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Wayzata Youth Hockey Association

The Tale of Two Jakes

By Christine Conlin

On the Squirt Gold C Team, we have two Jakes. This may not seem unusual, but it is! This tale begins back in 2005 with the adoption of two boys from Russia. They are two unique individuals with similar paths to Wayzata Hockey.

Jake Emerick and Jake Wolfe were both adopted from Russia in 2005. Jay and Mary Emerick adopted Jake and his sister Ellie in February – Jake was 6 years old.

They also have big sister Katie at home to keep an eye on them. The Emericks shared their Russian adoption experience with the Wolfes. Jenny Wolfe saw one picture of Jake and said to Warren, "Let's go meet this boy." Jake W. arrived in December and was 7 years old. He joined big brother Tyler and big sister Jordan in Plymouth.

Jake E was introduced to hockey for the first time when John took him to Mite Madness in 2005. That was it - he was hooked and asked to play in the 2005-06 season. Mary helped Jake learn to skate. Warren and Jenny say they didn't grow up with hockey, but Jake W. seemed interested in playing. Jake W. joined Jake E. the following season on a Mites team, and the "Russian Bloc" was created.

At the orphanage, "recess time" was spent in the playground with one ball and 40 kids. Their determination to get to the puck stems from their innate desire to get there first!

#7 and #17 have defended the Squirt Gold Team to a 15-3 record. Both Warren and Jay say that their Jakes are determined to be American Boys playing hockey. This "Russian Bloc" has a bond beyond just being team mates. They were 700 miles apart in Russia orphanages and they know how tough life can be for a kid. They understand that hockey is a privilege. At any practice or game, you will see both boys with big smiles. They enjoy the sport and their brotherly bond. Jay says, "They are like long lost souls and I hope their bond and friendship lasts their lifetime."



Jake E.'s hobbies – waterskiing and skateboarding. Enjoys reading about presidents, particularly Abe Lincoln. Loves the Rock-N-Roll Roller Coaster at Disney World. Favorite hockey player – Alexander Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals.

Jake W.'s hobbies – soccer and football. Enjoys architecting Lego buildings. Loves Halloween candy and cheeseburgers! Favorite hockey player – Sidney Crosby of Pittsburgh Penguins.



WYHA SPONSORS FINAL LIST

By Linda Riley

A huge thank you goes to all of the sponsors who support our youth in hockey, especially in these difficult economic times. In total, sponsors of Wayzata Youth Hockey Association (WYHA) teams contributed \$29,100 for the 2008-2009 year. Of the 74 WYHA teams, 51 teams were sponsored.

Thank you also to Beth Pruden, Blueline Treasurer who headed the sponsorship effort and put in many hours coordinating sponsorship. Thank you, Beth, for all of your hard work!

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efforts. The Sports Hut receipt program is one opportunity. Sports Hut is located at Highway 101 and Wayzata Boulevard in Wayzata. Just take a copy of your receipt and submit it in the box labeled "Sports Hut" located in Rink A, to the right as you enter the arena. Sports Hut contributes five percent of your receipt total back to WYHA. SportsFresh also contributes funds to WYHA for purchases made. SportsFresh provides cleaning and sanitizing services for all of your sports gear. They are located at 10842 County Road 81 in Maple Grove. They will donate \$5 to WYHA for each full set of hockey gear you have cleaned.

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By Linda Riley

We know that Wayzata Youth Hockey Association (WYHA) coaches help your team and your player. How many of us, though, really think about how much time and effort the coaches put in?

While many of us drop our son or daughter at the rink and then run errands, work out at Lifetime next door or simply spend time in peace at home, coaches spend their precious hours:

- Providing an environment where young men and women can work toward goals, practice self-sacrifice and teamwork, and cultivate maturity and self-reliance.
- Practicing the fundamentals: skating, strategy and stick handling.
- Developing practice plans for dozens of on ice and dryland practices.
- Driving countless miles and coordinating games and tournaments.
- Helping out with transportation to practices and tournaments when you have conflicts so your player can be there when no

one in your family can.

- Communicating with parents regarding goals, strategies and progress throughout the season.
- Educating and developing their own hockey skills to enhance their ability to coach your child.

That works out to 3 hours per day, 5 days a week preparing...times 20 weeks in a regular season = 300 hours, the equivalent of 38 days per season.

38 Days (or: Thanks!)

This doesn't include fall or spring league volunteering, weekends spent at out of town tournaments, coaches meetings, team "fun" outings or mandatory coaching training clinics.

How lucky are we that there are people who commit a minimum of 38 days within a four month period for our youth hockey players! WYHA coaches choose to coach your player and make incredible time sacrifices from their free time, jobs, and families – most without pay. Have you and your child thanked a WYHA coach recently? Next time you see your child's coach, thank them. It's the best salary you can give them!



Girls U10A Win Big Apple Tournament

By Sue Ankeny

The Wayzata Girls U10A team won a tough tournament that took place in Apple Valley January 23-25.

Their first game was Friday evening against Elk River, which they won 2-1. The second game was Saturday and an easy victory against Forest Lake, with a final score of 4-0. The championship game was played Sunday afternoon against Lakeville South. It was a great match up with Lakeville scoring first. It was the first time all season the girls did not take the lead first. The girls were poised and just 30 seconds later Wayzata battled back and was on the board 1-1. Wayzata scored again to make it 2-1 but Lakeville was tenacious and battled back to even up the game. With just under



seven minutes left, Wayzata scored their third and winning goal to clinch the game. The girls did a great job!

Members of the team are: Sarah Stelter, Ally Wiitala, Maddie Wolsmann, Taylor Nelson, Sydney Simone, Sammi Meister, Sarah Eyer,

Celine Pelto, Haley Schmidt, Ellie Ankeny, Meg Ransom, Isabella Shannon, Sydney Hindrichs, Ashley Wiitala, Ellie Rod and Nicole Oppenheimer. They are coached by Deano Ransom, Dave Meister Wade Wiitala and Lynda Stelter.

Squirt A Team Serves Habitat Crew



Alex Schilling, LaDonna Fallen, Max Zimmer, Jacob Holmers, and Gina Byers preparing lunch for Habitat for Humanity workers.

By Laurie Oare

Despite a winter storm, all 17 boys and six dedicated hockey moms met at U.S. Foodservice on December 20th ready to spend some "non-rink" time together.

They gathered to learn about and support a great cause-Habitat for Humanity (HFH). They began by spending a few hours making pizza from scratch, baking, decorating and sampling cookies and making home-made hot cocoa. Luckily U.S. Foodservice provided an "A" level clean up crew! From there the team, with hockey moms as Captains, headed over to the Habitat for Humanity project in Crystal. HFH is building a home there utilizing all green materials. The

boys delivered lunch and snacks to the crew that was working on the house that day and spent time with the crew supervisor learning about HFH and the sustainable project. The boys asked questions like, "Is this house free?" and learned about

interest free mortgages. The crew appreciated the team's donation to HFH and the boys were happy to be able to contribute.

But the team's day was not over. From there they went to an hour and a half of dryland practice followed by an hour of on ice practice. Now that was a total team effort!

Members of the Squirt A team are Bill Arndt, Cole Dougherty, Dylan Hewitt, Edmund Chute, Riley Nelson, A.J. Oare, Jacob Holmers, Hank Sorensen, Carter Fallen, Mack Byers, Max Zimmer, Ryan Ryshavy, Luke Paterson, Jacob Hameed, Dillon Riley, Jackson Nauss and Alex Schilling.



Ryan Ryshavy, Riley Nelson, AJ Oare, Hank Sorensen, Carter Fallen and Edmund Chute enjoying their time in the kitchen.

The Pleasures of Early Ice; or, the Revenge of the Hockey Mom

By Dave Motes

My youthful athletics did not include ice, unless you count the snow-cone we got win or lose after the little-league baseball game.

This was in the south, and it was hot, so an early practice was not

generally considered a bad thing. I know that on game days I was awake and ready long before necessary, despite the poor likelihood that I would contribute much to my team's success. I don't recall any grumbling from my parents.

Later I took up basketball, but the practices took place at school so my folks were seldom inconvenienced. I was happy to continue playing as long as I was allowed. They didn't seem to miss me. I guess fanatical preoccupation with basketball was better than more troubling pastimes like petty theft or vandalism or politics.

Those were the good old days, when it was reasonable for a 14-year-old to ride his bike to the school on a Sunday morning and deceive the custodian into opening the gym so I could work on my science project. I was all alone for four hours, but the cops came too late to see me make 36 free throws in a row, still my personal best. I talked my way past them, too. When I got home my parents hadn't missed me. The good old days, like I said.

But now I live in Hockey Country, and I have a gung-ho Advanced Mite. (Don't ask me what comes next--it's either Punks or Squids, I forget.) When we moved here, it was my wife's fondest hope to become a Hockey Mom; she's a native. Her mother has, I swear, thirty of those big buttons with the kid's picture, her three brothers at all 22 levels of hockey.

At first I loved the hockey scene. I didn't understand it, of course, and I routinely made a fool out of myself, but that's fatherhood, so I didn't sweat it. My wife did virtually all the work, lacing up skates, attaching the ninety layers of armor that is required, and explaining arcane points of strategy to my son. It was easy, because I got the great pleasure of watching him learn and grow and gain in confidence and joy without having to reveal that the extent of my coaching ability would be layup drills and tiresome stories about the time I hit 36 foul shots in a row.

He still doesn't realize that he's been able to out-skate me since

he was 5.

The association is clever, though. The very youngest teams get pretty good ice times, so they can get you hooked. At about year 3, you reach two key watersheds in hockey development: 7 AM ice time, and the Limit of the Hockey Mom. She might have all those tricks and tips and buttons, and know what to shout when the thingie bounces past the dealie there, and know how to de-stink an equipment bag, but she ain't getting out of bed at 6 on a Saturday. Uh uh.

Seems fair, in retrospect. I got away with it for a long while, but it's time to man up. So now I'm the one with my hair sticking up, drinking coffee from a machine that provides its own cups, shouting stuff like "skate! skate!" even though I still can't.

Really, the traffic is light at 6:45, and coffee tastes best when you're shivering on an aluminum bench. Plus, I'm learning the game. Maybe in a year or two I can join the coaches on the ice. I've got a few ideas on layup drills.

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Squirt Gold C Wins Gold Star!

By Christine Conlin

Thanks to an OT victory, Wayzata Squirt Gold C are champions of the 28th Annual Wayzata Goldstar-C League tournament.

For the title game against Lakeville, the stands were filled and people were forced to stand across the entire railing. Even players' buddies (who don't play hockey) and their parents showed up for the game, too.

Wayzata nursed a 1-0 lead into a tense and exciting third period. By then it felt like a high school hockey playoff game! Lakeville scored with two and half minutes left in the game to tie the game 1 - 1 sending the game into a five minute 4 on 4 overtime. Two minutes in, Wayzata's Brad Impola buried a twisted wrist (thank you Kevin Gorg for that one) and the arena exploded. Wayzata poured off the bench, helmets, sticks and gloves flying and piled up on Brad. The parents finally took a breath!

After skating the enormous trophy around the ice to wild cheering, the team handed it to their goalie, Ben Schlachtenhaufen. After more typical victory antics, we all went to DQ for sugar replacement and more celebration of a dramatic, well-fought victory.



Tournament Games to be Webcast

Eight WYHA teams will be moving on to state tournament play this year, and some of the action will be audio webcast by the Minnesota Sports Broadcast Network.

Congratulations for qualifying go to the girls' 12 and 14UA teams and the boys' Pee wee A, Bantam A, Bantam B1 Blue, Junior Gold U16, Junior Gold B and Junior Gold A teams.

See www.wayzatahockey.org for tournament schedules and locations.

12UA, Pee wee A, 14UA, and Bantam A fans can follow play-by-play of final and third-place games at www.mnsportsnetwork.com. All championship bracket games are held on March 22. Championships are at 4 p.m. and third place games are at 2 p.m.

Wayzata Squirt B1 Blue is Formidable

By Greg Simon

The Wayzata Squirt Blue B1 team, commonly referred to as "the wolves" for their ability to spread out and attack, won their fourth tournament this year. The team has won all four tournaments that they've entered, outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 103-18 and winning all 14 tournament games.

The Wayzata Blue squad took on a very formidable opponent from Stillwater in the Championship game on Sunday, February 15, during the Edina O'Connor Tournament. The Stillwater team had only lost 2 games in 28 matches, and had made it to the championship game without much resistance from the field.

Wayzata wasted little time before lighting the lamp in the 1st period, but Stillwater answered with only a few seconds left in the period. It is unclear what motivational words of encouragement Coach Rosengren told his young 10 and 11-year-old athletes, but they came out in the second period and dominated

the play. Outlasting a barrage of 5 on 4's and twice 5 on 3's, the often short-handed Wayzata Blue team tallied 4 unanswered goals and added a 4th piece of hardware to their collection.

The players are: Amar Batra, Ryan Bischel, Dominick Bouta, Brendan Broady, Derek Feriancek, Noah Fuhrmann, Jeff Greeninger, Justin Hahnfeldt, Ryan Hoogenakker, Luke Horton, Anders Johnson, T. Moss, Timo Pelto, Will Rosengren, Perrin Salonek, Sam Simon and Alec Sorenson.



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Team-Boys	Tournament	Title
Squirt A	North St. Paul	2nd Place!
Squirt A	White Bear Lake-Moose Goheen	3rd Place!
Squirt B1 Blue	34th Annual Minneapolis Cup	Champions!
Squirt B1 Blue	Wisconsin Dells Waterpark Classic	Champions!
Squirt B1 Blue	Hermantown Squirt B	Champions!
Squirt B1 Blue	Edina's 24th O'Connor Tournament	Champions!
Squirt B1 Gold	SuperRink Spectacular	Champions!
Squirt B1 Gold	Alexandria Squirt B1 Touney	Champions!
Squirt B1 Gold	White Bear Lake-Moose Goheen	3rd Place
Squirt B1 Navy	North Metro Pirate Classic	Champions!
Squirt B1 Navy	Le Crescent Invitational	Champions!
Squirt B1 Navy	Shakopee Saber Paw Classic	Champions!
Squirt B1 Navy	Willmar Cardinal Classic	Champions!
Squirt B2 Royal	Moorhead	2nd Place
Squirt B2 Royal	Andover	Consolation Champs!
Squirt B2 White	Carlton	2nd Place!
Squirt B2 Yellow	34th Annual Minneapolis Cup	2nd Place!
Squirt B2 Yellow	Alexandria Squirt B2 Tourney	Consolation Champs!
Squirt B2 Yellow	Maple Grove	2nd Place!
Squirt B2 Yellow	Grantsburg, WI	2nd Place!
Squirt C Blue	Rick Sura Classic	Champions!
Squirt C Gold	Rogers Youth Hockey	Consolation Champs!
Squirt C White	Bryan Opskar Memorial	3rd Place
Pee wee A	Eden Prairie Pee wee A Thanksgiving	Champions!
Pee wee A	Spirit of Duluth	3rd Place!
Pee wee A	40th Annual Edina Invite	2nd Place!
Pee wee B1 Blue	Stillwater Stampede	3rd Place!
Pee wee B1 Blue	Moorhead Pee wee B1	Champions!
Pee wee B1 Gold	Panther Classic	2nd Place!
Pee wee B1 Gold	Hermantown	3rd Place!
Pee wee B1 Navy	Willmar	Champions!
Pee wee B2 Royal	Proctor Golden Spike International	2nd Place
Pee wee B2 Yellow	Owatonna	Consolation Champs!
Pee wee B2 Yellow	Colder by the Lake, Superior WI	4th Place!
Bantam A	Tommy Williams Duluth	Champions!
Bantam A	Duluth Invitational	Champions!
Bantam A	Shattuck	3rd Place!
Bantam A	Eden Prairie	Consolation Champs!
Bantam B1 Gold	SuperRink Spectacular	Champions!
Bantam B1 Gold	Elk River	2nd Place
Bantam B1 Gold	Hermantown	3rd Place
Bantam B1 Gold	Rochester	Champions!
Junior Gold A	Fort Frances Canada Tournament	Champions!
Junior Gold B Blue	Minnetonka	Consolation Champs!
Junior Gold B Gold	White Bear Lake	Champions!

Team-Girls	Tournament	Title
Girls 10UA	Centennial Chill Classic	Champions!
Girls 10UA	Wayzata Holiday Star	Champions!
Girls 10UA	Apple Valley "Big Apple"	Champions!
Girls 10UB Blue	Centennial Chill Classic	Champions!
Girls 10UB Blue	Wayzata Holiday Star	2nd Place!
Girls 10UB Blue	Alexandria	3rd Place!
Girls 10UB Blue	Orono Hockey Festival	2nd Place!
Girls 10UB Gold	Breezy Point Ice Fest	Champions!
Girls 10UB Gold	Wayzata Holiday Star	Champions!
Girls 12UA	Andover Huskie Classic	Champions!
Girls 12UA	Duluth Ice Breakers	2nd Place!
Girls 12UA	Wayzata Holiday Star	3rd Place!
Girls 12UA	Eden Prairie	2nd Place!
Girls 12UB Gold	Richfield Tournament	Consolation Champs!
Girls 14UA	Andover	Champions!
Girls 14UA	Eden Prairie	Champions!
Girls 14 UB Blue	Wayzata Holiday Star	Champions!
Girls 14 UB Blue	Duluth Icebreakers	Champions!
Girls 14 UB Blue	New Ulm	5th Place!



Overtime fireworks propel Squirts in WBL Tourney

By Linda Riley

The Wayzata Squirt A team took third place in a dramatic finish at the White Bear Lake Moose Goheen Squirt A tournament in February.

Wayzata started out the tournament playing Elk River and shut them out with a score of 5-0. Their second game was a tough contest versus Centennial, made tougher with a 9:45 p.m. start. The teams were tied 1-1 after the first period. Both teams battled hard in the second period, but Wayzata found themselves behind 3-2 after the period ended. In the third period, Centennial scored their fourth goal just seconds into the period and Wayzata found themselves in a hole. Wayzata didn't give up and scored a third goal just a minute and a half later. Unfortunately, Centennial scored again and Wayzata was unable to stay out of the penalty box, com-

mitting three penalties in the third period. Wayzata did score another goal, but was unable to tie the game and lost by a final score of 5-4.

For third place the boys squared off against host team White Bear Lake. White Bear Lake (WBL) took the lead first and held Wayzata scoreless and the first period ended with WBL in the lead, 1-0. Wayzata came back quickly, scoring a goal shortly into the second period, but was unable to shut down WBL and they found themselves behind 2-1 after two. In the third period, the fans went wild when Wayzata scored a goal, tying the game 2-2. Wayzata played tough for the remainder of the period, holding WBL scoreless and the teams ended the period tied, sending the game into overtime.

The first overtime was five minutes, with 4 vs. 4 format but neither team

was able to score, sending the game into a second overtime. This time the teams went at it 3 on 3. Centennial committed a costly penalty giving Wayzata a power play. Shortly after, Wayzata scored and won the game, 3-2.

Members of the Wayzata Squirt

A team are: Bill Arndt, Mack Byers, Edmund Chute, Cole Dougherty, Carter Fallen, Jacob Hameed, Dylan Hewitt, Jacob Holmers, Jackson Nauss, Riley Nelson, A.J. Oare, Luke Paterson, Dillon Riley, Ryan Ryshavy, Alex Schilling, Hank Sorensen and Max Zimmer.



A lot is going on at PIC!

From left: squirts ready to bust out of the pen and get after their opponent. Youthful enthusiasm is the most important ingredient for an enjoyable athletic organization. Above--family, fans, and friends spend hours on the benches cheering on young athletes--and working behind the scenes on volunteer hours and team support in order to make the experience memorable and supportive. Below--an unsung hero of the rink. Trust him--driving that Zamboni is only cool and exciting the first two or three hundred times you do it. After that it's work. Bottom left: Mites ready to play. Let's not forget that hockey is a small fraction of the mission. It's also community, teamwork, friendship, responsibility, and effort. At the next game, be sure to acknowledge the people who make this amazing organization thrive.





Mite Madness Jamboree!

Advanced Mite I and K went at it Saturday morning. From left, goalies dressed and worked hard; a Viking breaks out; a King Cobra in a reflective moment; confrontation at center ice; assessing the competition during warmups; a defenseman clears the zone.





Mite Madness Jamboree continued...
Clockwise from left: attacker runs in to trouble; a collision on the boards; leaning in; pushing up the open ice; goalies sometimes get lonely; and, at bottom, an attacker threads through the defense, about to give the goalie some company.

