



# Topeka Youth Hockey



Weekly update for January 18, 2010

## Pee Wees take to the ice, twice

by Audrey Perez



The Pee Wee team played two games Sunday – both on home ice at the Expo Center. The day started with an early game against the Kansas City Stars. The team played well and showed improvement in a disappointing loss 6-0.

After a few hours rest, the Pee Wee Jr. Roadrunners hit the ice again for a game

against the Pee Wee team from St. Joseph, Missouri. The highlight of the second game of the day was Kaleb Murdoff scoring his second goal of the season on his 14th birthday to top it off. What a great present for himself and the team.

Trevor Cregut # 7 got to spend two minutes in the sin bin after a “questionable” roughing call by a home town referee, Roadrunner Goalie Cooper Frederick. Even though the team played well and showed marked signs of improvement both in the offensive end and back in the D-Zone – they took another loss 8-1. The Pee Wee’s look forward to next weekend and a trip to Pepsi Ice for a late game on Saturday and one back home again on Sunday.



## The Pee Wee team represents Topeka Youth Hockey

Saturday night’s Road Runner’s game against St. Louis featured Kaleb Murdoff #34 , Tony Pruitt #19 , and Logan Andrews #20.



### Hockey Trivia Questions:

Q. The first gold medal for Women’s Ice Hockey was won by:

- A. Finland
- B. Canada
- C. United States
- D. Soviet Union

Q. A goalkeeper deliberately takes off his helmet/face mask high stops play. He should be assessed a minor penalty.

True or False

*Answers on the last page!*

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## Squirts score six (update from last week)

by Brady Chaffin, Division Director

Despite limited practice time leading up to this past weekend's games, the Squirts traveled to Pepsi Ice Midwest to take on the KC Stars-4. It was the first game for the RoadRunners in three weeks and the first time the team had been on the ice together in 10 days.

In the first meeting between the two teams, the Stars eeked out a 5-4 win, scoring the game-wining goal in the final 30 seconds of the game. But, the 'Runners were determined to turn the tables in this contest.

The Squirts layoff looked to be taking its toll early as the Stars jumped out to an early 1-0 lead, just 23 seconds into the game.

The Stars would strike again two minutes later.

But, the ol' hockey cliché, "A two-goal lead is the most dangerous lead in hockey" held true as the Squirts mounted feverish comeback.

**Alex Ellison (#87)** was the first to put the RoadRunners on the scoreboard at the halfway point of the period. Then, **Cheyenne Yette (#21)** knotted the game at two with her first goal of the season just two minutes later. The 'Runners would then pull

ahead 3-2 on another goal by Ellison. But, the Stars would tie the score less than a minute later and the game went into the first intermission with the score of 3-3.

The second period saw the two teams skate end to end and trade a goal apiece. Two minutes into the final period, the Squirts would regain the lead again on another goal by Ellison. The RoadRunners would increase their lead to 6-4 with Ellison's fifth

goal of the game. With a Stars player in the penalty box, the 'Runners looked to capitalized on its two-goal lead. But, the Stars struck with a shorthanded goal cutting the Squirts lead to one goal. With 30 seconds left to play in the game, the Stars pulled their goalie in favor of

an extra attacker. The RoadRunners were trying with all their mite to clear the puck out of the zone when a Stars player intercepted the puck and walked in on goalie **Trent Lick (#30)** and blistered a shot over Lick's glove to tie the game with as time ran out.

With the 6-6 tie, the 'Runners earned a point in the standings and now have a record of 3-7-3.



**Isaac Erwin (#3), Quinn Leyda (#9) and Braden Chaffin (#16) battled for the puck against the KC Stars-4.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Coach Ellison who celebrated his birthday on Sunday, January 17 with cake after the game.



**Alex Ellison (#87), Braedon Breckenridge (#19) and Dylan Vickery (#25) surround the puck in the game against the Saints**

### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

**Braedon Breckenridge, #19**, proudly represented the Squirts as the "Junior RoadRunner of the Game" at the January 1 RoadRunners game. Way to go Braedon!

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## Squirts home at last

By Brady Chaffin, Division Director

This past weekend, the Squirts returned to home ice for the first time in almost a month. It also marked the first of four consecutive home games for the squad.

The Saints from Line Creek, who the Squirts defeated 2-1 in Week 4 of the season were the opponents.

The Jr. RoadRunners jumped out to an early 1-0 lead and controlled the tempo of the game during most of the first period. But, the Saints would tie the game at 1 by the first break. The visitors from Line Creek would then take the lead at the midway point of the second period, even though the 'Runners continued to control the puck for most of the period.

Down by a goal going into the final period, the Squirts continued their dominating play and it finally paid off as **Alex Ellison (#87)** knotted the score at 2. Late in the period the 'Runners peppered the Saints goalie with numerous shots, including three consecutive face-off wins in the offensive zone, but were unable to put the biscuit in the basket.

With less than 30 seconds left in regulation, the Saints finally escaped the Jr. RoadRunners' attack and skated the puck to the other end of the ice. Both teams were playing at a feverish pace knowing that time was quickly winding down. A shot from goaltender **Trent Lick's (#30)** stick side snuck under his leg pad and over

the goal line with just 10 ticks left on the clock to put the Saints up 3-2. Although the Squirts lost a heartbreaker, they have nothing to hang their heads about. Coach Ellison commented afterwards that the game was a proud moment for him, "I saw leadership, a lot of hustle and a lot of teamwork."

The Squirts have a busy week of practice and two games scheduled for this Sunday, January 24. The 'Runners take on KC Stars-1 at 8:30 a.m. and Carriage Club at 2:30 p.m.

Congratulations to **Quinn Leyda (#9)**, **Dakota Hughes (#12)** and **Conner McGehee (#17)** for representing the Squirts as Jr. RoadRunners of the Game at the January 15<sup>th</sup> RoadRunners game!

## Bantams fight hard against St. Joe

Paul Fluke, Division Director

Jr. RoadRunner Bantam division went head to head with the St. Joe team this weekend. Kind of interesting how we had to drive through the fog going to St. Joe the last time we played and this time they had to fight the fog coming to Topeka. The Bantams were rocking again in the locker room and there was plenty of talk about getting revenge from our previous loss. This game brought out the good, that bad and the ugly. We fought hard during the first period and kept St. Joe out of their game to keep the score at zeros.

Although The Jr. RoadRunners were out shot by a 43 to 7 margin, goalie Drew Perkins (2) turned away all but 3 of their shots. In the 3rd period Brenden Garland scored a goal, but was denied due to a penalty just before the shot. Again there was a great effort from everyone. You can see the skill and confidence improve each game.



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## Youth Hockey Night Saturday, January 23 7:05 RoadRunner Game

Tickets are \$10 with \$4 of every ticket going towards ice time for your player and \$1 of every ticket to TYHA.

Each player has been given a supply of tickets to sell. If you would like more, contact your Division Director.

All players should wear their blue jerseys to the game. Mites will scrimmage and all other players can pick up ChuckAPucks.

A big thanks to the Stevens family for shooting video and scoring the game, and thanks again to Coach Gil for keeping the Bantams driving hard.

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## Mites make their return to ice

*Kelli Finnegan, Division Director*

The Mites were back at home after a long 3 week break. The kids were very excited to get back on the ice and face the KC Outlaws Sunday at 9:40am. Lane Snell was especially excited since he was able to play for the first time after breaking his arm. We hadn't played the Outlaws since October so we were really excited to see how we would match up. The Jr. RoadRunners were the first to score with a sweet goal by Adam Trupp in the first period. The KC Outlaws fought hard and were able to tie it up toward the end of the first period. Maks Gauberger was strong in net the entire game. I actually witnessed a karate kick save that was unbelievable. I've never seen anything like it! The Roadrunners were unable to put and points on the board in the second period although we came close a few times. The kid's stick handling has improved tremendously as well as their speed. The KC Outlaws managed to pull ahead 3 more goals in the 2<sup>nd</sup> period and the game ended with a final score of 6-1. Maks Grauberger saved over 20 shots on net!



Meet Kaleb Sarver. Kaleb began skating when he was 7 years old and this is his first year playing hockey. His favorite position is playing defense. He is a big Vancouver Canucks fan and he loves watching hockey on TV. Kaleb enjoys playing hockey on PlayStation too, but he isn't all about hockey. He also plays basketball and soccer. In his free time he enjoys playing board games and is very good at Mancala and is getting better at Chess every day. His goal is to beat his sister first then take on his dad. Kaleb loves to read, write, and draw and he loves going to the library. He attends Quail Run Elementary in Lawrence and his favorite subject is math. Kaleb does however have a bit of a wild side. He plays a mean bass guitar on Lego Rock Band! He also loves Italian food including pizza and spaghetti.

**See the RoadRunners  
all over town!**



Have you seen this RoadRunner spinning around town? Business owner and father of a Mite, Joe Marney has put the RoadRunner logo on one of his Topeka Concrete Supply mixers! The more publicity for hockey in Topeka, the better. Thanks Joe!

## Hockey Trivia Answers:

Answer (c)

True. If the goalkeeper or player causes stoppage of play by deliberately removing his/her helmet/face mask during play he/she will be assessed a minor penalty.

Thanks to Tony Pruitt for the trivia questions!