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6 Things You May Not Know About Hockey...

1 | **One Dollar Man**

In 1993, Kris Draper was traded to the Detroit Red Wings for just \$1. This led to his nickname in Detroit - the "One Dollar Man." Draper ended up being worth much more than a dollar, though. He went on to play 17 seasons with the Wings; playing 1137 games and racking up 158 goals during that time. Draper also won four Stanley Cups with Detroit in 1997, 1998, 2002 and 2008.

2 | **The Great One**

You have to know Wayne Gretzky is the all-time leading points scorer in the NHL, but did you know The Great One would still hold this record even if he never scored a goal? Even without scoring once in his career, Gretzky racked up so many assists, he would still be the NHL's all-time leading point scorer. That's a lot of assists.

3 | **The First Goal**

The Montreal Wanderer's Dave Ritchie scored the first official NHL goal on December 19, 1917. The goal was scored against the Toronto Arenas.

4 | **Don't Forget the Ladies**

There are twelve women named on the Stanley Cup - all of them being owners or team executives. Marguerite Norris, the president of the Detroit Red Wings from 1954-1955, was the first woman to have her name engraved on the Cup.

5 | **The Million Dollar Man**

In 1971, the Boston Bruins signed Bobby Orr to a five-year deal, worth \$200,000 per year. This was the first million-dollar contract signed in the NHL. Orr ended up scoring 181 goals over that time and was well worth the money spent.

6 | **Fastest Shot**

Bobby Hull reportedly holds the record for the fastest slapshot ever recorded at 118 miles per hour, but that was back when technology wasn't very sophisticated - his wristshot was clocked at 105 mph. Nicknamed 'the Golden Jet,' Hull spent 23 seasons in the National Hockey League and World Hockey Association, playing for the Chicago Blackhawks, Winnipeg Jets and Hartford Whalers.

The fastest slapshot recorded in modern times with modern technology was Zdeno Chara's wicket 108.8 mph monster in 2012 at the All-Star Skills Competition.

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Red Mites - submitted by Nicole Cieslewicz

The Reds started off January with a 4 team round robin in Wausau where they had fun playing some new teams. They followed up with a few games during the month where they played against the Green Bay and Appleton Red teams. Appleton and De Pere were very evenly matched which made for two weekends of exciting back to back games where they finished with a tie and a win. The kids have really started to mesh well together and play as a team with the help of some great coaching opportunities during practice. February brings a few more games to help them prepare for their end of year tournament.



Mite Blackhawks - submitted by Melissa Charbonneau

The Blackhawks had a busy January! We played scrimmages against Manitowoc, Green Bay, Appleton and our friends on the Kings! We also played in a tournament in Manitowoc, placing 7th. While it's not about what place we took, all boys and girls played great, had a blast and are starting to show off their skills as they continue to develop! We look ahead to a great February and all the fun challenges it brings!



Mite Blue Maple Leafs - submitted by Tiffany Weckworth



The Maple Leafs have been working hard honing their skills at practices and games over the last few months. They were recently in Waupaca and Manitowoc, combining with the Red Wings, to form a couple of teams for the tournaments there. They had a LOT of fun and were worn out by the end of the weekend.

As the Squirt As prepare for Playdowns against Sheboygan, the team has been busy on-ice: everything from playing at home, to traveling to tournaments and even a team tubing party at Kewaunee's Winter Park!

On January 9, we hosted Wisconsin Rapids for two games, resulting in a 3-3 tie and a nail biter that ended in a 6-5 loss. The Squirt As were wishing for one more game, to prove they could beat the Raiders.

Next, the team headed to Chippewa Falls for the Chippewa Youth Hockey Association Squirt A Invitational. Our first game was a 3-6 loss to River Falls. The boys shook off the tough start and went on to beat the Madison Polar Caps 9-1, setting the stage for a successful remainder of the tournament. They took the ice against the Waukesha Warhawks, a strong team who kept up shot-for-shot against our Voyageurs. Finally, in overtime, De Pere came out with the win 7-6! Our boys faced Washington County Ice in the consolation championship game and came home with the trophy, winning 3-0!

After a rare weekend off, the Voyageurs took on Green Bay yet again ... this time at the outdoor rink at Pinewood Park in Howard. It was a beautiful night for hockey and despite a 4-6 loss, the team played hard and had fun with our cross-city foes!

We had a double-header cancel the final weekend of January, so Coach O'Brien scrambled and found a tournament in Sparta to fill the void. First up, we took on Sioux Falls with a 6-3 win. Next up, we beat Onalaska 4-2, sending the Voyageurs into the championship game. Once again, we faced Sioux Falls and came away with the championship, beating them 4-1!

The Squirt As are excited and prepared for Playdowns and can't wait to go out on the ice and prove they're ready for the State tournament! Good luck, Voyageurs!



Resilience. Perseverance. Team-building. Strength. In the wake of yet another quarantine for the Squirt B team, it has become apparent that this hockey season is about those four words. These boys have missed out on a normal school year, social interaction, and family time for the better part of a year. And as much as we hope for its normalcy and solace, their hockey season hasn't made it out of this covid mess unscathed. But the positive attitudes, hard work, and pure love of being on the ice, surely outweigh the frustration we know they're all feeling. And we couldn't be prouder of their growth and desire to push forward through it all.

January started out a ray of sunshine. January 3rd brought as normal a hockey Sunday as any other season. The boys fought a tough two-game battle against Fox Valley at home and split the games, winning the first 3-2 and falling 5-4 in the second.

The next weekend was the much anticipated tournament in Wisconsin Dells. The competition was tough, and they came out of the tournament with one win and two losses. But they had a blast swimming, playing laser tag, and building lasting friendships with their teammates. But in the era of covid, fun often comes with a price. While trying to give the kids a somewhat normal weekend, covid bit us. And quarantine number two began. Another two weeks of missed practices, virtual school, and cancelled games.

Following quarantine, some of our players were able to return to the ice for a duel with Waupaca at home. But we started the day with only two on the bench, and ended the day with just one. Our kids fought hard in both games but didn't have the energy to pull out a victory. And in the second game, we lost a player to injury, leaving us with just one on the bench and seven skaters worried about their friend (we hope the broken wrist heals quickly, Caiden!).

But even with all that has happened this month, the boys were determined to go out on a positive note. The last weekend in January was a two-day matchup against Antigo, playing their A team on Saturday and their B team on Sunday. With nearly a full team (and their injured teammate cheering them on from the bench) the boys pulled out a win and a tie against the A team, and two wins against the B team. They didn't let any of the craziness of the month (or the month prior) affect them. They keep looking forward, showing their strength and resilience, and working hard as a team. Here's to building their team, and character, and hoping for a steady February.

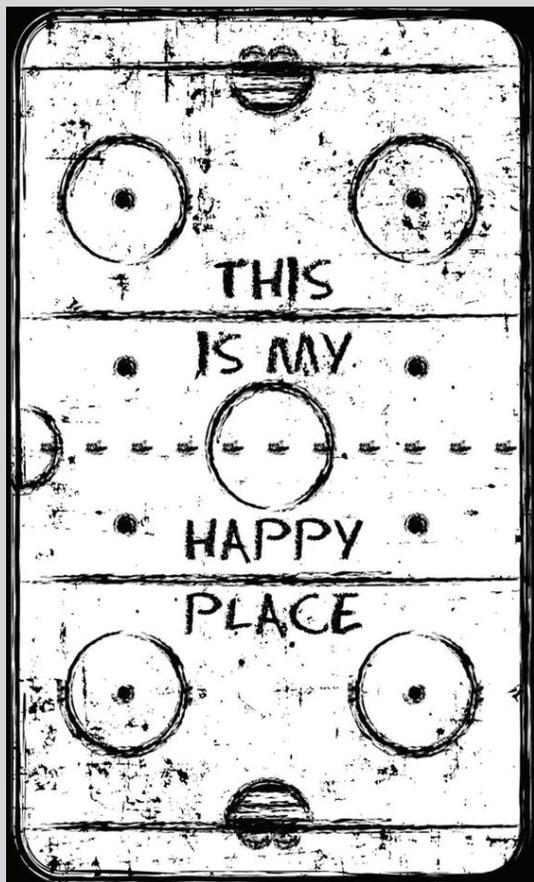


Our Squirt C team had an action-packed January. The skaters have really gotten to know each other's strengths, and a few of them have even begun to strategize with each other on the ice prior to a face-off. Although this Squirt C team has faced multiple challenges they continue to approach every game with a renewed spirit of determination. It is this approach that has brought these skaters closer together and has seen them through some of their darkest games.

Being invited to the Austin Bush Memorial Tournament at Cornerstone the last weekend in January was one of the best experiences this team has had so far this season. Even though they did not skate away with a trophy, they skated away with a lot more. They learned that they have grown so much throughout the season that they are now capable of skating short-handed and being victorious. One can certainly say that this team has a lot to be proud of!

Tristian Knight, the goalie, faced 260 shots making 207 saves in January. Noah Sievwright earned his second "hat trick" by netting the first three goals in the January, 30 th game against Winter Club Blue. In addition to Noah Sievwright, Cayden Heraly, Carson Kennedy, Julian Knight, and Elliana (ET) Memken pulled the trigger and lit the lamp.

Team work certainly does not come without assists. Assisting in making plays that resulted in goals were James Blaha, Emme DePouw, Parker Jansen, Carson Kennedy, Julian Knight, Nathaniel Manos, Elliana (ET) Memken, and Noah Sievwright. This Squirt C team is looking forward to playing some more exciting hockey during the month of February.



**GREAT JOB TO ALL
TEAMS AT THEIR
PLAYDOWNS!
KEEP SKATING
HARD AND
FINISH THE
SEASON STRONG!**



The month of January was filled with hockey for this little team! And this little team has learned to push past exhaustion, utilize team skills, and take home wins! Many amazing memories were had in January!

First and foremost, we want to thank Coach Chris, Coach Rocky, Coach Matt, and Coach Kurt for all their hard work and dedication with these skaters! Coach Chris managed to continue coaching even with an ankle injury. You could see him hobbling across the ice to be closer to the kids and continue with chalk-talks from the bench. Coach Rocky hasn't missed a beat, managing to work, be apart at times from his family, and relocate home to De Pere. Coaches Matt and Kurt travel for work and drive into town for practices and games, enjoying every minute. We are truly thankful! These kids have learned so much from you! Not only do

we see it on the ice, but we know they are absorbing your family dedication, love for the game, and character building strategies!

These kids have been practicing really hard and it shows in January. We have seen many of the practice drills in games: heads up, control of the puck, when/how passing and retrieving, good positioning, stick control, body control, crashing the net, back-checking, etc etc. At times, the kids have been discouraged and exhausted, but these coaches have pushed them and we are better for it! We are ready for playdowns and confident in our team!

On January 23rd, we had a double-header against Verona at CCC. We took home both wins with some amazing team hockey! We want to congratulate Kade Koszarek for earning his hat trick patch in the 2nd game.

On January 30th, we had a double header against Sheboygan at the Laker's ice. We took home both wins, again with some amazing team hockey! These games are a testament of our team's determination and progression this season. We lost to this team at the beginning of January with a 1-7 score. On the 30th, these games ended in victories: 6 to 2 and 5 to 3. And the biggest take-away...the 1st game we played with 9 skaters and our goalie and the 2nd game we played with 8 skaters and our goalie. This is remarkable!



On January 31st, we had a double header at the Resch Center against Marinette. Wow, did we have fun! It was so fun to have additional spectators too due to the space in this venue! We had friends and family spread around the rink. We did not win, but we were with them right until the end in both games. We want to congratulate DJ Kallio for earning his playmaker patch in the first game and Orion Sanders for earning his playmaker patch in the second game. We also want to congratulate Caleb Budinger on his first goal of the season from the defense. It was beautiful, Caleb!

Our goalies, Chase Van De Ven and Nathan Dewsnap, have been playing well all month! Keep it up boys! And our defense Will Jensen, Caleb Budinger, Owen Karbon, and Logan Younger have been playing strong, creating a wall for us! Way to go guys! We are excited for playdowns and can't wait to see what February brings.

January was packed with lots of great hockey for the PeeWee C Team! The month opened with a pair of close games against Fox Valley. The Voyageurs were victorious in both. On January 3 rd , the team headed to Shawano for another exciting match up. Once again, De Pere added two tallies to the win column. The team has really started to trust each other, skate their assigned positions and play an effective game of hockey!

On January 8 th the team headed to their first tournament of the season in River Falls. Tristan Knight (Squirt C) joined the team as their goalie for the tournament and did a great job! The first opponent of the weekend was the Onalaska Tornadoes. Once again teamwork led the PeeWee C Team to victory (10-2) and gave way to James Mason scoring a hat trick and Liam Goldberg earning a playmaker patch. The next afternoon the tables were turned and De Pere fell to the Elmbrook Eagles. On to the third and final game of the tournament where the Voyageurs found themselves battling for third place against the Madison Patriots. The game opened with a strong showing from Madison but once De Pere got back in their groove the game swung their way. The Voyageurs proudly brought home the 3rd Place Trophy with a 4-2 victory. Congratulations boys!



On the 16 th , Manitowoc came to De Pere’s house for a single game. Julian Benzschawel earned his hat trick patch and led the team to an 8-3 victory. The team was on a roll when they headed over to the Resch Center to take on the Green Bay Girls team on January 19 th . The girls put up a great fight and tied the Voyageurs 2-2. Sun Prairie came to town on the 23 rd and reminded De Pere that you can’t win them all. Even though De Pere only had 7 players and Cameron Ladwig (Squirt A) in net, they definitely turned things around for game two against Sun Prairie. James Mason earned a hat trick patch and the Voyageurs were strong enough to hold this game to a 6-6 tie.

The Pee Wee C Team closed out the month on the road shorthanded once again. On the 30th, the team headed to Marinette for a double header against their girls’ team. Julian Benzschawel had a fun day scoring a hat trick in the first game and then he strapped on the goalie gear and nearly had a shutout. De Pere was victorious 4-1, and 5-1 against the Thunder. The Oshkosh Warriors took complete advantage of our tied team and left the Voyageurs with a bad taste in their mouth but still a winning record 17-11-2.



Best of luck to the other teams heading into Playdowns!
Go Voyageurs!

Important Upcoming Dates	
February	March
2/13 - Scrip Order Due	3/13 - Scrip Order Due
2/27 - Scrip Order Due	3/27 - Scrip Order Due
Wishing all teams good luck on their playdowns in February!	

First things first, the Bantam As have amassed an impressive 14-7-2 record heading into February. I am wont to declare that youth hockey isn't about Wins and Losses--it's about the development of our kids--however, I have to admit winning feels pretty good!

Following the Holiday break, the DP Voyageurs Bantam As took on the Green Bay Bobcats A squad at Cornerstone on 1/2. Two first period goals were put in by the Bobcats after a series of unproductive power plays by both teams. The teams traded late 2nd period goals but two 3rd period goals by Green Bay frosted the game with a 1-5 outcome that didn't reflect how tough our team played against the Division 1A squad. Keegan H turned away 27 of 32 shots (84%)! Later in the month (1/29) we played the Bobcats again and, despite De Pere scoring the first goal only minutes into the game, we once again came out on the losing end of a 1-8 game to the neighboring Division 1A squad.

The second January weekend, the DP Voyageurs Bantam As collected three more victories as they took on their old nemesis Fox Valley at the De Pere rink and Milwaukee Winter Club on the Olympic rink at Cornerstone. The pair of Fox Valley games were quite sinless--only 4 minutes total of penalty time--and both were won 3-2 by De Pere thanks again to strong goalie play (Anton W and Keegan H combining for 82% save percentage). This team loves beating the Blades as that team has been responsible for keeping De Pere out of the State Tournament many times over the years. This year's Bantam As have bested them 3 out of 3 times (*wink* - we let them win the unofficial scrimmage in November)!

Despite out-skating and out-passing the MWC squad, the game on Sunday started out slow. It broke open in the 2nd period, however, when "Playmaker" Noah K helped the Voyageurs score three goals to MWC's one. De Pere tacked on an insurance goal right as the 3rd period started to make that game 4-1 at the final buzzer. Although the Voyageurs' offensive stars shined that weekend with multiple goals and assists, their bench talent showed its depth with a number of skaters also scoring points.

To close out the month, the Voyageur Bantam As dominated two games with future-Playdown-opponent Sheboygan on 1/17 at DPIA, besting them 10-2 in the early game and 6-1 in the afternoon tilt. They then split games on 1/24 at DPIA with Waupaca, scoring a goal every few minutes in the first game to come out on top 7-1, but falling to the angry WAYHA club 3-1 later in the day. And on the final weekend of the Month of the Wolf, they fell to Sun Prairie at the De Pere Ice Arena in two winnable games in which the Voyageurs outshot the Cardinals nearly 2:1 but couldn't seem to sneak any by their pair of stout net minders.

For the Month:

[Goals: 9 Teddy M, 8 Evan O, 4 Owen Z, 4 Brock O, 3 Noah K, 3 Grant B, 2 Ian A, Dominick M, Brett W, Eli D, Casey C]

[Assists: 6 Noah K, 5 Ian A, 4 Evan O, 3 Dominick M, 3 Owen Z, 2 Antonio M, Grant B, Casey C, Noah V, Teddy M, Eli D, Parker H]

Keep up the hard work, Bantam As! The State Tournament is right around the corner. Goals and Assists can come from anyone at any time; this team has proved it!



The De Pere Bantam B team overcame a slow start to January, finishing the month on an eight-game unbeaten streak to enter February with a 15-10-4 overall record.

The month came to a close with a bit of a disappointing 3-3 tie with Appleton on Jan. 31. De Pere never trailed in the game, taking the lead in the opening minute when Luke Tretinyak banked one in off the goaltender just 55 seconds into the game. Appleton tied the game late in the second period before De Pere went back in front when Ivan Heier won an offensive-zone faceoff to Jackson Chandler at the right point who picked the top left corner for a power play goal to make it 2-1. Appleton pulled even with 4:56 to play but the Voyageurs has an answer when Logan Dewsnap found Gavin Olvera for a solo rush. Olvera beat the Appleton keeper in the five-hole to give De pere the lead with 1:45 left. Appleton would salvage the split, pulling the goalie and converting with the extra attacker with just 25 seconds left to send De Pere home with a sour taste in its mouth. Dominic Allen stopped 18 shots for De Pere.

The Voyageurs completed a season sweep of Manitowoc, improving to 5-0 against the Breakers this season, with 5-3 and 3-1 victories on Jan. 30. Chandler scored the game's first goal before Manitowoc tied it after one. De Pere's Jacob Schetter scored twice in the second period, the first assisted by Nolan Burdsall and the second by Tretinyak, as De Pere carried a 3-1 lead to the third. Manitowoc tied it with two quick goals, but Olvera put De Pere back in front 12 seconds later. Nolan Sell added a goal off assists by Burdsall and Gavin McLaughlin to set the final margin of victory. Allen stopped 23-of-26 shots for the win.

The second game saw the Voyageurs score three times in the third period to take the 3-1 victory. Schetter found the net off an assist from Chandler with 9:53 left to break a scoreless tie. Olvera scored twice in a 2:02 stretch to push the lead to 3-0 before Manitowoc spoiled Finn Plaza's shutout bid with a penalty shot goal after the clock ran out. Plaza made 21 saves in the victory.

De Pere turned in one of its best performances of the season on Jan. 24, rolling over visiting Wausau 9-4. The Voyageurs controlled the play throughout, outshooting the visiting Warjacks 49-23 in the victory. In all, 12 different players were credited with points in the game led by Blake Fuss who earned his playmaker patch with three assists while Schetter (1A) and Ben Nusbaum each scored a pair of goals. Dewsnap (2A), Chandler (2A), Olvera (1G, 1A) and Sell (1G, 1A) all had two points while Tretinyak (1G), Allen (1G), Josh Porod (1G), Nick Bartelt (1A) and McLaughlin (1A) rounded out the scoresheet.

Allen put together a superb 28-save outing to help the Voyageurs earn a 2-2 tie with visiting Marinette on Jan. 23. Allen stopped 28-of-30 shots, including a handful of breakaways by the Thunder, to bail out De Pere. The Voyageurs never trailed, but could not pull away from Marinette. Chandler scored the game's first goal with a wrister from the right point. Ivan Heier banged home a pass from Fuss early in the third for De Pere's only other goal.

The Voyageurs picked up a sweep at Waupaca on Jan. 17, outshooting the host Comets 94-30 en route to 7-1 and 4-0 victories.

Burdsall opened the scoring with a wrister from the right circle off a faceoff win by Olvera to get De Pere out of the blocks. Schetter converted a breakaway before Fuss scored on a Voyageur power play to push the advantage to 3-0 after two periods. Nusbaum, Heier, Schetter and Olvera added goals in the third as De Pere pulled away. Olvera, Schetter and Fuss all finished with a pair of assists while Bartelt each was credited with an assist as well in the victory.



In the second game, Schetter scored just 1:36 into the game off a Fuss centering pass to get the Voyageurs off to a strong start. Schetter scored again in the second period before Heier and Hunter Vieaux added third-period goals to set the final margin of victory. Porod and Olvera were credited with assists in the win. Allen stopped 29 of the 30 shots over the two games to backstop the sweep.

On Jan. 16, De Pere snapped an 0-8-2 skid with a 7-0 victory over visiting Manitowoc. Allen earned his shutout patch, stopping 12 shots to pick up the victory. Fuss opened the scoring just 43 seconds into the game as the Voyageurs scored six times in the first period to seize control. Olvera earned his hat trick patch with three goals for De Pere. Fuss had a goal and an assist, Vieaux, Ian Johnson and McLaughlin all scored goals for the Voyageurs. Bartelt closed out the scoresheet with an assist in the victory.

De Pere was swept in a doubleheader at Antigo on Jan. 10. Plaza stopped 16-of-21 shots in a 5-0 loss to open the day. Game 2 saw Allen stop 27 shots while Chandler, McLaughlin and Olvera each scored goals in a 9-3 defeat. Fuss and Dewsnap picked up assists in the game.

The Voyageurs were outshot 41-21 in a 3-0 loss to visiting Appleton on Jan. 9. Allen stopped 38 shots in the loss.

