

# POLAR PRIDE

North St. Paul Area Hockey Association

December 2004

## 2003-04 NSPAHA S.K.A.T.E. Program

**SKATERS KEEP ACHIEVING THROUGH EDUCATION, S.K.A.T.E.**, is a statewide program designed to encourage, support and recognize players who commit themselves to school while enjoying the game of hockey.



NSPAHA is excited to support S.K.A.T.E.

NSPAHA's objectives are to foster solid work habits in young players, on and off the ice, that will stay with them throughout their lives and also to help them understand the benefits of setting and accomplishing personal goals. This can only be achieved through a cooperative effort between the home, school and team, and NSPAHA would like to thank all players, coaches, parents and teachers for your continued support of this program. We encourage you to talk to your team manager about the S.K.A.T.E. program details listed below.

### PROGRAM OUTLINE

- All Players Girls U10/Squirt and up through Junior Gold can participate.
- Students must achieve a "V", "B", or 3.0 GPA for the semester that best coincides with the hockey season.
- **Players please bring your winter report card to your manager on Friday Feb 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- A teacher may verify current GPA for those students whose semester does not follow the public school calendar, OR students who are working at an above average level for their ability. All special needs are considered.
- No incompletes are allowed.

Winter Report cards come out from Dist 622 on Friday February 4<sup>th</sup>. Players please show your report card to your team manager for the Skate Program.



## North St. Paul A Peewees take 1<sup>st</sup> Place at Parade Stadium

The North St. Paul A Peewees spent the Thanksgiving Day weekend playing in the Southwest Tournament held at Parade Arena. North St. Paul beat Red Wing by a score of 4 to 2 on Sunday, November 28th in the championship game to win the Southwest Thanksgiving Tournament.

North St. Paul won their opening game against Fairbault by a score of 5 to 0 on Friday Afternoon. North St. Paul advanced on to play Inver Grove Heights on Saturday. North fell behind early against Inver Grove Heights but fought their way back with 4 unanswered goals to gain a 5 to 4 victory in a hard fought battle.

In the championship game, North faced a tough team from Red Wing. Aggressive play and solid defense by North helped them jump out to a 4 goal lead over Red Wing by the end of the second period. Red Wing did come back to score 2 goals early in the third period but could not get any closer as North St. Paul tightened up the defense to secure the tournament championship.

The North St. Paul A Peeewe goaltenders are Peter Toy and Taylor Rees. The team's defensemen are Michael Capeder, Nick Hinz, Ben Peterson, Jeff Rada, Joe Rubbelke, and Adam Slagle. The team's forwards are Bobby Bruski, Chris Czech, Matthew Epland, Ben Hellquist, Shaun Kelley, Luke Laschinger, Michael McGowan, Alex Orlando, and Brian Richert. The coaching staff is Steve Czech, Rich Hellquist, Alex Toy, and David Epland. The team manager is Kevin Hinz.



Front: Taylor Rees, Shaun Kelley, Peter Toy, Jeff Rada, Ben Peterson. Second Row: Brian Richert, Michael McGowan. Third Row: Michael Capeder, Ben Hellquist, Chris Czech, Joe Rubbelke, Luke Laschinger, Nick Hinz, Adam Slagle. Back Row: Alex Orlando, Bobby Bruski, Matthew Epland.

## North St. Paul B1 Bantams take 3rd place in Albert Lea

The North St. Paul B1 Bantams traveled to Albert Lea for their first tournament of the year on December 3rd to the 5th and brought home a third place trophy. The Polars played West St. Paul for the third place trophy on Sunday and came away with a 4-0 victory. After a scoreless first period where the Polars outshot West St. Paul three to one, they broke through with 3 goals in the second period. Forward Josh Hinz opened the scoring by tipping in Defensemen Rick Laska's shot from the point at the seven minute mark. This was followed by an unassisted goal from Emilio Briseno a minute and twenty seconds later. Forward Nick Lindberg scored at the ten minute mark with an assist going to center Lee McKenna. The Polars led by a score of 3-0 after two periods. North St. Paul scored a third period goal by forward Brandon Okane to make the final score 4-0. Goalie Brian Peterson had 19 saves for the shutout.

Saturday #3 Edina Green dealt the Polars their first two goal loss of the season by defeating them 3-1 and putting the Polars in the third place game. Edina came out strong and scored two first period goals and added a power play goal in the first minute of the second period. The Polars regrouped and held Edina scoreless the remaining 29 minutes of the game. However, the Polar offense could only muster one goal in the third period on a two on one rush with Jimmy Nelson scoring on an assist by Kevin Carver. A combination of playing a quality opponent and playing shorthanded for over 16 minutes proved too much for the Polars to overcome.

Polars started the tournament with a 11-0 win over host Albert Lea. Polars were led by 4 goals from Jimmy Neleson and 3 goals from Lee McKenna. Defensemen Nick Brozak added 3 assists. These two tournament shutouts gave the Polars six shutouts in their first thirteen games of the season.

Polar goalies are Bryce Kirtland and Brian Peterson. Polar Defensemen are Rick Laska, Jimmy Nelson, Nick Brozak, Mike Horan, Jim Lipps, Tyler Syring, and Mike Casale. The Polar forwards are Lee McKenna, Josh Hinz, Brandon Okane, Kevin Carver, Nick Lindberg, Emilio Briseno, Calvin Morey, Nick Jackson, and Dane Peche. The Polars are coached by Bob Brozak, Bud Hanson, Keith Turso, and John Janasek. The team managers are Marianne Nelson and Ken Carver.



Front Row: Jimmy Nelson. Second Row: Brian Peterson, Dane Peche, Brandon Okane, Kevin Carver, Calvin Morey, Emilio Briseno. Third Row: Jim Lipps, Josh Hinz, Tyler Syring, Bryce Kirtland. Fourth Row: Coach Bob Brozak, Nick Jackson, Nick Brozak, Mike Casale, Lee McKenna, Mike Horan, Coach John Janasek, Coach Keith Turso. Back Row: Coach Bud Hanson, Nick Lindberg, Rick Laska.

## North St. Paul B Bantams take 1<sup>st</sup> place in Baldwin, WI.

North St. Paul B Bantams followed up their third place finish at the Albert Lea tournament with a championship trophy from the Baldwin, WI tournament which was held from Dec. 10th to Dec 12th. The Polars started off the tournament by playing the host team Baldwin Blackhawks and handing the Blackhawks their second loss of the season with a 5-2 victory. North St. Paul took on Somerset, WI in the second game of the tournament and skated to a 4-0 victory getting their 8th shutout of the season and a chance to for first place on Sunday.

The championship game pitted the Polars against defending tournament champs Sauk Prairie, WI. The Sauk Prairie team located just outside Madison, WI had defeated Duluth and Eau Claire to get to the championship game. The game started with a jolt for the Polars as the Sauk Prairie Flyers scored a quick goal 15 seconds into the game. The Polars regrouped and tied the game seven minutes later on a nice goal by Lee McKenna assisted by Jimmy Nelson. This was the only scoring by either team for the remainder of the first period and the second period. The Polars came out strong and were putting on pressure at the start of the third period but couldn't find the back of the net. In the middle of the third period the Polars had to kill off three minutes of penalties including one minute of a 5 on 3 disadvantage. This successful penalty kill gave the Polars some spark as they scored two quick goals to put the game away. Josh Hinz scored at the ten minute mark on an assist by Emilio Briseno, then Calvin Morey scored a minute later assisted by Nick Jackson to make the final score 3-1.

The Polars received balance scoring from all three lines over the weekend along with solid defense and goal tending. The B Bantams now have a 13-4 record for the season only allowing 17 goals in 17 games.



North St. Paul B Bantam

Front Row: Brian Peterson, Jimmy Nelson, Bryce Kirtland, and Coach Keith Turso. Second Row: Nick Jackson, Lee McKenna, and Nick Lindberg. Third Row: Coach Bob Brozak, Coach Bud Hanson, Dane Peche, Josh Hinz, Calvin Morey, Tyler Syring, Mike Casale and Rick Laska. Back Row: Coach John Janasek, Brandon Okane, Emilio Briseno, Kevin Carver, Mike Horan, Nick Brozak, and Jim

## North St. Paul B PeeWees Take Home a Second in Wadena

The B PeeWee Polars played an exceptional tournament in Wadena MN. The Mighty Polars took on North Branch in the opening game.

The combination of putting the puck in the net along with the tenacious defense, and superb goaltending, all team member contributed with a 8-1 victory over North Branch. The rally continued in the second game with the Polar victorious again. Game 2 pitted the Home town team (Wadena) against the fearsome Polars. In the end, it was the Polars with a 7-1 victory. The passing was crisp and clean which made the difference in the game, again our defense held the line and the goaltending was right on. On Sunday, the championship game was against Prairie C. Early Sunday morning the Polars took the ice looking very mighty. First period ended in a tie (3-3), Second period was Prairie C 6 Polars 5. The team battled until the end but came up 1 goal short. Final: Polars 7, Prairie Center 8. One goal short. The Polars took 2nd Place in Wadena, had a great time and improved with every shot! Congratulations to the B Pee Wees.



Team members include: Beau Bertelsen, Kyle Van Wagner, Tad Nielsen, Nate Warner, Nate Cassidy, Tony Folkerts, Reece Maranda, Lee Laschinger, Kyle Jungmann, Nick Langevin, Teddy Joyce, Micah Perzichilli, Mathew Jirele, Jon Rydel, Marco Giunta and Adrew Otis. Coaches: Mike Maranda, Mark Langevin, Ron Jungmann, and Jim Jirele.

# North St. Paul Area Hockey Association November 3, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 8:12 pm Wednesday, November 3, 2004 @ Polar Arena  
Roll Call: Late: Steve Czech, Jamie Johnson & Steve Kolas

## Officers' Reports

Secretary (Tim Cole)

- A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Rick Kranz) to approve October's meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

President (Rich Hellquist)

- The association is always looking for good people to be on the board in 2005-2006.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Jamie Johnson)

- No report

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Pat Manteuffel)

- No report.

Treasurer (Gary Stadler)

- A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Rick Kranz) to approve October's treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

## Directors' Reports

Ice Scheduler (Tony Giunta)

- The master ice schedule is on the web site and available for team managers.
- Tony would like to see a committee formed to meet in July to assign tournaments for all teams that do not have coaches.

Major Teams (Steve Czech)

- No report.

Girls Teams (Jim Krings)

- The girls program is going well.

"C" Team (Bob Mularie)

- All "C" teams are doing well.
- HEP program is still getting organized.

Publicity (David Epland)

- No report.

Equipment (Steve Kolas)

- No report.

Volunteer (Bonnie Ugro)

- Teams are responsible to cover all the hours of their assigned week.
- Any volunteer hours worked prior the assigned week will be credited to the family's total hours.
- There will be another merchandise sale in November, time & date will be posted at Polar.

#### Registration (Deb Helseth)

- The first pass of the team books went well.
- The second set of books will be sent into D2 next week for approval.

#### Ways & Means (Chad Tylka)

- Black coach's jackets will be available to purchase. Order forms will be available at Polar Arena. Jacket cost will be \$100.00.
- Pizza sales - team managers need to follow the instructions on order dates, checks and pick up times.
- Any hockey team doing fundraisers other than pizza must have the fundraiser approved by Chad Tylka. Teams failing to gain approval prior to the fundraiser will forfeit all funds generated.
- Each team still needs to submit a basket.
- Sponsorship donations have been sent.

#### Tournaments (Dave Blesener)

- All tournaments are on track.
- We are still looking for two Bantam "C" teams for the February tournament.

#### Advanced Mites (Peter Koller)

- Everything is going smoothly.
- NSPAHA has 64 Advanced Mites skaters on the ice.
- All the Advanced Mite teams have been working with a power skating instructor.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Mites (Gary Glaus)

- A motion was made/seconded (Gary Glaus/Dave Blesener) to approve Tom Michel as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Mites Coach.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Year Mites (Rick Kranz)

- A motion was made/seconded (Rick Kranz/Peter Koller) to approve Mike Dick as the 1st Year Mites Coach.

#### Jr. Gold (Pat Manteuffel)

- Tryouts will be held November 17-19<sup>th</sup>.
- Teams will be posted at Polar on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- NSPAHA is still looking for a "B" Jr. Gold Coach.

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

#### **Open Forum**

December's Board meeting will be held at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 at the North St. Paul American Legion.

Motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Rick Kranz) to adjourn the meeting at 9:55pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Tim Cole  
Secretary, NSPAHA

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