



WILD THINGS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WISCONSIN WILD GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

The girls played a lot of great hockey in November. They started off the month with a Showcase weekend in Kenosha with a dominant game against the Texas Blaze. Out shooting the Blaze 34-4, the girls won 6-2. They spread the scoring around with goals by **Abbie Hawthorne, Jenny Kistner, Becky Clifton, Katy Hahler, Holly Lesperance, and Rachel Reynard**. Assists by **Holly (2), Abbie (2), Katy, Jenny, and Suzanne McGann**.

Game 2, against the Grand Rapids Griffins, the girls jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first period, then **Katy Hahler** scored what turned out to be the game winner on a nice feed from **Deneil Hotson** 5 minutes into the third. **Jenny Kistner**, assisted by **Devon Staiger**, scored the first goal of the game. **Rachel Reynard** scored the second goal unassisted.

Game three, the ladies scored twice in a span of three and a half minutes to go up 2-0 in the 2nd. **Morgan Pope** scored the first goal on the rebound from **Becky Clifton** on the point. The second goal was a replay with **Becky** firing another shot from the point that was quickly turned into another goal by the quick hands of **Ellen Wanecke**. **Emily** stopped all 12 shots for a 2-0 win.

Game 4 was probably the best effort of the season so far against an EXTREMELY tough Colorado Select squad. The girls fought tooth and nail only to lose 3-0. **Kelly O'Brien** was stellar in goal, stopping 42 of 45 shots.

The following weekend the ladies traveled

to the beautiful Culver Academy campus for 2 practice games against Culvers JV team. **Emily Siira** gets the 4-2 win in game 1, with goals by **Abbie Hawthorne (2)** and **Suzanne McGann**, with assists by **Abbie, Morgan Pope (2), and Holly Lesperance**.

Game 2 **Kelly O'Brien** notched another shut out with a 3-0 win. Goals were scored by **Abbie Hawthorne, Morgan Pope, and Devon Staiger**. Assists by **Abbie, Holly Lesperance, and Jenny Kistner**.

Last up for the month of November was another league weekend at Seven Bridges in Chicago. Despite outshooting the Ohio Flames 25-13, the girls lost 2-1. The Wild goal was scored by **Cassidy Radjenovic**, assisted by **Shannon Coleman**. Game 2 the girls outshot Victory Honda 31-20, only to lose 5-2. Goals for the Wild were scored by **Ripley Peller** unassisted, and **Rachel Reynard**, assisted by **Ellen Wanecke**. The girls got a win in a close game against Belle Tire, via some very solid goal tending from **Emily Siira**, winning 2-0. The first goal was scored by **Jenny Kistner**, assisted by **Shannon Coleman**. The final tally came unassisted from **Devon Staiger**. The final game of the weekend, and the month of November, the girls were outplayed for one of the few times this season, losing to Honeybaked 3-0. Shots were 31-17 in favor of Honeybaked. The end of November brings Thanksgiving, and time to reflect on the season so far. Our young ladies have played their hearts out and have solidly established themselves as one of the better teams in the league. Let's get'em in December girls!

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

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

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

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

23 - Wild Alumnae Holiday Party

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Coach JimBob's girls played tough at the All American Girl's Hockey Tournament November 15 through 18. Hosted at the spectacular Schwan Center in Blaine, Minnesota (eight sheets under roof, fabulous locker rooms, gathering areas and concessions), the tournament (20 divisions strong) drew some great competition from Minnesota, Canada, North Dakota and as far away as Texas and California. While outmatched in the first game against Inver Grove/SSP (who eventually played in the title game), the Wild held it close for two periods down 1 - 0 only to fall 3 - 0 in the end.

The girls did a turnabout in the second game, nailing the Champlin Park Rebels 3 - 1, with goals coming from **Kati Weber**, **Sydney Weinreich** and **Jennifer Peck**, with assists from **Molly Fromm** (2) and **Taylor Moreland**. This victory paved the way for a bronze medal match against the Apple Valley Eagles, which proved to be the game of the season thus far.

Buoyed by the cheerleading heroics of **Dale Grudnowski** (the Wild's candidate for fan of the century), the Wild stepped out to an early lead on goals by **Erin Ballinger** and **Taylor Moreland**. The Eagles refused to quit, matching the Wild with goals in the first and second periods. After a scoreless third period and 5-minute overtime, the stage was set for the shootout. The Eagles scored on their second attempt with a hard slap shot from the top of the circle just inside the left pipe. **Moreland** returned the favor (again) the very next turn with a great crossing move that opened the opposing goalie's five hole.

Kori Riffle came out of goal to send the Eagle's best skater into a cartwheel on the next attempt, when she caught the girl's skates on a poke check through a pull across the crease. With the shootout deadlocked 1 - 1, the game went into sudden death. **Riffle** stuffed the next 2 attempts, and **Ballinger** came through for the second time in the game to take home the bronze.

The improvement of the level of play for this team has become evident with each period played, especially against better competition, such as that which the girls confronted in this particular tournament.

The Wild has continued play in the NIHL, which has involved inconsistent competition, but important competition nonetheless. The Wild enjoys a 6 - 2 record in league play to date (8 - 5 - 1 overall) through the first third of the season (see standings below). With the Detroit tournaments approaching in late January, the coaches are focusing on creating more offense against quality competition, greater stamina in third periods, better communication on the ice and fundamental passing, receiving and puck handling skills. These will all be needed, as the tempo of hockey the girls will be seeing will only increase. The girls continue to be attentive and are intent to work in practice, so there is every reason to believe that they will continue to improve in all aspects of their game.

U14AAA & U14 - Truly Wisconsin Wild - *by Jane DeGeorge*

U14 AAA

The roster for U14AAA reflects talent from around the state of Wisconsin. With no practice ice, Wisconsin Wild scored wins against Mid-Fairfield (CT) when they were in first place, and top rated Honeybaked. **Mariah Mathys** leads the team with 13 points, followed by **Michelle Greenway** with 7 points, **Lauren Roethlisberger** and **Zoe Verkerke** with 6 points. The team plays 5 showcase weekends and have completed Kenosha and Illinois. The girls head to Detroit in December. The Wisconsin towns represented are: **Black River Falls**: Natasha Hizer #48; **Cedarburg**: Hayley Siira #17; **Green Bay**: Lauren Roethlisberger #3; **Marinette**: Mariah Matthys #7 and Zoe Verkerke #9, **Menomonee Falls**: Molli Goble #19; **Mosinee**: Rachel Babiarz #8, Myranda Hayes #6 and Sarah Poirer #44; **New Berlin**: Emily Fromm #15; **Oconto**: Hope Karban #10; **Ozaukee**: Ally Schmit #11; **Sheboygan**: Michelle Greenway,

#2; and **Waukesha**: Sarah Atkielski #12 and Jennifer DeGeorge #31.

U14

The U14 girls played 5 games in November, with 1 win, 1 tie and 3 losses. In the win against the Yellow Jackets, **Becca Gecks** scored 2 goals, **Jessie Nelson** and **Hayley Siira** scored one each. Assists were earned by: **Madeline Carver**, **Morgan Clark**, **Sarah Atkielski**, **Cara Anzivino** and **MaKenna Stelpflug**. In the tie game with the Yellow Jackets, **Taija Robinson** scored 2 goals, and **Alyssa Webb** and **Atkielski** score one each. **Jessica Foley** earned an assist. After 3 scoreless games in November, the Wild turned it around during the ice storm on December 1st, earning a record number of shots on goal for this team, this year! Read more about their two wins the first weekend in December next month!

U19AAA's Stumble Over Bumps in Road - *by Donna Rogers*

Lost to CYA and finished MWEHL Chicago Weekend with 1-3 record

BUT the 'Spirit of the Team' keeps Rolling through the Season!

The U19's are having a bit of a setback struggling to get an offense fine tuned and scoring again. In addition to the loss of **Tess-Wanat** and **Erspamer**, indefinitely, **Ashley Hietpas** was also nursing an injured knee and so the defense had to fill a huge hole in their line-up. One might think that the wheels are falling off of this team...but the team seems to be determined to get this Big Red Wild machine back in gear. They're a "well-oiled fighting machine" at times...just with a few parts that need some grease!

11/3/07 -- MWEHL league game vs CYA CYA came out strong taking the lead, but as the game progressed the Wild fought back and kept challenging them. First it was 1-1; then 2-1 CYA; then the Wild tied it back up 2-2. CYA regained the lead 3-2 late in the 2nd and rallied to stretch it to 4-2 early in the 3rd. The Wild didn't give up and scored a shorthanded goal midway in the 3rd to get back within reach 3-4. The Wild made a gallant effort at the end but came up short, and CYA snuck away with a 4-3 victory.

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11/16-18/07 -- The MWEHL league weekend in Chicago was trying on us physically. Our first game against Honeybaked was well played as the Wild took a 2-0 lead half way into the 1st period. Honeybaked then managed to snag 2 goals to tie it back up shortly into the 2nd period. The remainder of the game found the teams battling and once again, penalties claimed their fate on the Wild. Honeybaked made a final camp-out at the back door, and got the winning goal with 2:34 to go in the game. This was a heartbreaker...a 'winable' game for the Wild.

Game #2 against Little Caesars was not so close...in fact, the Wild struggled to even get near the goal, as LC defeated the Wild 5-0 and racked up 32 shots on goal to the Wild's 17.

Our 3rd game found us facing Thunder Bay with the Wild coming away victorious winning 5-3. Thunder Bay had their moments as the continued to come back at us with each goal we scored. The Wild lead 3-1 at the start of the 2nd period, but then it was neck-and-neck for a while. Just when the Wild was enjoying a comfortable 5-2 lead, TBay struck again in the last minute but ran out of time to make any more surges.

Our last game of the weekend was a bout with Chicago Mission. A slow start by the Wild gave the Mission a solid 2-0 lead. Several minutes into the 3rd period, **Kayte Holtz** managed to score a beautiful backhanded flick from the slot. The Wild had an exciting and frantic effort until the final second, but the Mission squeaked by with a 2-1 win.

12/1-2/07 - WILD ROUND ROBIN WEEKEND Exactly one year ago, 8" of snow fell during the Annual Wild Round Robin event at

the Ponds turning Brookfield/SE Wisconsin into a winter wonderland. It looked like a repeat was in store as a winter storm closed in on Brookfield again, and delivered a snowy, icy, rainy, sloppy Holiday Punch to kick off the weekend. The U19AAA's froze in their tracks losing to TI U16's 1-0. TI struck early and the Wild never had an opportunity to recover. The team bonded with a little festiveness as they enjoyed an annual Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Roger's family. With their bellies filled up and satisfied, the girls used their stored up reserves and blew the breezers off CYA 5-1.

Day Two...The weather eased up, but our opponents didn't, as the Mission shut us out with a 3-0 snowball in the face.

We've got a lot of work ahead of us. The Wild has less than 2 weeks to prepare for a big MWEHL weekend in the Motor City 12/14-16/07. Following that road trip, the teams will enjoy a quick break for the holidays before heading off for the CT Polar Bear Tourney. As always, when this time of year rolls in...please keep in mind the true meaning of Christmas and this wonderful Holiday Season. The U19AAA's and their families would like to extend our best wishes to you and your families!

Hockey Holidays to All!



U10 - The Season of Learning Continues - *by Al Boltik*

The month of November was filled with challenges for the U-10 Wild. The team's style is coming together as one of tough defense and quick transition. With most scoring opportunities developing from the end to end play, of experienced skaters, **Hanna Koniar**, **Francesca Suino**, **Irene Hougard** and **Justine Ertl**, the newer skaters are provided with good role models for hard work and heads up stick handling.

The schedule opened with a visit from the Arrowhead Mite A. **Annie Ertz** netted her first shut out as our tough defense held Arrowhead without a shot on goal until deep into the third period. The teams scoring defense was joined by forwards **Peyton Weinreich** and **Alyssa Boltik** with assists from **Te'alin Robinson**, **Hallie Traverse** and **Ally Noles**.

Wild 6 Arrowhead 0

Next the girls skated up in age, trying to match the intensity of the Winter Clubs U-12 girl's team. After a slow start the girls found themselves behind 2-0 midway thru the first period. But with aggressive play between the blue lines, Winter club couldn't muster another goal. The third period saw the Wild bounce four shots off the post, but that was as close as we'd get. Winter club 2 – Wild 0

The Ozaukee Squirt B came next providing the toughest competition of the year. A clinic on position hockey was provided, with too many breakouts to count. **Ertz** faced 36 shots that day, saving 25. The wild high point arrived in the form of an **Ertl** goal late in the game on a **Robinson** assist. Ozaukee 9 – Wild 1

The most exciting game of the month came against the Shaw Mite A's. A back and forth battle best

describes the game. After saving 12 a break away got past Ertz midway thru the third, but **Irene Hougard** answered 45 seconds later to bring the game back to even. The game winner was provided by **Ertl** with 5:19 remaining on a break out started with a **Robinson** assist. Wild 2 – Shaw 1

The month ended with the Wild U-10 posting two wins against three losses, with the girls making steady gains in better positioning, centering and ice awareness, All good reasons to believe that great results aren't too much farther ahead.

November scoring;

Goals: 4 Justine Ertl, 2 Irene Hougard, 1 Alyssa Boltik, Peyton Weinreich

Assists: 3 Te'alin Robinson, 2 Hallie Traverse, 1 Peyton Weinreich, Ally Noles



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- *Junior Wild Continues*
- *Wild Alumnae Holiday Party*

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