



# The Inside Edge

Issue 54

## IMPORTANT DATES:

### Board Meetings:

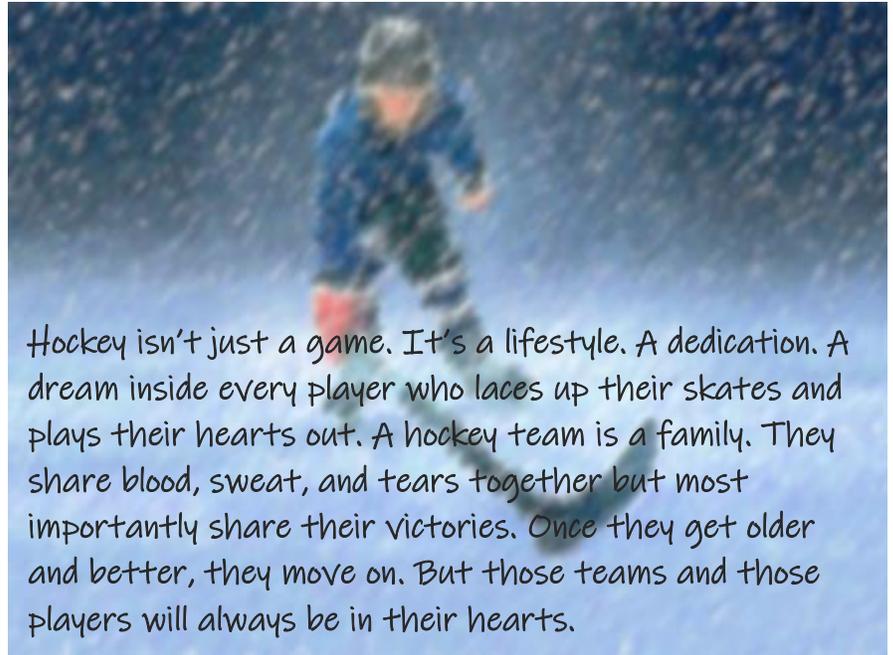
April 7<sup>th</sup> – Season Recap &  
Executive Board Position  
Elections

### Scrip Orders Due:

March 14<sup>th</sup>  
March 28<sup>th</sup>  
April 11<sup>th</sup>

### Other Important Dates:

Spring Hockey starts Mar 16<sup>th</sup>  
March Meltdown – Mar 21<sup>st</sup>



*Hockey isn't just a game. It's a lifestyle. A dedication. A dream inside every player who laces up their skates and plays their hearts out. A hockey team is a family. They share blood, sweat, and tears together but most importantly share their victories. Once they get older and better, they move on. But those teams and those players will always be in their hearts.*

## SPRING HOCKEY

March 16<sup>th</sup> – April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Is your hockey player not ready for the season to be over? Are they looking for a way to get a little more ice time before trading the ice rink for warmer weather activities? Does practice for the next sport not start for weeks? Then Spring Hockey is perfect for them! Registration is open until March 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Spring hockey will be once a week for 6 weeks
  - Mite 6:00 - 6:50 Monday
  - Squirt 7:00 - 7:50 Monday
  - PW 6:00 - 7:05 Wednesday
  - Bantam - 7:15 - 8:20 Wednesday



**\$\$\$\$ - Player Fees must be paid in full  
BEFORE any skater will be allowed to register for  
Spring hockey or summer skills sessions.**

## Annual Season Recap Board Meeting & Executive Board Member Elections

The April 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will include the Annual Season Recap and the election of open Executive Board positions. Executive positions up for election are:

President  
Secretary  
Tournament Director.

After the election the executive committee will appoint the following positions before the May meeting:

Scheduler	Website/Communications
Registrar	ACE
Fundraising	Volunteer/Events
Recruitment	HIP Coordinator
Newsletter	

Descriptions of all positions can be found in [the member handbook](#). If you are interested in joining the DPYH Board please send an email to [dpyh.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:dpyh.secretary@gmail.com) with the position you are interested in

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Board Meeting notes are posted on the webpage. If you've ever wondered what is discussed at these meetings go to

[HOME> BOARD> MEETING MINUTES](#)

Minutes from all meetings since 2009 are posted.

## Try Hockey for Free!



De Pere hosted another Try Hockey for Free event on Saturday, February 22. We had a great turn out with 50 kids coming out to skate that morning! Thanks to all our volunteers who welcomed the young skaters, fitted them with equipment and helped out on the ice. This event would not be a success without everyone pitching in to share our love of hockey!

### DID YOU KNOW?

DPYH can be found on multiple Social Media platforms? Join in and follow us on...



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## DIBS / VOLUNTEERS

There are still a few opportunities coming up to earn dibs for this season. Volunteer opportunities are listed on the Dibs page as well as within the list of upcoming Dibs events on the Home page at [dpyh.org/](http://dpyh.org/).

Keep checking as opportunities will continue to be added.

If you have any questions regarding the volunteer opportunities, please contact Bethany Wiskow.



**THANK YOU** to everyone that went to the Kraft Hockeyville site to help rally behind DPYH. All of the nominations, pictures and notes that you shared added up to 537 entries! The selection committee is reviewing all nomination stories, tallying rally points and calculating total scores. The top 4 rinks will be announced on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### De Pere Youth Hockey Sales & Exchange on Facebook

Remember you can buy & sell hockey equipment on our site on Facebook! This is a great way to keep the costs of hockey down and make sure your old equipment is put to good use.

# Team Highlights

## MITES

**Mite Reds** – Submitted by Mandi Renkas



The Mite Reds wrapped up their season at the Chaos at Cornerstone tournament, capping off a season in which the whole team showed tremendous growth. The entire team will be moving up to Squirts next year and should be extremely proud of their final Mite year. During a season that resulted in tons of goals, wins and tournament success, this team's greatest accomplishment is learning how to work together and support one another on -- and off of -- the ice.



**Mite White Select Kings**– Submitted by Nicole Cieslewicz



The Kings moved into February with hard work and strong play. They had fun wrapping up their Mite League play demonstrating team work and their focus on improving their skills. The month wrapped up with Jamboree in Marinette where they went 3-1. Next up they will wrap up their season skating in the Chaos at Cornerstone tournament.

### Mite White Blackhawks – Submitted by Leslie Thompson

The Blackhawks picked up a hard-fought win in the Marinette jamboree. It has been a tough season for the Blackhawks in the win/loss ratio, but our players came excited to play every week. They kept positive attitudes and worked hard in every game, even when it seemed hopeless. We're proud of you Blackhawks! Thanks for great season.

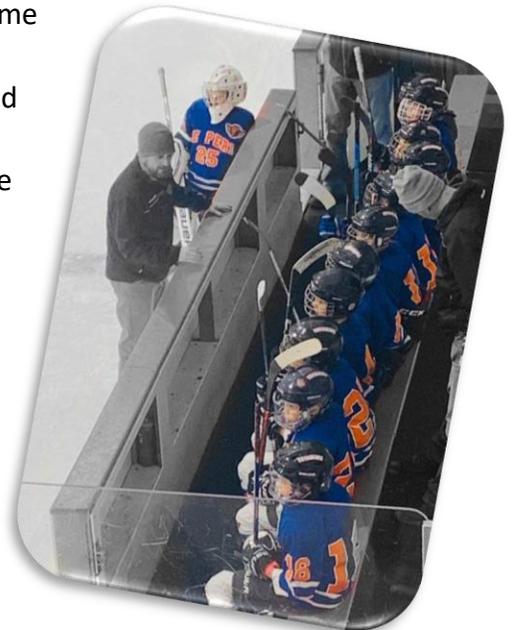


## SQUIRTS

### Squirt A – Submitted by Melissa Warych



It's hard to believe that the season has come to an end! I think it's fair to say that the parents and coaches have all truly enjoyed watching the Squirt A's play throughout this season. Although the squirt A's came up short to move on to State, they finished with a strong record of 20-7-5. It's always amazing to watch teams develop from the start of the season until the end—and this team was no different. Throughout the season we have watched new friends be made and old friendships were strengthened---and some pretty amazing parents as well!



There is so much to celebrate from the season but here is a recap of the individual awards for the Squirt A's: Nathan Frank earned three Shut Outs! Griffin Wehausen earned 2 Hat Tricks! Austin Lee earned one Hat Trick! Brayden Warych earned two Hat

Tricks and one Playmaker! Wyatt Williams earned one Hat Trick! Leo Dose earned one Hat Trick! Nathan Dewsnap earned one Shut Out! Max Charbonneau earned one Hat Trick! Our team highlight was coming home with 1<sup>st</sup> Place in our Tomah Tournament early on in our season!

Thank you to Head Coach Chris Dewsnap and Assistant Coach's Kozarek, Frank and Jensen! This year wouldn't be possible without the four of you! You have poured so much time and energy into these boys—you have not only strived to improve the skills of each individual player—but you also had high expectations of respect and hard work. These are the skills that go far beyond the ice rink—and we thank you for it!

We wish all of our Voyageur teams the best of luck as they work to become state champions! Go Voyageurs!

### **Squirt C** – Submitted by Mary Sievwright

It is hard to believe that another hockey season is drawing to a close. The Squirt C team had a very busy month. They played multiple games, participated in the Rhinelander Squirt B/C Tournament, and had a fantastic time skating on the backyard rink at Coach Sands' house. Throughout the month of February these boys continued to work hard on passing the puck. All of their hard work paid off! Making some sweet assists were Christian Berreau, James Blaha, Kaden Dunks, Colin Cravillion, Duncan Liedtke, James Mason, Luke Policy, Caiden Sands, Gavin Schoen, and Noah Sievwright. In addition to the amazing assists, Christian Berreau, Colin Cravillion, James Mason, and Luke Policy all achieved hat tricks. Also putting the puck in the back of the net was Kaden Dunks, Tylur Foss, Duncan Liedtke, Caiden Sands, Gavin Schoen, and Noah Sievwright. Finally, achieving his 2<sup>nd</sup> shutout of the season, once again proving that he is a "brick wall," was Cameron Ladwig.



During the second week of February the Squirt C team had a weekend off, and enjoyed their time by getting together at Coach Sands' house. The boys enjoyed playing hockey in Coach Sands' backyard, playing video games, and eating pizza.

The boys are excited to end their season at the State Hockey Tournament in West Bend! Let's Go Voyageurs!!!

## PEE WEES

### **Pee Wee A** – Submitted by Rachel Aitken

The PeeWee A's finished the season with a 20-16-4 record. Overall, the coaches were very pleased by the amount of growth they saw throughout the season, both on and off the ice by every single player on the team. As is typically the case, the season had its ups and downs, but the team had a lot of fun together and their passion and desire to keep developing their game was evident. Congrats PeeWee A's on a great year!

The season came to a close with an epic parent-player game. The boys gave it all they had, but it seems their parents indeed still have it, as the parents (and older siblings...which MAY have helped slightly) came away with an 11-8 victory!



### **Pee Wee B** – Submitted by Adam Burdsall

Fresh off a playdown victory and a berth in the state tournament, the De Pere Pee Wee Bs return to the ice at SHAW on Feb. 9, sweeping a doubleheader 6-3 and 4-1. In the opener, De Pere got off to a fast start when Easton LaBelle scored goals less than a minute apart, the first off a Josh Porod assist, and it was 2-0 just 4 minutes into the game. SHAW rallied, quickly, scoring three goals in 1:15 to take a 3-2 lead and it was a game. Noah Vander Heyden scored a shorthanded goal to tie it, unassisted, to end the first period at 3-3. Vander Heyden scored off a Mikaela Smith assist for the lone goal of the second period before De Pere pulled away in the third. Reid Sands scored off a LaBelle assist before Ivan Heier scored an empty netter, off the assist from Nick Bartelt, to set the final margin of victory. Justin Pintar was credited with 34 saves in the win.

After a scoreless first period of the second game, the Voyageurs scored twice in each of the final two periods to complete the sweep. Vander Heyden assisted on a Porod goal to open the scoring with 2:20 left in the second. Sands scored an unassisted goal 40 seconds later to double the lead. Vander Heyden pushed the lead to 3-0 with a power play goal before Porod made it 4-0. SHAW scored a late goal to spoil the shutout, but Pintar stopped 17 of 18 shots faced in victory.



On Feb. 15-16, De Pere hosted Marquette's A team for a three-game series, dropping Game 1 and 3 by 6-2 scores, but winning the middle game 4-2. In the opener, De Pere fell behind 2-0 before Sands scored midway through the first period to cut the deficit in half. Marquette would score the next three goals to pull away. Vander Heyden, assisted by Orion Sanders and Nolan Burdsall, scored late in the game for the Voyageurs. Pintar stopped 22 shots in the game.



The second game was tight throughout. Marquette scored with 1 second left in the opening period, but the Voyageurs got back to even late in the second when Sanders finished off a goal with assists credited to Sands and LaBelle to tie it headed to the final period. Marquette scored early in the third to regain the lead, but Porod found the net just 48 seconds later to tie it back up. The game remained tied until the final minutes with Sanders picking up his second goal of the game with 2:43 left in regulation. Henry Fey cleared the zone for Vander Heyden to hit the empty net with 1:35 to play capping a strong performance by the Voyageurs. Pintar was solid throughout, stopping 34 shots in the victory.

The third game was decided by a 3-minute stretch of the second period which saw Marquette score three times to break a 2-2 tie and pull away. Smith (assisted by Vander Heyden) and Porod (assisted by LaBelle) scored goals for De Pere in the win, but after Porod's goal tied it with 3:21 left in the second, Marquette popped in three over the next 2:49 to build the lead and never looked back. Pintar stopped 25 shots for De Pere.

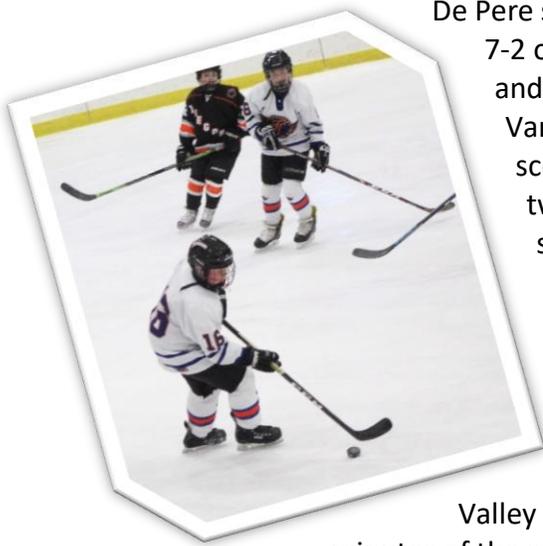
Next up was a trip to the Rhinelander tournament Feb. 21-23 where De Pere came home with the second-place trophy.

In the opener, De Pere handled host Rhinelander 5-0, outshooting the Hodags 39-4. Sands and LaBelle each scored twice while Vander Heyden had a goal and an assist. Logan Dewsnap was also credited with an assist while Pintar had a quiet night with four saves.

Game 2 saw the Voyageurs dominate Janesville 8-1, running out to a 4-0 lead after the first period and were never challenged in outshooting the J-Hawks 38-13. Vander Heyden recorded a hat trick for De Pere to lead the scoring. Sands had a pair of goals, while Porod (2A), LaBelle (1A) and Sanders (1A) each had goals in the win. Heier and Blake Fuss each had two assists while Smith added a single assist in the win. Pintar stopped 12-of-13 shots for De Pere.



The title game was a close game from the drop of the puck. Neither team found the net in the opening period before De Pere struck first. Burdsall centered the puck from the right corner to the front of the net where it eventually found its way to the stick of Porod who flipped it up and over the Oregon goaltender for a De Pere lead with 5:35 left in the period. LaBelle was also credited with an assist on the goal. Unfortunately, it was the only goal the Voyageurs would manage as Oregon came back with a goal late in the second and early in the third to take the victory. Pintar stopped 17 shots in the game for De Pere.



De Pere scored the first seven goals of the game to defeat visiting Shawano 7-2 on Feb. 28. Sands opened the game just 36 seconds into the game and the Voyageurs never looked back. Smith (assisted by Porod and Vander Heyden), Vender Heyden and LaBelle (assisted by Sanders) all scored in the second period to make it 4-0. Vander Heyden added two goals in the third to complete the hat trick before Sanders scored off a LaBelle assist to put De Pere up 7-0. Shawano scored two late goals to spoil the shutout for Pintar, who finished with seven saves.

On Feb. 29, the Voyageurs overcame a 39-23 shot disadvantage, making the most of their opportunities to back a 38-save performance from Pintar and beat visiting Fox Valley 3-1. Fox Valley scored the only goal of the first period and it took until the final 2 minutes of the second period before De Pere pulled even when Sanders picked up a puck on the backdoor and put it in to even the score. Vander Heyden put the Voyageurs up for good, scoring shorthanded with 3:59 left and then put it on ice with a goal with 2:02 left. Sands and Smith were credited with assists on the final goal in the victory which improved De Pere to 23-9-4 overall.

### **Pee Wee C** – Submitted by Jason Karbon

The Pee Wee C's had some downtime in February after their playdown game and then played against a tough Marinette team. They dropped both contests 11-2 and 12-1 and contributors in scoring were Brady Lemke(1G), Owen Karbon(1G, 2A), Wyatt Williams(1G), and Logan Younger(1A). The following day the Voyageurs hosted Stevens Point at Cornerstone and had better results in taking both games 6-4 and 7-6. The boys let Finn Plaza skate out of net both games while Owen



Karbon and Nolan Sell tried their skills at goalie. Wyatt Williams filled in and

he recorded his first ever hat trick in the first game! Not only did he record his first hat trick, he came back and recorded another hat trick again in the second game! Congrats Wyatt! Also scoring in game one were Brady Lemke(2G) and DJ Kallio(1G), while Hunter Vieaux(2A) and Nolan Sell(1A) assisted. Scoring in game 2 following Wyatt's hat trick, were Hunter Vieaux(2G), Brady Lemke(1G), and DJ Kallio(1G), and Owen Karbon(1A) having an assist.



The following weekend Green Bay came to De Pere for a lone game warmup before their final tournament of the year. The C's came out with a 4-4 tie after trailing all game and coming back from a 4-1 final period deficit. Contributing in the game were DJ Kallio(1G,1A), Andrew Achten(1G), Hunter Vieaux(1G), Logan Younger(1G), Nolan Sell(1A), Trygg Ulve(1A), Owen Karbon(1A), and Liam Goldberg(1A).

The final weekend of February the PeeWee C's traveled to Wausau for the Marathon County tournament. The first game was an early morning contest against Shaw Black, and the boys came out on top 9-2. Congratulations to Andrew Achten on recording a hat trick and Hunter Vieaux recording a Playmaker! Also scoring were Nolan Sell(2G,1A), Trygg Ulve(2G,1A), DJ Kallio(1G,1A), Hunter Vieaux(1G,3A), Brady Lemke(2A), Owen Karbon(2A), and Logan Younger(1A). In the second game of the day De Pere faced Milwaukee Winter Club and they fell behind after the first period 1-0 before scoring 4 unanswered goals and hanging on for a 5-4 win. Contributing in scoring were DJ Kallio(2G,1A), Andrew Achten(2G), Liam Goldberg(1G), Brady Lemke(1A), Hunter Vieaux(2A), and Owen Karbon(1A). The next day the boys went up against a tough Waunakee C1 team and held their own, but ultimately fell 2-0. They then had to wait around to see if they would be playing in the third place game as the tournament was based on a points system, but unfortunately fell one point short and had to settle for 5<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams.

The PeeWee C's will end their season with two games in Iron Mountain the first weekend in March, followed by 2 games at home the second weekend. The boys have shown great improvement throughout the year and had lots of fun as a team. A special thanks goes out to the coaches who helped the boys develop their skills and become more well rounded players. This includes our head coach Shawn Petitjean and his assistant coach (and son) Keegan, along with assistant coach Chris Sands taking time out of his busy schedule to help, and also assistant coach Wyatt Davis helping when he was available.

Good luck to the teams who are competing at the State Tournament this weekend and next weekend!

## BANTAMS

**Bantam A** – Submitted by Nathan Ott

After a disappointing loss in state play downs, the Bantam A's were given a chance to shake off the doldrums in a double-header against Milwaukee Winter Club at the Resch Center Saturday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. In the first game of the day, the puck found the net early on with Lucas scoring off a well-timed pass by Noah. Two more goals would be scored by Ian and Jake that left the Bantams up 3-0 after the first period. Roaring back, MWC would score two goals early in the second period but those goals were answered with scores by Evan (from Jake) and Teddy (from Casey). The score was a comfortable 5-2 lead at the end of the second. With renewed energy, MWC rebounded and scored two goals in the first four minutes of the third and the score was suddenly 5-4 with a lot of game left. The offense, led by Ian, was able to strike, and, with Anton making some great saves in the net, the Voyageurs held MWC to just one more goal. Voyageurs win 6-5.

With a back-and-forth heated battle between the Voyageurs and MWC at the start of the second game, it was half-way into the first period when MWC scored and De Pere trailed 0-1 at the end of the first. However, that would be MWC's only goal of the game. In a dominating second period, De Pere goals were made by Jake, Gavin (from Casey and Grant), Gabe, Noah from Evan on a power play, and Nick. The score was 4-1 on the big screen in the Resch at the end of the second period. Two more goals were scored in the third – one by Evan and one by Teddy – and MWC found themselves on a very long drive back to Milwaukee with two losses to De Pere. Final score 6-1, Voyageurs win.

The second weekend of Feb. contained a pair of double-headers for the Bantam A's. First up was a trip to frigid Mosinee early on a wintry Saturday morning. The rink may have been sub-zero but the Voyageurs proved red hot. It was goal-for-goal in the first period with a period-ending score of 2-2. The second period started with a flurry of Bantam offensive strikes by Ian (from Gavin), Kallen (from Grant on a Power Play), and yet another Jake goal from Evan. With a defense that dominated much of the period combined with some draw-dropping saves by Anton, nobody but Mosinee was surprised that the Voyageurs led 5-2 at the end of the second period. Although Mosinee was able to put up one more goal on the board in the third, a combination of expert passing and that defensive wall of Logan, Nick, Lucas, and Gavin proved too much and Mosinee toppled to the Voyageurs 7-3.

The Bantam A's have shown tremendous growth in their skills and team bonds over the course of the season and both were leveraged in the second game against Mosinee. Jake and Ian (assisting each other) both put scores on the board after the first period. A goal by Kallen (from Gavin) late in the second period had De Pere up 3-0 as the buzzer began the third period. The defense contributed to another two goals in the third period with a trick shot by Lucas and an assist to Ian by Logan. With about a minute left in the game, the dynamic duo of Ian and Jake sealed the deal and once again De Pere was victorious, nearly shutting Mosinee out 6-1. A quick shout-out to the Mosinee Brewing Company – their taproom was modern-rustic chic and their 20+ brews on tap delish.

The sun shone brightly upon the Bantam A's as they entered their home turf Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> for a double-header against Tomah. With many family and friends in attendance, the Bantams took the ice against a team that they split a series with back in early January. Confident with four straight wins, the Voyageurs started to put points up on the board early with a goal by Evan from Nick. The first period ended 2-0. With strong teamwork, the Bantam A's would score two more times in the second period – Ian from Evan – and Grant from Kallen. Both lines of offense and defense were productive. No answer from Tomah in sight as the score was 4-0 at the end of the second. The board lit up consistently again on the Home side in the third period, as shots by Lucas from Gabe and two from Ted unassisted all found homes in Tomah's net. Keegan would be denied a shut-out, however, as Tomah did sneak one through with 4 minutes left. Final score was 7 De Pere, Tomah 1.

After a team lunch upstairs at DPIA to recognize their last home game of the year, the Voyageurs built on their momentum and completely dominated Tomah in the second game of the series. What's fun about this team is that scores and big defensive plays are so evenly distributed across the group. When they have fun and execute together it's a blast to watch. The first period ended quickly with De Pere up 2-0 and saw scores by Grant from Logan and Teddy from Kallen. Tomah was getting frustrated and their penalty minutes really showed it with "two-in-the-box" a few times this period. In the second period, Kallen, Evan, Casey from Noah, Kallen from Ian, and Jake all scored. Tomah did manage to squeak one in

but the score was 7-1, Voyageurs leading at the end of the second. The third period was all about the De Pere defense and Anton's goaltending who denied any more Tomah goals. Lucas scored the only Voyageur goal this period and that put De Pere over Tomah, 8-1. Parents and players can't wait for next weekend. Go Bantam A's!

Hot off a 6-game winning streak, the Bantam A's were eager to take on Div. 1 Appleton in a re-match from a punishing early January 0-6 beating on Friday evening Feb 21st. Would De Pere have what it takes to exact a little revenge? Well, this certainly did seem possible, at least through the end of the second period. About 8 minutes into the first period, Grant found a pin-size hole against a brick-wall of an Appleton goalie and De Pere would lead 1-0 almost to the end of the second period. After putting up a serious fight but suffering from a few really questionable penalties and a broken stick or two (yes Gavin), the Bantams lost some steam and Appleton was able to put two scores on the board at the 5 minute and 1 minute marks of the 2<sup>nd</sup> period. De Pere dug deep in the third, Nick leading on defense, and held Appleton to only one more goal. Appleton's goalie was a monster and we just couldn't find the back of the net against some really strong goal-tending. De Pere fell 1-3.

After a day of R&R on Saturday, the Bantams traveled to Waupun on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> to take on their A/B team. The Bantam A's had two guest goalies today – Ben and Dominic. Waupun only had 10 skaters but put up a really good front and the score was De Pere 4, Waupun 1 at the end of the second period. Goals were made by Gabe, Casey off Teddy, Kallen, and Evan. The Waupun goalie was fun to watch but rebounds were his Achilles – most of our goals were off of rebounds. The play was spirited with some uncharacteristic penalty minutes put up by our normally stoic De Pere defense (Logan!). With about 4 minutes left in the third period, the score was 4 to 3, De Pere leading by only 1. But just like that, with 2 minutes left in the game, Ian was able to score from Jake and Evan and then it was an amazing buzzer shot by Ian from Evan to end the game 6-3! Several great saves by guest goalie Ben and a Playmaker for Evan this game.

The second game against Waupun was even more decisive with a final score of 9 to 3. Dom was in the net and ready for some action but most of the game was played largely in Waupun territory. In the first period, goals were scored by Ian from Evan and Jake from Ian off of a faceoff (play is called The Voyageur). Score was 2-1 after the first. Ian and Jake scored followed by another Jake goal off a rebound. It was 4-1 after the second period. Third period was a flurry of activity with goals by Jake from Ian, Ian shorthanded, and Jake from Noah. Hat tricks were earned by Jake and Ian. Goal #8 was made by Teddy. On to the final tournament in Appleton.

It was with great optimism that the Bantam A's entered the Blades of Steel tournament at the new Community First Champions Center in Appleton the last weekend of February. These would not only be the last games of the season, but also the last youth hockey games for many of the Bantam second-years. It would be hard to watch this group break up and we hoped to cling to the last of what was an amazing season. First up in a series of four competitive match-ups would be our rivals, the Fox Valley Blades. The perfect capstone to an outstanding season would be to beat Fox Valley.

The game started out with promise after a goal by Kallen (from Noah) less than a minute into the game. Things didn't go exactly De Pere's way after that, with Fox Valley significantly outperforming us on shots on goal to make it 2-1 Fox Valley leading at the end of the first. Ian did break through in the

second period to put two more goals on the board, but they were each met by goals from Fox Valley and the score was 5-3 Fox Valley up at the end of the second. It wasn't over just yet though as measured by the enthusiasm from the De Pere fans. With Fox Valley scoring 5 minutes into the third period, the score was 6-3 and yet the Voyageurs continued to work hard. Their persistence finally payed off with two goals by Ian at the 2 minute and 27 second (!) marks assisted by a slew of De Pere all-stars including Gabe, Jake, Lucas (2), Nick, and Teddy. The score was now 6-5 and the roar from the crowd was deafening as De Pere pulled Keegan out of the net and made a final hail-Mary type play to tie the game. The play fell apart however and Fox Valley was able to score on our empty net to make it 7-5 final score. It was a bitter loss, but a great game, and we definitely made Fox Valley work for it.

The second game was against the #1 ranked Div 1 Bantam team in the state, the Elmbrook Eagles. If nothing else, this game would showcase the resiliency of the Voyageurs and be fun to watch our defense and goal tending. De Pere is a team with strong bonds and trust in each other and these forces combined to hold the Eagles to a 2-2 score at the end of the first period. Goals were posted by Ian from Kallen and Ian again from Evan. Shots on goal were basically even and both penalty boxes were seeing a lot of action. The Voyageurs were caught off guard early in the second with Elmbrook finding the back of our net 3 consecutive times in under 3 minutes, putting a huge chink in De Pere's confidence. By the time the Zamboni came out at the end of the second, De Pere was down 3-6, (after a goal by Casey from Noah and Logan) and frustrated from defending against a blizzard of shots on goal. The third period would be ALL about penalties - for both teams - as emotions spiked along with the Eagles goal count. Although Ian would score to get another hat trick of the season on a power play with 3 Eagles in the penalty box, the Voyageurs would come up short and final score would be 4-9. Time for a break. Beverage(s) anyone?

A little more competitive match-up against Sauk Prairie at Tri County Arena awaited the Bantam A's early Saturday evening. Although the venue tends to lead to dark thoughts for the greater Voyageur player and fan-base, the mood was all bright on this Spring-like Leap Year day as De Pere stepped on the ice basking in the glow of comradery and friendship. This game's theme was all about teamwork, with 4 different players putting goals up on the board – Ian, Evan, Kallen, and Teddy. The defense worked hard as well with Lucas assisting one of the goals and Keegan earning his 5<sup>th</sup> shutout of the season. The first period ended in a dead-locked 0-0. Kallen scored right away in the 2<sup>nd</sup> period and that would be followed by 2 other unanswered goals. Second period would end with De Pere leading 3-0. Although Sauk Prairie would hammer us with shots on goal in a last-ditch effort to score, our "senior" defensemen – Logan, Gavin, Nick, and Lucas – hammered right back. Voyageurs won 4-0.

The De Pere Voyageur Bantam A's faced another foe, the Sheboygan Lakers, in the last game of the tournament for 5<sup>th</sup> place. Huddled in the Champion Center "Parent Lounge" before puck-drop, nobody could believe the end of the season was here. As the second period ended with De Pere only down by 1-2, the Voyageurs really needed the ice to be cleared to regroup and rest but there was to be no break this game. Within 3 minutes of the third period starting buzzer, Sheboygan scored 2 goals on a tired De Pere and that put them up 4-2. After that, De Pere was saddled with a string of penalties and Sheboygan seemed to take advantage of every short-handed situation. The penalties, combined with just absolutely the worst luck on breakaways, did us absolutely no favors. Kallen scored late in the third to put us at 2-5 and a final push was made, but, like the Fox Valley game, we left too many goals go unanswered earlier in the game to make up the deficit and De Pere fell 2-6 on an empty net. We could and should have

beat the Lakers this time, and it was definitely not for lack of effort. In key games facing pressure to perform, this team tends to over-play and over-think and let nerves get the best of them.

After the game, the Bantam A's enjoyed their season ending party at Chicago Street Pub with a pizza, wings, and salad buffet and a fun activity of assigning funny memes to player and coach candid pictures taken throughout the season. What a great year of parents, coaches, team management (Handricks), and players. It was very difficult to leave the party and see the season end. Bantam A record was 26-17-4 for the season and highlights included a tournament championship in Madison and a consolation championship in Wausau. The best part was seeing the players progress in their skills and bonding at tournaments.

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### **Buffalo Wild Wings Home Team Advantage**

DPYH has teamed up with BWW once again as one of their Home Teams. Anytime you visit BWW in Bellevue please be sure to tell your server that you are supporting Team C or De Pere Youth Hockey. Each order placed on DPYH's behalf earns the organization 10% of the total pretaxed bill. We are working on getting established with the Ashwaubenon location as well.



### **Fundraising Apps**

Please take a few moments and download HuTerra and set up Amazon Smile to help raise funds for DPYH. HuTerra is an app that allows you to scan receipts from many different businesses and in return DPYH earns money. Amazon Smile works JUST like regular Amazon and it DOES work with your Prime subscription as well but if you use Amazon DPYH earns money from every item purchased. Visit this link to get started [smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1462028](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1462028) and simply choose De Pere Youth Hockey as your fundraiser and start shopping!



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the scrip wallet to your phone and purchase e-gift cards (for most places) and use them immediately. If you have questions about how to get started contact Tina Van De Ven @ [dpyh.scrip@gmail.com](mailto:dpyh.scrip@gmail.com)

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