

Youth Hockey Happenings (YH²)

Faribault Hockey Association

Welcome to YH² for the week of December 31th, 2008. This weekly peek at what is going on in the Faribault Hockey Association is brought to you by the Faribault Daily News.

It has been a pretty quite week at the ice arena, with few games and mostly practices between the holidays. As we turn the calendar to 2009, hockey action will again heat up, with games scheduled to begin right away on the 1st of January.

The Faribault Hockey Association has a reputation of providing the hockey experience at relatively low fees. Our introductory registration fee of \$50 for kids 10 and under is among the lowest around. Our graduated fee structure recognizes the increased usage of facilities and ice time as kids get older. Still, when comparing too many areas in the metro, our fees are still much lower than an equivalent team in the cities. The FHA is able to offer these lower fees by supplementing player fees a number of ways, including fundraising, volunteerism, and charitable gambling. Our fundraising involves two main segments ~ holiday wreath sales and raffle calendar sales. The raffle calendars contain coupons for a variety of businesses in the area as well as cash drawings for every day of the year. These drawings range from \$20 on a daily basis to \$500 for select holidays. On a volunteer basis, each family is required to perform a number of hours of volunteer service, ranging from 10 to 20 depending on the level of their skaters. Types of volunteering include working during games in penalty boxes, running the game clock and scoreboard, and also selling concessions in the FHA concession stand. The final component that allows us to keep fees low is participation in charitable gambling. The FHA has sponsored sites at the Depot, Bashers, Boston's, and Joe's Café that support youth hockey through pull tabs. This is a great way to help offset some of the high costs of renting ice. With our free equipment program for young skaters, hockey is a 6-month sport at very reasonable costs.

From all of us at the FHA, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

This Weeks Scores

Wednesday, Dec 24th:
No Games Scheduled

Thursday, Dec 25th:
No Games Scheduled

Friday, Dec 26th:
Sellner's GU14A 5, Woodbury/Hastings 0
BA 1, **Eastview 4**

Saturday, Dec 27th:
1st United PWB2 6, New Prague 3
Harry Brown's SQC 1, **Rosemount 15**
Pure Power Mouthguard PWB 4, Albert Lea Blue 3
King Orthodontics GU12B 4, New Prague 3

Sunday, Dec 28th:
State Bank of Faribault SQB 0, **Mankato 4**
1st United PWB2 2, **Albert Lea 5**
Pure Power Mouthguard PWB 10, Mankato White 1

Monday, Dec 29th:
Joe's Sports Café PWA 7, **Albert Lea 7**
Sellner's GU14A 1, **Owatonna 4**

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

Tuesday, Dec 30th:

Joe's Sports Café PWA at Shakopee, 6:45 pm
Met-Con SQA at Owatonna, FIA, 6:45 pm
Pure Power Mouthguard PWB vs. LeSueur, FIA, 7:45 pm

Wednesday, Dec 31st:

No Games Scheduled

Thursday, Jan 1st:

Joe's Sports Café PWA vs Texas, 3:00 pm
Pure Power Mouthguard PWB vs Rochester, 4:30 pm
1st United PWB2 vs. Eastview, 7:15 pm

Friday, Jan 2nd:

Harry Brown's SQC vs Owatonna, 5:30 pm
State Bank of Faribault SQ B vs Austin, 6:45 pm
Exterior's Plus Midwest BB vs Owatonna, 8:00 pm

Saturday, Jan 3rd:

Met-Con SQA vs Austin, 9:15 am
1st United PWB2 at New Prague, 11:00 am
Faribault Foods Mite White vs Montgomery, S-SM, 11:00 am
King Orthodontics GU12B vs Northfield, 5:15 pm
Sellner's GU14A vs Rosemount/Eastview, 6:45 pm
State Bank of Faribault SQ B at Mankato, 7:15 pm

Sunday, Jan 4th:

State Bank of Faribault SQ B at Austin, 1:45 pm
1st United PWB2 vs. New Ulm, 3:15 pm
Insty-Prints Mite Green at Northfield Gold 3:15 pm
Sellner's GU14A at Lakeville, 4:00 pm
Met-Con SQA vs Mason City, 4:45 pm
Exterior's Plus Midwest BB at Montgomery/Lonsdale, 6:00 pm
BA at Prior Lake, 6:20 pm

Monday, Jan 5th:

Exterior's Plus Midwest BB vs Rochester Black, 8:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan 6th:

King Orthodontics GU12B at Austin, 6:00 pm

Team Spotlight: PeeWee B2 ~ Sponsor, 1st United Bank

Coaches: Randy Schmidt, Peggy Paulson, Randy Vos

Manager: Melanie Schmidt

Roster:

1 ~ Ryan Keaveny
2 ~ Jared Larson
6 ~ Jacob Battles
7 ~ Alex Thompson
8 ~ Noah Kasper
9 ~ Casey Schmidt
10 ~ Paul Froelich
11 ~ Sage Strouth

- 12 ~ Trevor Vos
- 13 ~ Austin Andreas
- 14 ~ Grant Selly
- 15 ~ Cullen Paulson
- 16 ~ Javier Pena

The Faribault Pee Wee B2 hockey team is off to a good start this season. The team is playing an independent schedule, which means that we have no true "league" games, but we do play many of the area teams such as Owatonna, Albert Lea, New Prague, Waseca and Mankato. Other teams on the game schedule this year include Eastview, Hastings, and Rochester.

The team record is currently 4-7-1. Head Coach Randy Schmidt said, "We are a young team, as over half of our team are first year Pee Wees. We play much stronger than what our record indicates. We are playing some teams that are strong competition and this makes our team work very hard. Three of our players have just one year or less of hockey experience, so watching this team develop into skilled hockey players is more important than the wins or losses."

Captain Paul Froelich leads the team in scoring with 10 goals and 8 assists in just 12 games. 1st year Pee Wee, Jacob Battles has undoubtedly been one of our strongest players during the first half of the season. He plays both offense and defense, with 1 goal and 4 assists and leads the team in hard hitting and hard work.

We look to have a solid and successful second half of the season, which includes a trip to Duluth in February for a weekend tournament.



The attached photo includes: Front Row, L to R: Javier Pena, Trevor Vos, Cullen Paulson, Casey Schmidt, Ryan Keaveny, Paul Froelich, Austin Andreas, Jared Larson; Second Row, L to R: Coach Peggy Paulson, Grant Selly, Jake Battles, Sage Strouth, Noah Kasper, Alex Thompson, Coach Randy Vos, and Coach Randy Schmidt.