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WELCOME TO THE 2016-2017 SEASON OF OPRF HUSKIES HOCKEY!

We are looking forward to an exciting season for both our Varsity and Junior Varsity teams and hope that you will have the opportunity to catch one or more of our home games on Sunday evenings at Ridgeland Common, our home ice. This ad book is filled with information about our teams, including game schedules, player information, coach biographies, and club community service projects. I thank our ad book advertisers for their contributions, which provide financial support for the hockey program. Please keep these businesses in mind when you find a need for their services or products.

The OPRF Huskies Hockey Club is dedicated to the development of its players both on and off the ice. Our coaching staff focuses on the hard work, team play, sportsmanship, perseverance, and responsibility that are vital to the success of any team on the ice. As a club, we also value our players' strong commitment to academic excellence and community service. We are proud of the high percentage of our players on the OPRF Honor Roll/Dean's List and of their engagement with service opportunities in our community. OPRF Hockey Club players regularly volunteer with community organizations, including participating in Hockey Checks Hunger on behalf of the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry and hosting an annual charity event and exhibition game for the Chicago Hornets Sled Hockey Team.

I extend my thanks to our club parents for their volunteer work in all aspects of club operations and, in particular, to those families whose efforts to sell ads to local businesses and organizations made this ad book and fundraising initiative possible.

Finally, the OPRF Huskies Hockey Club is grateful to the OPRF Booster Club for their support of students in all activities, athletics, and academics at OPRF High School.

GO HUSKIES!

Jason Malley
President, OPRF Hockey Club



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Varsity Coaches



Coach Dave Dyson

Coach Dyson is in his fourth year as the Hockey Director and Varsity head coach for OPRF Hockey and his 11th year as a high school coach in Illinois. Dave grew up and played hockey in Buffalo, New York including as a high school player at St. Joe's Collegiate. He continued playing hockey for four years as part of the ACHA hockey program at West Virginia. He was Rookie of the Year his freshman year and an alternate captain the following three years and graduated as the all time leading scorer for defensemen.

Coach Dyson was named the Illinois West Coach of the Year in 2012, received the Lori Maly Distinguished Service Award in 2010, and has been named the Head Coach of the Team Illinois America's Showcase team the last three years. "Coaching hockey at this level is about more than developing better hockey players," said Dyson. "It's about developing better people. Over 80-percent of our kids were on the honor roll last year and we'll expect a strong commitment to academics and community service during the 2016-2017 season."



Coach Steve Meagher

Coach Meagher is in his fourth year as Varsity Coach. Steve has been involved with hockey as either a player or coach for over 30 years. A native Southampton, New York, Steve grew up playing in NY's Southern Tier Hockey Association and went on to play 4 years of ACHA hockey at West Virginia University. Coach Meagher spent the 5 years as the Assistant Varsity Coach for Bartlett Wildhawks Hockey Program, where he helped numerous players to achieve All-State and Showcase honors while also helping to lead the Wildhawks to the Combined Division's Blackhawk Cup State Championship Game in 2012 and the semi-finals in 2013.

Varsity Team



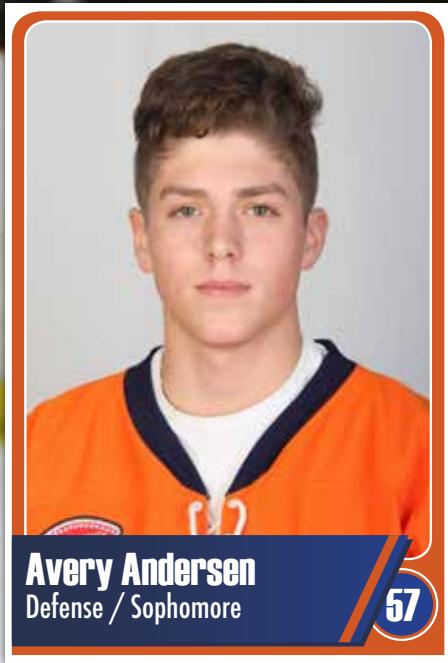


*“Some people skate to the puck.
I skate to where the puck is going to be.”*

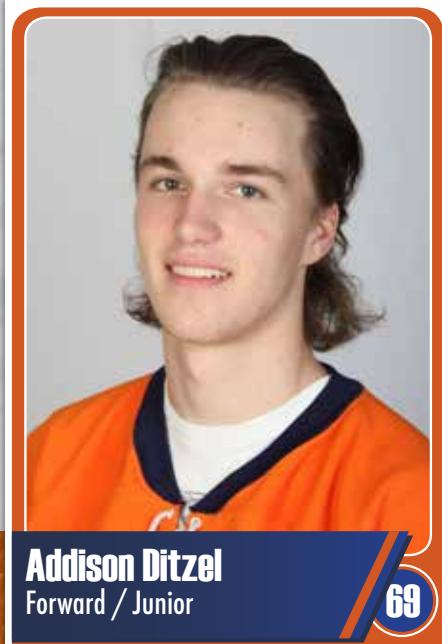
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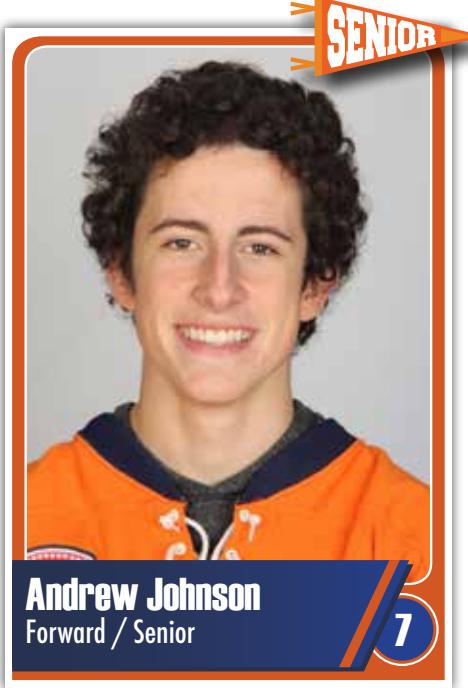
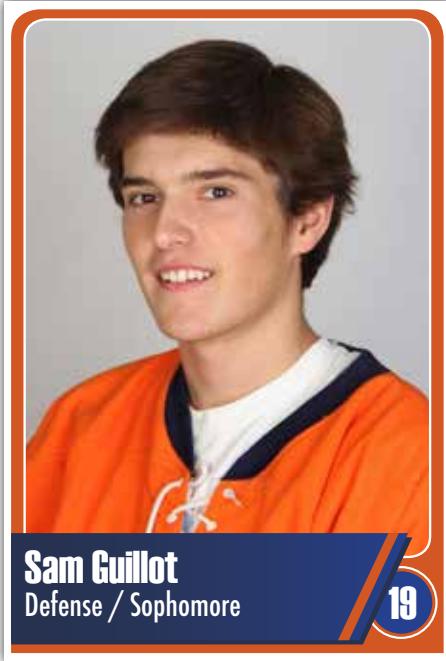
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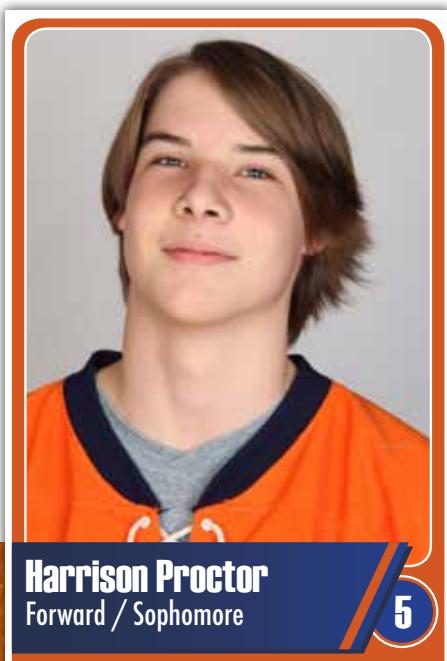
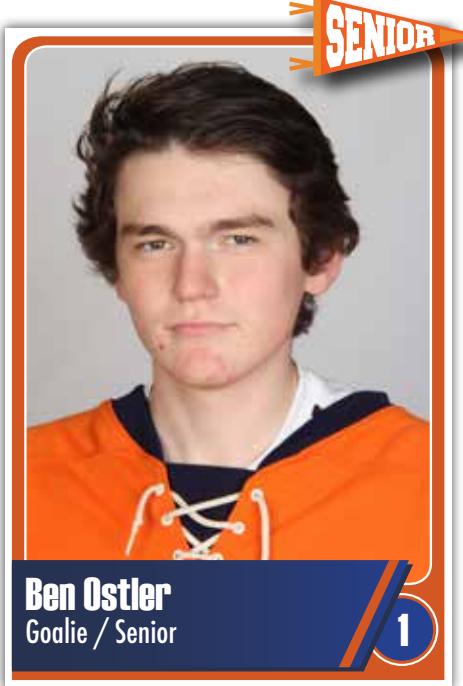
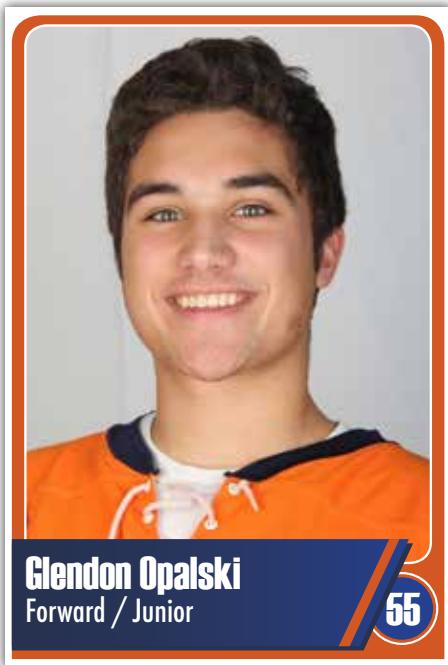
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Spencer Smith
Defense / Junior

SENIOR



Adam Susman
Forward / Senior





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but one man cannot make a team.”*

— Kareem Abdul-Jabbar



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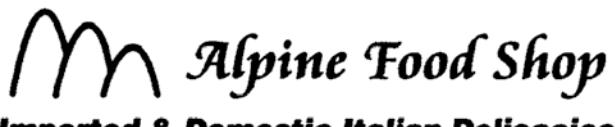
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Junior Varsity Coaches



Coach Karl Hayes

Coach Hayes is in his third season as JV Head Coach for OPRF Hockey. Karl is entering his 16th season of coaching at the high school and midget level having coached at Naperville North (1 year), St. Charles East (9 years), York (3 years), and with the Chicago Hawks Midget Majors.

Karl has been a part of coaching staffs that have won multiple league championships at both the Varsity and JV levels. He has been elected to coach League All-Star teams 6 times and has been on coaching staffs that have won AHIA awards such as "Sportsmanship" and assisted coaches who have won the AHIA "Coach Of The Year Award". His father is also a member of the AHIA / ILLINOIS Hockey Hall of Fame.

"Winning is not a sometime thing; it's an all time thing. You don't win once in a while, you don't do things right once in a while, you do them right all the time. Winning is habit. Unfortunately, so is losing."—Vince Lombardi



Coach Matt Bonaccorsi

Coach Bonaccorsi is in his third season as JV Coach for OPRF Hockey. Matt is a Level 3 certified USA Hockey coach and has played competitive organized hockey for over 20 years and he believes in creating an atmosphere of hard work, sportsmanship and competitive play all while having fun and playing the world's most exciting game. Over the course of his playing career, he was fortunate to have many great coaches, including renowned skills coach Kenny McCudden who inspired him to get into coaching. The highlight of his hockey career was lining up against his childhood idol Joe Sakic in a men's league tournament in Denver, Colorado. Away from the rink, he has a passion for golf and skiing. Matt was a children's ski instructor at Beaver Creek Resort for two seasons after graduating from the University of Denver.

Playing Experience

NIHL, Central States – Flames Hockey Club and Chicago Mission AAA 1994-2001
Four year Varsity Letterman Catholic League at MCHS 2001-2005 Robert Morris College ACHA DII 2005-2007
University of Denver ACHA DII 2007-2010 (Captain '09-'10)

Junior Varsity Team





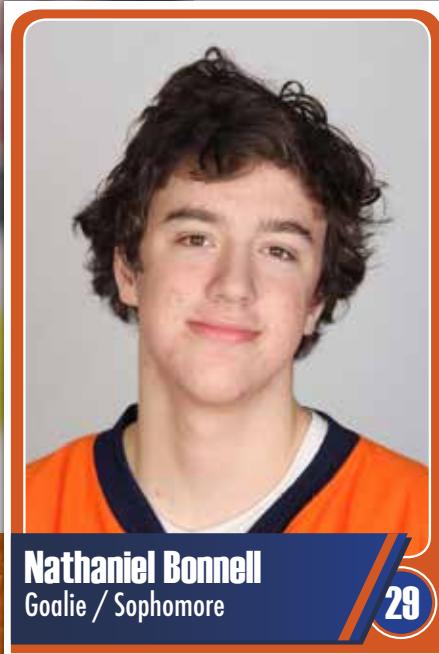
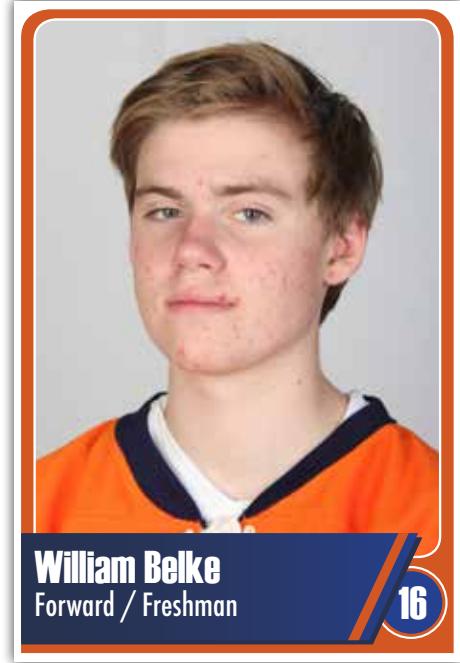
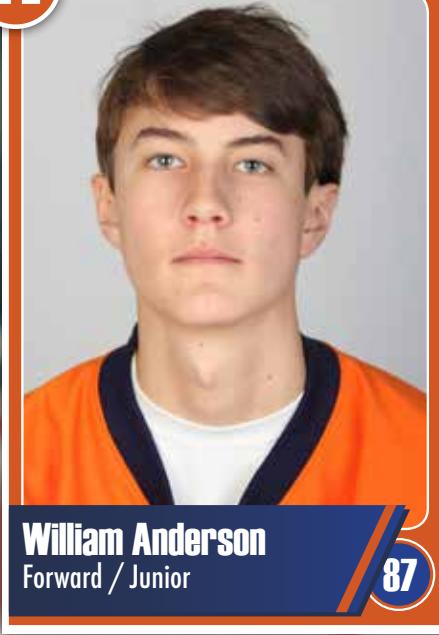
*“Hockey players have fire in their hearts
and ice in their veins.”*

— Unknown



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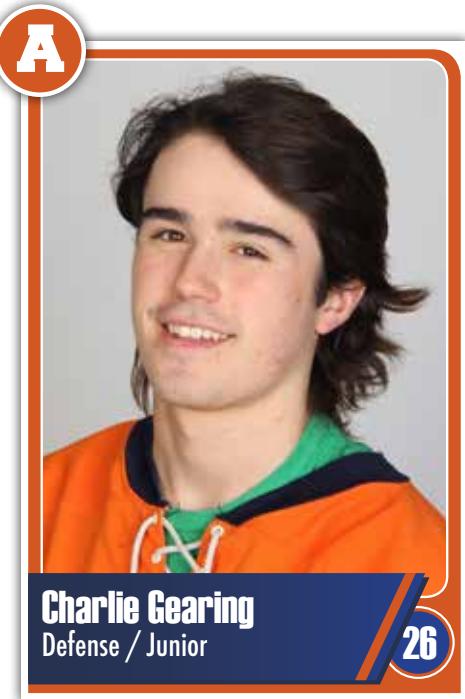
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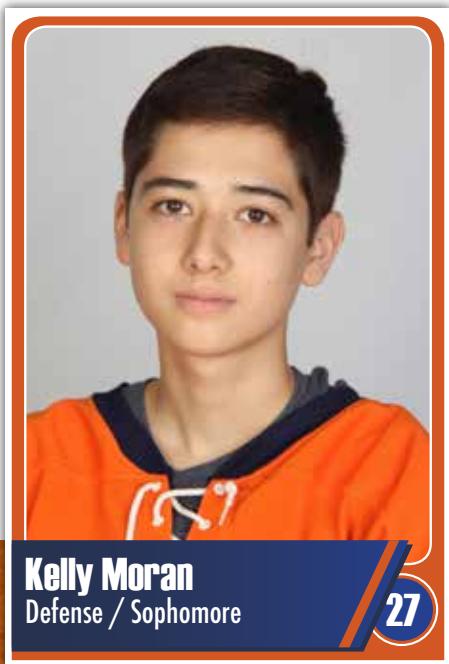
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Forward / Freshman



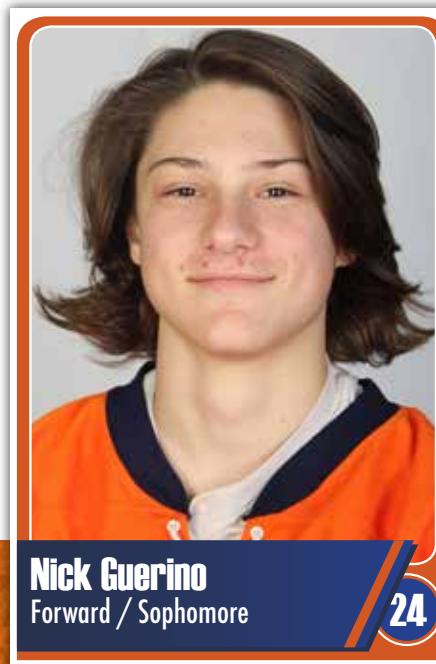
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Forward / Freshman



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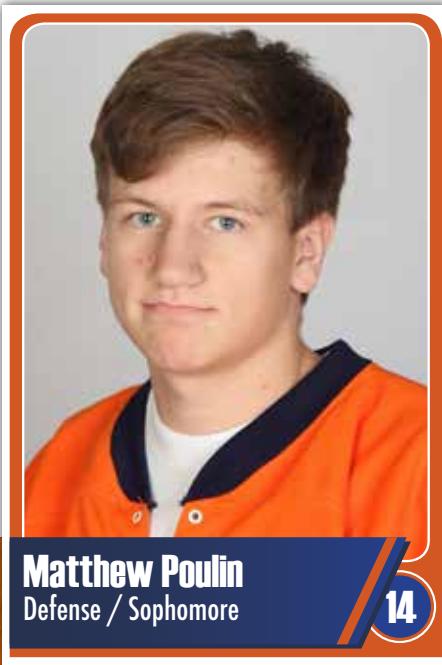
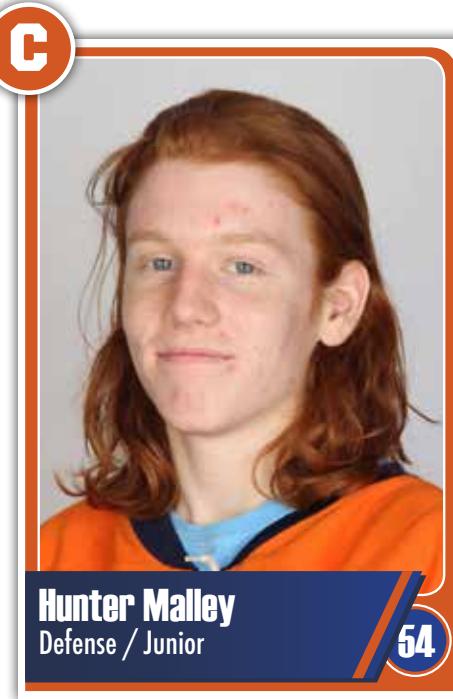


Nick Guerino
Forward / Sophomore



Brett Johnson
Forward / Freshman

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Sam Seltzer
Forward / Junior



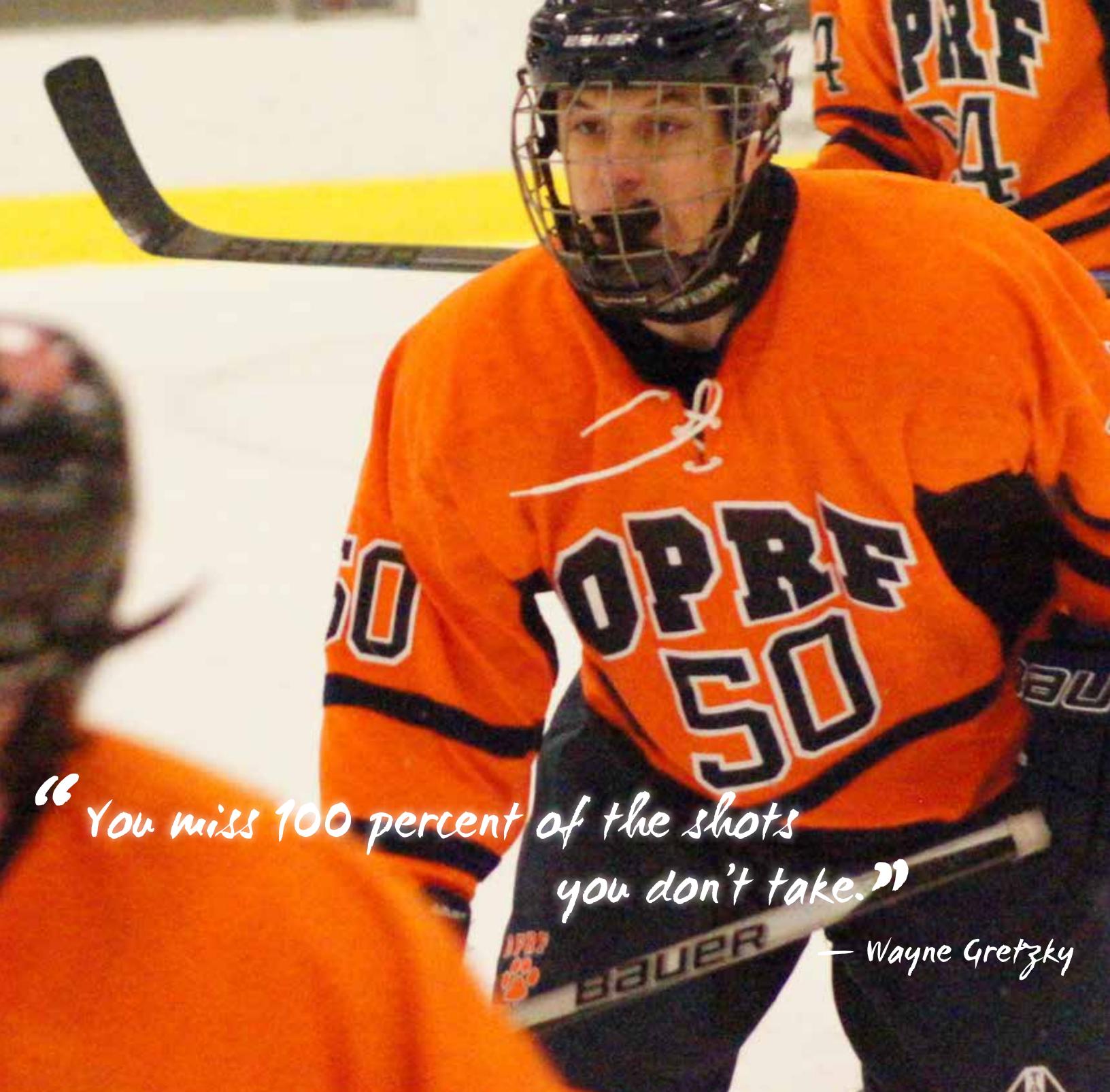
Coleman Sitzman
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Kevin Vanek
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Zack Zubkus
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*“You miss 100 percent of the shots
you don’t take.”*

— Wayne Gretzky

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Dr. Bender trained as a competitive figure skater for nineteen years!

The Game

Hockey is one of the fastest games on earth and is very easy to understand once you have a working knowledge of hockey's three basic rules (**icing, offside, offside pass**). These rules are designed to cut down on stalling, encourage teamwork and maintain the speed of the game.

Hockey games last approximately 60 minutes and are divided into three 17 minute **periods** (for High School). If games are tied, a 5 minute sudden death period is played. If the score remains tied after the overtime period, the game ends in a tie.

A team scores a **goal** when one of its players shoots the puck into his opponent's net with his stick. Players who help set-up a goal get an **assist**, but only two assists can be scored on a goal.

Each team places six players on the ice during normal situations. This is called **even strength**. When a penalty is called, the players who commits the infraction enters the penalty box for a specified amount of time. The team that gains the advantage is said to be on the **power play**. The team whose players was called for the penalty is said to be shorthanded. Thus, a team scoring with a man advantage scores a power play goal and a team scoring with one of its players in the penalty box scores a **shorthanded goal**. No team is forced to play more than two men below even strength at any time. On penalties called against the goalkeeper, a teammate serves his time in the penalty box.

Substitutions occur when teams **change lines**, which are set player combinations. A line is composed of a **left wing** — a **center** — and a **right wing**. Defensemen also have lines that consist of a **left defense** — and **right defense**. The **goaltender** remains on the ice at all times during the game. Teams usually carry four offensive lines and four defensive lines. **Shifts**, which is how long a line is on the ice before being substituted for, don't last very long. **Line changes** can be made during stoppages in play or **on the fly**, while the game is still in progress.

PLAYERS

Hockey is played with six players on the ice for each team; five skaters, one goaltender. The typical roster size of a hockey team is twenty players; twelve forwards, 6 defensemen, and two goaltenders.

GOALKEEPER: Perhaps the toughest position in all of sports, the goalie is the one player who can control a team's confidence. His job is to keep the puck out of the net, and if he's good, he can take his team a long way. Good goalies win championships.

DEFENSEMEN: A team at full strength has two - one on the left side and another on the right. Nowadays, there are three primary kinds of defensemen. One is creative and offensive-minded; he likes to handle the puck and lead the team up ice, but is not too physical. Another is defensive-minded, a stay-at-home bruiser who plays a physical game and doesn't often venture out of his zone with the puck. And there are those rare athletes who are a combination of the two.

CENTER: He quarterback his club at both ends of the ice. Must be good at face-offs and passing, and it doesn't hurt if he's a good shot as well. Coaches want a lot of creativity in this position - and a lot of hockey smarts.

RIGHT WING: He works the right side of the ice for the most part. He needs to be a physical player who is good along the boards and in the corner. He is responsible for the opposition's left defenseman in the defensive zone.

LEFT WING: Traditionally a left-handed shot, but the NHL is seeing more right-handers playing this position now, a practice picked up from the Europeans. A right-hander has a better angle to shoot from when he's coming in on his wing. Like the right wing, he needs to be able to dig out the puck from the corners and battle in front of the net.

OFFICIALS

REFEREES: The referee supervises the game, calls penalties, determines goals and administers faceoffs at center ice to start each period.

LINESMEN: Two linesmen are used per game and they call offsides, offsides passes, icing the puck, and handle all faceoffs but those at center ice. They do not call penalties but can recommend to the referee that a penalty be called.

PENALTIES

MINOR PENALTY: TWO MINUTE infraction and is called for:

- boarding
- roughing
- tripping
- charging
- holding
- spearing
- elbowing
- hooking
- slashing

MAJOR PENALTY: FIVE MINUTE infraction and is called for fighting or when minor penalties are committed with deliberate attempt to injure. The following major penalties carry automatic game misconducts:

- butt-ending
- spearing
- cross-checking
- slashing
- high sticking

MISCONDUCT: TEN MINUTE infraction levied for various forms of unsportsmanlike conduct, or when a player incurs a second major penalty in the same game. This is a penalty against an individual and not a team, so a substitute is permitted.

DELAYED PENALTY: When a referee calls a penalty on the defense and the offense maintains possession of the puck the whistle signaling the penalty is delayed until the penalized team regains possession.



BOARDING / MINOR
When a player uses any method (body check, elbow, or tripping) to throw an opponent into the boards.



BUTT-ENDING
When a player who uses the butt-end of his stick to hit an opponent.



CHARGING / MINOR
When a player who runs, jumps into or charges an opponent, including the goalie, to make a body check.



CONTACT to HEAD
When any player contacts an opponent in the head, face or neck.



CROSS-CHECKING
When a player makes a check with both hands on the stick.



DELAY of PENALTY
When a penalty occurs, The Referee may signal a Delayed Penalty until the offending team gains possession of the puck.



DELAY OF GAME
Deliberately shooting or batting the puck outside the playing area or displacing the goals from their normal position.



ELBOWING / MINOR
When a player who uses their elbow in any way to foul an opponent.



ROUGHING / MINOR
When a player who subjects an opponent to intentional and unnecessary roughness.



HAND PASS
Play will be stopped when a player illegally passes the puck with their hand.



HIGH STICKING
When a player lifts these stick above shoulder height and hits an opponent.



HITTING from BEHIND
Player checks an opponent in the back when they are unaware of the hit coming, usually into the boards. A check from behind is a penalty and can lead to an ejection, depending on the severity of the hit.



HOLDING / MINOR
When a player who grabs and holds onto an opponent (or his stick) with his hands or arms to impede the opponent's progress.



HOLDING the STICK
Player intentionally holds an opposing player's stick in his hands (or any part of his body).



INTERFERENCE
When a player interferes with or impedes the progress of an opponent who does not have the puck.



HOOKING / MINOR
Using the blade of the stick to pull or tug an opponent by his body or stick.



ICING
When a player shoots the puck across both the centre red line and the opposing team's goal line, and the puck remains untouched.



UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT
Player who, in the Referee's judgment, does something unsportsmanlike.



TRIPPING / MINOR
Player places their stick, or a part of their body, under or around the feet or legs of an opponent causing the opponent to lose their balance.



KNEEING
When a player who uses their knee in any way to foul an opponent.



MISCONDUCT
When a player continues a fight after it has been stopped, or getting involved in a fight. Or the use of profanity towards an Official.



SPEARING / MINOR
When a player stabs at an opponent with the blade of this stick, whether he makes contact or not.



SLASHING / MINOR
When a player who swings his stick at an opponent, whether or not contact is made.

GLOSSARY

BACK CHECKING: A forward coming back into his defensive zone to check an opponent off the puck.

BACKHANDLER: Any shot or pass made with the stick turned around.

BOARDING: To ride or drive an opponent into the dasher boards. Can result in a minor or major penalty.

BODY CHECK: Use of the body on an opponent. It is legal when the opponent has possession of the puck or was the last player to have touched it.

CHARGING: Skating three strides or more and crashing into an opponent, illegal and calls for a penalty.

CHECKING: Defending against or guarding an opponent. On a line, right wing checks the other team's left wing and left wing checks the opposing right wing. Centers check each other. A checking call requires harassing an opposing skater with the aim of making him surrender the puck.

CREASE: The area directly in front of the goaltender. It is four feet wide and eight feet long and marked off by red lines and is painted light blue. Offensive players who do not have possession of the puck may not enter.

DEKE: To fake an opponent out of position.

EMPTY NETTER: A goal scored after the opposition has pulled its goalie as an extra skater.

FACEOFF: The dropping of the puck between one player from each team to start or resume play.



FORECHECK: To check an opponent in his end of the rink, preventing an offensive rush.

FREEZING THE PUCK: To hold the puck against the boards with either the stick or skate to get a stoppage of play.

GOAL LINE: The red line which runs between goal posts and extends in both directions to the side boards.

GOAL MOUTH: The area just in front of the goal and crease lines.

HAT TRICK: The scoring of three or more goals by a player in one game. A natural hat trick occurs when a player scores three consecutive goals.

ICING THE PUCK: Shooting the puck from behind the center red line across an opponent's goal line. Usually done to break up an attack and ease pressure. The puck is brought back and a faceoff takes place in the defensive zone of the team that is shorthanded because of a penalty.

INTERFERENCE: Body contact with a player not in possession of the puck, or one who was not the last player to touch the puck. Also called for knocking an opponent's fallen stick out of his reach. Illegal and calls for a minor penalty.

ONE-TIMER: Shooting the puck directly after receiving a pass. The offensive player starts his backswing while the puck is on its way to him and tries to time his swing with the arrival of the puck.

PENALTY BOX: The area opposite the team benches where penalized players serve time.

POWER PLAY: A power play occurs when a team has a one- or two-man advantage because of the opponent's penalties.

PULLING THE GOALIE: When one team replaces its goaltender with an extra skater. This can occur when a team trails, usually by one goal, in the final minutes of a game. It is a high-risk attempt to tie the game.

SAVE: A shot blocked by the goaltender, which would have been a goal if not stopped.

SCREENED SHOT: Occurs when a goaltender's view is blocked by players between him and the shooter.

SLAP SHOT: Hitting the puck with the blade of the stick after taking a full backswing.

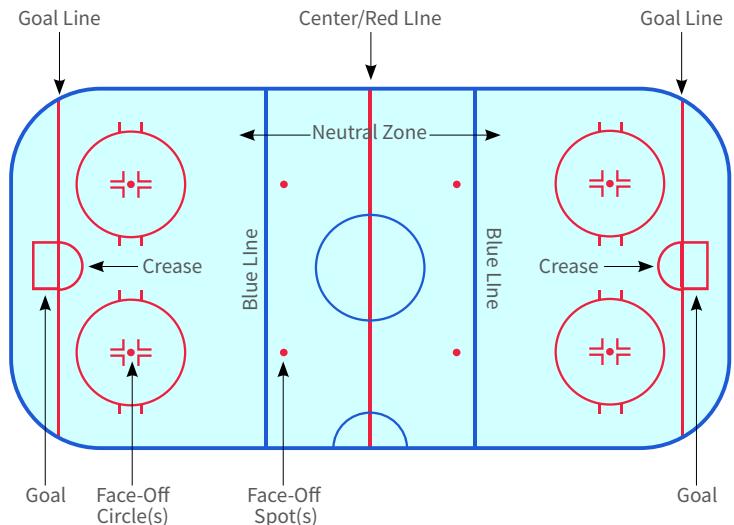
SLOT: A prime scoring area located between the faceoff circles and in front of the goal.

STICK HANDLING: To control the puck along the ice.

TOP SHELF: Term used to describe when an offensive player shoots high in an attempt to beat the goaltender by putting the puck in the top part of the net.

WRAPAROUND: When a player skates from one side to the other of the goal, from behind the goal, and tucks the puck into the other side of the goal before the goaltender recovers to be in position.

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FUN FACTS

WHAT IS THE PUCK MADE OF?

The puck is made of vulcanized rubber and is three inches in diameter and one inch thick, weighing about six ounces. It is frozen before entering play to make it bounce resistant.

HOW FAST DOES THE PUCK TRAVEL?

Some of the game's hardest shooters send the puck toward the net at speeds between 90 and 100 mph with the elite shooters easily topping the century mark. Making things even more difficult on the goalie is the puck will frequently curve in flight, much like a baseball.

WHICH SHOT IS THE HARDEST FOR A GOALIE TO STOP?

Generally speaking, it is one that's low and to the stick side. Some goaltenders overplay to the stick side, presenting a more inviting target on the glove side.

WHAT ABOUT DEFLECTIONS?

Deflections aren't just luck. Players practice redirecting shots by standing at the side of the net and knocking a shot from the outside past the goalie into another area of the goal.

HOW THICK IS THE ICE?

The ice is approximately 3/4" thick and is usually kept at 16 degrees for the proper hardness. The thicker the sheet of ice becomes, the softer and slower it is.

WHAT ARE HOCKEY STICKS MADE OF?

Hockey sticks are made of wood, generally northern white ash or rock elm, or aluminum. The handle is one piece and the laminated wooden blade is axed to it.

ARE ALL STICKS ALIKE?

Far from it. Just as baseball players have individually personalized bats, so too do hockey players have their own patterned sticks. Flexibility, the angle of the blade, weight, etc., vary from player to player.

HOCKEY LINGO

BACKCHECKING: Forwards in the attacking zone skate back to their own end to prevent opponent's shots on goal.

BISCUIT: A common term for a hockey puck.

BASKET: What the biscuit goes into. Actually, it's the goal.

BREAKOUT: The play used by the attacking team to move the puck out of its own zone and up the ice toward the opponent's goal.

CELLY: A celebration after a goal is scored.



CHERRY PICKING: When a player, generally a forward, hangs out behind the play waiting for an outlet pass.

DUMP AND CHASE: A style of hockey where a team shoots the puck into one of the corners of the offensive zone and then pursues it. This is opposed to carrying the puck into the zone.

FIVE-HOLE: The hole between the goalie's leg pads.

FLOW: Great hockey hair, typically long that flows out of the helmet when the player skates. (Lettuce works, too.)



LASER: A hard, accurate shot.

MAN ON: When a player is chasing a loose puck and has his back to the rest of the ice his coaches and team mates will yell "Man On" if an opposing player is in close pursuit.

MITTS: Refers to a player's hands, often described as silky when a player has great skill. Also as in "dropping the mitts" in a fight.

PIPE: The pipe is the goalpost.

POINT: A position just inside the blueline usually occupied by a defenseman when their team is in control of the puck.

POKE CHECK: Trying to knock the puck away from an opponent by stabbing it with the blade of the stick.

REFEREE'S CREASE: The 10'-2" official sanctuary from all players when he skates to the timekeeper.

SAUCER PASS: A saucer pass is an airborne pass from one player to another – puck resembles a saucer in mid air.

SIN BIN: Where a player goes after he is called for a penalty. Also simply known as the penalty box.

SLOT: The prime scoring area up the middle of the ice.

TOP SHELF: Placing a shot in the top quarter of the net.

WRAPAROUND: A player skates behind the opposing goal and attempts to wrap the puck around the goal post and into the net.



OPRF HUSKIES

2016-2017

FRI SEPT 23	SUN SEPT 25	FRI SEPT 30	FRI OCT 7	SAT OCT 8	SUN OCT 9	SUN OCT 16
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SAT DEC 3	SAT DEC 10	SUN DEC 11	SAT DEC 17	SUN DEC 18	SUN JAN 1	MON JAN 2
OPRF Huskies VARSITY -vs- Lincoln Way Hockey 4:20 PM Romeoville Canlan Ice Sports	OPRF Huskies JUNIOR VARSITY -vs- Naperville Central 4:35 PM Naperville All Seasons Ice Rink	OPRF Huskies VARSITY -vs- Sandburg Eagles 4:00 PM Oak Park Ridgeland Common	OPRF Huskies JUNIOR VARSITY -vs- Naperville North Huskies 4:35 PM Naperville All Seasons Ice Rink	OPRF Huskies VARSITY -vs- Hinsdale Central 4:00 PM Oak Park Ridgeland Common	OPRF Huskies JUNIOR VARSITY -vs- Wheaton West 10:30 AM Elmhurst YMCA	OPRF Huskies VARSITY -vs- Waubonsie Warriors 11:00 AM Cicero Bobby Hull Ice Rink
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HUSKIES HOCKEY

SCHEDULE

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FRI JAN 6	SUN JAN 8	SAT JAN 14	SUN JAN 15	SAT JAN 21	SUN JAN 22	FRI JAN 27	SUN JAN 29
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HOCKEY CHECKS HUNGER 2016

OPRF Huskies Hockey Club *partners with the* Park District of Oak Park's Ice Bears *to fight hunger*

Morning of Saturday, December 10, 2016 | Oak Park & River Forest

Last year (below), the Hockey Checks Hunger Food Drive collected over 40,000 lbs. of food! The Huskies and Ice Bears are asking everyone in Oak Park and River Forest to help provide even more food for families in need during the 2016 holiday season!



Photos from Last Year — 2015

Hunger may not seem like an issue in our community, but in Oak Park alone, it is estimated that thousands of individuals don't know where their next meal is coming from.

The Huskies and Ice Bears will deliver door hangers to residences throughout Oak Park and River Forest starting December 6th. Donated items will be picked up from front porches the morning of Saturday, December 10th and delivered to the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry (located in the lower level of First United Church at Lake and Kenilworth) starting at 1:00pm.

Items urgently needed for local families include pasta, canned soup, cereals, peanut butter, rice and beans. Food drives, especially during the holiday season, are important to help meet demand. And despite an improving economy, the **Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry will serve over 10,000 families in 2016.**

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Friday, December 2, 2016 | Sunday, December 4, 2016

Addison Ice Arena and Paul Hruby Ice Arena, Ridgeland Common

Last year's 2015 Toys for Tots event was a great success with over 1,000 toys collected to share with children throughout Chicagoland.



Photos from This Year — 2016

For the fourth year-in-a-row, the OPRF Hockey Club partnered with York Hockey to provide toys for children and to collect food for families in need during the holiday season.

Huskies Hockey players delivered new, unwrapped toys to the Addison Ice Arena on Friday, December 2nd for York Hockey's Toys For Tots collection. Last year's event was a great success with over 1,000 toys collected to share with children throughout Chicagoland.

Players and parents from York Hockey delivered food to Ridgeland Common on Sunday, December 4th and officially kicked off the Hockey Checks Hunger Food Drive.

Is York a big rival? Yes. Do we want to beat them? Without a doubt. However, off the ice, the clubs are working together to make the holidays a little brighter for families in northern Illinois.



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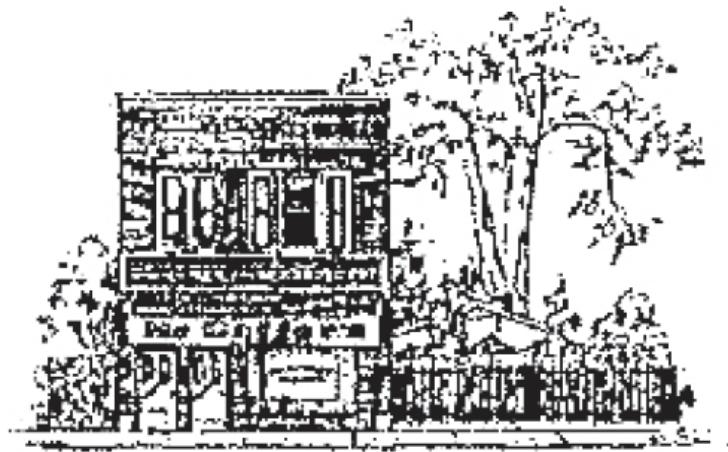
Photo from Last Year — 2015

The Chicago Hornets are a Youth Sled Hockey team consisting of kids ages 5-20 who have physical disabilities yet are determined to play ice hockey. As almost all children do, they want the opportunity to participate in sports and feel the camaraderie of being part of a team. In some cases it's not even to play hockey; for some, it is their only freedom outside a wheelchair or walker.

OPRF Huskies Hockey Club players will be fitted with specially designed metal sleds and sticks to 'level the playing field' against a premier sled hockey club that sent two players to the Winter Paralympics in Sochi where the USA defeated Russia to bring home the gold. Advantage Hornets!

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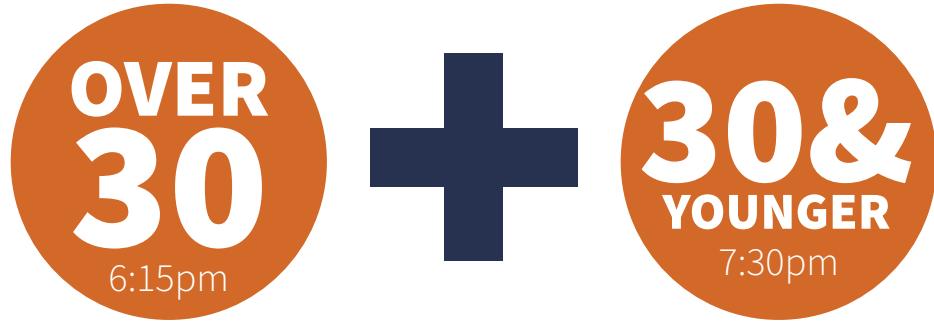
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2016 ALUMNI GAME



Photo from Last Year — 2015

2016 Annual OPRF Hockey Alumni Game
Tuesday, December 27, 2016



The snow will be falling in Oak Park, which can only mean one thing... the annual OPRF Hockey Alumni Game is just around the corner. All are invited to come watch some of the greatest OPRF Huskies battle it out on the ice!

If you're an OPRF Hockey alum who would like to play, please visit **OPRFHockey.com** for details and registration information. **We'll see you at the rink!**

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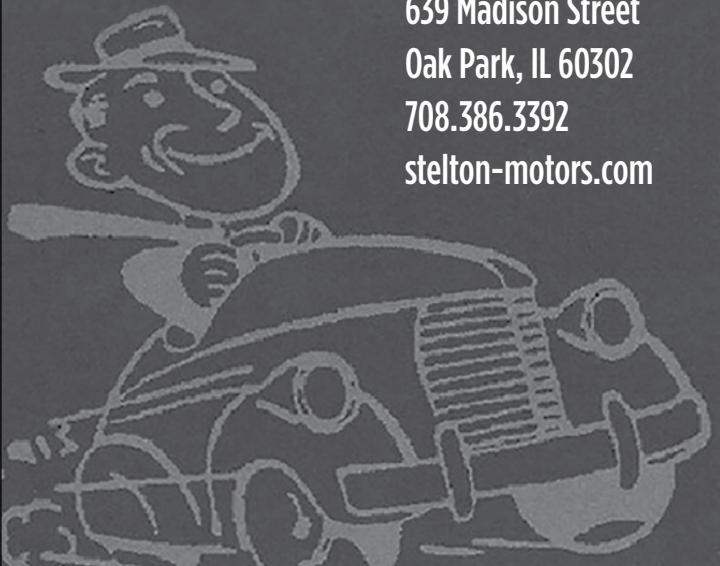


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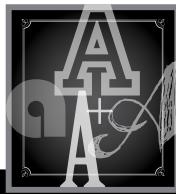
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Miracle on Ice

The **2015/2016 Huskies Varsity team** ended their season with some magic and any opportunity no one expected!



Celebration after Grey Small's goal winning shot!



Enjoying the sites in Washington DC

On February 29th, Senior Grey Small scored an overtime game-winning goal against Stevenson HS in the second round of the IL State playoffs. This was a mere 15 months after Grey suffered a possibly career-ending traumatic heart incident. His goal brought a tear to just about every OPRF parent watching that game. It also put the team into the quarter final game against New Trier HS, a powerhouse team.

OPRF held their own but New Trier eventually prevailed (4 to 1) and went on to become the 2016 champion. Ironically, by losing to New Trier, OPRF qualified to advance and became one of two teams to represent Illinois in the National Championship tournament in Washington DC.



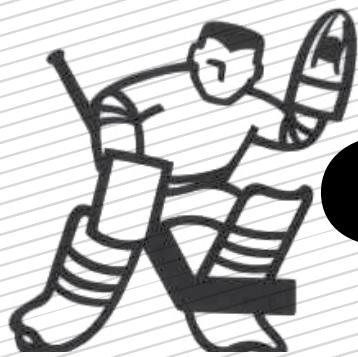
With just seven days to prepare, the OPRF Club quickly mobilized their cross-country trip and made the most of the experience.

Their first game was against the State Champion from Florida, North Broward Prep HS, a private school team that recruits from across the U.S. and Europe. The result of that game was admittedly not pretty, but the boys gained valuable experience that they quickly translated into better performances.

Their second game, was a much closer game against the Maryland State Champion team, Churchill HS.

In their third game OPRF solidly beat the Texas State Champion team, John Paul II HS, a private school that did not abide by its "saintly" name. The boys, parents and coaches also found time to tour our nation's capital, take in the sites, and gather memories that will last a lifetime.

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Our student-athletes continually strive to set the standard for performance on the ice, in the classroom, and by their conduct. We never settle for less than our best! Each season the Illinois West High School Hockey League honors student-athletes, coaches, and volunteers who stand out among their peers. Last season two of our players were honored by the League:

Illinois West JV Top Player of the Year:

Teddy Economos

Illinois West Varsity Player of the Year, MVP:

Benjamin J Ostler

Last year over **70% of Huskies Hockey student-athletes carried at least a 3.0 GPA during the season**, leading the League in students eligible for the Illinois West All-Academic Team for the 3rd straight year.

Recognition for Academic Achievement:

William A Anderson

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Zachary C Batia

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Patrick R Schmidt

Maxwell R Bonaccorsi

Samuel B Seltzer

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Grey Small was awarded the Bolin-Cooper Scholarship



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2016 RECIPIENT – GREY SMALL

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Previous Recipients:

2015	Brian Cassidy	2008	Kyle Shelgren, Kelsey Rey
2014	Nicholas DeAlba, Bryan Mooney	2007	Jack Brofman
2013	Brian Wilson	2006	Robert Grayson
2012	Patrick Cusak and Daniel Javor	2005	Ben Meyerson
2011	Jack Montroy	2004	Pat Mathieu, Jake Reuter, Bryan Sieminski, Paul Sisco
2010	Morgan McCall	2003	Nick Hobbs, Marc Bell
2009	Luke Javor	2002	Dan Raspatello



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BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT (VARSITY): Liam Burns, Spencer Smith, CJ Pospisil
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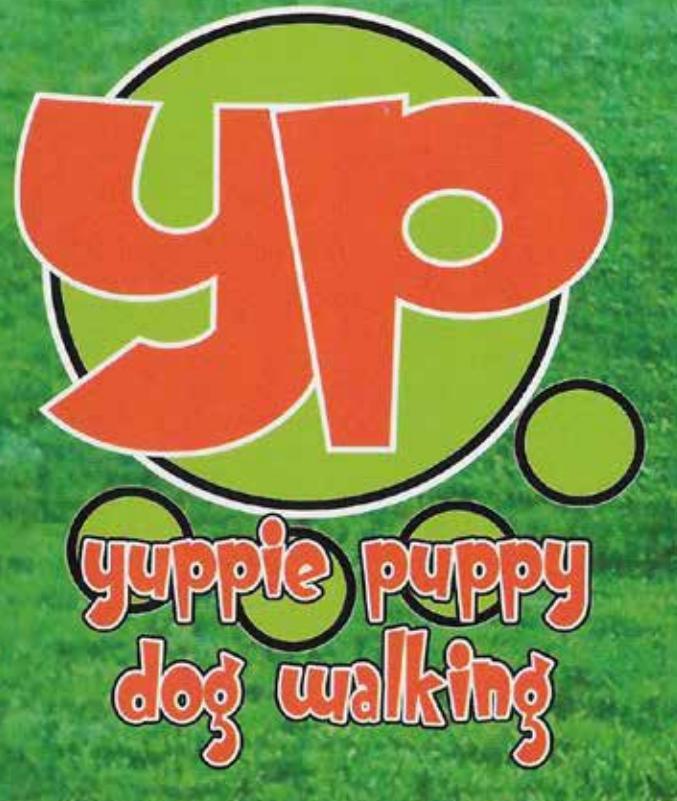
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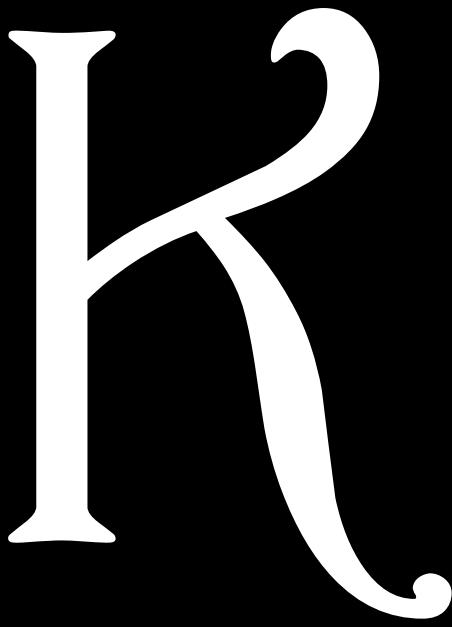
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