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Upcoming Weekend Games:

Friday, September 16, 2011

New England @ Bay State

Saturday, September 17, 2011

Potomac @ Applecore
Springfield @ Bay State
Suffolk @ Brewster

Sunday, September 18, 2011

Potomac @ Applecore
New England @ Springfield
Brewster @ Suffolk

Remember the Monthly Conference call this coming Monday, September 19th at 8:30pm

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

This section will be used to promote our Players of the Week. Each week the League will select a Forward, Defense and Goaltender as Players of the Week.

Teams are to make nominations no later than Tuesday of each week by 6pm. Players of the Week will be announced on Friday's.

Make submissions, along with picture to Pete Preteroti at:
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PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Brewster Bulldogs - 1995 birth year player Michael Benincasa



led the Brewster Bulldogs to a 2 game sweep over conference rival Philadelphia Revolution this past weekend. Benincasa tallied 4 goals and 5 assists for 9 points in his first two junior games for the Bulldogs. Benincasa leads his team into this weekend's home and home series with the Suffolk Juniors Saturday 7:20 pm at Brewster and Sunday at the Rinx.



The **Mass Maple Leafs** started the 2011-12 season in most ways like every season. The traditional 2 weeks of training camp followed by the famous Midwest trip. This trip would be a lot different than all of the others. The Leafs only had 3 vets on this trip.

The Leafs went on the trip with 10 forwards 3 defensemen and 2 goalies. The roster was led by veterans Kyle Gasior, Bret Zimmerman and CJ Cordeiro. Goalies were Donald Hesse Salem MA, and Austin Miller Arvada CO. The defensemen were Gasior and Zimmerman both from Rhode Island, and Kevin Murphy Walpole, MA. The forwards were Cordeiro, Joey Fernandes Milford, MA, Trevor McClary from Missouri, Keenan Romero and Ryan Fehnel both from Arizona, Adam McGrath Bridgewater, MA, Sidney Thomas from Nevada, Cole Spicer from Illinois, Craig Parry from New Mexico and Stone Coney from Rhode Island who helped play defense most

of the trip.

The Leafs would travel to Farmington Hills Michigan to begin their trip. The Leafs would go 3-2. The Leafs defeated the Motor City Chiefs twice 3-2 and 9-3 as well as beating the Michigan Ice Dogs 8-3. The Leafs lost to Michigan Mountincats 6-5 and Toronto East Enders 7-4.

The Leafs then traveled to Bay City Mi to take on TriCity Ice Hawks and defeated them 9-2. From Bay City then off to Burton, MI to take on a half NA3 and Half Great Lakes Michigan Mountain Cats and won 5-2.

The Leafs then traveled to Wooster OH to take on the Wooster Oilers. The Leafs took home a 5-3 victory. The Leafs would then conclude their trip in Buffalo, NY. The Leafs started to show the wear and tear with losses to Buffalo Stars 2-1 and 3-1 to Syracuse Stars. The Leafs then rebounded with 2 tough battles with a 2-2 tie vs OHIO Selects and 3-1 victory vs Pittsburgh Jr Pens.

The Leafs finished with a 7-4-1 record. The Leafs were led in scoring by Fernandes with 25 points Cordeiro with 21 points and McClary with 17 points.

The trip was more than just hockey and team bonding. The Leafs visited Tigers Stadium went to a Tigers game, visited Joe Louis Arena and Red Wings locker room as well as Hockey-town and Ford Field.

The Leafs still have some openings at all positions for the upcoming season. For more information on the Leafs programming please go to the Leafs website www.massmapleleafs.com. Refer all questions to Head Coach Tony DeSilva at hockbase@aol.com or call 508-971-0808.



Philadelphia Revolution had a home and home with Brewster Bulldogs this weekend. It was a tough start for The Philadelphia Revolution but better chances are ahead. Vincent Rosica led the scoring for the season with a goal in the second period after the Bulldogs just scored their own. Despite The Revolution coming back with 2 quick goals in less than a minute they went on to lose both games to the Bulldogs. The Philadelphia Revolution are off this week but will return with a vengeance in the 3rd week of play.



Bay State Breakers (ESHL)

The 2011-12 version of the **Bay State Breakers** features an almost entirely new lineup of players. The Breakers look to be strong between the pipes as veteran Empire Junior League Goaltender Kevin Hoy (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) and Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic for Weymouth High School Brian Brady (Weymouth, MA) will both see plenty of action in goal this season. The Defense features South Shore Vocational High School James Crockett (Rockland, MA), Andrew Contillo (Crofton, MD), Abington High School Mason Sloan (Abington, MA), and Latin Academy's Anthony Hennessey (Dorchester, MA). The Forwards feature Quincy High School's Vinnie Cameron (Quincy, MA), Shayne McGowan (Scottsville, NY), Parker Shaw (Silver Lake, OH), and Pembroke High School's Cameron Miglietta (Pembroke, MA). The Breakers look to continue the success of the past seasons in the CHA in the newly named Eastern States Hockey League.



The **New England Jr. Huskies ESHL** team opens up their regular season this weekend with two road games. On Friday they play the Bay State Breakers at 7pm and on Sunday they play the Springfield Jr. Pics at 12pm. It will be a good test to see where the Huskies are at with only a few practices together as a group.

The New England Jr. Huskies ESHL team has a lot of new faces this year, but also returns four players from last year's team. The 2010-2011 leading scorer **Eddie Barrasso** comes back to the Huskies looking to continue his success from a year ago. **Keith Barnaby** is also back and will be looked upon to be a great offensive and defensive asset. **Kip Strong** and **Shannon Thomas** return to the Huskies and will add great depth to a very skilled forward group.



The 2011-12 **New York Apple Core ESHL** team recently wrapped up a very successful preseason exhibition schedule against Empire, Met and ESHL teams. The Young Guns moved 15 players from last year's squad on to the next levels of junior and college hockey. There are six players returning from last season's playoff team; forwards Matt Cohen and Charlie Fosso will be counted on heavily to put the puck in the net, and defensemen Artie Aymong was gladly welcomed back as a late arrival, while Brian Hurley has already shown that he is aiming to take his game to the next level. The two other returnees are newly named team captain Jon Novak, and alternate captain Eric Krupka. Krupka will be called upon to anchor the defense, while Novak, one of the top penalty killers in the league, will also be the mainstay up front.

The rest of the team is a solid group of young rookies. Up front the aptly named "Kid Line" is comprised of Joey Quinn, Derek Caruso and Tarou Duffy. The trio has already shown a terrific knack for putting the puck in the net, and will be relied on heavily on the power play. Bennett O'Donnell rejoins the Core, and looks as though he hasn't skipped a beat owning the corners and being a major presence in both the offensive and defensive zones.

Forwards Robert Delury and Shane Higgins also scored their share of goals in the preseason, and both are skilled puck handlers as well.

On the blue line Cameron Giertych from the left coast, and Mike Rodriguez both had a terrific camps and preseason showing they can more than handle time on the power play, as well as play steady in the defensive zone. James Loglisci, yet another newcomer on the blue line has been the steadiest of the defenders, with a willingness to play the body. Brandon Gaynor was having a great preseason, but was cut short with a broken wrist. Gaynor should be back by mid October, and will be sorely missed.

In between the pipes are Mark Zapsen and Matt Almengor, both of whom had very solid camps and played well against some strong competition.

All in all the coming season brings with it much anticipation of the Young Guns reaching their goal of gaining a birth to Nationals.

Head Coach Tom Carroll, and Associate Head Coach Ron Scall will be returning behind the bench for their fourth season together. The pair has been very happy with the overall commitment and attention to detail of the entire team and is expecting big things from this year's squad.

Anyone care to make a caption for this picture?





MEDICAL NEWS

Philadelphia Revolution Medical Staff

The **Philadelphia Revolution** is proud to present a fully equipped medical staff. This year the medical staff consists of six highly knowledgeable professionals. And now I would like to take this time to introduce them to you. Nicole Edling will be this year's athletic trainer; she will be at all of the home games caring to your sons physical needs. Julius King is the team's performance coach and works with all teams during the week on physical strength and stretching to prevent injuries. The teams physical therapist this year is Glynn Hunt, he has worked on several players in the past and is excellent at not only diagnosing the problem but getting the player back on the road to recovery. Brian T. Brislin is our orthopedic surgeon and Emil L. Matarese is the team neurologist. All have regular office hours but have time slots open specifically for Philadelphia Revolution players and will be able to get your son in within a 24 hour time period from when they are called.

The Revolution would like to feature one of the staff members this week, his name is Joe DeCarlo. Dr. DeCarlo is the teams chiropractic sports physician and sports medicine coordinator. He spent countless hours this summer and fall finishing up and perfecting the staff. One of his offices is located in the rink. He will be at every practice to help with all the bumps and bruises from the hard days of practice. Dr. DeCarlo has worked with many professional athletes and we are lucky to have him on our staff. Thanks to him the Philadelphia Revolution have a professional medical team.

Junior Website Blogs:

Here are some good Junior Blogs to follow:

USA Junior Hockey: <http://www.usacollegehockey.com/cgi-bin/UBBCGI/ultimatebb.cgi>

A great board for Junior Hockey discussion. I post in here all the time and am a moderator.

American Junior Hockey: <http://www.americanjuniorhockey.com/>

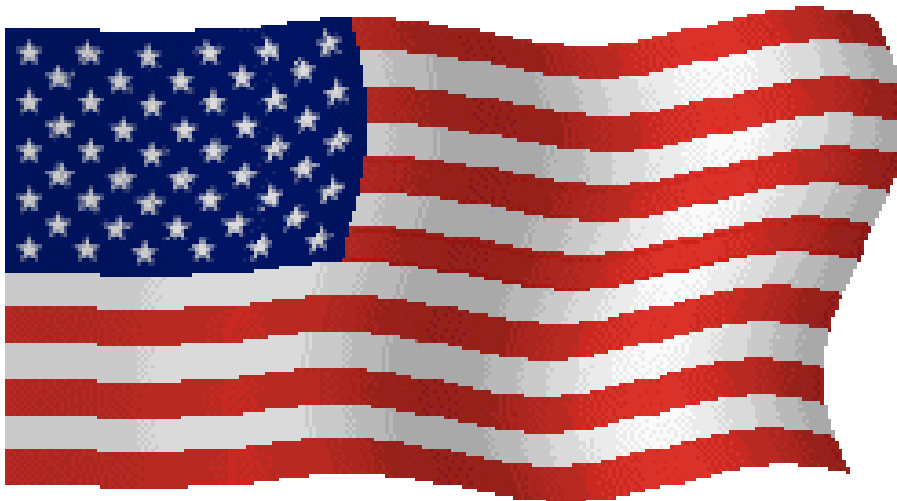
Another good site I always post in.

Wrist Shot Hockey: <http://www.wristshohockey.net/>

and of course our own blog at: <http://juniorhockeytalk.proboards.com/>

You can make submissions to this Newsletter. Send your write up along with any pictures you may have by 10am Wednesday mornings to Pete Preteroti at: sportsniag@aol.com

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