

## Montgomery Cheetahs Year 2 Volume 29

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Good afternoon Cheetahs,

As the season winds up, we've got a lot on our plate. Keep reading for info on upcoming events, including a Mentor Appreciation party (volunteers needed), two new practices with a full sheet of ice (3/22 at 2:10pm and 3/29 at 2:10 pm) and a message from equipment specialist, Carol Hyndman.

Thank you,

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### **I. Thankful Parents**

Elias and Maurice were the only two athletes to make it to the early morning scrimmage last week with the MYHA Pee Wees. Below is a note from Elias' mom:

"Elias had a great time with the PEE WEE league. And the coaches were wonderful. He wants to practice again with them. I'd highly recommend it to any parent of a Cheetah!"  
Liz

Three families wanted to thank ASHA president Mike Hickey for organizing the Special Hockey game during the Caps/Devils game on Sunday.

"I just want to offer a big THANKS to MIKE HICKEY, president of the American Special Hockey Association, and others—like Randy Brawley, Steve Berk and our many coaches—who made Sunday afternoon at the Caps game such a special experience for our kids. How many kids ever get a chance like that? Though they may not know it right now, many of them will look back on it as a great moment someday. I already do.

Thanks folks!"

Peter Range

"We second that!"

Kevin and Yvonne VanLowe

"Yes, thank you so much! This was a fabulous experience for Kevin. Our family will always be grateful."

Gail Coleman and Mark Yost

## **II. Equipment Announcement**

From Equipment Specialist Carol Hyndman:

If you need to order jerseys I just talked to JOE at Highstick and he said to call him right away to order at 866-303-4135 or 727-391-8424

[www.HIGHSTICK.com](http://www.HIGHSTICK.com) is where we ordered the jerseys. Please make sure you are not using a number someone already has. When measuring, you measure at the top of the chest under the arms and add 10"-12" to allow for equipment. It typically takes a couple of weeks so the sooner you order the better the chance you have in getting the jersey by the time we go to the tournament. Any questions e-mail [clhyndman@comcast](mailto:clhyndman@comcast)

Question...Does everyone going to the tournament have all equipment necessary? If you are still in need and didn't have any luck at the self-storage you might want to check out the various sales at some of the sporting goods stores. According to Mike Hickey the storage is pretty bare at the moment and he's not sure exactly when more equipment will become available.

## **III. Scrimmages/Games/Events**

### **A. Caps Shootout**

Good luck to Caps shootout players Daniel Sartucci, Thomas Morere and Kevin Coleman

The Cheetah trio will play in an exhibition shootout during the Caps game March 3 vs. the Bruins!

### **B. 24 Hour Game**

Congratulations and good luck to Cheetahs Brendan Kania, Aamer Kahn, Turner Thackston, Daniel Sartucci and Elias Tsakiris. These five will participate in the Maryland Stars v. Stripes game on Friday Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>, that is a part of a 24 hour game being played in all 50 states to celebrate the International Ice Hockey Federation's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We'll meet at the Laurel Ice house between 4 and 4:30 pm. Please email me if you have any questions.

### **C. CoolCat Scrimmage I**

We need 10 skaters and 1 goalie for our scrimmage against the CoolCats at the Ashburn Ice House on Saturday, March 1 at 3:30 pm

So far we've got

1. Brendan Kania
2. Turner Thackston
3. Kevin Coleman
4. Adam Rothstein
5. Daniel Sartucci
6. Maurice VanLowe

Please email me ASAP if you can attend this event. We need a goalie and at least 4 additional players.

Scrimmages are for players who have all of their equipment.

#### D. CoolCat Scrimmage II

The Cheetahs have extended an invitation to the Nova CoolCats for a scrimmage on our last official practice at 2:10 pm on March 29<sup>th</sup>, when we've got a full sheet of ice.

Mentor Appreciation party to follow. Details below.

#### **IV. Mentor Appreciation Party/Gifts**

*Coaches and Mentors do not read this part. Thanks.*

The team has decided to host a mentor appreciation party after our final practice on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The party would begin after our scrimmage.

We are in need of a volunteer(s) to organize this event. If you haven't been able to help out in the past, please consider doing so now!

1. We need someone to organize the party. Some suggestions have included using a room upstairs at the Rockville Ice Rink. Please email Steve (Steven@chavezgertler.com) if you are interested in helping to organize this.

2. We are also in need of a volunteer to coordinate gifts for the coaches and mentors. Steve has presented a good idea below. Please read and then volunteer to take the reins on this one. We wouldn't be a team without the coaches and mentors, obviously!

"I have this idea for a gift to the mentors and Coaches (Daves close your eyes). Low cost – Hi Value.

We get the Cheetah reproduced on thick paper about 12" by 16" (maybe at the top we have printed "Montgomery Cheetahs 2008" (given time I'll think of something more interesting); we can then have all the players sign; and if we are really organized we can personalize. So for each regular mentor we can have the players and parents (if they like) leave a personalized message.

I have a plaque like that from the Department of Justice. And it's one of my favorite mementos."

## **V. Calendar**

2/29/08 24 Hour USA Hockey Game 4-6 pm Gardens Ice House in Laurel, MD  
3/1/08 Scrimmage vs. CoolCats/IceDogs 3:30 pm to 5 pm Ashburn Ice House  
3/29/08 Scrimmage vs. CoolCats at Rockville 2:10 pm/Mentor Appreciation Party at Rockville  
4/4/08 to 4/6/08 USA Disabled Hockey festival in Marlborough, Mass

## **VI. Schedule**

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

03/01/08 Saturday 8:45 am to 10:00 am  
03/08/08 Saturday 8:00 am to 9:00 am  
3/22/08 Saturday 2:10 pm to 3:30 pm\*  
3/29/08 Saturday 2:10 pm to 3:30 pm\*\*

\* Full Sheet of ice

\*\* Full Sheet of ice/proposed scrimmage with CoolCats at Rockville followed by mentor appreciation party

## **VII. Contacts**

Questions? Contact a contact.

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