Week 9 Update

Squirt White – John Smith

The Fargo Angels Squirt White team were slotted to go to Jamestown, ND for the Hockey Day ND this weekend. However, a blizzard closed I-94 preventing the Angels Team from leaving town.

Not to worry Squirt International is right around the corner.

Squirt Red - Brady Butenhoff

Friday morning Squirt Red left early before the blizzard to play in the Thief River Falls Tournament. Twelve teams in three pools were there to compete.

Game one: The Angels played Thief River Falls. The host team started off with two goals in the first period. The Angels came back in the second with goals from Ian Wood (Cooper Overbeck) and Eli Emineth (Ian W.) but went into the third period one goal down. The Angels tied up the game with a goal by Elliott Butenhoff (Eli E.) with a little over 6 minutes left in the game but lost the opening game 5-3. Goalie Cole Stimpson had 21 saves.

Game two: Saturday morning the Angels faced St. Cloud. The Angels got on the board first with a goal by Elliott B. (Ian W.) and a second by Eli E. Eli E. (Connor Sweeney) scored again in the second period and the score was 3-1 at the end of 2. St. Cloud added two more in the third, but the Angels were determined to win and added two more goals by Eli E. (Connor S.) and Cale Anderson (Eli E.). The Angels won game two 6-2. Cole Stimpson had 19 saves.

Game 3: Saturday afternoon the Angels needed a shut out to advance to the top bracket. They came ready to skate and won the game 6-0! Eli E. had a hat trick, Max Hofer scored two goals and Cale A. scored one. Assists by Elliott B., Eli E., Max H., and Cale A. Squirt Red had 49 shots on goal. Cole Stimpson had 21 saves.

Game 4: Sunday morning the Angels had a tough challenge. They played undefeated top seed Sartell. Sartell got off to a fast start scoring two quick goals. The Angels settled down and got one back by Eli E. unassisted. Sartell played smart and fast and scored three goals before the Angels could get another one. Ian W. (Elliott E.) scored in the second period. The Angels played well in the third period and didn't allow any goals but lost 7-2. Cole had 40 saves!

Game 5: The Angels faced Red Lake Falls in the Third-Place game. Both teams got on the board in the first period. Max H. (Elliott B.) scored for the Angels and the score was 2-1 RLF after 1. Ian W. (Elliott B.) scored midway through period two and added another at the end of the period assisted by Ryker Grinaker. Eli E. scored unassisted and the Angels went into the period break up 4-3. Elliott B (Ian W.) and Eli E. each added a goal before Red Lake Falls could answer. Elliott B. scored an empty netter to end the game. The Angels came away with a 7-4 victory and the 3rd place trophy. Cole S. had 11 saves.

PeeWee White - John Smith

The Fargo Angels PeeWee White Team originally slotted to go to Marshall, MN for the PeeWee B Prairie Shootout this weekend. However, we were mired in Fargo due to a blizzard that shut down any outbound travel on the I-29 and I-94.

PeeWee Red – Jeremy Elbert

Unfortunate for all hockey players across the region, the weather once again took its toll on schedules. PeeWee A was beyond excited to compete in the Prairie Shootout in Marshall, yet Mother Nature did not allow those plans to be come to fruition.

Thankfully, Red was able to pick up a game against Fargo Blue in the confines of Farmers Union, with a 7pm Saturday puck drop. With a few of our players still snowed in, Red had a slight man disadvantage.

As expected, the matchup with Fargo Blue was about as even as you can get, with both teams playing clean hockey and willing to grind it out. Fargo Blue grabbed the only goal early in the period. End of period one, 0-1. Chapman had four saves.

Early in the second, Red came out strong with a goal by Will Hankel, assisted by Flach and Storey. Late in the period, Fargo Blue went ahead, now up 1-2. With only seconds remaining in the period on the power play, Joey Jaeger scored, assisted by Hale. End of period two, 2-2. Chapman had 6 saves.

The Angels momentum carried into the third, as Christian Storey scored just seconds into the period, assisted by Lord. Red battled hard to keep the game out of the reach of Fargo Blue, yet the game was tied up late in the period with just three minutes remaining. Red was unable to grab another goal. End of regulation, 3-3. Chapman with 9 saves.

The 5:00 minute overtime was exciting as both teams pushed to find the win. With no goals scored in overtime, we moved to a five-player shootout. Angels win the shootout with goals from Elbert, Hale and Lord. A fun "fill-in" game on a snowy Saturday. Thank you to the Freeze organization for helping coordinate this matchup.

Bantam White - Derek Sunderland

The Cold and the Snow wiped one of our scheduled weekend games for Bantam White. We did however get on the road to Jamestown for Hockey Day in ND festivities Sunday and played an outdoor game versus Rugby on Sunday. The weather at game time was 13 below zero and about 25 below on the wind chill radar. Players and fans alike bundled up to watch the Angels play in a game they will remember for years to come. The game did not go our way as it was a 5-0 loss by the Angels, but to watch the boys compete outside in the cold until the end was fun to see.

Hats off the committee for Hockey Day in ND as the rink and amenities were amazing. It is too bad the temperatures didn't cooperate a little better, but they did great work in getting an outdoor facility together that was as good as it gets and they should all be thanked for their hard works and vision in making this possible.

Bantam Red - Steve Cassola

This weekend, our Bantam A Red took the show on the road to participate in the Outdoor Classic - Hockey Day In North Dakota. The players, parents and hockey fans enjoyed a frigid day of hockey on Sunday with no amputations to report (yet).

Game 1:

Fargo Angels vs Dickinson

This game was full of defense and lots of super sloppy play due to frozen paws, outdoor ice, and bright sunshine. Dickinson was on the board first and not until the third did Red even it up. Mayson Hjermstad nets his first of the season with a nice shot from the point that had eyes the entire way. This morale booster for Red allowed the game to slip into OT. A shootout ensued with Red coming out on top. Angels get the W at their first ODR game. Merik Grinaker steers aside 15 in regulation and stops all but 1 in shootout! Angles win 2-1 in OT Shootout

Game 2:

Fargo Angels vs Jamestown-Valley City

The second meeting of these teams had palpable bad mojo from the initial puck drop. JVC gets up by 1 to start the game and piles of chippy, cheap, and bad play coming at us. Red settles things down by getting on the board before the end of 1. One to 1 after first. Red decides to not retaliate and, into the second, adds two more tallies such that the frustration level for JVC is close to the boiling point. End of 2 has Red up by 1 at 3-2. The third was close to out of control and Red decided to finish off JVC for good with one more insurance goal putting us at 4-2. Production came from Rostberg netting 2, and additional goals from Ovsak and Nestler. Grinaker continues to press forward in tight games with playoff like confidence...steers aside 21 in this gritty game.

Angels 4 - JVC 2

Red earns two frigid ODR wins on the road in two decent battles of non-league play. Fun was had by all and the invitation to HDND was appreciated by all.

Overall: 13-6-1 League: 6-1-1