



Warriors Board Brief



CONGRATULATIONS JV WARRIORS! WINNERS OF THE 2016 POW WOW TOURNAMENT

The JV Warriors were 2-0-1 in the preliminary round of the tournament, after beating the Kings & Benet and earning a tie against Highland Park in the third game. This gave them the #4 seed going into the playoff round. The Warriors played top seed Neuqua Valley in the first semi-final and came back from a 0-2 deficit to tie the game in regulation. Pietrarosso & Flood scored in the shootout and Zarembski closed the door on Neuqua for the win. The other semi-final also ended in a shootout with Glenbard edging Highland Park 3-2.

The final between Glenbard and our Warriors was no contest as the Warriors came out on fire, winning battles for the puck, making crisp passes and taking advantage of their opportunities. Pietrarosso and Thornton scored in the first, Aery added 2 in the second and Sommers made it a 5 goal lead in the third before Glenbard scored 2 late third period goals on breakaways. Zarembski was solid and the Warriors earned a second consecutive Pow Wow title!



Ben Zarembski receives the
championship trophy



Jeremy Pietrarosso
Tournament MVP

The JV Gold team finished with 1 win & 3 losses, winning their last game 12-0 against the Kings. Villeneuve & Lidke split duties for the shutout. The team battled hard during the tournament, showed a lot of energy and aggressiveness, especially against Lincoln Way & Wheaton West, and will be very competitive in Hayes Suburban division play.

AND A BIG THANK YOU.....

The Warriors organization cannot hold this tournament without the help of volunteers. Firstly, a special mention for Tom Janis, our tournament director. Tom left the Warriors board last season but wanted to keep managing the tournament and we're very grateful for it! Patti Podlesak & Dave Dreyfus went above & beyond throughout the weekend. There are, of course, many, many more (apologies if your name is missing)...

Diana Kozari
Jennifer Flood
Kathy Kiefer
Steve Pearce
Scott Selvig
Scott Simon

Anne Ellsworth
Brian Vrchota
Raj Aery
Alex Crowe
Steve Sommers
Andy Podlesack

Michelle Georgiou
Melanie Thornton
Dana Schubert
Rich Boron
Jim Quaid
John Pietrarosso

Robert Cummings
Audrey Schlifke
KC Karanth
Eric Staskon
Dennis Lee
Danielle Baker

BARTLETT VARSITY PRE-SEASON INVITATIONAL

Our Varsity Warriors started the tournament vs. Glenbrook South on Friday at Center Ice and the teams were well matched. While Warriors lost 6-5, the game was pretty competitive. Goalie Charles Collins held his own and was off to a great start. Not bad for the 1st game. The second game vs. Wheaton West was better even though we were down 5 players (4 defense & 1 forward). Players stepped up and a few were shuffled to different positions. Warriors won 3-0 behind a solid shut out for Kai Hallam. The 3rd game was intense. Warriors & Brother Rice were tied 2-2 after a 5 minute overtime. Kenyon, Pearce and Korneta each scored in the shoot out to pull out a win for Warriors. The team needed a regulation win in that 3rd game to advance to the semi-finals however, the tournament gave coach Frasco some great insights in anticipation of the regular season start on September 24th. Go Warriors!!

MEET OUR NEW COACHES – By Mike Svac

During the off season, the Warriors Board continued to strengthen its “on ice” focus by hiring additional top coaches for the fall season. Our philosophy is centered on player development and having a coaching team that supports and compliments all three Warrior teams. It starts with a single system which is then customized to account for the different levels of experience on each team. Over 30 interviews were conducted to select three new coaches to complement our existing staff. Two of the coaches came on board during the spring season. Please take the time to say hello and welcome our new coaches.

Daryl Dee, Varsity Assistant Coach

The Warriors welcome Daryl Dee to the Varsity team as the new assistant coach who will join head coach Jimmy Frasco. Daryl is originally from Texas where he played AAA hockey with Dallas Stars midget major program. After graduating from Naaman Forest high school in Garland Texas, he spent two years in the NAHL junior program with the Helena Bighorns and then with North Iowa Outlaws where he was the assistant captain and also the defensive player of the year in 2007. Following juniors, he played four years with the University of Oklahoma in the ACHA. During his time with Oklahoma, he was the assistant captain for two years. A key highlight in Daryl’s playing career was a special invitation twice to represent the United States during the USA World University Team (IIHF) where he competed in Turkey and China. Daryl has been actively involved as an instructor in several player camps and also served as youth hockey coach. While in Oklahoma, he was strength and conditioning coach in support of the Olympic sport staff in implementing in-season and off-season programs for NCAA Division 1 sports.

Tony Domico, JV Assistant Coach

The Warriors are excited to bring on board two local players to our coaching team. The first is Tony Domico, who will join the JV team with head coach Jeremy Dombro and assistant coach Chaidan Rostowski. Tony is a graduate of Neuqua Valley High School where he played two years with the Wildcats before moving on to the Chicago Junior Huskies (GLJHL) for his senior year. He also played for Tulsa Rampage (WSHL), Chicago Force (CSCHL) and Chicago Hitman (NA3HL). From there, Tony attended Robert Morris University where he played with the D1 Gold team for four years. Tony had 53 goals and 66 assist in 137 games. Tony was named assistant captain for the Chicago Junior Huskies, Chicago Hitmen and Robert Morris University.

Ryan Olenski, JV Gold Assistant Coach

Our second local player is Ryan Olenski who will join head coach Gary Hill and assistant coach Mike Andrews in leading the JV Gold Team. Ryan played his early years with the Sabres organization and is also a graduate of Neuqua Valley High School where he played 4 years with the Wildcats. After graduation, Ryan continued with Northern Illinois University where he was also recognized as team

captain. Ryan is a Level 3 referee and has been very active with IHOA for over 8 years. He is currently a USA Hockey Level 4 coach and has been coaching youth hockey since 2012 with Wilmette Braves Pee Wee and Bantam teams. Ryan was a personal hockey instructor with Puck Pros for two years, developing and teaching hockey and skating skills at the High School and Midget AAA playing levels. Ryan also has several years of experience working with goalies and will be an outstanding skills development coach for our JV Gold Team.

CASINO NIGHT – BETTING ON THE WARRIORS



- Take a spin in the world of red & black to support the green & gold
- SHUFFLE on down to the Aurora Turners Club to try your HAND at the Warriors Hockey Club Casino Night Social Event/Fundraiser!
 - When: Friday September 23rd, 2016
 - Where: Aurora Turners Club, 1335 Mitchell rd., Aurora, IL, 60504
- Casino Games 8-11PM, Raffle prizes & Grand Prize @ 11PM
- Price: \$25/ticket (adults 21 years & older)
- ***Tickets include: Hors d'oeuvres, 1 raffle ticket for grand prize drawing, 1 Warrior funny money chip worth \$1000 to play games (all games will be played for fun and chances to win cool prizes!). **Cash Bar available**, 50/50 raffle, raffle prizes
- For more information or to donate a raffle prize or sponsor a gaming table, contact Gloria Torres, fundraising chairperson @ 331-999-5833 or email gdtorresrn@gmail.com Tickets are limited!

A STEP aHEAD CONCUSSION BASELINE TESTING



Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHAI), Athletico Physical Therapy, the Chicago Blackhawks, and NorthShore University HealthSystem has come together to create the AHAI: A Step aHead Baseline Testing initiative to combat one of the most common head injuries: concussions. Through A Step aHead, these organizations offer free baseline concussion testing, as well as educational programs, to youth hockey players in the AHAI program. The program is offered free of charge to players 11 to 18 years of age.

For more information contact an Athletico Baseline Testing Professional by emailing baselinetesting@athletico.com.

WARRIORS ASSIST

Warriors Assist recognizes that our communities, other hockey families, friends and/or organizations sometimes need an “assist” to reach their goal.

- Both player volunteer hours and monetary donations
- Last season nearly 100 collective community service hours
- Programs we’ll support this year include:
 - The Naperville Marathon (Oct. 22/23)
 - The Naperville Noon Lions Club Annual Turkey Trot (Nov 23)
 - Cal’s Angels

If there’s a program you feel could benefit from Warriors Assist, please contact Rachel Kenyon @ rkenyon19@aol.com

TEAMS/LEAGUES/TOURNAMENTS

VARSIITY

Illinois High School Hockey League:

- League: Play in the Illinois West Division
- Periods: 17 minute periods
- Games: Target - Play 26 game regular season schedule (based on league size)
- Play-offs: Target – play a minimum of 7 playoff games ...
Round Robin Format, Illinois Cup, Scholastic Cup & Founders Cup
- Senior Night (January - TBD)
- All Star Game (January - TBD)
- Winter Classic Game January 2nd (Outdoors – Bobby Hull)

Varsity Tournaments:

- Bartlett Invitational (Center Ice) Sept 9 – 11
- Mad City Veterans Cup (Madison, WI) Nov 4 - 6
- Stevenson Tournament, (Twin Rinks Buffalo Grove) Nov 25 – 27
- Blackhawk Cup–State Tournament March

JUNIOR VARSITY

Illinois High School Hockey League:

- League: Play in the Illinois West Division
- Periods: 16 minute periods
- Games: Target - Play 26 game regular season schedule (based on league size)
- Play-offs: Target – play a minimum of 7 playoff games ...
Round Robin Format, Illinois Cup, Scholastic Cup & Founders Cup
- All Star Game (January)
- Winter Classic Game January 2nd (Outdoors - YMCA)

JV Tournaments:

- Pow Wow Tournament (All Seasons) Sept 9 – 11
- Mad City Veterans Cup (Madison, WI) Nov 4 - 6
- Stevenson Tournament, (Twin Rinks Buffalo Grove) Nov 25 – 27
- Blackhawk Cup–State Tournament March

JV GOLD

Illinois High School Hockey League:

- League: Play in the Hayes Suburban division
- Periods: 16 minute periods
- Games: Target - Play 24 game regular season schedule (based on league size)
- Play-offs: TBD by league (2016 – single elimination + best of 3 finals)
- All Star Game (January 7th)

JV Gold Tournaments:

- Pow Wow Tournament (All Seasons) Sept 9 – 11
- Prep Thanksgiving Tournament (Hoffman Estates) Nov 25 – 27
- Shamrock Shuffle (Canlan) March
- Blackhawk Cup–State Tournament March

WRAP-UP...

What a great start to our season!!! There is so much to look forward to including game schedules being set for both leagues, fall tournaments and lots of activities for our players & parents. But before I leave you, I want to reiterate the message that Gloria gave you at the parent meeting: Zero tolerance means exactly that, we will sanction players, coaches or parents who do not adhere to this principle. I know that it's easy to get carried away in the moment when game situations are tense, however, please consider the impact that these actions can have and show the hockey world that Warriors are class acts in defeat as in victory. I also want to remind our players to be careful using social media, that what they post is in the public domain for a very, very long time and can have serious consequences. We had a handful of disciplinary actions last season involving players, coaches AND parents. Our goal for the 2016/17 season is to reduce that number to zero!

I wish all Warriors a fun, successful & healthy season. I'll see you at the rink (sadly, my golf season is over!).

Jacques Villeneuve

President, Warriors Hockey Club