

Youth Hockey Happenings (YH²)

Faribault Hockey Association

Welcome to YH² for the week of January 7th, 2009. This weekly peek at what is going on in the Faribault Hockey Association is brought to you by the Faribault Daily News.

With the holiday season behind us, the Faribault Hockey Season is gearing up for a busy month. All of the upper level teams compete in District play throughout the month of January, as they vie for seeding in the District Tournaments in February. It is also a busy tournament month for the association, with two home tournaments slated for our teams. The first tournament of 2009 is our PeeWee tournament. This tournament runs this coming weekend, Friday, January 9th through Sunday, January 11th. The second tournament of the month is our Squirr "A" and "B" tournament at the end of the month. This weekend's PeeWee tournament is for "B" and "C" level teams. The "B" tournament includes Faribault's PWB team and is an eight team bracketed tournament. The "C" tournament is a six team round robin tournament. All games are at the Faribault Ice Arena. The first game on tap pits our PWB's against St. Paul Como at 6:00 on Friday night. New this year, there are no spectator fees for Faribault tournaments! If you want to see some good hockey, come on down to the arena this weekend.

This week also includes the first of two "Mite Nights" at the hockey arena. Between the first and second periods of this Thursday's Boys High School Varsity game against Mankato West, our Mite White team will play a mini-game. Come on down, support the Falcon's High School team as well as enjoying hockey from a fresh perspective, on the skates of 7 and 8 year-olds. Game time is 7:00.

Visit us at our website, www.faribault hockey.com for more details.

This Weeks Scores

Tuesday, Dec 30th:

Joe's Sports Café PWA 5, Shakopee 5
Met-Con SQA 1, Owatonna 6
Pure Power Mouthguard PWB 6, St. Peter 1

Wednesday, Dec 31st:

No Games Scheduled

Thursday, Jan 1st:

Joe's Sports Café PWA 10, Texas 1
Pure Power Mouthguard PWB 4, Rochester 4
1st United PWB2 0, Eastview 9

Friday, Jan 2nd:

Joe's Sports Café PWA 5, Luverne 4
Harry Brown's SQC 1, Owatonna 5
State Bank of Faribault SQB 3, Austin 0
Exterior's Plus Midwest BB 2, Owatonna 3

Saturday, Jan 3rd:

Met-Con SQA vs Austin, postponed
1st United PWB2 3, New Prague 3
Faribault Foods Mite White vs Montgomery
King Orthodontics GU12B 5, Northfield 3
Sellner's GU14A 2, Rosemount/Eastview 0
State Bank of Faribault SQ B at Mankato, postponed

Sunday, Jan 4th:

State Bank of Faribault SQB 6, Austin 3
1st United PWB2 0, **New Ulm 1**
Insty-Prints Mite Green at Northfield Gold
Sellner's GU14A 1, **Lakeville 2**
Met-Con SQA 4, Mason City 3
Exterior's Plus Midwest BB 4, Montgomery/Lonsdale 2
BA 1, **Prior Lake 3**

Monday, Jan 5th:

Exterior's Plus Midwest BB 0, **Rochester Black 6**

.....and Next Week's Schedules (Faribault Ice Arena ~ FIA):

Tuesday, Jan 6th:

King Orthodontics GU12B at Austin, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Jan 7th:

No Games Scheduled

Thursday, Jan 8th:

State Bank of Faribault SQ B at Albert Lea, 7:30 pm

Friday, Jan 9th:

Joe's Sport's Café PWA at Thief River Falls Tournament
Pure Power Mouthguard PWB Faribault PWB/C Home Tournament

Saturday, Jan 10th:

Joe's Sport's Café PWA at Thief River Falls Tournament
Pure Power Mouthguard PWB Faribault PWB/C Home Tournament
BA at Rosemount, 1:00 pm
Rehab One U10B at Owatonna, 5:00 pm
Harry Brown's SQC at New Prague, 5:00 pm
Met-Con SQA at New Ulm, 8:00 pm

Sunday, Jan 11th:

Joe's Sport's Café PWA at Thief River Falls Tournament
Pure Power Mouthguard PWB Faribault PWB/C Home Tournament
Met-Con SQA at Redwood Falls, 12:30 pm
Harry Brown's SQC at Shakopee, 4:50 pm
State Bank of Faribault SQ B at Austin, 1:45 pm
BA at Albert Lea, 6:45 pm

Monday, Jan 12th:

King Orthodontics GU12B vs Mankato, 6:45 pm
Exterior's Plus Midwest BB vs New Prague, 8:15 pm

Tuesday, Jan 13th:

Pure Power Mouthguard PWB at Owatonna, 6:30 pm
BA vs Mankato, 7:15 pm

Team Spotlight: Bantam B ~ Sponsor, Exterior's Plus Midwest

Coaches: Jeff Zahn, Matt Werner, Tod Vaudrin

Manager: Lisa Dwyer

Roster:

1 ~ Matt Kalow
2 ~ Sam Schmitz
3 ~ Adam Dwyer
4 ~ Joe Jasinski
5 ~ Bryce Plante
6 ~ Cody Johannsen
8 ~ Logan Vaudrin
9 ~ Jake Werner
10 ~ Derek Shaw
14 ~ Devon Fritz
17 ~ Jeremy Hauschen
19 ~ Alex Nilsson
23 ~ Corey Schuler
30 ~ Cody Morsching

The Bantam B team this year is a hard nosed team full of players that continue to work hard and do their jobs. This is creating a winning atmosphere where the kids know their positions, their responsibilities and that is turning into wins. The Bantams this year are led by a core group of older players that have grown into their leadership positions very nicely. They are showing the younger players what is expected at the Bantam level and the younger players have responded by upping their game as well. Every player has contributed this season.

"This team is putting their heart and soul on the ice. That is all I can ask for from them", says Coach Jeff Zahn. "They are coming into their own with a difficult January schedule with at least 9 games this month. This is good because we are playing the best we have all year and have a good chance to come out of this month with an outstanding record." After beginning the season short-handed due to a variety of injury and illness, the team is now playing at full strength and making a great push to the district playoffs.

The team competed well in the Sparta, WI Bantam Blast tournament, taking 2nd place after 3 hard fought games in Sparta. They have been victorious in 3 of their last 5 games, and according to coach Zahn, "This is the best I have seen these boys play".



The attached photo includes: Front Row, L to R: Corey Schuler, Devon Fritz, Cody Morsching, Matt Kalow, Jeremy Hauschen, Logan Vaudrin; Second Row, L to R: Coach Jeff Zahn, Sam Schmitz, Joe Jasinski, Bryce Plante, Adam Dwyer, Derek Shaw, Alex Nilsson, Cody Johannsen, Matt Werner, Coach Tod Vaudrin.