

Washington County Youth Hockey Association



2010 - 2011 Season

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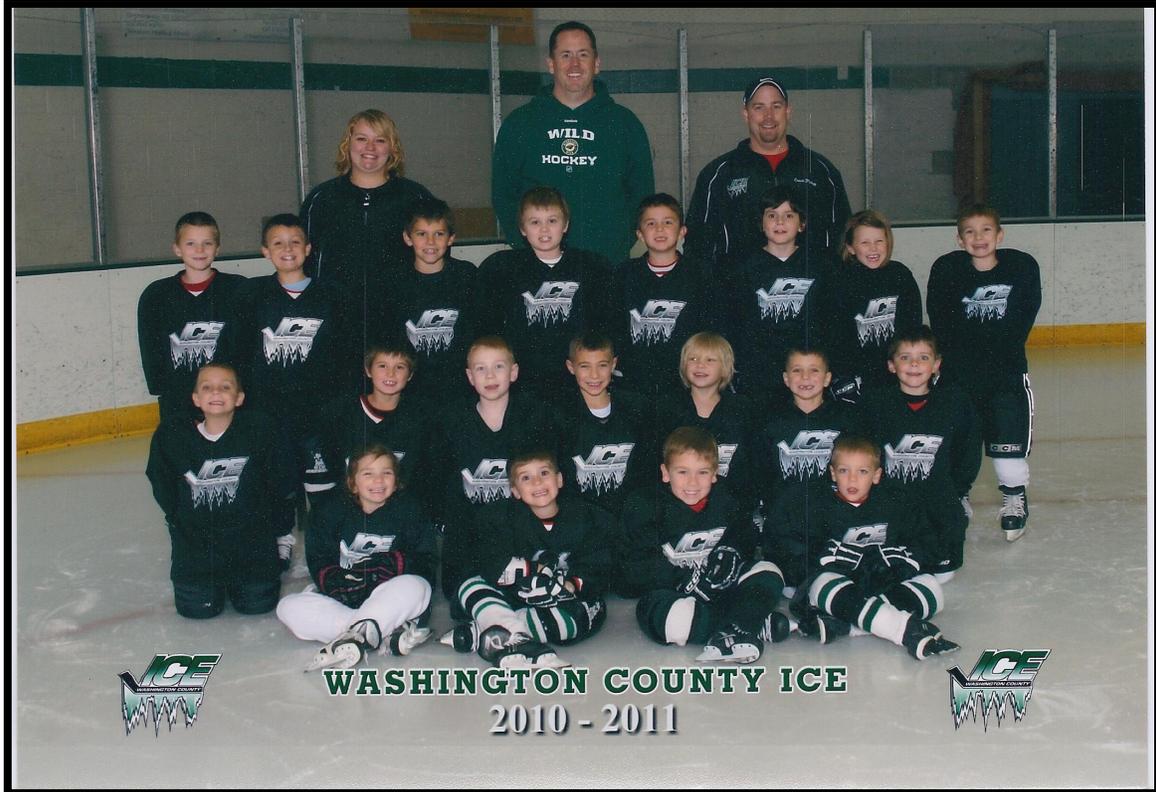
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SQUIRT A



Bottom Row (L to R): Ethan Carmichael, Jake Zainer, Zach Airaudi, Evan MacDonald, Luke Guttormson, Peyton Kesselhon, Eli Kopish

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2010 – 2011 WCYHA Squirt A

Squirt A Players and Family Members,

We would like to start off by thanking all the parents and grandparents of the Squirt A team. Without all of your support and encouragement, our job would be much more difficult. A special thanks to Becki Carmichael for doing a great job of keeping everybody organized and on task all season long. Another thanks to Doug Werner for all the extras you provided all season long.

As the season started we set some team goals for the kids. None of these goals were individual, they were all team orientated. The team concept is something that we stressed all season long. We did not keep individual records nor did we care about them.

There were plenty of highs and a few disappointments as we progressed through the season. We had four tournaments throughout the season. We

started out with an early December tournament in Fond du Lac. We played 3 very competitive games and took 3rd place. We lost the only game in that tournament to the eventual state champion Oregon. Our 2nd tournament took us to Chippewa Falls. This was a great tournament because we played teams from a few different states. Although we did not have the results we were looking for the kids were very competitive.

The 3rd tournament was our home tournament, By far the highlight of our season. We put 3 solid games together and took 1st place.

The tough part of our season came during play downs. We faced Beaver Dam which we were competitive with all season long. We played them even in the 1st and 3rd period, but they put it to us in the 2nd and we lost a tough game. The season ended with a tournament in Wisconsin Dells. It was a round robin style tournament and we won 2 of the first 3 games which put us in the championship game. Although we played tough the outcome was not a win and we settled for 2nd place.

It definitely was a season full of ups and downs, but in the end we finished with a very respectable 25-16-1 record. We as coaches would like to wish all of the kids the best of luck next year weather they are moving up to Pee Wee's or enjoying a 2nd year of squirts.

Have a great summer and see you at the rink!

Coach Shawn
Coach Eddie
Coach Dave



SQUIRT B



Bottom Row (L to R): Logan Leonhard, Casey Fisher, Max Schickert, Tyler Herzberg, Riley McClarran, Will Schwind

2nd Row (L to R): Parker Ratzburg, Noah Grannan, Gavin Pickett, Will Oppermann, Connor Hester, Zach Simbro, Riley Kress

3rd Row (L to R): Coach Mike Leonhard, Coach Doug Pickett

2010-2011 Squirt B

On October 13th, 2010 the Squirt B team assembled for practice for the first time. This team consisted of 4 returning second year squirts and 9 first year squirts. A few of the players had played together in the past but for the most part this team of 13 was unfamiliar with each other. Our goals for the season were to have fun, build new friendships, improve our knowledge of the game, strengthen our skillsets, utilize teamwork, understand sportsmanship, learn all positions, balance school, home and hockey, and gain a competitive desire to win. Who would have known at this time what was in store for this team of 13.

In our first practice it was evident that this team had talent. The speed and agility these players possessed at such a young age was incredible. I knew the kids were competitive but I had no idea how much. In each of our practices the warm ups turned into races. I think I even remember seeing Connor check Parker during our 360' drill (all in good fun). It did not take long for the kids to start bonding and creating friendships. The talk of "sleep-overs" became constant. The locker room started becoming louder and louder. Birthday treats started appearing at games and at practices. Thank goodness the kids are focused on hockey and not singing. More importantly it was evident we were becoming a TEAM.

The challenge we faced in the beginning was taking all this talent and harnessing it into a team that could play the game of hockey. In the beginning we were searching for our way. From October thru December 31st our record stood at 6 wins, 10 losses and 2 ties. We were facing difficult opponents. The majority of the teams we faced were either Division 1 or 2 teams. Even though we were not winning we were learning. Watching these other teams break the zone, play position, pass, shoot and score was rubbing off on the kids.

As the calendar turned to 2011 the team was becoming a force not to be taken lightly. We started playing the teams in our Division and frankly our kids were skating circles around everyone. We found our game!!! The kids went into the WI Rapids tourney with a 4 game winning streak and were poised to do well in this tourney. We breezed thru the first 3 games (all in 1 day) and went into the finals against a speedy Oshkosh A team. The kids left everything out on the ice but unfortunately lost in the final. Despite the loss we were excited to win second place. I was so proud of the team and the teamwork they demonstrated.

Just two weeks later we found ourselves again playing for the Championship in the Shawano Invitational against a team from Niles Illinois. What a game!!! We ended up taking second place in this tourney after an overtime 6 player shootout. The kids were devastated at first but after a good pep talk they held their chins high and were ready to keep moving forward. They obviously were motivated as we would only lose 1 more game this season. We entered into our own WCYHA Invitational tourney and the kids would not settle for anything less than a Championship, and that they did. They played great!!! It was so exciting to see them play as a team, cheer each other on, encourage each other, and finally earn the right to call themselves champions.

With the Invitational tournaments over it was now time to prepare ourselves for our greatest goal, getting to State. We breezed thru our only playoff game and were on our way 6 hours north to Siren WI to play for the WAHA Division 3 Squirt B State Championship. Our first game was Saturday morning against a tough team from Baldwin. We had some insight on this team as our own Zach Simbro played on this team just a year ago. The game was a barnburner but in the 3rd period the kids put together a string of back to back goals to advance to the next round with a narrow 2-1 victory. Our next game had me nervous as Oregon was tough and just beat Amery 13-1. Their kids could play and were fast but our team was ready for them. Admittedly our kids played the best game I had seen all year. They were the first to the puck, they passed like no other, and they kept the puck in Oregon's zone for the majority of the game. We won 2-1 and were on our way to a Championship game against Black River Falls. When the puck dropped in the Championship game there was nothing that was going to stop the WCYHA Squirt B team from winning the State Championship. The final score was 6-2 and the kids were 2010-2011 STATE CHAMPIONS!!!! At the turn of the year this team figured it out. Their record after January 1st was 22 wins and 4 losses. We beat teams that earlier in the season beat us.

In a season's time it is amazing to see where we started to where we ended. I feel so privileged to be a part of this team as their coach. My personal thanks go out to Mike Leonard, Tom Herzberg and Jeremy Grannan for their help in coaching and managing this team. Without your help none of our accomplishments would have ever happened. I also want to thank all the parents and grandparents for their support and commitment. Your cheers, hotel decorations, get togethers, and overall support were always noticed and appreciated.

Finally, I can not thank the kids enough. Connor, Will O, Riley M, Riley K, Max, Logan (Bear), Noah, Zach, Parker, Tyler, Will S, Casey, and Gavin you were such a joy to work with. Next year many of you will be on different teams but you will always be able to look back at this season and say:

“We are State Champions!”

Coach Doug

WAHA 3B
SQUIRT STATE CHAMPIONS!



SQUIRT C BLACK



Bottom Row (L to R): Ethan Lucas, Andrew Butler, Kody Lucas, Amanda Ruona, Breanna Pfaff
2nd Row (L to R): Brandon Bandholz, Nicholas Beine, Nolan Cook, Madeline Foss, Riley Neuendorf, Connor Day, Adam Butler, Maxx Devempport
3rd Row (L to R): Coach Brent Bandholz, Coach John Ruona, Coach Bryan Pfaff

WCYHA Squirt C Black 2010-2011

The season's number one goal for the Squirt C Black team was to skate hard and have fun. Our practice time was spent working on skills-skating, puck handling, and passing. W drill and Figure 8 drill were the staples of most practices. Small area games and races to the puck were mixed in to keep it fun and competitive.

Squirt C Black finished with a season record of 13 wins, 21 losses, and 4 ties. In our pre-game talks we learned hockey terms such as fore-check, back-check, and weak-side pass and stressed playing positions, winning the races to the puck and being tenacious. Of our 13 players, 12 were first year squirts or younger. It was the first year on a team for 7



players. We traveled to away tournaments in Marshfield, Chippewa Falls, and River Falls for state.

Going to State was the highlight of our season. We lost our opening game to eventual champion Deperre then defeated Waunakee in our second. Since it was a point based tournament, we knew it was necessary to win all 3 periods in our third against Chippewa Falls, to advance to the championship game. After winning the first two periods plus holding a 4 to 1 lead going into the last, we had a chance. But, that next goal never came. It was our opponents, whom we just defeated, that were going to the title game. Despite settling for 3rd place, the smiles on our player's faces as they held their trophy, made it all worthwhile.

Through the many months of our season and through all of the games and practices, in the end, we came together as team. Thanks to our players, parents, managers, and coaches for a successful season.

Go Black Ice!!

Coach John

WAHA 2C 3RD PLACE STATE FINISH



SQUIRT C GREEN



Bottom Row (L to R): Michael Schellinger, Cade Reiter, Logan Carlson, Michael Canard, Jeep Aspenleiter

2nd Row (L to R): Caleb Brown, Lauren Waraksa, John Klabecek, Paul Perdsock, Easton Nick, Tyler Ott

3rd Row (L to R): Coach John Aspenleiter, Coach Ken Nick, Coach Dave Brown

Not pictured: Nathan Carlson

2010/2011 Squirt C Green

With the delay of getting the ice in this year, the season sprang upon us very quickly. With only three practices under our belts we took a very young team to Ozaukee to open the season. Our bench included five players who were about to play the first ice hockey game of their young lives. That game and the next few we struggled, as we worked on teaching the kids things like off-sides, taking face-offs and basic defensive zone positioning. We worked on these things on the bench during the games, while we stressed and trained on the basic skills during practice. During those early season games, we didn't visit the other team's goalie very often. Finally, in the fourth game of the year, one of our first year players put the puck past the Pettit goalie and we were on our way.

In the games that followed, we began scoring regularly, but still struggled to find our first win. We struggled to beat our opponents to the puck and had a passive tendency on the fore check. Some kids are naturally aggressive, but for the rest, it is something that builds with confidence. Our message to the kids was to have fun and experience the game by engaging it, learn by doing and not to be afraid of making mistakes.

We entered our first tournament in mid January having played half a season and inching closer to our first win. We won our first and second games of the year at the tournament in Marshfield and this really boosted kid's confidence. We learned around this time that we would be making a trip to the Squirt 2C State tournament in River Falls at the end of the season. It is fair to say, that at this point in the season, I was concerned that we would struggle to represent our region well.

We won or tied a few more games after the Marshfield tournament, but we were competing in almost every game. At State, we did not win a game, but we competed well in every one, not giving up more than four points to any opponent and we were the only team to hold the eventual State champion to under five points as we went down to the Voyagers from De Pere 3-0. Our kids represented region 5 very well. After state, Ozaukee made a trip to KMIC for our last game of the year, this time our kids put it all together, winning the game 5-3.

Thank you to the coaches, John Aspenleiter and David Brown for all the help and support; to the team manager and all the work that goes with it, John Klabecheck; to Amy Hennings for managing our tournament lodging reservations; to Greg Canard and Amy Hennings for opening their house on Little Cedar for numerous pond hockey outings; to our Zam drivers, John Klabecheck and Eric Reiter; to Tracey and Damian Carlson for their experience in picking up all the details that pop up through out the year; to all the first year parents for diving in and tackling the game day and work week responsibilities; and lastly, to the kids and their parents for making this a great year. I had fun coaching a great bunch of kids. Everyone maintained a positive attitude and truly enjoyed the game. Thank you.

Coach Ken



PEEWEE A



Bottom Row (L to R): Jake Kandel, Josh Rusniak, Derek Anderson, Jack Brudvig, Theran Wanta, Erik Haver, Jacob Dobner

Top Row (L to R): Graham Kent, Tony Koerner, Coach Scott Haver, Coach Dave Brudvig, Coach Scott Koerner, Trevor Herzberg, Ryan Ruona, Steven Pfaff

Pee Wee A 2010-2011 State Champions!

Coming into the 2010-11 season, expectations were high that the Washington County Pee Wee A's was going to be a strong team. As we only had one player move to the Bantam level following a successful '09 season that ended with a loss to the eventual State Champs – Antigo.

Early in August Coach Steve Nelson had agreed to come on board to help with this team. I felt his many years of playing and coaching would be a tremendous asset to a team that I believed could be very special, with a great group of kids and parents.

With the tireless work of Mike Anderson, we plotted a schedule that would allow us to face as tough a competition as we could find throughout the year. A final tournament was scheduled in Antigo to avenge the previous year's loss – prior to the State tourney should we be fortunate enough to get there. Well, the season started with a loss to Ozaukee by a goal, but after that things began to roll. I do know the boys worked hard all season long, they were a dedicated group. They worked at dry land training,

enjoyed the pond hockey games and on the biggest snow storm of the year - we had a full practice! They worked hard, played hard and had fun as a team.

We participated in 3 tournaments this year – placing 2nd in Somerset in a double overtime shootout loss. (Which I believe help prepare us for things to come.) A 1st place finish in our home WCYHA tournament as well as the 1st place finish in Antigo.

With our smaller team numbers there were limited combinations to try to find lines that worked together, we were fortunate enough to find that early in the season and stuck with it. There were tremendous highlights this year – players with record numbers of goals/ hat tricks, assists/playmakers, as well as shutouts. We also experienced the lows of a teammate’s season ending injury that was difficult for all.

With a tremendous season behind us we entered the State tournament and were dubbed the “favorite” coming in. You may recall that was the same label many of these same kids faced as Squirts a couple years back.... This one ended differently! With a tremendous 3-2 triple overtime victory over Rhinelander. Finishing the season with a record of 42-5, and State Championship!

Having coached in this association for many years I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to have worked with Eve Haver as our team manager, simply the best. Thanks to the Master Scheduler- Mike Anderson nice work! I also want to recognize the time commitment and effort by Coach Steve Nelson, thank you! Thank you to Coaches Scott Koerner and Scott Haver for the time and effort in practice planning, and working with the boys on and off the ice. Thanks to Coach Russ Wanta for his assistance when we were short staffed.

A special thanks to the fantastic group of parents, as this season allowed us to focus on coaching, and watch as they developed in to a TEAM they will long remember being a part of.

Congratulations boy’s (Ice Holes) on a very special season!

Coach Brudvig



WAHA 3A

Peewee State Champions!



PEEWEE B BLACK



Bottom Row (L to R): Peyton Airaudi, Ian Devenport, Brady Gagne, Zach Fountain, Justin Foss

Top Row (L to R): TJ Prange, Cameron Opalacz, Jack Kopecky, Kathryn Schickert, Megan Stautz
Alec Bagin

Coaches: Kevin Airaudi, Dennis Opalacz, Mike Gagne

The Washington County Youth Hockey Association PEEWEE 3B BLACK ICE Hockey Team are State Champions.

Our goal from the beginning of the season was to get through Region 5 Play-downs and earn a chance to play for a State Championship. Once we accomplished that, our goal changed to be champions.

We were ranked 2nd in Region 5 leading up to play-downs. We played Sheboygan in their barn. We played two games with them in regular season play. We won our home game and they won their home game. Our players showed up for this game beating the Lakers to earn a spot in the State Tournament.

Our State Tournament brought us to LaCrosse. We played the host team in our first game. We handled them relatively easily winning 7-1. The second game was a Region 5 match against Sheboygan. This game had five lead changes. We scored the last go ahead goal with 10.2 seconds left in the third period. The Championship Game was exciting. We were down 0-1 after the first period and went on to score three unanswered goals to bring home a State Championship to the WCYHA.

We played 44 games this season ending up with an impressive 31 wins, 12 losses, and 1 tie record. The most important games that we played were the games we lost. We learned that there is always room for improvement.

Improvement we did from practice to practice and from game to game. This season was a total team effort; Players, Coaches, Manager and Parents. I can't thank them all enough for the wonderful season we enjoyed.

Our players not only had the will to win, but they had the will to train to win. Every practice counted and every shift on the ice counted during a game. We trained with the Pee wee B Green Ice team on and off the ice. The full ice practices and dry-land training helped our team succeed.

I would like to thank all the Black Ice Parents for supporting the team. We had very few missed practices and games. Their positive attitude and support was the base of our success.

I would like to thank Todd Prange for Managing the team. He kept the lines of communication open between parents and coaches as well as between parents. He was instrumental in our ability to teach and coach the players. He was our technology expert and videotaped many of our games. This was an extremely valuable tool to use. Early in the season our players were making some of the same mistakes again and again. The ability to see themselves on tape helped them understand what we were trying to convey to them. They could see their mistakes and they learned from them. This was a big part to the team improving.

I would like to thank the Coaches; Dennis Opalacz and Mike Gagne. It felt like Dennis, Mike and I coached with each other for years. We worked well together in our ability to teach our kids the game of ice hockey. They always supported me and my decisions. Mike did an outstanding job coaching our goalie and Dennis did an outstanding job running practice when I was not there. We had other coaches' fill in whenever we needed.

Thank you Dave Fountain, Todd Prange, Matt Stautz, Dave Airaudi, and Chris Stefanovitz.

Most importantly, I would like to thank our players; #01 Peyton Airaudi, #6 Brady Gagne, #8 Jack Kopecki, #11 TJ Prange, #30 Ian Davenport, #44 Kathryn Schickert, #48 Justin Foss, #71 Zack Fountain, #79 Megan Stautz, #97 Alec Bagin, and #99 Cameron Opalacz. You believed in the coaches and yourself. Your hard work and dedication paid off. I am very proud of every one of you. I am privileged to coach you this season. Enjoy your off-season and train hard. You will be successful.

This was a total TEAM effort!

Yours for Hockey,
Kevin Airaudi
Black Ice



WAHA PEEWEE 3B STATE CHAMPIONS!



PEEWEE B GREEN



Bottom Row (L to R): Aaron Eckert, Ben Beversdorf, Donnie Fahler, Alec Schwind, Caleb Beversdorf
2nd Row (L to R): Jeremy Bell, Hunter Leonhard, Zach Meyers, Austin Milligan-Kierzek, Rheese McCardle, Chad Mouradian
3rd Row (L to R): Coach Pat Bell, Coach Mike Leonhard, Coach Jim Meyers, Coach Chris Stefanovitz

This season was a year of growing, learning, and developing skills. We learned about commitment, self sacrifice for the team, and how to just plain have fun. The Pee wee B's had a great year taking on all teams we came up against. We swept our region on our way to state, we won our home tournament, and the Lacrosse tournament. We had some late season injuries which affected our game at the end of the season and still came out with the consolation championship at state. All in all we had very successful season on all accounts.

Thank you to all of the kids who worked hard all season both on and off the ice, it has been a great year. I have new friendships and new stories that I will never forget. Thank you to all of the parents for your support all year, you have all been great. Thank you to Sandy and Mike for taking on the big task of

manager you did a great job. A big thanks to Pat, Jim, and Mike for helping me coach this year it's been fun.

Thanks for the great season!

Coach Chris

Remember:

"Love what you do, and do what you Love and everything else will work itself out."

WAHA PEEWEE 3B STATE CONSOLATION CHAMPIONS!

