



Rocket Hockey November Newsletter

2021-2022 Season!



Welcome to the first monthly newsletter for **Rocket Hockey** for the 21-22 season! This will be a monthly communication tool used by the coaches to keep alumni, fans, and friends informed of our team events and season updates throughout the year. We hope to see you at a game sometime this season!

NOVEMBER'S
TOP STORIES

'21-'22 Season Kicks Off

The team has been preparing for the start of the season - with great turn out for summer workouts and captains practice, the boys have put the time in. While we are short in numbers this season, that just means everyone will contribute throughout the year. Led by our senior captains Ryan Hus and Jake Schmidt the team has set goals to improve on the challenging '20-'21 season, and are driving to achieve our goals.

We kicked off with a pair of scrimmages in Red Wing, and launched into the season with 3 non conference games against Roseville, Two Rivers (formerly Henry Sibley), and at St. Paul Johnson. We expect to be tested by all three of these east side schools as we move into conference play December 9th at home against Mankato West.



**Rocket Players help with RYHA's
"Learn to Skate Program" in
November as part of their initiative
to earn community service hours in
the lettering process this year!**

[Keep up to date with our game schedule here](#)

Two Rivers



AT

Thu Dec 02 @ 5:30p



Rochester John Marshall

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AT

Sat Dec 04 @ 3:00p



St. Paul Johnson

Mankato West



AT

Thu Dec 09 @ 7:15p



Rochester John Marshall

Rochester Lourdes



AT

Sat Dec 11 @ 3:00p



Rochester John Marshall

Austin



AT

Thu Dec 16 @ 7:15p



Rochester John Marshall

Rochester John Marshall



AT

Sat Dec 18 @ 7:00p



Mankato East/Loyola

St. Paul Highland Park



AT

Tue Dec 21 @ 7:15p



Rochester John Marshall

Rockets Hire New Coach

Coach Erredge takes over the Rockets after 11 years as an assistant coach under Jay Ness and Scott Lecy. He previously has served as head coach of the Dodge County Wildcats Boys and Girls programs.

Coach Erredge is a 4th Grade teacher in the Kasson School District and just started his 20th year there. He has one daughter, Layna, who is a senior at Mayo and a varsity soccer player. Coach and his wife Kristen who is an Athletic Trainer at Mayo Sports Medicine live in North Park.

He played his college hockey at St. John's University ('99) where he was a 2-time NCAA Division 3 All-American. He is the all time leading points scorer in the history of the school. He also went on to play 3 years of minor league hockey in the ECHL.

[Coach Erredge](#)



Upcoming Alumni Events

December 24th - Alumni Game (10:30am-12:15pm) ***Food/Drinks After in Bob Fick***

****EVEN YEARS vs ODD YEARS (jerseys will be provided)****

December 28-30 - Kiwanis Hockey Holiday Tourney (**Graham Arena**)

December 28th - Rockets vs New Richmond, WI @ 3PM

July 15th - Gene Sack Memorial Golf Tournament

Alumni Spotlight



This month's alumni spotlight shines on the new Assistant Coach for the Rockets! **Peter Moehnke** is a 2005 graduate of JM and returns to the staff after a brief break from coaching at the high school level. He formerly coached at JM from 2006-2011 and was most recently an Assistant Coach at Rochester Century.

He is a Financial Analyst at IBM and is an avid men's league hockey player. His wife Kayla ('05) and their 3 dogs live in Rochester and he is looking forward to getting back into coaching at JM.

Where Are They Now?

Former Captain and Rocket Hockey 2016 Graduate **Brady Dahl** is currently playing hockey in his senior season at D3 St. John's University (MIAC). He helped this summer in the Rocket Hockey Summer Program and plans to graduate in May with a degree in Global Business.

[Brady Dahl Stats](#)



Rocket History Books

Each month we will include a look back at our program's history - compiling the best we can from yearbooks, our records, the Post-Bulletin and hopefully you can dig up some great stories and pictures of the past as well.

Today's edition is the **1970 Rockets** - *is that chain link fence at Graham Arena?*

Clean sweep of Mayo - nice job fella's ! - there is a Kirk Gill sighting here too - he came and skated in the Alumni game about 4 years ago . If you were wondering - He's still got it!

Winning record

"It's the most harmonized team of any I have coached" remarked Coach Gene Sack at one point during the hockey season. With all returning lettermen, the prospect of a good season was in sight.

Led by senior captains Mark Wilkus and Kirk Gill, the Rockets played a grueling schedule of 18 games. The squad's front line consisted of junior Scott Christopherson, senior Kirk Gill, and sophomore Jim Radke. They alternated with the line of seniors Dick Ehrick and Steve Horeck, junior Jerry Graham, and the third line of senior Chuck Nordine, sophomore Steve LeTourneau, and freshman Rod Powell.

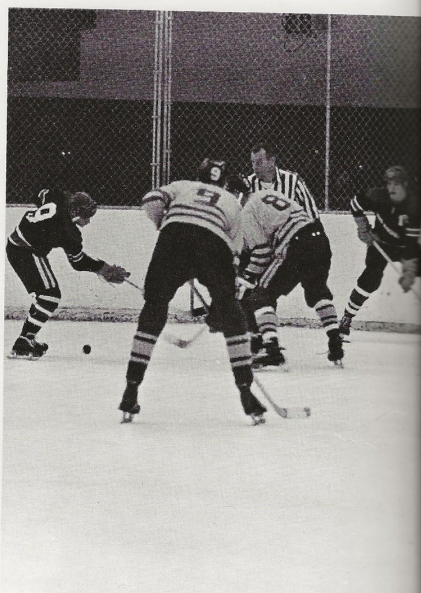
The goaltending of senior Brian Nordine sparked the Rockets on to many victories. He had an 89% save average per game. Junior Scott Christopherson led the squad in scoring with 18 goals and 14 assists to total 32 points. Senior Kirk Gill followed with 31 points.

Highlighting the season were the decisive wins over Mayo (4-0 and 3-1), and a hard fought victory over St. Paul Park.

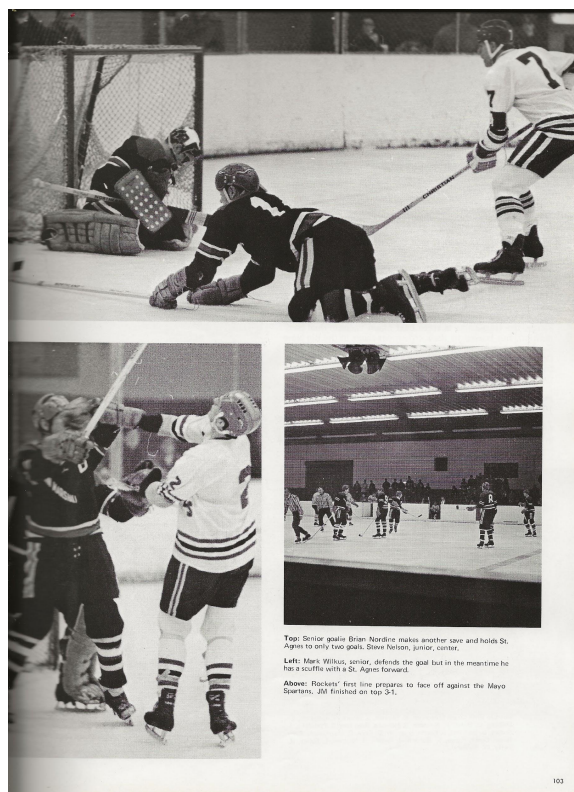
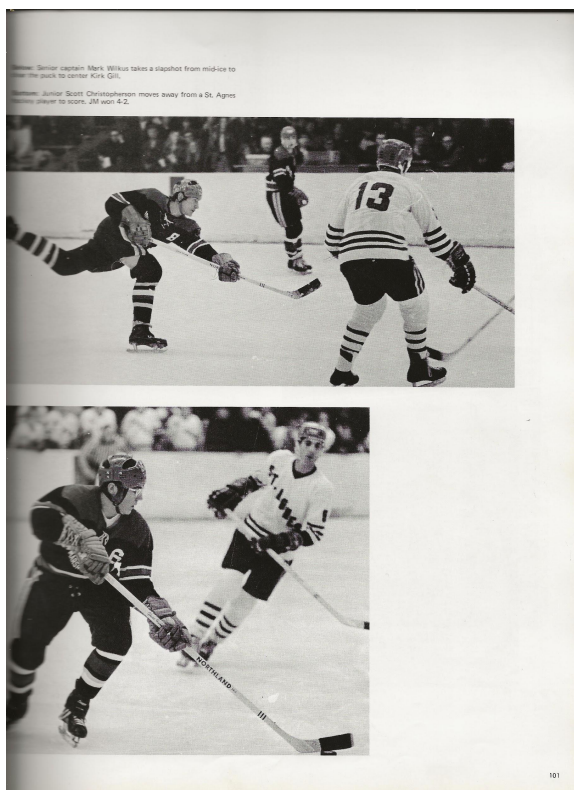
In the first round of the regional tournament the third seated Rockets handily defeated Albert Lea 11-0. In their second game, however, JM lost 4-2 in a struggle with West St. Paul, who they had beaten earlier in the season.

The Rockets compiled a 13-4-1 record over the season. Beginning the year with a loss...

Below: As the referee watches closely, junior Jerry Graham and his opponent face off.

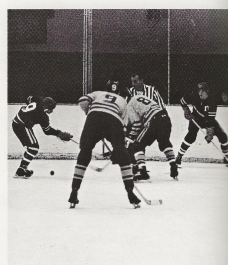


Above: Kneeling: S. Christopherson, T. Herzog, S. LeTourneau, C. Nordine, B. Nordine, R. Purvis, R. Powell, D. Christopherson. Row two: Coach Lamson, C. Sandburg, S. Nelson, J. Radke, K. Gill, D. Ehrick, C. Munson, P. Johnson, M. Wilkus, B. Sutton, J. Graham, S. Horeck, G. Hamm, Coach Sack.



SCOREBOARD A SQUAD		
WON		LOST
Farmington	6	3 JM
JM	2	1 Owatonna
JM	7	2 Minneapolis West
Minneapolis Edison	4	4 JM
JM	4	0 Mayo
JM	7	1 St. Paul Humboldt
JM	7	1 Bloomington Lincoln
JM	2	1 Alexander Ramsey
JM	5	1 Orono
Minneapolis West	3	2 JM
JM	1	1 Kellogg
JM	3	2 St. Paul Park
JM	3	1 Mayo
JM	6	5 Hopkins
JM	4	2 St. Agnes
JM	4	3 West St. Paul
Owatonna	2	1 JM
JM	12	4 Albert Lea
TOURNAMENTS		
JM	11	0 Albert Lea
W. St. Paul	4	2 JM

...the Rockets came back to defeat other highly regarded opposition



Top: Rockets face off against the Mayo Spartans after an early goal.

Bottom: Senior goalie Brian Nordine falls down to give the St. Agnes player an opportunity to score.

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