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ESHL Junior Report: Friday, October 14, 2011

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Upcoming Weekend Games:

Friday, October 14, 2011

Springfield at Mass Maple Leafs

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Jersey Wildcats @ Suffolk
Mass Maple Leafs @ Springfield
New Hampshire @ Bay State
Philadelphia @ Potomac

Sunday, October 16, 2011

Philadelphia @ Potomac
Jersey Wildcats @ Suffolk
New England @ New Hampshire
Mass Maple Leafs @ Bay State

View the complete ESHL schedule on line at:
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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.

This week's Players are:

There were no players nominated this week.

See their write up's next page.

Congratulations to these fine players.

Make submissions, along with picture to Pete Preteroti at: SportsNiag@aol.com

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New season already better for Suffolk



Suffolk Juniors general manager **Ron Kinnear** already likes 2011-12 so much better than last season. Finishing one point out of the playoffs last year, Suffolk chalked up a 14-21-2-1 record, good for a .408 record. This year, they are 5-1 with an .808 record (cue the chorus: “it’s still early!”).

“As a team, we learned a lot from this experience,” said Kinnear. “In 2010, we lost in the finals of the Jr. C National Championship. As a coaching staff, we decided to go out and find younger and more skilled players. The players who we kept were good on and off the ice.” Four players that Kinnear pointed to as great leaders thus far are **Kyle McEvaddy**, **Chris Vita**, **Brian Kessler** and **Brian Tumolo**. Each one of those players suited up for the Jr. C National Runners-Up in 2010.

Kessler, who got a late start with the squad (not starting until Oct. 1), scored two points in the two games over the first October weekend. Vita, who just turned 18 on Sept. 29, also put in two points, but over the course of six games on the blueline. His fellow blueliner **Thomas Gallo** had four points through six games. McEvaddy had one point through four games, and Tumolo had not yet registered a point in four games. “Our veterans provide on-and off-ice leadership,” said Kinnear.

He also saw some offensive sparks from a number of newcomers to the PAL (Pride in Athletics for Life) organization. Suffolk forwards were second, third and (tied for) fourth in league scoring, thanks to **Christopher Seeback**, **Matthew Gault** and **Chris Stemke**. Seeback was on fire, scoring eight goals and 15 points in Suffolk's first six games. He will gain a ton of scout attention this season, being just a 1996-born player. Gault, a '94-born forward, was on a goal-per-game pace, adding eight assists for 14 points. Stemke ('95) also had six goals in six games, adding six more assists for 12 points. **Cameron Smith** is also a '96 like Seeback, and has put up three points on the blue line. Not a shy one, he also led the team in PIM (41). **Daniel Monahan** (six games, three points) and **Nicholas Ambery** (five games) were also keeping busy on defense.

Hunter Tetreault (1993) and **Anthony Pupplo** (1995) have split the first six games. Organization newcomer Tetreault got into four of those, going 4-0-0 early on, while Pupplo moved up from the Suffolk Midget squad and put up an early .900 save percentage and 2.57 goals-against-average. Kinnear believes that these players and all the rest on the 2011-12 Suffolk Juniors are in great hands. "One of the reason why we have a long and successful junior program is our coaching staff, back behind the bench is head coach **John Agliato** (over 12 years with PAL) and is assisted by **Bobby Wilkins** (fourth year)," said Kinnear. "Our goal is to win the ESHL Championship and get another chance to win a national championship."



The **Brewster Bulldogs** ESHL team travelled to Hooksett, NH to participate in the **New Hampshire Jr. Monarchs Showcase** this past weekend.

On Saturday morning, the Bulldogs took on the undefeated Boston Jr. Bruins in league cross over action. The Bruins jumped out to a 2-0 lead on Brewster 7 minutes into the game. The Bulldogs responded with a power play goal by Eric Staropoli less than 2 minutes later. The game would stay 2-1 Bruins until the last four minutes of the first half. Brewster tallied two goals less than two minutes apart to take a 3-2 lead into the second half. Blaze Vogliano scored at the 21:12 mark to tie the game and Sean Henderson tallied his first Junior goal, a power play goal at 23:31. The second half saw the Bruins outshoot Brewster 19-9 and score the only two goals

of the period to win the game 4-3. Despite the loss, the Bulldogs were encouraged with their effort against the first place Bruins.

In their second game of the day, Brewster dropped a 3-2 decision to Conference foe Potomac Patriots. Potomac struck first on a Power Play goal at 8:51 of the first period. The Bulldogs responded with the next two goals. The first one a Power Play goal by Joe Leveille. The second an even strength goal by David Rubenstein at 4:17 of the second half. Potomac came back with two late goals in the second half to take a 3-2 lead. The game winner was a shorthanded tally. Brewster battled hard the last three minutes, but the tying goal eluded the Bulldogs because of outstanding goaltending by Potomac's Patrick Anderson. Also, credit the Potomac players with blocking numerous shot attempts down the stretch.

In their weekend Finale, the Bulldogs took on the New England Huskies in League play. Kevin Kennedy scored the lone goal of the first half for Brewster as they took a 1-0 lead into halftime. While Brandon Belz made 27 saves in the first half. The Bulldogs took advantage of some power play opportunities to build a 3-0 lead 6 minutes into the second half. The first power play goal was scored by Joe Leveille, while Michael Benincasa extended the lead to 3-0 with his team leading 11th goal of the season. The Huskies would show some fight as they scored two late goals to cut the lead to 3-2 with just over 5 minutes to play. Through some stellar goaltending by Belz and an empty net goal by LeVeille with under a minute to play, the Bulldogs held on for the 4-2 victory. The first star of the game was undoubtedly Brandon Belz with 54 saves in the win.

Most of the team also took in some great AHL action watching the AHL Monarchs play St. Johns Saturday night.

Thanks again to the New Hampshire Jr. Monarchs for another great job hosting the showcase!



The **Bay State Breakers** (ESHL) team (3-4-0-0) took on Suffolk Juniors (5-2-0-0) at the Monarchs Columbus Showcase. In the first period Suffolk took the early lead before Parker Shaw (Silver Lake, OH) scored to even the score 9:11 into the period. Suffolk would add two more before James Crockett (Rockland, MA) scored to cut the Suffolk lead to 3-2 with under a minute to play in the first half. Brian Brady (Weymouth, MA) made 27 saves in the first half as the Breakers were outshot 30-16. In the second Breakers goaltender Brian Brady kept Suffolk off the board until the halfway point when Suffolk scored to go up 4-2. Suffolk would score 4 goals in an 8 minute span (2 on the power play) to seal the 8-2 victory. The Breakers now (3-5-0-0) and play a pair of home games on Oct 15th and Oct 16th against the NH Monarchs and the Mass Maple Leafs both games will be held at the Rockland Ice Rink at 6:05pm.

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/>

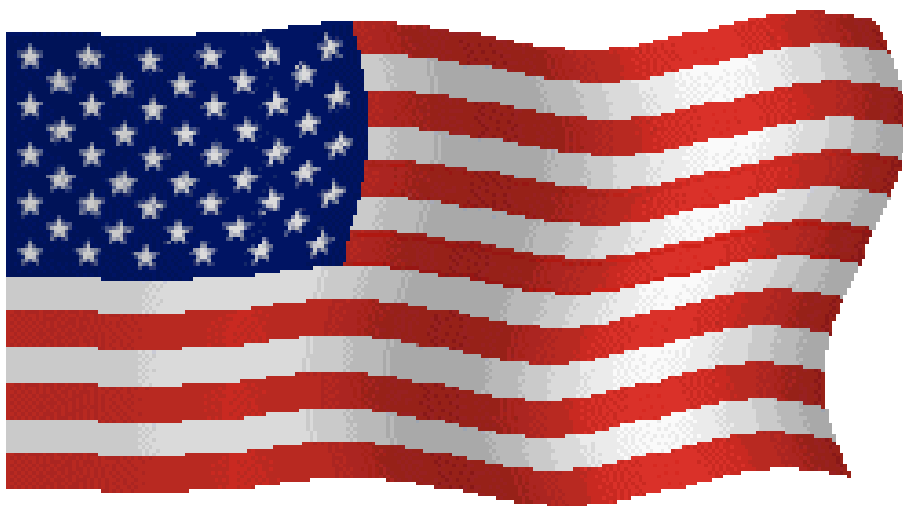
Another good site I always post in.

Wrist Shot Hockey: <http://www.wristshothockey.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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