

## Montgomery Cheetahs Year 2 Volume 16

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Web site: [www.usahockey.com/montgomery\\_spe](http://www.usahockey.com/montgomery_spe)

Hello Hockey families,

Hopefully you've either thrown away or eaten all of your Thanksgiving leftovers and are ready to hit the ice.

A few important announcements follow, so please keep reading. Some items require a response.

Our next practice is on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 11:50 pm at the Rockville Ice Arena.

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### **I. Scrimmage with MYHA teams**

Next week we have been invited to practice and scrimmage with an MYHA (Montgomery Youth Hockey Association) team on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:10 pm to 8:15 pm at the Rockville Ice Arena.

This is a fun way to expose Cheetah athletes to a scrimmage situation. We will be playing with a Bantam AA travel team.

If you are planning on attending this practice, please email me ([kcthackston@hotmail.com](mailto:kcthackston@hotmail.com)). Put MYHA practice in the subject line. Let me know your athlete's name.

This practice is one of three we've scheduled throughout the year. The next one is on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm at the Cabin John Ice Rink. This is Corey and Jake Berk's HS team! After that, we're invited to practice on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> (it could be a busy hockey week) from 8:50 pm to 10 pm at Rockville Ice Arena.

All of the above info is located in our updated schedule below.

### **II. Free Capitals Tickets**

Washington Capitals goalie, Olie Kolzig, has generously donated tickets for Montgomery Cheetah athletes, mentors and coaches. Please email me ([kcthackston@hotmail.com](mailto:kcthackston@hotmail.com)) with your ticket request (game date and number of tickets) and I will pass them along to Steve. These will be given to those who first request them. We are trying to include a mix of mentors and athletes for each game.

Games are held at the Verizon Center in Chinatown in Washington, DC  
<http://capitals.nhl.com/team/app/?service=page&page=NHLPage&id=8845>

Date	Time	(tickets available)
Monday 12/10	7 pm	(12)
Thursday 1/17	7 pm	(12)
Sunday 3/16	3 pm	(12)

A huge thanks to American Special Hockey Association president Mike Hickey for giving these tickets to the Cheetahs.

### **III. American Special Hockey**

The American Special Hockey Association has an updated Web site ([www.americanspecialhockey.org](http://www.americanspecialhockey.org)) Check out the Cheetah pictured in the bottom left corner of the page! The site includes links to other teams, ASHA bylaws and rules of play and other helpful info.

### **IV. Coaches Clinic**

Coaches David Schwab and David Lucia recently attended a coaches clinic that focused on coaching athletes with different needs. Thanks for taking time out to participate. We look forward to helping support you both on and off the ice.

### **V. Picture reminder**

(this is reprinted from last week's Cheetah mail)

Cheetah mom Linda Harris has arranged for team and individual photographs. The photographs are for both Cheetah mentors and athletes. We hope mentors will be able to make the team photo. Athletes can also have both individual pictures and/or pictures with a mentor if they want. Details are below.

What: Cheetah team/individual photos

Where: Rockville Ice Arena, Rink 2

When: Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007 12 noon

What to wear: Cheetah game jersey if you have one. If not, wear a Cheetah practice jersey. If you do not have a practice jersey yet, Steve Berk will bring one for you. Wear your ice hockey equipment as well.

Who is taking the pictures: Pictures will be taken by Nicole Ventura of Ventura Team Photography, LLC Here is a link to their web site:

<http://venturateamphoto.com/products.html>

Ordering info: Forms will be available on the 15<sup>th</sup> to order pictures. If you preorder on the 15<sup>th</sup> you will save 5%. If you do not preorder, you will receive email notice when all of the pictures are available for viewing and ordering. The photographer will have a laptop at the rink on picture day so that once the pictures are taken parents can do a quick preview to pick the photo(s) they like. Upon notice via email, the pre-orders should arrive in 4-5 days. Photos will be mailed directly to players' homes.

## **VI. Uniform reminder**

Athletes please get your uniform request in to Carol Hyndman ([clhyndman@comcast.net](mailto:clhyndman@comcast.net)). See the Year 2 Volume 14 newsletter, available on our web site, for the details.

## **VII. Schedule (if you've made it this far!)**

Practices are held at the ARC Rockville Ice Arena  
50 Southlawn Court  
Rockville, MD 20850  
301-294-8101  
(<http://www.rockvilleicearena.com>)

12/01/07 Saturday 11:50 am to 12:50 pm  
12/06/07 Thursday 7:10 pm to 8:15 pm\*  
12/08/07 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:05 pm  
12/15/07 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:10 pm  
12/22/07 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:05 pm  
01/05/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:10 pm  
\*\*\*01/07/08 Monday 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm\*\*\*  
01/10/08 Thursday 8:50 pm to 10:00 pm\*  
01/12/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:10 pm  
01/19/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:10 pm  
01/26/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
02/02/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
02/09/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
02/16/08 Saturday 1:10 pm to 2:20 pm  
02/23/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
03/01/08 Saturday 8:45 am to 10:00 am  
03/08/08 Saturday 8:00 am to 9:00 am

\*This is a co-practice with an MYHA team at our usual rink, the Rockville Ice Arena

\*\*\* This is a co-practice with an MYHA team at the CABIN JOHN ICE RINK in Potomac, MD.

## **VIII. Contacts**

Questions? Contact a contact.

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