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ESHL Junior Report: Friday, October 28, 2011

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Upcoming Weekend Games:

Friday, October 28, 2011

Bay State @ Mass Maple Leafs

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Jersey Wildcats @ Philadelphia

New England @ Springfield

Suffolk @ Brewster

Mass Maple Leafs @ Junior Bruins

Sunday, October 30, 2011

Philadelphia @ Jersey Wildcats

Applecore @ Brewster

Springfield @ New England

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:

Forward: Connor Merrick - NH Monarchs

Defense: Ian Edgington - Potomac

Goalie: Donald Hesse - Mass Maple Leafs

See their write up's next page.

Congratulations to these fine players.

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

ESHL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Week ending 10/23/11



Forward: Connor Merrick - NH Jr Monarchs - 1994

(Manchester, NH)

Connor was instrumental for the Monarchs' team going 2-0-1 this past weekend. In a 3-3 tie against the Maple Leafs, Connor had an assist and was a strong asset on both the offensive and defensive ends. In the game against Bay State, he had three goals and an assist in an 8-2 win. In the weekend finale, Connor registered another hat trick and continued his strong overall play in a 4-3 victory over Springfield. For the weekend, the Monarchs' co-captain had 6 goals and 2 assists.



Defense: Ian Edgington - Potomac Patriots - 1996

Ian had a goal and an assist this weekend, and has 4 points for the season. Ian is a 96 birth year, and plays in all situations for the Patriots. Ian is in his first year in junior hockey.



Goaltender: Donald Hesse - 1992 goalie (Salem MA)

In his 1st year of Junior hockey has come into his own this week. He came away with 2 overtime performances racking up a win and a tie. The win came versus the previously unbeaten Boston Junior Bruins with a 41 save performance. He followed that up with a 24 save performance versus the NH Monarchs in a 3-3 tie. Hesse on the season in league play is 3rd with a 3-0-1 record with a 2.29 GAA and a 93 save%



The **Bay State Breakers** (ESHL) team (3-7-0-0) took on the New Hampshire Monarchs on Saturday night at the Rockland Ice Rink. The two teams just a week before played a tough game with the Monarchs coming out on top 3-2. The Monarchs would strike first just 0:55 into the game but the Breakers would play tough and get even with 1:37 left in the first on a Matt Guillemette (Brockton, MA) goal from Parker Shaw (Silver Lake, OH). In the second period the Monarchs would get two even strength goals to take a 3-1 lead into the third. In the third the Monarchs would break the game open with 2 goals in a 1:33 span to take a 5-1 lead the second on a powerplay. The Monarchs then upped the lead to 7-1 with two shorthanded goals just 12 seconds apart. The Monarchs would add one more before James Crockett (Rockland, MA) scored on a blast from the point under the crossbar from Cam Miglietta (Pembroke, MA) with 4:23 to play in the game. Kevin Hoy (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) made 42 saves in goal for the Breakers who next take on the Mass Maple Leafs at the NECDL arena in Raynham on Friday October 28th at 9:20pm.



The **Brewster Bulldogs** ESHL completed a Home sweep of the Potomac Patriots with wins of 4-3 and 6-1.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs came out a little slow as the Patriots jumped off the bus to take it to them in the first period. Potomac outshot Brewster 9-7 after one but the score remained scoreless. Brewster would get on the board first at the 15:31 mark on a goal by 96 birth year Sean Henderson assisted by Eric Staropoli and Eric Dolce. Potomac would score the next goal to knot the game at 1. While Potomac was still celebrating their tying goal, First year Junior player, Jimmy Maxson recorded his first goal as a Bulldog 20 seconds later. Potomac would score again at the 6:08 mark of the second to tie

the game at 2-2 after two periods of play. Brewster came out flying in the third as they scored twice in the first 5 minutes to take a 4-2 lead on goals by Michael Benincasa and Joe Leveille (eventual game winner). The Bulldogs would then take two penalties in the last 1:15 of the game to give the Patriots a 5 on 3 advantage. That turned into a 6 on 3 with the pulled goaltender. Potomac would capitalize with 50 seconds left to cut the lead to 4-3. Brewster's penalty killers and goalkeeper Matt Rubenstein killed off the remainder of the penalty to emerge victorious 4-3.

On Sunday, the Bulldogs started out with a little more intensity to outshoot Potomac 15-3 in the first period. It took a power play goal by Captain Richard Folchetti assisted by Eric Staropoli and Blaze Vogliano at the 11:13 mark to get one by the Potomac netminder. The Bulldogs would go into the intermission with a 1-0 lead and feeling good about how they were playing. Brewster would pick up where they left off as they scored 2 goals in the second period to take a commanding 3-0 lead into the 2nd intermission. The two goals were scored by Zachary Cassano and Bradley Alexander. The Brewster coaching staff would warn their players about the first few minutes of the third period as Potomac would make their push for a comeback. Sure enough the Patriots scored 45 seconds into the frame to cut the lead to 3-1. Brewster would hold on the next few minutes while the Patriots pursued the comeback. At the 10:59 mark, Brewster would score that ever important 4th goal to extend the lead by 3 when Sean Henderson scored a shorthanded tally off of a nice feed from Staropoli. Joe Leveille would add to the lead at the 7:54 mark and Jimmy Maxson would score his second goal of the weekend 20 seconds later to give the Bulldogs the final margin of 6-1.

The Battle for first place is on this upcoming weekend when the Bulldogs will play host to league rivals Suffolk, who sit 2 points ahead of Brewster with one game in hand on Saturday 7:20 pm. Sunday they look to exact revenge on NY Applecore at 4:20 in Brewster. Applecore beat them 5-1 in their 1 previous game.

MASS MAPLE LEAFS DON'T MIND PUTTING IN SOME OVERTIME



The **Mass Maple Leafs** have started their ESHL league play with a blistering 7-0-1 start. This start includes blowouts like they had versus the Bay State Breakers 16-0 as well as overtime win versus the

Junior Bruins 3-2. Two days later the Leafs came back from a 2 goal deficit and appearing sluggish to earn a 3-3 tie with the NH Junior Monarchs in overtime.

The Leafs have also done well in non league play with a 3-0 record versus EJ South teams, 1-1 record versus NA3HL teams, 2-2 record versus OMHA teams as well as a 7-0-1 record versus the Great Lakes Junior Hockey League. Head Coach Tony DeSilva states "its our non league schedule that prepares us for ESHL play."

The Leafs have 6 players in the top 10 in scoring of league play despite nearly half the league having the double amount of games the Leafs have played.

The Leafs are looking forward to finishing a very good October and are getting prepared for a very tough November schedule.

The Leafs have 7 players with at least 25 points or more. The Leafs are being led by Joey Fernandes with 54 points followed by CJ Cordeiro with 48 points, Ryan Fehnel with 43 points, Adam McGrath with 40 points, Hagen Nemzek with 37 points, Keanen Romero with 27 points and Trevor McClary with 26 points. The Leafs defense is led by Kyle Gasior with 17 points, Sam Jenkins with 14 points and Bret Zimmerman with 10 points. The Leafs netminders Donald Hesse has a 3.79 GAA and a 8-6-2 record and Austin Miller has a 3.62 GAA with a 7-2-1 record. The Leafs have a 18-8-3 overall record to go along with their 7-0-1 record.

The Leafs ESHL team still has several forward and defensive spots available please contact Head Coach Tony DeSilva at hockbase@aol.com or 508-971-0808 for more information.

The Leafs U18 team finds themselves with a 6-12-1 record. The young squad, designed as a feeder team to the ESHL Junior team, has taken on a combination of Empire, MET, ESHL, Prep, and Tier 1/2 Midget programs. Despite their record, coach Kris Metea has been upbeat about his team's progress, "We are very young and roster 7 96s, and 2 95s. Most of our players have never experienced Junior or Prep hockey and are tasting it for the first time. They have come a long way and their hard work is paying dividends." Leading the U18 is '94 Andrew Dulac (7-15-22), '96 Tyson Araujo (10-10-20), and '94 Ryan McCarthy (8-8-16).

Please visit the Leafs website www.massmapleleafs.com for more information and stories and also please follow the Leafs on Facebook as well as Twitter.

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/>

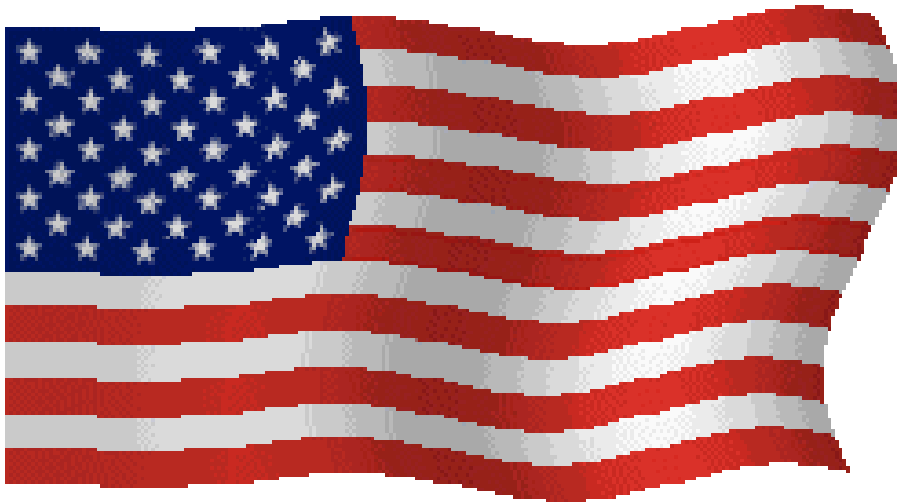
Another good site I always post in.

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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