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Jaguar Hockey Club

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Save the date for The Jaguar Hockey Year End Banquet!!

March 19, 2011

1:45-3:45

(Please have Kid's arrive by 1:30)

Stay to watch the Midget's vs. Coaches game at 4pm!!

Jaguar Open Skate

5:15-6:15



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Did You Know??

- The first goaltender to regularly wear a face mask during a game was Montreal's Jacques Plante. A shot broke his nose in 1959 and he decided to wear one ever since. He was made fun of at first, but now every goaltender wears a mask. Thanks to him, many broken bones and stitches have been avoided.
- Bernie Geoffrion is credited with bringing the slap shot to the NHL in 1951. He was given the nickname "Boom Boom" because his shot was so hard and fast.

March 2011

Black & Gold News

Introducing Coach Jerry Fronek

It's been a long ride for me and the hockey program here in Joliet. I have so many memories I'd like to share as I've been with the program in some capacity throughout its history with just a couple exceptions. I was not with the program from 1981-86 and again from 2005-10. I see six distinct eras for the club over the years. First, the pre-Jaguar days in the 70's, then the early Jaguar years starting in 1978 with Mike Daum and the NSHL. Third, the pre-fire years, the late 80's, when the club really took off with Jim Videtic as President and going from an independent to gaining acceptance into NIHL. Fourth, the fire years, 1990-1992 when we took the show on the road for two seasons. Fifth, the new Inwood, starting in 1993 with Jeff Chesson at the helm and sixth the Hockey Director era, starting with me in 2000 and running to the present. Here are a couple of my favorite early recollections.

The Old Inwood

I still remember stepping out onto the ice as a small child back in the early seventies for the first time. Back then you use to go onto the ice through the Zamboni doors and if it were the middle of January and you didn't keep moving your feet, you might well have frozen to the blueline somewhere. It was that cold. With all the windows on the south wall of the old barn there were many Sunday mornings in full sunshine where a pair of sunglasses would've helped tremendously while navigating a breakaway. If you started out at center ice you'd look up and through the brilliant sunbeams you could see the goalie off in the distance preparing for your arrival. As you passed the blueline, you skated through the 'sunbelt' where it was at least 30 degrees warmer and of course, you were temporarily blinded. When you came through the other side, if you still had a step on the defensemen, you had to react quick, by the time your eyes refocused, you were right on top of the goalie and had only a fraction of a second to figure out your move. Maybe that's why we had so many natural goal scorers back then, that training

regiment was pure extreme.

The scoreboard was another issue. When I first started, it was some sort of wind-up clock with a minute and second hand on the north wall that only kept score and had no allowance for penalties, who remembers that one? I never even knew how much time was left in the period. Another sneaky training method of the day, since none of us could figure out that clock, we all thought every shift was our last one, so we skated harder. No parent intervention required. At that time, crazy as it may seem, facemasks were optional and I was a seven year old Mite playing up at Squirt level in full check hockey. There weren't even any doors on the players benches until the late seventies at Inwood, so you had to learn to climb at a very young age or sometimes you'd miss your shift. Talk about learning under fire.

The Early Coaching Years

Here's what determination can do for you. Fresh off of an early playing retirement, I started coaching with the Jaguars in 1987 as a 20 year old. The first team I coached was a squirt team that was thrown together in October of that year. We missed the first three weeks of the season trying to piece the team together. We had 4 mites play up that year just to keep the team afloat. My head coaching debut was against Rockford. We lost 11-0 and got outshot 58-3. We lost our first 3 games by a combined 23-1 score, getting outshot 150-11 and we ended up losing our first 8 games playing at the Squirt A level that year, even losing to our Mite team in a practice game. I wondered if I would ever win a game as a hockey coach. I briefly considered trying to re-fire my playing career but decided to stick to coaching. We finished that season 14-12-2 winning our final 12 games of the season. I was really hard on those kids, we skated and skated and skated some more until we got better. I didn't know any other way. Just over six years later, In March of 1994, the core of that team, thrown together as a ragtag bunch of 8-9 & 10 year olds, played for the Midget AA State Championship of Illinois. We lost that game 6-5, but to this day I still get a chill when I replay the introduction of our squad in my mind that Sunday morning up in Glenview with the hundreds of Jaguar fans in attendance. I still have many strong friendships with players from that team.

Most of that group went on to Play Midget AAA, Junior A and NCAA DI & DIII in the seasons to come. As I look back, the venues have changed, the names and faces have changed, everything around us has changed but the dreams remain the same and this generation of Jaguar players is no exception.

My best to all those kids out there working to make their dreams come true.

Commit to yourself, commit to your team, work hard and have fun.

Yours in hockey,
Coach Jerry Fronek

The Jaguar In-House Hockey Program is designed following the American Development Model

The American Development Model (ADM) provides age-appropriate guidelines and curriculum to hockey associations across America to help more kids play, love and excel in hockey. The ADM is brought to you by USA Hockey, in partnership with the NHL. Learn more at <http://www.admkids.com> & <http://jaguarhockeyclub.com/pages/show/294396-3on3-cross-ice> After skaters complete the **Jaguar Minor Hawk** and **Pre-Hockey** programs, they then graduation into **Jaguar In-House** play. This developmental league allows skaters multiple puck touches as they learn basic skills that they will use the rest of their hockey careers. This three-day a week program includes skills, practices, and games. Half ice and cross ice games will consist of a 3:00 minute warm-up, 3-15 minute running clock periods, and 2:200 minute breaks between periods.

Mite Black	Mite Gray	Mite White	Mite Yellow
Blake Brenzewski	Nathaniel Diaz	Layne Brubaker-Egner	Grace Gonzalez
Dylan Graziano	Joey Gulden	James Gray Jr.	Jarrett Goodwin
Aiden Hackney	Benjamin Jewell	Braden Hickman	Evan McDonald
Andrew Heritage	Benjamin Moak	Trevor Hudak	Brenden Miranda
Griffin Mims	Luke Pilon	Cam Krause	Michael Pirie
Aidan Ogarek	Sara Spreeman	Hannah Picco	Samuel Thorson
Kevin Stewart	Caden Weitzel	Cole Walsh	James Walker
Ryan Louthan	Sebastian Kavalasuskas	Joseph Vish	Luke Brzezinski
Austin Itter			Jayden Tkaczuk



Jaguar Mite ADM

Congratulations SSHL Jaguars!!

Bantam's ~ 4th Place
 Pee-Wee's ~ 11th Place
 Squirt's ~ 8th Place



Congratulations NIHL Jaguars!!

Midgets #1 ~Elite Tier 1~7th Place
 Bantams #1 ~Gold Tier 1~7th Place
 Pee-Wee #1 ~Silver Tier 2~4th Place
 Pee-Wee #2 ~Bronze Tier 2~5th Place
 Girls 12U ~ Gold Tier 1 ~ 7th Place
 Squirt #1 ~Silver Tier 3~8th Place
 Mite #1 ~Silver Tier 1~1st Place
 Mite #2 ~Bronze Tier 2~2nd Place



Jaguar Mite #1 Presidents Cup Winners!

Congratulations to the 2010 Mite Silver B President's Cup Winners... Joe Ambroffi, Anthony Banas, Trevor Burns, Nick Clayton, Reed Gannon, Jackson Heritage, Sam Johnston, Blake Kashark, Max Krause, Josh McDonald, Austin Parr, Josh Thompson, and Brandon Weitzel. Coaches; Ryan Goss, Joe Luciano, Jeff Burns, Sean Krause, and Bob Ambroffi. The Mite #1 team finished the season on top of the Silver B division with a record of 9-2-3. This first place finish resulted in winning the honor of receiving the President's Cup. The boys came together, played well, and worked hard in an unforgettable season. This was definitely a well deserved honor for this young travel team. There will now be a piece of this team at Inwood forever!



Jaguar Squirt #1 URSA Minor Finalist

President's Day weekend the Jaguar Squirt #1 team ventured out to Ann Arbor, MI. for the **Big Bear URSA Minor Tournament. Taking 2nd Place!!**

Game 1 vs. Centre Wellington Fusion Won 4-2
Game 2 vs. North London Nationals~Won 4-0
 Dominic Mangialardi with the Shut-out!
Game 3 vs. Cleveland Heights~Loss 6-10
Game 4 Finals vs. Cleveland Heights~Loss 3-7
 Tommy Zschach took home a Hat Trick and MVP!!



Jaguar Mite #2 URSA Minor Champions

Over the President's Day Weekend the Jaguars Mite 2 team headed up to Ann Arbor, Michigan for the "URSA Minor" hosted by Big Bear Tournaments. The Jaguars found themselves in a six team bracket with teams from Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. In their first game, They beat the Eagles 4-3. In the second game of the day, vs. Lakeland Warriors an 8-2 victory. On Sunday morning, vs. the Troy Sabres victory by the score of 7-2. This moved them into first place for a match-up with vs. the Cleveland Heights Tigers as they battled to a 5-0 shutout for Kenny Zschach in the semi-finals. Once in the championship a rematch against the Sabres, and they came away with the Gold in a 7-2 **Championship Win!**

Former Jaguar player named to International Team!

While her classmates are hitting the beach this summer, 13 year old Kate Fanning will be hitting the ice. The Elwood teen was chosen for the Selects Hockey International team. The team is comprised of 15 of the best youth players from the western half of the United States, Alaska and southern Canada.

Tryouts is by invitation only, and Fanning was asked to try out after Selects Hockey scouts watched Fanning play a tournament with her Chicago Mission hockey team. In December, players from 24 states and from Canada's British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Toronto traveled to Detroit for a one day tryout. Of the 250 young players who tried out, only 15 were selected.

"Katie was terrific at the tryout. She not only showed she has the skill to be a top hockey prospect but also demonstrated great leadership and passion on the ice," Commented Selects head coach Kate Michael.

The Selects program is an opportunity for promising young players to compete internationally during the off season. Fanning plays

center with the Chicago Mission from August through April, and she will have the opportunity to travel with WCS from may through July. WCS travels to Sweden, Prague, Germany, Ontario and throughout the U.S. Players have the opportunity to participate in whichever tournaments they are able, and so far Fanning is scheduled to compete in Chicago, Buffalo and Ontario.



As always, Fanning's family will be rink side, cheering her on wherever she plays. Hockey has been a family sport from the start. Kate was a year old when she started watching her brother play. By the time she was four, she was on the ice herself, playing in the Joliet Jaguar's Program.

"She loved it ever since," said Tina Fanning, her mother.

"From the beginning, her goal in life has been to play in the Olympics and go to college. The young center is on her way, competing at the International level and gaining a reputation among U.S. youth coaches.

This season, Fanning's Chicago Mission team will enter the NIHL playoffs among the top 8 teams in the AAA Division.



Jaguar's Academic Scholars Congratulations!!



Midget's

Steven Egan
Mitchell Hildner
Alex Lurie
Cameron McCambridge
Steven Targett

Bantam's

Matthew Bomba
Scott Coash
Colton Edling
Max Kimball
Joe Lagioia
Nico White
Ryan Wills
Keith Young

Pee-Wee's

Tyler Bomba
Nicole Bowman
Brody Brencezewski
Tyler Burns
Andrew Collins
Jacob Conrad
James Cutler
T.J. DeHerrera

Pee-Wee's

Gianna Gonzalez
Nate Guseman
Alex Jackson
Nicholas Johnson
Bryce Kurtz
Jesse Longtin
Jake McDonald
Amanda Rachke
Ryan Rader
Sam Sterioti
Jake Thompson
Jake Tonelli
Kevin Tretina
Camden Zielinski

Squirt's

Kohl Babcock
Brooke Burns
Brandyn Collins
Mario Gonzalez
Justin Heinrich
Jacob Janovyak
Michael Lenci
Dominic Mangialardi
Dylan Nance
Dustin Perona

Squirt's

Brandon Stornello
Anthony Walk
Carson White
Tommy Zschach

Mite's

Joe Ambroffi
Blake Brencezewski
Trevor Burns
Reed Gannon
Grace Gonzalez
Dylan Graziano
Nate Guseman
Jackson Heritage
Austin Itter
Sam Johnston
Max Krause
Paulie Lenci
Nathan Lewis
Josh McDonald
Austin Parr
Sara Spreeman
Max Sterioti
Kevin Stewart
Josh Thompson
Brandon Weitzel
Kenny Zschach



Jaguar 2011 Spring Hockey Program

Participating in South West Spring League

- Season begins April 9th ~ ends May 10th ~ Playoffs May 14, 15, 16th
- Teams Mite through Bantam ~ Divisions green through red
 - SWSL games, 8 team practices plus 8 skills clinics
 - Reversible jerseys plus socks
- SWSL includes Admirals, Bruins, Cyclones, Hawks, Huskies, Jaguars, St. Judes, Leafs, Maniax, and Sabres



Jaguar SWSL Fee's

Skaters - \$50 non refundable evaluation fee (due at registration)
\$425 Season Fee

Goalies - \$50 non refundable evaluation fee (due at registration)
\$200 Season fee
(payments due April and May 1st)

*All spring SWSL teams are eligible to participate in one tournament if team as a whole agrees.

Evaluation Schedule:

Monday March 14th

- 4:30-5:30 Mite's
- 5:40-6:40 Squirt's
- 6:50-7:50 Pee-Wee's
- 8:00-9:00 Bantam's

Wednesday, March 16th

- 6:50-7:50 Pee-Wee's
- 8:00-9:00 Bantam's

Friday, March 17th

- 4:40-5:40 Mite's
- 5:50-6:50 Squirt's

Jaguar 2011 Spring Coaching Line Up

Midget Major Tournament Team - Griffin Schiele
Midget Minor Tournament Team - Griffin Schiele
Bantam #1 - Jeff Vertucci (Asst. Coach Mike Carouchi)
Bantam #2 - Ryan Schuman (Asst. Coach Russ Slagle)
Bantam #3 - Bob Kimball
Pee-Wee #1 - Chris Luedtke
Pee-Wee #2 - Eric Fredrickson (Asst. Coach Joe Battaglia)
Squirt #1 - Scott Coash
Squirt #2 - Ryan Goss (Asst. Coach Joe Luciano)
Squirt #3 - TBD if needed
Mite #1 - Rob Steriotti (Asst. Coach Greg Stornello)
Mite #2 - Ken Zschach (Asst. Coach Joe Ambroffi)
Mite #3 - Joe Vish

**Please Note: The Jaguar coaching line-up is subject to change at any time without notice. This is only the spring coaching line-up, the fall coaching line-up will be announced during the summer.



Please Register On-Line @
www.jaguarhockeyclub.com



For more information on
SWSL visit:
www.swslhockey.com

Jaguar 2011 Spring Midget's

"Statesville Selects"

Midget Major & Midget Minor Teams

- No Evaluations - Contact Griffin Schiele if interested 630-915-4037 or email griffinschiele@gmail.com
- Tournaments included the Cougars Classic plus Advance Tournament
- Skills and Practices: 2.5 Hours for 8 weeks
Cost \$425.00 Skills, Practices and 2 Tournaments
Or \$225 for Skills only

Jaguar Girls Spring

Head Coach Therese Stellato

Scrimmage/Skills Clinic

\$100

10 Full Ice Scrimmages
-All Levels Welcome
-Goalies Free
-Saturday's @ 7:20am
3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/23,
4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28

5 Skills Lessons

\$50

Skating, stick handling,
passing, and shooting
- Beginners Welcome
- Full Equipment Re-
quired
- Dates to be announced

Both Skills & Scrimmages \$150
Drop In \$15 each slot

An Unofficial Guide To Being a Hockey Parent Six Steps to Helping Your Child Get The Most out of Hockey!

On opening day of the baseball season, somebody famous usually throws out the ceremonial first pitch. You know it's opening day of the minor hockey season, the old joke goes, when the first parent is thrown out. OK, so we're kidding. Sort of. It's minor hockey time again. The best and worst time of the year all wrapped up in one. So, at absolutely no cost, we are providing the Unofficial Guide To Being A Better Hockey Parent. Here are some guidelines:

1. Support Your Child: And we're not talking economics here. Research has shown the majority of kids participate in minor sports first and foremost to have fun. Kids aren't thinking NHL at age 11, even if some parents are. Let them have fun, their fun. You can enjoy it, just don't live it for them.
2. The Car Ride Home: This can be a point of major friction between players and parents. Don't get in the car after games and ask a million questions. Don't criticize their play -- or pick apart their teammates. Let them talk. Let them say what's on their mind. Respond with a lot of uh-huhs, and "I sees." If you want to ask questions, ask if they had fun? This can be an emotional ride after an emotional game. Make it better. Don't make it worse.
3. Support Your Coach: The majority of minor hockey coaches are volunteers, giving of their time. Some are more qualified than others. Some are better communicators than others. But almost all of them, to start with, deserve the benefit of the doubt. If you second guess the coach in front of your child, all you are doing is undermining your own child's experience. There is an old T-shirt I've seen around that ironically describes the relationship between coach and hockey parent: It reads "Of course I know more than the coach," and on the back it says "I'm a hockey parent."
4. Don't be a Stop Watch Parent: This isn't an exaggeration. I have seen parents in the stands with stop watches timing the amount of ice time their child received. Stop watch parents watch only their children, but never the game. They know how much ice their kid gets, but not how much anyone else gets. They get excited when their child scores, but couldn't care less when another one does. One of the great lessons of sport is how teamwork can make a difference. Teamwork among the parents is often as important as the team work amongst kids. One stop watch parent -- or similar squawkers -- can alter the chemistry of a minor hockey season.
5. Give the Referees a Break: OK, as a career big mouth, I should be the last guy preaching this to anybody but I start every hockey season hoping I'll change and each year I get a little bit smarter. If refereeing was that easy, anyone could do it. And most can't. But I can tell you this from experience: The more you carp, the more you yell, the less calls you get. Referees can hear you. They are, for the most part, trying their best. They make mistakes, just like coaches make mistakes, just like players make mistakes. Only we don't let them get away with any. Try and behave. Losing it in a rink can be embarrassing for your child, not to mention yourself.
6. Use The 24-Hour Rule: Even if your team doesn't have it, it should. The 24-hour rule works this way. If you have something to say to the coach, or they have something to say to you (that could be contentious) wait 24 hours after the event or the game before discussing it. By this time, you have better perspective, they have better perspective and a lot of arguments naturally are eliminated in the process. Hockey is an emotional game. It's best to let the emotions simmer before talking to the coach, adult to adult, preferably away from the rink.

Got Jaguar New's?? please send to:
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