



# Topeka Youth Hockey



Weekly update for November 23, 2009

## Mites get close

*Kelli Finnegan, Division Director*

The Mites played the Stars 1 Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. We lost 4-1, however we are closing the gap each week. Alex Woods scored his first goal of the season with an amazing top shelf goal. Garrett Anschutz played awesome in net!

We also want to recognize Kyle Riggan for his first goal scored against the Outlaws on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Way to go Kyle! Come see us turn on the heat when we play Line Creek on Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:10 a.m.

Check out two Mites below... Remington Stiles and Willie Posten were Jr. RoadRunners of the game on November 21.

*(Photo by Beth Johnson)*

## Bantams go all out

*Paul Fluke, Division Director*

The Bantam Jr. RoadRunners were in action both Saturday and Sunday this past weekend. Saturday night the Jr. Runners met up with the Stars 1 team at Pepsi Ice Midwest. The locker room was rock'n as the Bantams got mentally ready for the game. They fought the Stars hard and fell 0-2 at the final buzzer. The Stars had 29 shots on goal, but Skyler Stevens denied the Stars goals in the Jr. Runners net. We totaled up 11 shots on goal for the evening.

Sunday's game at Landon Arena brought on a battle with the Stars 2 team. This game the Jr. RoadRunners came with their game on. At the 8:39 mark in the second period Brenden Garland (4) found the back of the net with an assist from Ian Fluke (83). Then at the 9:37 mark in the 3rd period Brenden again slipped one past the Stars goalie with an assist from Forrest Blanchette (3). At first Brenden wasn't aware he had scored because just as he released what he called a weak shot, he fell and crashed hard into the boards. After he quickly recovered from the shock his teammates had to tell him he scored. After going up by 2 the Stars brought their game on and quickly scored two of their own goals tying the game. Goalie Skyler Stevens (31) continued his attack from the net blocking 46 of the Stars 48 shots on goal.

Every game the Bantams show improvement and this weekend was no exception. A BIG thanks to Coach Gill Katz, assistants Tim Forester and Brody Lolley. Our next game will be Dec. 6th when we take on the Saints Blue team at Line Creek. The Bantam team would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and don't forget to be thankful for hockey in Topeka! GO RoadRunners.



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## Squirts are hanging tough

*Cindy & Brady Chaffin, Division Directors*

For the first time this season the Squirts had a two-game weekend. On Saturday night, the team traveled to KC to take on Carriage Club. The Carriage Club's home ice is an outdoor rink and for many of the Squirts it was a new experience playing outdoors. Carriage Club also boasts one of the best records in the Squirts Division.

The Jr. RoadRunners jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead on goals by Alex Ellison. The Carriage Club cut the lead in half, but that was as close as they would get as the 'Runners played a swarming defense in front of goaltender Trent Lick. The Jr. RoadRunners exploded for six more goals to win their second game of the season, 8-2. Alex Ellison netted six goals to pace the scoring. Alex Perkins scored his second goal of the season and Nolan Omitt scored his first goal of the season.



On Sunday, the Squirts squad returned to home ice for the first time in four games. The opponent was the first place St. Joseph Griffons. Two weeks ago, the 'Runners and high-scoring Griffons faced off in St. Joe. In that game, the Squirts held the Griffons to six goals under their season-average before falling 3-2.

After the big win the previous night over Carriage Club, the team's confidence was at a season-high. St. Joe jumped out to a 4-0 lead after two periods of play. But, in true RoadRunners' style, the team never gave up and clawed their way back into the game with three third-period goals to pull within one. But, the clock was in the Griffons' favor and time ran out on the 'Runners comeback. Alex Ellison led the attack with two goals, while Braden Breckenridge scored his first goal of the season. Conner McGehee scored his first point of the season with an assist on the Breckenridge goal. The Jr. RoadRunners Squirts Division team will go into the Thanksgiving holiday with a record of 2-5-1. The team will return to the ice on Sunday, December 6, as they travel to KC to face the Outlaws for the first time this season.

### Special Thanks to...

Thanks to Chris Romine, Jim Yette and Brady Chaffin for helping out with the clock and penalty boxes during the game on Sunday. And, an extra-special thank you to Reggie the RoadRunner and Bucketman for showing up to our game on Sunday afternoon at the Expocentre. The support from the RoadRunners, RoadRunners fans and the Booster Club has been "fan"tastic – we wouldn't be where we are without them!! THANK YOU!

### Miscellaneous notes...

Braden Chaffin, #16, represented the Squirts as the "Junior RoadRunner of the Game" at the November 20 RoadRunner game. Way to go Braden!

Congratulations to Coach Ellison for completing a half-marathon this weekend in Kansas City!! Way to go Coach!

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## Atoms make the news!

*Kris Romine, Division Director*

The Atoms played the KC Stars 2 Sunday. Both teams had eight players so we split into two simultaneous cross-ice games for the first 2 periods. Everyone got into the game, making a lot of offensive and defensive plays. For the last period, the teams played on full ice. Then WIBW 13 interviewed Coach Ande after taping some of our game! We were on the 10:00 news Sunday night!

Everyone is showing a lot of amazing progress and had fun but was very tired after all of that ice time. We'll be back on the ice after Thanksgiving.

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*Joshua Omitt (Atom) taking the puck down the ice.*



*The Atoms heading into the net.*