



**HANOVER**  
*Hockey Association*

HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

# The Wild Gazette

**Volume 6 Issue 6**  
**February 22, 2022**

Hello Hanover Hockey Association Members and Friends!

Here is a shorter than usual update on this last week of the month. Stay tuned for our final edition of the season, out the week of March 7<sup>th</sup>. And brace yourselves for full association participation! We are hoping for an update from every team as we wrap up the season.

As always, thanks to all of you for making these updates fun and interesting!

## **HHA NEWS**

Our monthly board meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday or Wednesday of each month. The board will be convening on Wednesday, March 8, at 7 PM, location TBD. All members are welcome.

## **TEAM UPDATES**

***14U White, 14U/12U Girls, 12U Green, 10U Green, 10U Girls, House Mites***

*Updates to follow in the next and final edition*

## ***12U White***

On Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup>, Hanover 12U White traveled to undefeated Plymouth - the team played its best hockey of the season in taking a 3-0 lead at the end of the first period, only to give up two unfortunate goals in the final two minutes of the game to settle for a 3-3 tie. The following day Hanover hosted the Maine Gladiators, dropping two contests 4-3 and 6-3 in tightly contested games. 12U White was off this past Saturday and returned to league play on Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup> to defeat Concord 4-1 in a solid (and shorthanded) team effort, and dropped a 4-2 match against Cardigan on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. 12U White closes out the regular season with a final league matchup on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> against the Manchester Flames that will determine playoff seeding, after which they will go in to the NH State Tournament hosted in Wolfeboro, NH as either the #2 or #3 seed.

### **10U White**

It was Hockey Night in Manchester, as Squirt Green faced the Flames for a 7:30 Saturday night shootout at the West Side Arena. And the party was here on the West Side, as the Wild rumbled to a 9 – 0 victory that showed the Flames *this is how we do it*. Hanover came out fast, scoring twice in the first 65 seconds en route to four tallies in the first period, three in the second period, and a pair in the third. Caleb Eggleton and Lincoln Costa each recorded four points. Arian Campbell scored a pair of goals. Billy Diamond and Axel Voydik added a goal and an assist a piece. Rea Makofsky used her speed to notch a pair of assists, and Connor Short and Kellen Jennings crashed the net to add assists as well. Sam Hunt picked up another shutout. Despite all the ink spilled on the scoresheet, hustle and poise were the most impressive parts of the victory, particularly when Manchester coaches and players lived up to their fiery moniker.

Squirt White concluded the regular season with rematches against tournament bound Oyster River and Manchester. The Wild learned that there are no easy games down the stretch. Oyster River played fast all game long and raced out to a 2-0 lead in the first period, taking advantage of a Hanover team with heavy legs from the late game the night before. Yet, the Wild demonstrated real heart in coming back to tie the game in the second period on goals by Arian Campbell and Billy Diamond. Oyster River took a 3-2 lead with 3:44 left to go, but Billy Diamond scored a real gem with 2:09 left, assisted by Axel Voydik. Both teams deserve credit for a furious final two minutes that ended in a controversial tie. A silver lining might be that this team faced real adversity *prior* to the state tournament.

The regular season ended with a 2-2 tie against the Manchester Flames. Based on pool reports, the Flames burned much brighter this day, led by some exceptional goaltending. Again, the Wild displayed real grit, bouncing back from deficits of 1-0 and 2-1 on a pair of goals by Axel Voydik. Caleb Eggleton garnered an assist.

All this leaves Squirt White with the top seed in the 10U Tier V State Tournament this coming weekend. Coach Spencer Zaha, as usual, is keeping the team upbeat despite the difficulty of the past two games. Those ties are, at this point, no matter—this weekend the team will skate faster, stretch out their sticks farther . . . and one fine afternoon next week perhaps emerge as champions. No matter the outcome at the tournament, they have won something already: a year worth of good hockey, great memories, and huge improvement as individual players and a team. Now, on to Concord!

### **8U Blue Travel**

8U Blue completed their game schedule with a two-day jamboree in the GSL 8U Cross Ice White Division in Exeter. Eight team members made the trip and the team finished the weekend with a strong showing and a 4-1-1 record. Saturday began with a 3-0 win vs. Mt. Washington Valley led by Kenton Parker (2 goals) and Torin Riordan (1 goal). The second game was more of the same, with Ella Fisher, Sire Parish and Torin Riordan each lighting the lamp in another 3-0 victory over the New England Stars. The final game was a 1-0 loss to the New England Edge where Quincy Costa again played exceptionally in net and yielded just 1 goal throughout the day. Day 2 was more of the same with two victories by a score of 3-1 followed by a 0-0 tie. Goals courtesy of Holden Hough and Torin Riordan led the way with Kenton Parker between the pipes and strong two-way play by both Alexa Zaha and Luke Knuuti adding to the 4-1-1 weekend effort. Rookie coach Colin Parker witnessed "some awesome passing" and "spectacular goaltending" as 8U Blue ended the season on a high note. Overall, the team played great hockey, with good offensive pressure, good back checking, and good passing. Thanks to all the coaches who made the games each weekend and to Coach Lovejoy for organizing a great season for the

kids. Special thanks also to all the parents for supporting your kids throughout a super-fun season.



**Please share with your skaters!**

**Don't miss your team's updates in the next and FINAL edition!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO SEND PHOTOS AND UPDATES**

**2-3 bullets suffice**

**Send your updates to: Rachel Makofsky [rachelsmakofsky@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsmakofsky@gmail.com) or txt 917-520-6821**