

KEARSARGE YOUTH HOCKEY

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February 2 and 3

Kearsarge Bantam Thrashers are playing their best hockey of the season and defeated the first place Junior Monarchs in a home game at Proctor Academy on Saturday, February 2. Jacob Frost of Andover netted two goals in the Thrasher's 3-2 win.

On Sunday, the Bantams couldn't hold a two-goal lead, giving up three third-period goals to the Hanover Wild in a 5-4 loss. Cam Wood and Jacob Frost both scored for Kearsarge.

February 9 and 10

The Kearsarge Stiles Associate Squirts took three points over the weekend and reestablished their second place ranking in tier four of the Granite State League. Keith Davis of Andover and teammate Tristan Rowe combined for all seven tallies in both contests.

In Sunday's match against New Hampshire East 3, the Thrashers scored first on a double pipe shot by Davis with a full ice rush. Kearsarge had multiple other opportunities, such as Logan Marcus' attempt that somehow the goalie covered.

February 16 and 17

The New London Hospital Mites had an exciting weekend of hockey. On Saturday they lost a close 5-4 game to PVA. It was a back and forth contest that PVA captured during the final minute of play. Ronan Walsh of Andover showed some speed and should have had a goal, but the refs didn't agree. If only we could have had it reviewed!

The kids were just fired up for Sunday's contest down at Tri-Town arena. All of the kids were flying out there. Kudos to Chloe Methven of Andover on her best performance of the season. The Mites beat Tri-Town 4-1.

The Stiles KYHA Squirts lassoed

three points over the weekend, stepping up to play perhaps their best hockey of the season. In Saturday's game Kearsarge never let Twin Valley get both skates on the ice pressuring play to take a 4-1 lead at the end of the first period. Logan Marcus drove home Keith Davis' pipe shot rebound, and Kearsarge coasted to an 8-2 victory.

On Sunday, the Thrashers took on rival Concord at Everett. Tristan Rowe found pay dirt twice in the second period on a power play set up by Taylor Methven, and then later on a trademark breakaway. Down 3-2, with time running out and goalie Nicholas Stiles pulled, Keith Davis buried a pass to even the score at three apiece with 17 seconds left. Kearsarge out-shot Concord 24-11, reflecting the Thrashers' game control.

The Kearsarge Bantams lost 2-1 to Hanover Wild in a close game decided by a third-period power play goal for the Wild. Jacob Frost scored Kearsarge's only goal.

February 23 and 24

With playoffs on the horizon, the Tier IV second place season holder "Stiles" Squirts toned up their game with a "thrashing" of neighboring Hanover 5-1 on Saturday afternoon. Excellent netminding by Nicholas "The Spider" Stiles held Hanover to just one loose goal, while Keith Davis and Matt Pickman each registered a pair of goals in the contest. Keith opened the scoring with a nifty backhand high into the back corner of Hanover's net.

Next week offers a return match, this time in Andover at the Proctor Academy ice rink, as both teams play their final warm up before the state tournament in Berlin the weekend of March 7.

The Kearsarge Bantams won their final game prior to next weekend's tournament in Woodstock, Vermont, by defeating the Lebanon-Hartford team by a score of 4-3. Andover's Cam Wood and his teammates played an excellent game.



(L-r) Danny Nelson, Jordan Michel, Joshua Bond, and Austin Marceau each earned trophies for their motocross racing at Jolly Roger Moto-Sport Park in East Lempster.

ANDOVER KIDS WIN BIG AT MOTOCROSS

The 2007 motocross season has come to an end, with the 2008 season right around the corner.

On February 2, Jolly Roger Moto-Sport Park in East Lempster held its 2007 awards banquet at the Holiday Inn in Concord.

Danny Nelson placed second in the 125 Amateur Class, Jordan Michel placed first in the 125 Novice Class, and Joshua Bond placed second in the 125 Novice Class. Austin Marceau placed second in the 50 Expert Class, third in the 50 4-Stroke Class, and third in the 65 Novice Class.

On February 9, Winchester Speed-

park in Winchester held its 2007 awards banquet at Mount Snow in Dover, Vermont.

Austin Marceau placed second in two classes and third in another for the Spring Series and seventh and tenth in the Fall Series. Joshua Bond placed second and fifth in the Spring Series and fourth and sixth in the Fall Series. Tyler Heath placed second in the 85 Novice Class in the Fall Series.

Dave Marceau received the 2007 Father of the Year award at the Winchester Speedpark Banquet. This award is very well deserved for all of the hard work and time he spends with his kids.



(L-r) Austin Marceau, Joshua Bond, and Tyler Heath display the plaques they won for their motocross racing at Winchester Speedpark in Winchester.

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