

## Montgomery Cheetahs Year 2 Vol. 9

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\*\*\*NEW WEB SITE\*\*\*: [www.usahockey.com/montgomery\\_spe](http://www.usahockey.com/montgomery_spe)

Hello Cheetahs,

Hope you are enjoying this crisp cool weather.

A huge thanks to American Special Hockey Association President, Mike Hickey ([mhickey@specialhockey.org](mailto:mhickey@specialhockey.org)), who helped distribute 12 tickets to the Caps season opener to the Cheetahs. Olie Kolzig, the Capitals goalkeeper, generously donates tickets to the area Special Hockey teams for use throughout the season. Both athletes and mentors have a lot of fun. Please see Cheetah parent Lyda Astrove's report from the Verizon Center below.

As you know, ice hockey helmets are mandatory. Water bottles are strongly encouraged

Thank you webmaster Betty Levine for operating and updating two web sites as USA Hockey changed some things around! Check out the new link above.

See you on the ice,

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### **I. Caps vs. Hurricanes**

Two Montgomery Cheetahs (Scott Astrove and David Lucia), plus Coaches Dave Schwab and Dave Lucia, and their family members and friends watched the Washington Capitals beat the Carolina Hurricanes Saturday night in the Cap's Home Opener at a packed Verizon Center. Seated in the "Olie's All Stars" section, the group enjoyed close views of the action on the ice.

After the first period, Cheetah Scott Astrove helped clean the ice by riding the zamboni, and waving to the crowd, while sporting his new red and gray Capital's T-shirt given to all the group members that evening. Thanks to the Washington Capital's organization and to the American Special Hockey Association for providing our group this opportunity to enjoy the game!

Lyda Astrove

## **II. Thought of the week**

Sportsmanship is key. Athletes must respect each other on the ice. Name calling and physical aggression will not be tolerated. All of us, parents, mentors, athletes and coaches need to help enforce this so the Cheetahs can continue to have a positive experience on the ice. Have a talk about sportsmanship with your athlete. Bring in athletes from other sports who may or may not have a problem with sportsmanship. When Nascar driver Kyle Busch was fined for dangerous behavior on pit road, we used this as a way to talk to our son about this issue of sportsmanship, anger and tantrums.

## **III. Schedule**

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

10/13/07 Saturday 11:00am to 12:05 pm  
10/20/07 Saturday 10:30am to 11:30 am  
10/27/07 Saturday 11:50am to 1:00 pm  
11/03/07 Saturday 12:00pm to 1:10 pm  
11/10/07 Saturday 10:40 am to 11:40 am  
11/17/07 Saturday 10:40 am to 11:40 am  
12/01/07 Saturday 11:50 am to 12:50 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  
01/12/08 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

## **IV. Contacts**

Questions? Contact a contact.

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