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Happy February Hanover Hockey Association Members and Friends!

As we turn the corner toward the final stretch of our season, we are back with another issue of our newsletter. Teams are preparing for final games against their rivals and league championships. In between games and practices, they are getting in the final days of backyard rinks and town ponds.

Many thanks for all of you for your wonderful contributions – you have helped turn this update into an anticipated “event” for many! Please share this with your players, families and communities and please send any news or team updates on Mondays following games for inclusion in our biweekly push!

HHA NEWS

Our monthly board meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday or Wednesday of each month. Look out for an update on our March meeting in the next edition.

TEAM UPDATES

14U White – Updates to follow in next edition

14U/12U Girls-

The HHA U12 Wild Ladies grit and continuous improvement was on full display over an undefeated weekend of two double headers. On Saturday, they faced off against a very large Brattleboro squad ... “What are they feeding them in VT?” the girls thought out loud. Despite the size disadvantage, the girls were not intimidated, with a relentless forecheck and an impregnable defense, they skated to take the first game 7-0. Abby Lindsay netted four goals, with contributions from Sarai Przydzielski, Ella Dannehy and Jane Bartlett. The 2nd game ended with a 2-2 tie with goals from Abby Lindsay and Janie Ryckman. Sally Gaughan and Jane Bartlett had two assists each for the day!

The Wild ladies kept up their winning ways on Sunday with league play against the visiting Rhode Island Sirens. The previous meetings against the Sirens did not go the Wild's way, struggling to stop a skilled

offense. The Wild had been working extra hard in practice, and it showed! With an all-hands-on-deck offensive and solid, stalwart defensive contributions from the back lines, the Wild spent much of the day in the offensive zone moving the puck and generating chances. The defense held the blue line fiercely, and Laney Connors made several game defining saves to keep the Wild on top. While it looked like the Wild was going to run away, up by 2 in the 3rd, the Sirens would not relent and both teams exchanged several goals in the final minutes. Jane Bartlett netted two, Janie Ryckman and Abby Lindsay with a goal each, for the 4-3 win. Early in the 2nd game, the Wild found themselves down by a goal and fought hard to take the lead, though ultimately ending the game in a 4-4 tie with two goals from Katherine Moseley, and one a goal each from Pauline Rudd and Madelyn Musshaffen.

12U Green-

The Peeewe Green team notched a great win this weekend against the Barre Blackhawks on Sunday, after a couple of hard-fought losses against the Dynamo on Saturday.

They will travel to Hallowell, Maine on 2/12 for a rematch against the Maine Moose. The teams split a doubleheader when they last met at Union Arena two weeks ago. Should be a couple of great games with the full squad back together!

Cheers to Kelly McConnell for providing a long-awaited update and these great shots!



Katharine Moseley gets ready to fire an outlet pass, while her coaches and teammates look on.



Paco Souther makes another big save while Liam McConnell, Pauline Rudd, and Carter Dube hustle back on defense.

12U White

12U White finished a long stretch of non-league play with a Friday evening (1/28) contest against Cardigan Thirds. In what has proven to be an excellent matchup, Hanover won 6-3, making the season series 2-1 in Hanover's favor with a final matchup on Wednesday 2/23. On Sunday 1/30, Hanover returned to league play with a pair of victories in Woodstock, first 5-2 over Back Bay, and then 3-1 over the Northern Cyclones. This past weekend provided a rare Saturday off followed by a lengthy tour of scenic New Hampshire on Sunday. Hanover lost 5-2 to a solid Berlin team at Notre Dame Arena in the morning, followed by an evening victory (7-2) over the Northern Cyclones. And Wednesday night, the boys met up at the Bartlett backyard for some mid-week play. Thanks to Will and his family for hosting!

Hanover travels to league-leading Plymouth on Saturday, followed by a home doubleheader on Sunday against the Maine Gladiators.

10U Green- Updates to follow in next edition... we're counting on you!

10U White

Down the stretch they come! Squirt White went undefeated in league play the past two weeks, earning three of those victories on the road. It began on a cold and snow-covered Sunday morning where, in the shade of Pat's Peak, Hanover defeated the Henniker Huskies 6-2. Henniker cut an early Hanover lead to 2-1 late in the second period, but the momentum shifted on a huge breakaway goal by Rea Makofsky. Henniker was all bark and no bite afterwards, as the Wild dominated the time of possession the rest of the way. Axl Voydik scored four goals, Rea Makofsky notched a pair of goals, and Billy Diamond added an assist. Voydik and Diamond put on a laser show of passes in the neutral zone and from the blue line, ensuring that Henniker couldn't capitalize on a mistake. Lincoln Costa stopped a handful of shots, including a beauty on a breakaway; however, it was one of those goalie days where the primary opponent was extremely cold toes.

Hanover returned to Champion Arena to play the third place Keene Cobras. The game had a playoff feel, with back-and-forth action and boisterous fans. Hanover jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first, but Keene tied it early in the second. Billy Diamond broke the tie halfway through the second, earning the eventual game winner. The Wild became snake charmers in the third period, busting the game open with four unanswered goals, including a nifty give and go on a breakaway. Overall, Axel Voydik added four goals to his season total, Billy Diamond and Lincoln Costa each scored, and Costa and Rea Makofsky were credited with assists. Sam Hunt took the win in net against an aggressive Keene team. A special tip of the hat goes to Axel Voydik in these two games for trying to help other teammates get on the board.

Last weekend featured a home and home series against Back Bay. The games were a bit slow, perhaps an homage to the clutch and grab hockey of the 1990s NHL. Or, perhaps, the kids were tired from sledding during Friday's snow day? Either way, the Wild found a way to grind out a pair of victories, 5-0 and 3-0. Credit for Saturday's victory went all around the scoresheet, with seven players pitching in: Billy Diamond scored twice and Axel Voydik, Arian Campbell, and Caleb Eggleton added single tallies. Corbin Hough, Patrick O'Dea, and Kellen Jennings earned assists. Off the scoresheet, Connor Short, Matthew Murray-Smith, Anders Widboom, and Chloe Murray kept attacking the puck. Zach Zaha contributed to a stout defense. Sunday, parents had a fair debate whether the Pop Whalen Arena is the coldest rink in the GSL. Meanwhile, on the ice, Hanover completed the weekend sweep with goals from Billy Diamond and Axl Voydik. At one point, Kellen Jennings took on three opposing players on the boards and emerged with the puck: a characteristic show of heart and hustle by Kellen! Lincoln Costa earned a pair of shutouts but eagerly awaits the return of his goaltending partner Sam Hunt.

Hanover has only three league games left prior to the State Tournament, starting with a prime time 7:30 p.m. matchup in Manchester next Saturday. Bring your popcorn and your mittens.

10U Girls

Last weekend....

The U10 girls braved the weather reports for a great trip to southern Connecticut to end January. Lexi Fox netted our lone goal of the trip during an 8-1 loss to a strong CT Ice Cats team in Stamford before heading to Greenwich for two games. Saturday evening, we played outdoors at Greenwich Skating Club. It was quite cold but the experience under the lights, the outdoor fire pit and balcony for parents to watch the game made for a great atmosphere. The girls played well but couldn't get one past a stellar Greenwich goalie despite a 6v5 over the final 90 seconds, falling 1-0. Our hosts welcomed us with pizza, drinks and Hanover Wild cookies to celebrate the trip in their quaint little "warming hut." The Sunday morning rematch saw another tightly contested 1-0 loss in a game the Wild, at times, dominated. The forward line of Virginia Bray, Ava Feldman and Maddie Hutton-Hiatt came close on a number of scoring chances and the rookie line of Carter Antol, Stella Smith and Alice Crouse really came into their own, forechecking as a group and creating scoring opportunities around the Greenwich goal.



The girls at Greenwich, inspiration for our Campion renovation 😊

This past weekend...

Saturday morning in Hooksett was a bit of a wake-up call with the Wildcats Tier 2 team getting some payback from having been outplayed by our girls two weeks prior. Their 4-0 win was pretty resounding as the Wild were a bit hungover from the CT trip the week before and a Friday snow day. The girls did a great job rebounding in their Greenwich revenge game Saturday night in Woodstock. Following a pair of 1-0 losses, center Ava Feldman knocked home a rebound to open the scoring in the first and goaltender Violet Carroll turned away the two best good scoring chances against. The Wild had difficulty adding to the lead despite significant zone time before winger Izzy Parker picked up a loose puck along the wall in the neutral zone, evaded one defender with a burst of speed and used her body to shield another defender from the puck before netting the goal to seal a 2-0 victory. Sunday afternoon saw the 4th and final matchup of the past week with Greenwich, this time at Campion. Our girls had a rough first period handing a quick 3-0 lead to Greenwich before trying to claw our way back. Unfortunately, a disallowed goal midway through and a late (but spectacular!) Virginia Bray breakaway tally were all we could muster in a 3-1 defeat.



Piper Hanson and Virginia Bray



Izzy Parker, Eleanor McConnell & Carter Antol



Grace Gallie, Alice Kraus, Ava Feldman

8U Travel Red/White/Blue - Will provide updates next week 😊

House Mites & Learn to Play - Will provide updates next week 😊

Please share with your skaters!

Don't miss your team's updates in the next edition! Squirt Green we are talking to you 😊

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SEND PHOTOS AND UPDATES

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