



This weekend marked the end of the NIHL regular season. It is a long and sometimes grueling season, but I am very proud of all our kids and it is an honor to be a part of this Club. Many great friendships are formed as the season goes along not only by the kids, but by the parents too and that is important. At the end of the day it is just a game and the goal should be for these kids to work hard, improve their skills and have some fun doing it.

We also had the Inaugural UPHL Finals down in St. Louis this past weekend. Congratulations to our Bantam and Pee Wee Team for winning the Championship at their respective levels. The Squirts lost a tough game in double overtime 1-0, but they came back to win their next two games and finish in 3rd place overall. The Midgets played tough in their opening round match, but they were edged out 7-6. All the games were very exciting to watch and the first season of the UPHL was a great experience for everyone.

I also wanted to give special congratulations to our Bantam Gold Team for bringing home the President's Cup. They finished in 1st place with an impressive record of 16-1-1.

All the final standings have been posted and I am proud to say all of our teams qualified for the NIHL playoffs this year. With 14 teams in NIHL we are one of the largest clubs in the League and that is quite an accomplishment. We will be hosting the Elite Games this upcoming weekend at Darien and the Silver games the following weekend so please come out and cheer for our teams and I wish everyone the best of luck.

Lastly, with post season play comes heightened levels of excitement, so I encourage all of you to please remember Zero Tolerance is still in effect.

Thank you for all your support. LET'S GO HAWKS!

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