie with **Shaffer** scoring the goal with an **Ertl** assist. Sunday the Wild outshot Kenosha 34 to 17 and won 2-0 with **Anzivino** scoring both goals with a **Robinson** assist; **DeGeorge** earning her second shutout this month.

U19AAA - by Donna Rogers

U19AAA Skeleton Crew SCARE AWAY Capitals in 1st MWEHL Match-up

10/7/07 - The U19's rallied their lean “Skeleton Crew” bench and found enough muscle to spook the Madison Capitals with a thriller, defeating them, 3-2. The team learned, earlier in the week, that in addition to suffering the temporary loss of **Kate Llaurado** with a fractured forearm, **Kim Tess-Wanat** and **Lynne Erspamer** will spend the remainder of the season recovering from ACL tears. This news hit the team hard in more ways than one. But after witnessing the team's performance against the Capitals, it's apparent that this team is united and strong. They showed great composure and confidence in their first MWEHL game of the season. Goals by **Rachel Gasperetti**, **Kayte Holtz** and **Megan Wanecke** provided with assists from **Ashley Hietpas**, **Alyssa Engelman**, **Holtz Wanecke** and **Brookley Rogers** (2).

MWEHL WEEKEND IN MINNESOTA WILD PULLS THE REIGNS IN ON THE THOROUGHBREDS

(Finished the weekend 1-1-2)

10/19-21/07 - The Wild played with guts as they overpowered the Minnesota Thoroughbreds and held them to a 3-1 victory at the home rink of the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers women's hockey team. It was a great win for the Wild's “walking wounded”, who managed to regain some strength with the help of newly recovered **Kate Llaurado** on defense. The Thoroughbreds took the lead in the first 4 minutes but **Ashley Hietpas** sparked a wicked slapshot and, with the goalie down, **Alyssa Engelman** redirected it brilliantly into the goal! **Erin Callahan** had some terrific saves in the first few minutes of the period as the Thoroughbreds were breathing heavy in her face. **Macualy Bauer** started the another scoring drive by streaking down the ice and passing to **Brookley Rogers** who quickly passed it back to set up **Bauer** for the goal, taking the lead 2-1. **Rachel Welz** came into the picture at the top of the slot, caught the puck and fired a direct shot, dead on, and the Wild was quickly up 3-1. **Hietpas**, **Gasperetti** and **Zevnik** never let their defensive

guard down while **Brienzo** was handling her new role on the offensive with strength and speed. Another **Callahan** “save” was followed by a key poke check by **Hietpas**, in our zone during a penalty kill. **Megan Wanecke** also made a great steal at mid-ice with 1:54 to go in the game, which kept the Wild in control. At the end, the Wild fought off the powerful Thoroughbreds 3-1. The win was a huge accomplishment for a team that is piecing together new lines, filling the gaps and overcoming the loss of two great players/friends. Thanks to **Kelly O'Brien** who filled in and played GREAT this weekend! We appreciate your time and commitment to our team!

The remainder of the weekend found the Wild mis-matched against last year's National Champions Shattuck/St.Mary's, falling to them 7-1 but they put up a decent showing tying the Colorado Selects and the New Jersey Rockets 1-1. It was a good weekend. We'll continue to improve and focus on staying healthy and injury free.



U10 - Building For The Future... - *by Al Boltik*

Our season of discovery began with a headlong dive into top level competition. The Glenview Stars of the NIHL arrived to provide an opening challenge for our young team. The Stars went out to an early lead but thanks to lively spirited skating and a growing "team" attitude our U-10 girls gave the Stars all they could handle. The girls spread the puck well, and used timely passing, scoring 3 unanswered goals in the third period to battle back to a 5-4 score. In the closing minutes goalie **Annie Ertz** was pulled for the extra attacker. The young ladies ramped up the pressure keeping the puck at the stars end. Although they had several chances, great saves by the stars goalie kept the score Stars 5 Wild 4. In Illinois the story was much the same. Both teams finished hard, great saves,

heads up passing, and an excellent defensive performance gave the Wild a 2-2 tie.

Next up, the girls skated a set of scrimmages with local squirt level competition. Our U-10 was a good match for the Elmbrook team showing moments of great passing, hard skating and good heads up defense. **Ally Noles** turned in a great performance that gave us a 7-4 scrimmage victory. Then a match against the Arrowhead squirts was very evenly played through two periods with the girls skating to a 3-2 deficit. Our squad learned the hard lesson that the third period always counts. With their energy level down the girls were outscored 4-1 in the closing minutes to end the scrimmage 7-3.

The month ended with a very physi-

cal match up with the Petite Squirts. The girls played tough, digging in the corners and skating hard throughout.. Our lone goal was scored by **Hannah Koniar** on a breakaway that was the result of a heads up defensive zone pass. In the most penalty filled game we've played so far the high point came with **Hallie Traverse, Hannah Koniar** and **Francesca Suino** killing off the squirts 5-3 power play. Final score Pettit 3 Wild 1.

October Points, Games Only (3)

Goals; Justine Ertl (2), Irene Hougard, Francesca Suino, Peyton Weinreich, Hallie Traverse and Hannah Koniar (1)

Assists; Francesca Suino (2), Jessica Malloy, Hallie Traverse and Irene Hougard (1)



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