



WEST HARTFORD WOLVES NEWSLETTER

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AVON TOURNAMENT RESULTS!

MITE A

The Wolves' Mite A team went 5-0 and outscored its opponents by a 38-7 margin to capture the Avon tournament title, clinching the crown with a 8-2 win over Avon on Saturday. The Wolves beat Westfield 5-2 in pool play, along with South Windsor (13-0) and Simsbury (7-2), before knocking off Westfield again in the semifinals (5-1) to advance to the final.



PEE WEE A

The Wolves' Pee Wee A team buzzed through the Avon bracket, capturing the tournament title with a 4-1 victory over ECHO on Sunday morning. Jake Scher, Jackson Sprankle, Jeremy Kalen and Austin Bush scored for West Hartford in the title game. Bush, Kalen, Sprankle and Andrew Thaisz each had two goals and an assist in the tournament, while goalie James Barrett led all goalies in the bracket with a 1.00 goals-against average.



BANTAM B

The Wolves' Bantam B team enjoyed a great run in the Avon tournament, advancing to the final, where they lost 6-2 to the Berkshire Bruins on Dec. 1. The Bruins jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the opening three minutes, and it appeared they were well on their way to a rout. But the Wolves settled in and found their rhythm in the second period, scoring a pair of goals from Frankie Campiti and Joseph Marcucci. The Wolves couldn't get any closer, but the kids played a gritty game, and even in a losing effort, they have a lot to be proud of.

The high point of Bantam B's tourney run was Sunday's morning's 5-4 overtime victory against Wonderland in the semifinals. In another physical (and at times chippy) game against an opponent the Wolves have now beaten three times in the span of a week, West Hartford gave up two leads, and despite controlling play for most of the game, had a difficult time beating Wonderland goalie Caleb Ricard, who enjoyed an outstanding game. But after Wonderland scored while on a 6-on-4 man advantage to tie it at 4 with 50 seconds left in regulation, Nathan Sankar potted the game winner with 52 seconds left in overtime (assisted by Cole Moss), sparking a wild celebration on the ice. It was Sankar's third goal of the game and his fourth of the tournament, leading the Wolves.

Brendan Rich (three goals, one assist) and Johnny Wilmes (goal, three assists) were also big offensive contributors for Bantam B, while Braden McCabe (three assists), Caleb Miliard (two goals, one assist), Campiti (two goals) and Arda Senecal (goal, assist) all tallied multiple points. Moss, Evan Gazda, Michael Killilea, Eamonn Minze, Wyatt Bandoni, Ethan Rapacky and Dylan Mann also played integral roles in the Wolves' finals run, while goaltender Rocco Semeraro enjoyed an outstanding performance between the pipes, posting two shutouts. The Wolves also welcomed new goalie Lily Chamberland, who was pressed into service late in the semifinal game and earned her first victory. In addition, goalie Bradley Sechko, who has been battling an injury since October, has been the Wolves' biggest supporter of late. Despite his efforts to play through the pain in multiple games, Sechko will be sidelined long-term, but he has been a fixture on the bench, supporting his teammates for all of their games since.

Congratulations to the Wolves for an outstanding weekend!



PEE WEE A1

The Wolves' Pee Wee A1 team advanced to the semifinals of the Avon tournament, where it was eliminated by Westfield 4-0. Samuel Halm and Alec Rottman each scored goals for the Wolves in the tournament, while Anna Kaminski tallied an assist.

SQUIRT A

The Wolves' Squirt A team advanced to the Avon final, but fell just short on Sunday afternoon, losing 7-4 to Simsbury. Luke Calio scored a hat trick in the final, with two goals in the final 3:12 of the second period to cut Simsbury's lead to 5-4 heading into the third period. But a pair of Simsbury goals in the opening six minutes of the final frame sealed it. Hunter Johnson led all players in the Squirt A bracket in scoring with nine goals and two assists, while Calio registered six goals and an assist and Thomas Conaghan had a goal and two assists, while goalies Weston Janis and Kellan McKenna combined for a 2.00 GAA for the Wolves, who went 3-1-1 in the tourney.



SQUIRT A1

The Wolves went 1-2 in the Squirt A1 bracket, falling just short of a finals berth after losing a 3-2 nail-biter against the CT Riverhawks in their final pool-play game. Niam Subbarao led the Wolves in scoring with a goal and two assists, while Amelia Cordima scored two goals.

SQUIRT B

West Hartford's Squirt B team ran into a tough bracket in Avon and did not advance to the playoffs. Graham Grunwald led the Wolves with two goals, while Shiloh McEwen chipped in with a goal.

MITE B

The Wolves' Mite B team advanced to the semifinals of the Blue bracket before falling to Millbrook 5-1 on Saturday. The Wolves beat South Windsor 7-0 and were edged out by Holy Name (4-3) and Simsbury (6-5) in pool play.

BANTAM A WINS CAN/AM TOURNEY

The Wolves' Bantam A team achieved something remarkable, clinching the title at the Can/Am Challenge Cup in Montreal in November, triumphing in all four of their games. This success was a result of their teamwork, exceptional goalkeeping, and relentless effort. They supported one another to outplay their opponents. The Wolves also won the relay race in the skills competition, with Juliana Noury, Thomas Herisson, Alex Masi and Nicholas Chen lapping the other teams. Congrats!

Bantam A will deeply miss their friends who are moving on to high school: Charles DeBassio, C.J. Bankoff and Jack Hanrahan. While the absence will be felt significantly, they will cherish the joyful memories and valuable lessons learned together both on and off the ice. Their journey forged strong friendships that extend beyond the realm of sports. Good luck in high school, Charles, C.J. and Jack!



MITE A WINS WARRIOR CUP TOURNEY

Earlier in November Mite A beat King Philip Walpole and Wonderland AA then tied the New Jersey Colonials AA to advance to the Championship in a rematch vs New Jersey Colonials where they won 5-2!



MITE A & MITE B AT THE WARRIOR CUP ON DAY 1



MITE B AT THE XL CENTER!

The Wolves' Mite B team played at the XL Center on Nov. 24 and had a blast!



REMINDER TO ALL COACHES

Your certification must be completed by Dec. 31 in order for you to continue serving as a coach this season. The certification checklist can [be found here](#). If you aren't sure of your certification status, please reach out to WHYHA coaching director [Kevin Miller](#).



MEET A PACK MEMBER

Alexandros (Alexi) Koliatsis, Pee Wee A



How long have you been a Wolf?

This is my second season on the Wolves.

Who's your favorite NHL team? (If you don't follow the NHL, what's your favorite sports team?)

My favorite NHL team is the New York Rangers.

What is your favorite snack food?

My favorite snack is yogurt parfait with fruit and honey.

How did you become interested in hockey?

I first became interested in hockey after my godfather took me to my first New York Rangers game. Nobody else in my family played ice hockey. But my dad played street hockey.

What is your favorite class in school, and why?

My favorite class in school is Social Studies because we do fun projects that give back to our community.

What position do you play? What do you like the most about that role?

I play right defense. What I like most about this position is helping out my goalie.

What is your favorite hobby?

My favorite hobby, besides hockey, is riding my SE bike.

What other sports do you play? How do those sports make you a better hockey player?

I don't currently play any other sports. I used to run track in the spring time, which helped with my endurance.

If you could do ANYTHING you wanted for one day, what kinds of things would you do? What would that day be like?

I would rent an ice rink for me and my friends and have a fun day messing around on the ice and eating.

What do you love most about playing hockey?

What I love most about hockey is traveling out of state with my team.