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A number of youngsters took their first steps towards hockey stardom at last month's California Hockey Day (see story on Page 16). Photo/CAHA



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Pictured on the cover:
Rocco Grimaldi (Rossmoor) and Adam Reid (Chino
Hills), California's two representatives on this year's
U.S. National Under-17 Team
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Not that it surprises him, however.

"OneHockey is in its own league," he said of the event's growth year after year. "Actually, we're not going to be calling it a tournament anymore; we're going to be calling ourselves a real event. It's more than just a tournament.

"People leave each tournament year after year, and the one thing they all say is, 'When is next year's OneHockey tournament?' he added. "They can't wait to come back."

Fortier and Co. first introduced the idea of the OneHockey tournament just five short years ago, when a handful of teams participated in the inaugural event in Fortier's hometown just outside of Montreal.

Now, with the Summer 2010 showcase fast approaching, Fortier is confident in proclaiming the OneHockey festival as the premier summer AAA event of its kind.

"We've reached a lot of the best players, and with



With some of the best teams and players from around the globe along with plenty of scouts, OneHockey has quickly established itself as one of the most prestigious tournaments.

the success we've had it looks like this year we're going to be reaching even more of the best from everywhere in North America," Fortier added.

Aston, Pa., just a quick 15-minute jaunt from historic Philadelphia, currently serves as the summer home for OneHockey, giving participants, Fortier notes, the perfect destination for players, parents, coaches and scouts - notably from the junior and college ranks - to enjoy great hockey and some of the most historical tourist sites the United States' eastern seaboard has to offer.

Fortier said that OneHockey has succeeded at offering competitive hockey players - ages 8-18 participating

at various levels - the ultimate in high-level competition at a great value. Participation includes at least five round-robin games (plus playoffs for top teams) and a nine-piece uniform set, including jersey, pants, socks, off-ice apparel and more.

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Nearly three-dozen former NHL players have served as OneHockey coaches, and, in recent years, the tournament has helped participants land opportunities to play with junior hockey programs in the QMJHL, WHL, BCHL, NAHL, USHL and AJHL, and with top college programs at the Division I NCAA

level.

"We're hoping to bring at least one team from each division from Arizona and California to OneHockey," said Fortier. "We already have some commitments, but if you have a really solid hockey team, a very good team, contact us and we'll talk to you and see if you can qualify or not. We want to keep growing with the best players and teams."

Teams and individuals alike are encouraged to visit OneHockey.com for tournament information, including location details, dates, and how to apply for the Summer 2010 event. •

Ducks Get Behind California Hockey Day

Anaheim's NHL team continues to support the growth of the game

By Jennifer Boris

It was an exciting day at The Rinks-Anaheim ICE on Nov. 7 as first-time youth hockey players took to the ice for California Hockey Day, presented by the Anaheim Ducks in partnership with USA Hockey.

The main objective of California Hockey Day was to get kids between the ages of 4-9 who had never played hockey before on the ice to learn how to skate in addition to learning some basics of the game.

The first-time players were joined on the ice by Ducks television announcer **John Ahlers**, former Duck **Jason Marshall** and Ducks mascot, Wild Wing. USA Hockey and Ducks representatives were on hand for the event as well.

In addition to The Rinks-Anaheim ICE, 16 other rinks around California participated in California Hockey Day. The Ducks program at Anaheim ICE was filled over capacity with 45 participants, but no kids were turned away.

Anaheim ICE general manager **Art Trottier** was thrilled with the turnout.



Close to 50 first-time hockey players converged on Anaheim ICE last month for California Hockey Day.

Photo/Anaheim Ducks

"It was a great day for hockey in Southern California," said Trottier. "The Anaheim Ducks are trying to grow the sport of hockey and when you see this many kids who have never played hockey before come out to try and learn, it's huge."

Those who participated in California Hockey Day were given full equipment to use for the session, including a helmet,

shin guards, hockey pants, socks, elbow pads, shoulder pads, gloves and a jersey.

The use of full equipment not only gave participants the feel of what it's like to be a hockey player, but also enabled them to get used to skating on the ice while wearing all of the gear.

Participants also received two free tickets to an upcoming

Ducks home game, a commemorative hockey stick and two public skating passes for The Rinks-Anaheim ICE.

The festivities continued later that night at Honda Center where six youth hockey players - **Connor Ahlstrom**, **Bryan Gilman**, **Marissa Gebauer**, **Gavin Dankert**, **Kamryn Kennedy** and **Ivy Boric** - took the ice during

the national anthem to stand with the Ducks' starting lineup before that evening's game against the Phoenix Coyotes.

Dankert, who plays on the Jr. Ducks, got to stand alongside defenseman **Steve Eminger**.

"It was so cool to be on the ice with the Ducks," said Dankert. "Hopefully, someday a little player will be standing in front of me."

Gavin's dad, **Gregg Dankert**, added, "It's nice to have a professional sports organization in the community who is actively involved in supporting so many terrific causes."

Boric, a goalie for the Lady Ducks, got to stand next to netminder **Jonas Hiller**.

"He was really nice," she said. "He gave me a high-five when I skated over to him."

"Seeing her out there in net next to one of her favorite players was really special," said **Eden Boric**, Ivy's mom. "I'm grateful to the Ducks organization for providing this opportunity. I know it was a night Ivy will always remember." ❄️

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Golden Boys

Grimaldi, Reid making the most of their opportunities with the U.S. National Program

By Chris Bayee

What's the blueprint for advancing up the ranks in the hockey world as a top player from California?

The answer is that there is no universal formula; it's as different as each individual player. One need look no further than the two California natives - **Rocco Grimaldi** and **Adam Reid** - who are part of the U.S. National Team Development Program's (NTDP) Under-17 Team this season to see that.

Not only are they two entirely different types of players, but the paths the former Brick Tour-

nament teammates took to Ann Arbor, Mich., home of the UNTDP, are a study in contrasts as well.

Grimaldi, from Rossmoor, spent his formative years in the California Wave program before

his family relocated to the Detroit area in 2005 to both further his hockey career by playing for the powerhouse Little Caesars program and to reduce the amount of travel and missed school days he would have faced had he remained in AAA hockey in California.

The move agreed with Grimaldi as he helped his teams to three Michigan state championships and thus USA Hockey nationals. His Little Caesars teams won the Midget Minor national title in 2008 and the Midget Major championship in 2009. Those events no doubt put him squarely on USA Hockey's radar for the national program.

Reid, meanwhile, made his mark with the LA Selects' 93 AAA teams, leading them to state championships in 2008 and 2009 and a berth in the Pacific District finals in 2008 and the semifinals in 2009.

Both exhibit similar characteristics on and off the ice - toughness, skill, determination and leadership - but the packages they come in could not be more different.

"He's built like a mini-refrigerator," Reid said of Grimaldi, who stands 5-foot-6 and is a muscular 160 pounds. "He's incredibly tough."

Reid, meanwhile, is a rangier 6-3, 190 (up 10 pounds from when he entered the program in September).

"He's a big body in front of the net," Grimaldi said of Reid.

Opportunity Knocks

Reid knew the USNTDP was where he wanted to be from the time he attended USA Hockey's Select 14 Festival in 2007.

"Pretty much as soon as I found out about the program - we watched a video about it at Select 14 camp - I said that's where I want to be, that's what I want to do," Reid said. "I always thought I had a chance, and once we corresponded after Select 15s camp, I thought maybe I could make something out of it."

Reid, from Chino Hills, set out to make the most of that chance.

"Adam works hard," Grimaldi said. "His skating has come a long way. He's improved every area he could improve."

Even an early-season injury that shelved him for two months has been turned into a positive.

The winger suffered a compression fracture of his left thumb during the first weekend of the season playing against Chicago of the USHL.

"I took a shot from the wing and was hit into the boards," Reid said. "It was a clean hit, just one of those things that happens."

Reid, who played through the injury through that game and the next one before an X-ray confirmed the damage, used his downtime to add more than 10 pounds of muscle through a rigorous workout program. That in



Rossmoor's Rocco Grimaldi played his youth hockey with the California Wave before his family relocated to Michigan. Photo/Robert J. Meyer

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turn should help him take his game to the next level, U17 coach **Ron Rolston** said.

“Adam’s got a little more room in terms of growth; he’s a taller, rangier player,” Rolston said. “He has more room to fill out.

“He’s a player we rely on as a physical presence to make it happen with his size. He skates well for a bigger player, and he uses his size very well to make space for his linemates.”

It takes a large amount of discipline to play Tier I hockey in California, and the national program has added another level to that, Reid said.

A typical day on the U17 team begins at 6 a.m., when he rises to get ready for school. Once school lets out around 2 p.m., he prepares for 3:15 practice, which typically includes either video or power-skating sessions beforehand. After practice, the team heads to the weight room. He returns to his billet at 7 p.m. to eat and study.

“I don’t get to bed until 11:30 most nights,” he said.

Leaving home was tougher for him because his mother, in particular, has been involved in his hockey career as a longtime team manager in the Selects club.

“Our family has had to deal with me being so far away, but we’re coping,” Reid said. “I talk with them every other day, but there’s more to it than that.”

Some other transitions:

Reid now is a big brother. “I never had a younger (billet) brother until I moved here, now I have an 11-year-old brother.”

The team’s travel is mostly by bus. “Outside of CAHA games, we had to fly everywhere.”

The level of competition: “Every player on my team is really skilled. It’s kind of like playing against the best player on every team last year. The USHL is way faster and a lot more difficult.”

Small Wonder

Watch Grimaldi play for more than a minute and it’s clear that what the center does have in his game (speed, skill, tenacity) far outweighs what he doesn’t (height).

“He’s a smaller player, but he plays big,” said Jack Bowkus, one of Grimaldi’s coaches with the Wave. “He is very difficult to defend because he’s shifty and he’s pretty unbelievable with his hockey sense.”

Added Rolston, “Rocco is a real dynamic forward for this age group. He’s got a lot of speed and he can create a lot of offense with his speed and skill. He’s one of our better forwards whom we count on to generate offense for us.

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Adam Reid, from Chino Hills, made his mark locally with the LA Selects helping pave his way to the NTDP.
Photo/Tom Sorensen/NTDP Photographer

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Rabbani a competitor like no other

California's own **Josh Rabbani** can best be described as a fierce competitor.

Now in his sophomore season playing Division I hockey at RPI, the Woodland Hills product was often overlooked by scouts because of his unorthodox skating style. As a coach, I wasn't concerned about it because I knew Josh's work ethic, passion and game sense would take him to an elite level.

Josh fondly recalls his youth hockey experience in California.

"I remember the excitement I had right after tryouts when I found out I made the defending champion Jr. Kings' Bantam AAA team. From the start, I don't think we ever doubted we would win having such talented players like **Bobby Ryan, Johnny Kemp** and **Andreas Vlassopoulos** on offense, **Dave Inman** and **Ray Macias** on defense, and two great goalies in **Billy Blase** and **Steve Jakiel**.

"We also had a top-notch coaching staff with **James Gasseau** and **Igor Nikulkin**. Our coaches did a great job explaining right from the start that the team goal was to win a national championship, and, once we got to nationals, the feeling was, 'This is ours to win; nobody is taking it from us.'"

In the championship game, we matched up against the Madison Capitols and their star player, **Phil Kessel**.

"Before the game against Madison, we had a team meeting to discuss the game plan and I was put on a line whose job it was to stop Kessel," Josh remembered. "It was exciting knowing that I played an important role and, if we wanted to win the championship, we all had to do our jobs."

Mission accomplished, as Rabbani's line kept Kessel and

James Gasseau



company off the scoresheet en route to our 3-0 victory.

"It was my first national championship and a moment I'll never forget - being able to say that we were the best team in the country that year, seeing all the hard work we put in during the season pay off," said Josh, who repeated as a national champ at the 16U AAA level with the Jr. Kings in 2004.

After he left L.A., Josh played Midget hockey with Detroit Honeybaked for a year before moving to New England to attend Berkshire Prep. When he graduated, he decided to play a year of juniors for the NAHL's St. Louis Bandits and once again was part of a national championship team.

"It was a step up from prep school, but we had a great team and coach (**Jon Cooper**) and many players saw their dreams come true with a national championship and 13 of our players getting Division I offers," he said of his NAHL experience. "I was fortunate enough to get recruited by RPI."

Josh also offered advice for young California players.

"Take the path that works best for you," he said. "It's not always a quick road and you can't get down on yourself when you see others around you getting picked for teams and you're not. Also, listen to criticism about your weaknesses and work even harder to fix those and play to your strengths." ☼

James Gasseau is the president of LA Hockey Club/LA Selects youth hockey organizations. He also coaches the program's 96 and 99 teams.

The sky's the limit for gifted leader Kerdiles

By Chris Bayee

One season literally changed the course of LA Selects forward **Nicolas Kerdiles'** hockey career.

Kerdiles, the captain of the Selects' Midget 16U AAA team this season, had played roller hockey only until age 9 in 2003.

Upon returning from NARCh, he and his parents, **Michel** and **Nathalie**, decided he should give in-house ice hockey a try. "We didn't like the heat at the roller tournaments," Nathalie said with a laugh.

Nic started in the in-house program at Aliso Viejo Ice Palace. Within weeks he was asked to join the Aliso Viejo Eagles tournament team. At the conclusion of their season, he tried out for California's Brick Tournament team.

"It was more for the experience than anything," said Kerdiles, a sophomore at Beckman High School in Orange County.

Kerdiles ended up being the last player selected for the squad.

"Coach **Louis Pacella** decided to go with me. I was little bigger, and he said he saw more potential," Kerdiles said. "All of that in one year."

Today, Kerdiles is a 6-foot-1, 180-pound 15-year-old who has served as a captain in the LA Hockey/Selects club for the past four teams he's played for.

"He leads by example," said Pacella, the Selects' 16U AAA coach. "He's an extremely hard-working kid, a straight-A student and he works his butt off in the gym. He has all the characteristics you'd want in a captain."

Kerdiles, who is recovering from a fractured growth plate in his left arm, is one of the scoring leaders in the 16U division of the Tier 1 Elite Hockey League this season. He and linemate **Michael McNicholas** combined for 30 points through 10 games. Kerdiles, a left wing, had 16 points, including 10 goals - totals that ranked him second in each category.

"On the ice, he's a tremendously skilled player," Pacella said. "He has the capability of being an absolutely dominant player, and he's proven that at nationals and in the Tier 1 Elite League."

"He's strong on the puck, has great hands in front of the net and uses his body well. He's a good skater for his size, and he's not afraid to block a shot or take a hit. He goes the extra mile."

The Selects' 94 group has won bronze medals at nationals the past two seasons.

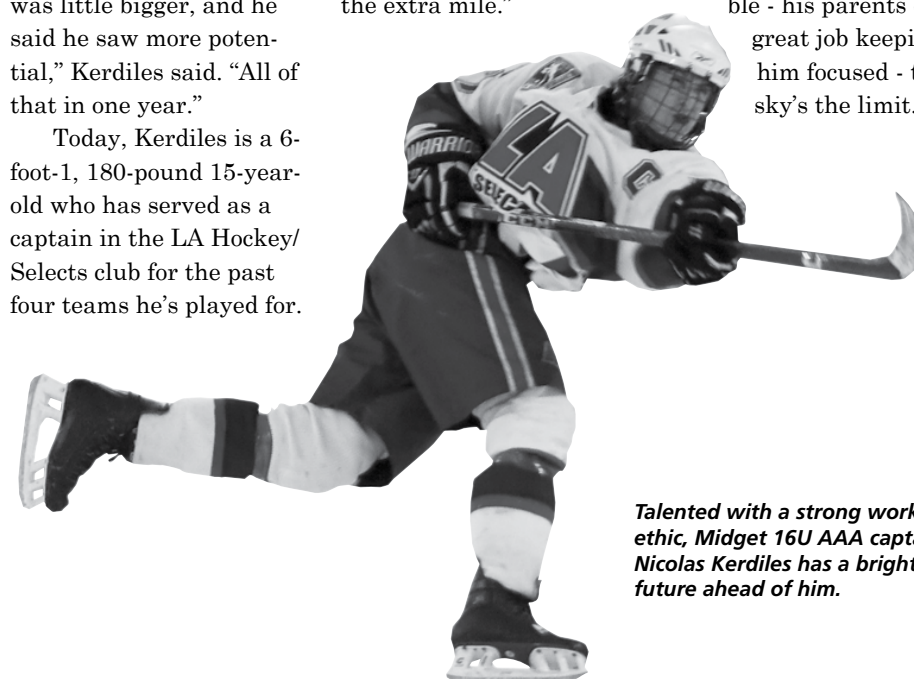
"My teammates and I have good competition," he said. "We all want to push each other, and we want to be better than the next person, but it's a friendly competition."

Expect plenty of competition for Kerdiles' services going forward.

He was drafted by Kelowna in the WHL's Bantam Draft this past spring and was selected as a team MVP at the Canadian Major Junior League's Anaheim Prospects Camp. He also has shone at USA Hockey's summer Select Festival. He clearly is on the radar of the U.S. National Team Development Program (NTDP).

"His upside is whatever he wants it to be," Pacella said. "He has the potential to play in Ann Arbor (home of the NTDP), I don't think that's a question. He will play at whatever Division I school he wants."

"If he continues to work hard and stays humble - his parents do a great job keeping him focused - the sky's the limit." ☼



Talented with a strong work ethic, Midget 16U AAA captain Nicolas Kerdiles has a bright future ahead of him.



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Selects 95s Capture Bauer Invite Title

For the LA team, it's the second title in three years at the tournament

By Chris Bayee

The LA Selects won the Elite 95s Division at the Bauer International Invite tournament last month in the Chicago area. It was the team's second title in three years at the prestigious event that included 384 boys teams spread over 13 divisions and 116 girls teams in eight divisions.

The Selects defeated the East Westchester (N.Y.) Express, 7-1, in the final. The Selects earlier edged Shattuck-St. Mary's (Minn.), 2-1, in the semifinals and Team Illinois, 3-2, in the quarterfinals.

"It's a grueling tournament," said Selects co-coach **Sandy Gasseau**. "Not only three games on Sunday, but with four (round-robin) games in the first two days you have no room to make a mistake."

In the final, **Adam Erne** scored three first-period goals

and added two assists. **Ryan Siroky**, **Brian Williams**, **Chase Deleo** and **Kenny Hausinger** also scored goals, and **Eric Comrie** got the win in net.

"We played a really good game," Gasseau said. "(Erne) was really excited to play East Westchester (his former club). He got two goals in his first two shifts. I think it caught them by surprise. The puck was bouncing for us."

Comrie, who battled through a knee injury, won all three playoff games, allowing

a total of just four goals in the process.

"He's a really determined young man," Gasseau said. "He injured the knee prior to the tournament. He took care of himself and got himself to where he could play."

In the semifinal against Shattuck, Erne's goal with 6:14 to go in the second period was the difference. Williams scored earlier in the period off a feed from Deleo.

The turning point, Gasseau said, was the Selects killing off a 5-on-3 power play against

Shattuck, a team that had defeated the Selects in an exhibition earlier in the season.

"Down 5-on-3, Erne drew a penalty to make it 4-on-3. Then he drew another one to make it 4-on-4, and Comrie made some big saves," Gasseau said.

In the quarterfinal against Team Illinois, **Scott Savage** scored 47 seconds into overtime off a feed from **Andrew Oglivie**. Erne and **Max Becker** scored unassisted goals in regulation.

"That was a crazy game," Gasseau said. "They shorten the

length of the games in the quarters and semis, so it's really a matter of if you score the first goal you're in a good position."

The San Diego Jr. Gulls advanced to the 16 AAA semifinals before losing, and four other teams reached the quarterfinals: LA Hockey Club in 99 AAA, the San Jose Jr. Sharks in 97 AAA and the California Wave in 16 AAA and 96 AAA.

Jr. Gulls 16 AAA goaltender **Reed Kinsey** got the shutout in a 3-0 quarterfinal victory over the Wave. **Ryan Mowrey** scored a second-period goal, and **Zenyth Hamil** tallied midway through the third for the Jr. Gulls. **Steven Sherman** added an empty-net goal. **Justin Cintas** scored the only Jr. Gulls goal in the semifinal loss.

Other clubs that reached the championships bracket playoffs included LA Hockey Club in 98 AAA and OC Hockey Club 99 AAA and the LA Jr. Kings in 99 AAA.

A total of 29 teams from California participated in 10 boys divisions, while the Anaheim Lady Ducks fielded teams in three girls divisions. ☼



The Selects 95s downed Team Illinois and Shattuck-St. Mary's before besting East Westchester in the championship game.

Offense Coming in Waves for Monsters' Freeman

Rancho Cucamonga product proving himself as one of WSHL's elite

By Brian McDonough

The childhood friendship between **Thomas Freeman** and **Ryan Parkhouse** is paying serious dividends for the Fresno Monsters.

After tearing up the scoresheet a year ago for the Colorado Rampage's 18 AAA team, Freeman was looking for a place to play this season and, after hearing nothing but great things about the first-year Western States Hockey League (WSHL) team from his buddy Parkhouse, a forward on the Monsters, Freeman was sold.

"This is one of the top spots to play junior hockey not only at the Tier III Junior A level, but at any level," said Freeman, a Rancho Cucamonga native who played much of his youth hockey with the Ontario Stars. "We play in front of 3,000 fans a game and are treated like professional hockey players."

And Freeman, 19, is making the most of his opportunity. He led the league in scoring with 44 points (16

goals) in 19 games (he missed a handful of contests early in the season due to injury) and, playing with Parkhouse and **Rob Kolander**, his line combined for over 100 points through the team's first 22 games.

"These three have been dynamite together," said Monsters co-head coach **Brandy Semchuk**. "They're extremely creative as a line and they love playing together."

Semchuk sees a bright future in store for Freeman.

"There's no question in my mind that Thomas will be a solid NAHL (Tier II Junior A) player next season and, if he can gain a little more speed and strength over the next couple of years, I could see him playing at the D-I level."



Freeman credits the coaching of Semchuk, along with co-head coach **Eric Ballard**, for much of his development.

"They're easily some of the best coaches I've ever played for," he said. "It's amazing here." ☺

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Grimaldi, Reid Making the Most of Their Opportunities - continued from page 7

"In terms of his total offensive package, he is an elite player in his age group."

Grimaldi's transition period in hockey took place four years earlier than Reid's did, when the Grimaldi family moved east in 2005.

A chance meeting with a Little Caesars official while trading pins at the Quebec Pee Wee tournament a few years before planted seeds for the move.

"I was trading pins, and the Little Caesars pin was the biggest one," Grimaldi said. "I only had little ones so no one would trade with me. My mom encouraged me to ask a man who had the Little Caesars pins if he would trade. It turned out I had played against his son."

A year later, they got back in touch during a break between tournaments in Sarnia, Ontario, and Toronto, and the

Grimaldi family traveled to Detroit to meet the Little Caesars coaches.

"We spent a whole year praying about the pros and cons," Grimaldi said. "We asked every coach we could find, and they all said 'You need to go.'"

"It's really been a great blessing from God."

It's not uncommon for Grimaldi, who would like to become a pastor when his playing days have concluded, to discuss the role that his and his family's faith plays in their daily lives. In fact, he believes it has played a major role in why he is where he is.

"God put me here for a reason, just like the move to Michigan was for a reason and the next 5-10 years' events will happen for a reason," he said. "I'm going to deal with hard times and learn from them."

One of the hard times he had to deal with this season was the U17s' 1-12 start; it was something he'd never experienced in his playing career.

"I've been playing up my whole life," he said. "It takes time for teams to catch up when some guys are coming from 16 AAA teams, but I didn't expect to lose 12 of 13 games (to start the season)."

The expectation to win stayed with Grimaldi, and he led the U17s to first place at the Four Nations Cup in Slovakia, being selected the tournament's outstanding player in the process. The team followed that by winning its first game against USHL competition.

"The Slovakia tournament was a confidence-booster for us," Grimaldi said.

So it should come as no sur-

prise that Grimaldi is one of Rolston's rotating captains.

"He's a professional in how he carries himself," Rolston said. "His consistency is remarkable for this age group. He's one of those players that's a leader, especially by example."

Added Bowkus, "Rocco's tremendously motivated. And he's a coach's dream. He works hard in practice, he works hard in games, he gives you nothing but 100 percent."

California's latest contributions to the U.S. National Program might be a study in contrasts, but Rolston is pleased with both.

"They are two different extremes," the coach said. "They have to rely on their strengths - and both have plenty of those."

The Under-17 Team is stronger because of it. ☺





Radke Readies for Division I Ranks

Bay Area native uses the NAHL as a springboard to the CCHA

By Matt Mackinder

Dan Radke used to come to Michigan just to get to a family summer cottage, but for the past two years and the next four, it has been and will continue to be home.

The current Traverse City North Stars forward and soon-to-be Lake Superior State University (CCHA) Laker loves the northern part of Michigan, though it's nothing like back home in the San Francisco area.

The hockey, however, that's a different story.

"We were up in Sault Ste. Marie (Mich.) one summer at the cottage and the Midget AAA team up there was holding tryouts," remembered the 18-year-old from Orinda. "So I went and didn't expect much as I was just a 15-year-old, but I made the team. I played there for two years and then came to Traverse City."

Apparently on a fast track, little did Radke know that

taking a chance on that tryout would eventually result in him committing to LSSU, where he'll start next fall.

There, he'll be joined by three of his North Stars teammates: **Kyle Jean, Kellin Ainsworth** and, for the 2011-12 season, **Tyler Marble**.

The commitment to the Lakers happened "pretty quickly," added Radke, who also said that having his college career mapped out has made him able to concentrate more on the North Stars' season this year.

"There's a lot less pressure this season," said Radke, who had five goals for 17 points through 19 games this year. "I don't have it lingering over me like I did going into last season. When I made the commitment in March, it was a huge relief."

Coming to Michigan and being in a new setting meant odd looks from schoolmates and a multitude of explanations of who he was and where he was

from.

"When I first moved to Michigan, my hair was a bit longer and once people found out I was from California, I must have heard the 'Do-you-surf?' question at least 20 times a day," Radke remembered. "They also asked if California even had ice. It was crazy."

"People just don't know; they have no idea how popular hockey is getting out there."

It wasn't always like that, though, as Radke recalled a fact from his childhood. He played with two programs during his California tenure - the Berkeley Bulldogs and the California Gold Rush.

"I remember one year I was in a league with just five teams," he said. "That's not a lot of kids, considering how big the Bay Area is. But hockey has grown so much and all levels are out there now."

For much of this season, the North Stars have sat atop the NAHL's North Division

standings. While Radke knows there's still work to be done, the fact that Traverse City is maintaining a high level of success breeds optimism and encouragement.

"We've played really well

so far," Radke said. "This is a good group and definitely the most offensively-skilled team I've ever played on. I think if we continue to work hard, we can keep it going." ❄



Orinda's Dan Radke expects to step into Lake Superior State's lineup immediately after his development in the NAHL. Photo/NAHL

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Cean Burgeson

Every hockey season brings with it those magical weekends we all look forward to: tournaments.

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But there are a lot of important lessons to be learned and experiences to be had during tournament weekends, too.

For starters, parents who may not have known each other the year before get the chance to better know each other and relax outside of the normal rink routine. It also gives kids who may be new to each other the opportunity to work and play together outside of hockey during team dinners or downtime at the hotel. Team building can happen playing knee hockey just as much as it can on the ice.

Tournaments also force players to play outside of their comfort zone in new rinks against different teams under higher-pressure situations. Oftentimes, players who may not normally be one of the stars can rise to the occasion and surprise coaches.

Similarly, teams who may not be gelling as a unit can come together during tournaments because they play so many games in such a short amount of time. Coaches can use these games to build on mistakes, instruct based on

their observations, and see the results of their coaching almost immediately. It's an opportunity for growth and development that isn't always possible during the regular season.

There are a few tips you may want to keep in mind during tournaments: First off, make sure your player gets plenty of sleep, enough nutritious food to eat, and that he or she drinks lots of fluids. Playing back-to-back games for several days straight is hard on any athlete, especially a young one.

Put a limit on those swimming pool sessions and knee hockey games, and make sure your player gets to bed at a decent hour, especially when you have early-morning games.

Don't limit your player's socialization time, though. Team bonding is critical to the success of any athletic organization and tournaments are an ideal time to develop camaraderie.

Also, identify one or two skills for your player to improve on during a tournament weekend. You can ask your coach what your player needs to work on, specifically. It could be things like passing, skating with their head up or being more aggressive to the puck. Even if your team doesn't win the first-place trophy, your player can still be a winner by showing improvement on the skills you set out to work on.

And for the parents: Have fun and get to know the other families on your team. Strong parents make for strong teams as well.

Oh, and lastly, make sure during the team cocktail hour you don't imbibe a little too much and tell the coach what you really think of him - he still controls the ice time. ☺

Cean Burgeson is a hockey parent in the Capital Thunder youth association.

College Standout Lasch Overcomes Odds

Small in stature, the Lake Forest product is carrying a big stick at St. Cloud

By Chris Bayee

You're too short. You're too slow. You're not good enough to make this AAA team.

Turns out it was all baloney, and **Ryan Lasch** of Lake Forest didn't believe any of it.

A strong drive has carried Lasch to the summit of NCAA Division I hockey. The 5-foot-7 forward has piled up 139 points early into his senior season at St. Cloud State University. That point total put him one behind **Ryan Malone** (now of the Tampa Bay Lightning) for fifth on the Minnesota school's scoring chart.

He's within 40 points of becoming the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) school's all-time leading scorer. Ever.

Lasch also has been an All-WCHA selection the past two seasons, a member of the WCHA's All-Academic Team, a league all-rookie selection and a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award, given annually to the nation's top college hockey player, in 2007-08 when he racked up 53 points (25 goals, 28 assists).

"When you're smaller in stature, everyone is going to tell you that you can't do this or that," Lasch said. "That's where the competitive drive comes in. My main motivation was to prove that an undersized player can play."

What Lasch has been able to accomplish is not lost on his college coach, **Bob Motzko**, who has an extensive college and junior coaching resume since finishing his own Huskies playing career in the mid-1980s.

"Ryan's been a great player for us," Motzko said. "Three years, 130-plus points - you just don't see that in college hockey right now. He's one of the highest point producers in the past dozen years. That says something about the type of offensive ability he has."

More than just filling the

net, Lasch has become one of the pillars of the program, Motzko said.

"He's helped us grow our program," Motzko said. "He's done tremendous in his off-season training, outstanding in the classroom - he's become an all-around student-athlete."

"You're judged by your teammates, and he's one of our leaders. He trains extra hard and he's one of the hardest workers in practice. He's taken a leadership role and grown in it."

This comes as no surprise to one of Lasch's first coaches in California, **Buddy McKinnon**, who helped coach Lasch through Squirts, Pee Wees and Bantams.

"He's a tremendous young man, first of all," McKinnon said. "He wanted it so bad. He

just couldn't understand why others wouldn't work as hard as him. He got shortchanged a lot, but he never gave up on his dream."

"He was never late to practice and he was always the last guy off the ice. And in the room, he wouldn't even tie his skate if a coach was talking. That's how much he paid attention because he wanted to learn."

Lasch got his start in hockey at the old Costa Mesa rink in an in-house program run by **Fred Nelson**. From there he played for the South Coast Sabres, Westminster Wave and Long Beach Jr. Ice Dogs.

Lasch met **Larry Barron** at age 14 and forged a friendship that would change the course of his hockey career on

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An underdog growing up, Ryan Lasch is now one of the top players in all of college hockey.

Photo/St. Cloud State University

Sharks Visit Pediatrics Unit at VMC

Team presents check for \$17K raised through its 'Favorite Things' Basket Fundraiser

For most people, hospitals are a pretty intimidating place. But for young patients, it can be even more of a terrifying experience. With that in mind, a group of San Jose Sharks players and their significant others decided to visit the Valley Medical Center's (VMC) Pediatric Unit after practice recently.

Dan Boyle, his wife, Amber; Kent Huskins, his fiancé, Bri; Marc-Edouard Vlasic, his girlfriend, Martine; Joe Pavelski and Jody Shelley were all on hand to meet with the kids currently under care. The group walked from room to room, visiting with patients, taking pictures, signing autographs and even passing out candy.

"These children are bored, hurting or scared," said pediatric nurse manager Sue Kehl. "When they see Sharks players - who they see on TV - in person, it's a pretty special thing for them. And for the players to take time out of their busy day, it's just so impressive and shows the kind of character they possess."

In addition to the hospital visit, the Sharks players and

wives/girlfriends also presented the VMC Foundation with a \$17,000 check raised through the "Favorite Things" Basket Fundraiser.

With support from the Sharks Foundation, the ladies created a basket that contained some of their significant other's favorite things, including movies, game consoles, music, food, gift certificates, autographed items and more. The baskets were then auctioned off over the course of several games during the 2009 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

To the wives and girlfriends of the players, this was an opportunity to give back to the community that has provided endless support for the team.

"It's a great feeling to be able to make a difference in the community," Boyle's wife, Amber, said. "To me, Dan is my husband. But to so many other people, especially young children, he's someone they really look up to. I think it's great for us to be able to give back to such a great organization like the VMC in any way we can."

The \$17,000 will help pay for the purchase of new televisions for the patient rooms in the Pediatric Unit. The current



Clockwise from top left, the Sharks' Jody Shelley, Kent Huskins, Dan Boyle, Joe Pavelski and Marc-Edouard Vlasic meet with a young patient at Valley Medical Center.

models are over a decade old and are not compatible with DVD players. Hopefully, in the near future, the patients will also be able to watch Sharks games in their rooms.

From toddlers to teenagers, the job of VMC's pediatric staff

is to fight injury and disease while keeping their patients calm and happy during their stay.

"Sometimes the biggest challenge is helping these kids overcome their fear of being in a hospital," said VMC Foundation

executive director Chris Wilder. "A happy kid is a well kid, so giving them the opportunity to watch a movie or a Sharks game actually makes the jobs of our doctors and nurses a lot easier." ☺



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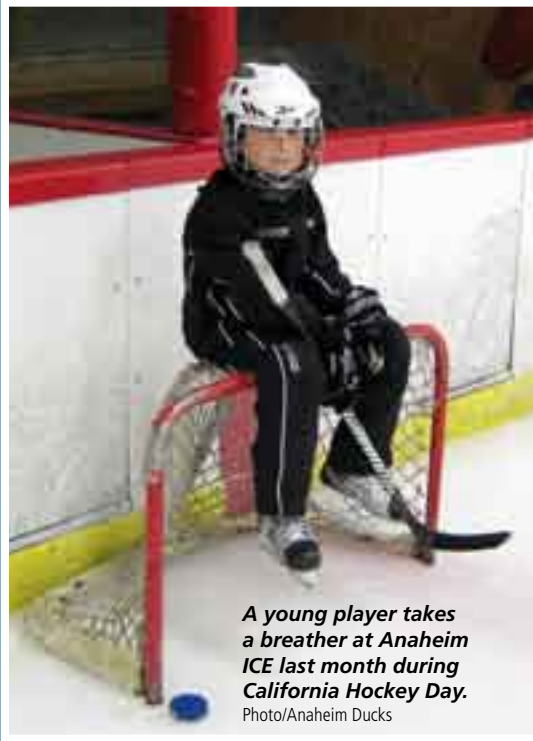
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San Jose's Kelly Spain keeps his focus during an AIHL game last season. See more on Spain, the Pirates and the AIHL on Page 23. Photo/ML Photo



A young player takes a breather at Anaheim ICE last month during California Hockey Day. Photo/Anaheim Ducks



A lot of new friends were made at Toyota Sports Center at California Hockey Day last month. Photo/CAHA



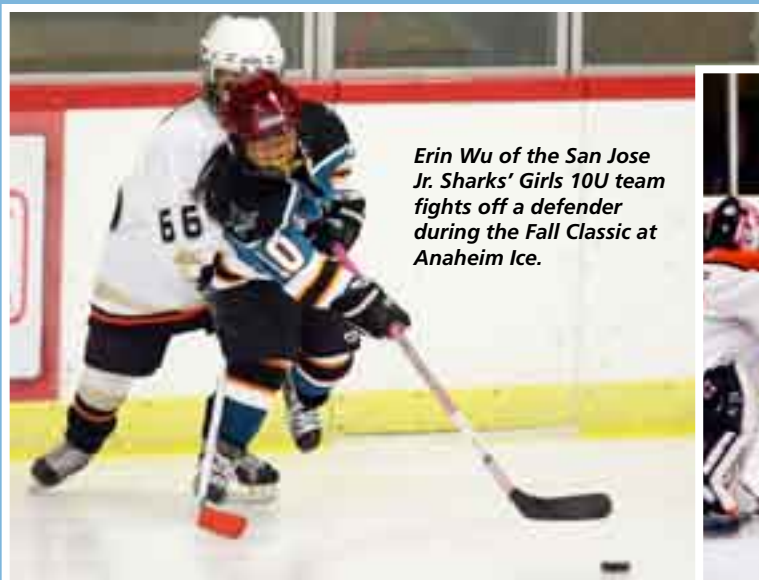
Degan Clay of SDIA's 16U team lays a nice hit on his opponent during a game at this fall's Fun in the Sun tournament at San Diego Ice Arena.



The Anaheim Jr. Ducks' Kelly Murphy, left, and the San Diego Jr. Gulls' Brody Cavataio catch up prior to a recent game in Escondido.



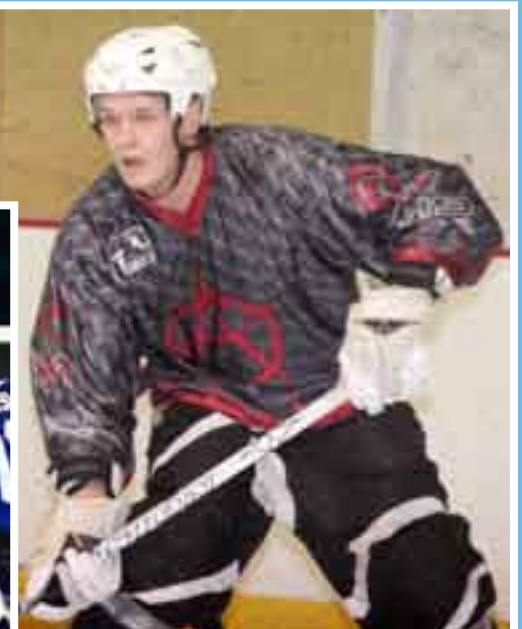
Evan Medeiros of the San Diego Stingrays makes a blocker save at October's Give Blood Play Hockey tournament at 949 in Irvine. His team was crowned champions of the 14U division.



Erin Wu of the San Jose Jr. Sharks' Girls 10U team fights off a defender during the Fall Classic at Anaheim Ice.



Matthew Ng wastes no time getting a shot off for the California Cougars' Mites during the team's opening shift of the NorCal regular season.



Murrieta's Chris Connole, who played last season for the AIHL's Irvine Anarchy, will suit up for the Junior Ducks this year. See more on Connole's success on the international stage on Page 22.

Photo/Phillip Brents

Jr. Kings' Breitenstein a TSC Lifer

Unassuming 16U AAA blueliner just goes about his business

By Chris Bayee

Los Angeles Jr. Kings Midget Minor defenseman **Cody Breitenstein** has literally grown up on the Toyota Sports Center's ice.

Yes, he played a few years of roller hockey before the facility opened in 1999, but since he's only spent one season playing for a team other than ones based at the El Segundo facility.

Breitenstein and his 16U AAA teammates will take center stage in late December when they play host to a Tier 1 Elite Hockey League showcase for the first time. The timing could not be better.

"My favorite part about this showcase being here is that it's right after Christmas, so we don't have to get on a plane on Christmas Day to go someplace," said Breitenstein, a 6-foot-2, 155-pound 1993 birth year from Hawthorne.

Teammate **Nicholas Newman** added: "All of the good teams have to come to us this time. They're all looking forward to it. I hope they go to the beach and get tired out before they play us."

This is the first season the Jr.

Kings have fielded a team in the Tier 1 League's Midget Minor division, and the team has had its share of valleys to climb out of - in part because so many new players made the team and in part because the roster has undergone a fair amount of turnover since the season began.

"We've called some players-only meetings," said Newman, the team's captain. "We're basically a new team now, but things are starting to come together."

That can only help as the team tries to make a run after ending a league winless streak that had stretched into November.

"The level of speed and skill has been the biggest change," said Newman, a 6-foot, 180-pound 93-born. "Every pass has to be on the tape because there's always a guy right on you. You have to have your head up, always."

It's been an enjoyable experience, regardless, Breitenstein said.

"Everyone looks forward to the showcases; it's really competitive hockey," Breitenstein said. "A lot more guys have gotten hurt, but they're fighting through it because they want to

be seen."

One of the foundational pieces to the team has been Breitenstein, who, after playing up at the 16 AA level two seasons ago, has played consecutive 16 AAA seasons for the Jr. Kings.

"Cody is a great kid who goes about the business of playing quietly, but effectively," Jr. Kings coach **Frank Salcido** said. "He's a tall, lanky defenseman who, when he fills out, will be a force to be reckoned with. He uses his long reach to fend off attackers and is beginning to play a more physical style of hockey."

Newman, from Saugus, centers the team's top line, and he has been a beneficiary of Breitenstein's improved play.

"He's a smart player," Newman said. "He moves the puck well and has good vision. He's a defenseman we rely on in all situations."

Breitenstein's positive approach has not gone unnoticed.

"He's been a member of the Jr. Kings organization for many years," Salcido said. "And (he) exemplifies what we expect of our players, on and off of the ice." ☺



Cody Breitenstein has played 16 consecutive AAA seasons for the Los Angeles Jr. Kings.

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California Hockey Day Gets More Kids on Ice

CAHA-led initiative gives over 300 youngsters the chance to try the game for free

By Matt Mackinder

In another step towards growing the game locally, the state of California, namely the California Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA), hosted California Hockey Day on Nov. 7 and, by all accounts, the event was a rousing success.

More than 300 children in the 4-9 age groups came out to their local rinks to give the game a shot. For many of the kids, it was their first experience with hockey, but hopefully not their last.

"We'd been working with USA Hockey to gain a deeper understanding as to why our membership was decreasing in the younger age groups and ways to increase it," said **Steve Laing**, president of CAHA.

"Two years ago, I focused on promoting the OneGoal program and directed a large sum of money from a grant with board approval to increase our sport and provide equipment for first-time hockey players in the 4-9 age groups.

"With the support of the NHL, OneGoal and USA Hockey, funding was created to help financially support and promote hockey to a younger age group. We selected Nov. 7 as our date (for California) to create an opportunity for families to come to a local rink and try hockey for free."

The kids were provided a helmet, hockey gloves, shoulder pads, hockey pants, shin guards, skates and a stick. They were also given a basic concept of how the game is played, instruction on puckhandling and stickhandling and skating lessons followed by a short game. Smiles and laughs were optional,

but prominent all day.

The idea of one whole day dedicated to hockey is not new to the country, but it is to California.

"Hockey Canada is also actively involved with the OneGoal program, along with USA Hockey," Laing said. "I believe both countries share the opinion that the One-Goal program helps build a greater awareness and understanding of hockey. As to other states, California was one of three and the only West Coast state to promote hockey for free."

Laing said in the weeks since the event, the feedback he's received has been overwhelmingly positive.

"I've had great reviews and we consider our first event a big success," boasted Laing. "We had 17 rinks throughout California participate with 315 kids coming out to their local rink to participate. I saw kids laughing, playing and refusing to take their gear off when it was all done."

Is this something the state can count on next year at this time? With the shape of the U.S. economy, doing something for free is a bit of a flight risk, but Laing said that when it comes to hockey - and more importantly to kids that want to play hockey - the risk is worth taking as the rewards are priceless.

"With a lot of help from our NHL family - the Anaheim Ducks, Los Angeles Kings and San Jose Sharks - and our ECHL family - the Ontario Reign and Stockton Thunder - there's no limit to our success in promoting youth hockey," Laing said. "We hope it continues and can make Hockey Day an annual event." ❄️



By providing free equipment and free instruction, California Hockey Day helped spark more interest in the sport. Photo/CAHA

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By Lindsey Toso

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Butch Goring will be one of many former Kings stars participating in next month's Los Angeles Kings Fantasy Camp. Photo/Los Angeles Kings

Always appreciate your health

My hockey season started off with an amazing team-bonding bus trip to Phoenix in August, chaperoned by our coach, **Luc**.

We had a blast on the bus ride. We ate junk food, watched movies, played pranks on one another and laughed the entire six-hour ride. Somehow a stuffy hot bus with a broken air conditioner brought our team together.

Once we arrived in Phoenix, we were billeted in pairs with families from the Jr. Coyotes' Bantam AA team. We had a productive weekend playing four games against the Coyotes, finishing with a 2-1-1 record.

More importantly, we achieved our coach's goal: We left Simi Valley as a group of boys who didn't know each other well and came back as friends who were excited and ready for our upcoming season.

We got a few more practices in and finally the preseason began. I loved playing with my linemates and I couldn't wait for our first game. We were scoring, hitting, getting along and starting to feel in sync.

But a couple games into the season, I took a clean, hard hit into the boards. I slammed into the glass and felt a "pop" in my left shoulder. Hearing that, I realized I couldn't play and skated off the ice. I stayed on the bench for the rest of the game in pain.

After the game, I met my dad in the locker room. We thought that maybe I'd just dislocated it, but he couldn't move my shoulder back into place. We knew then that something was broken.

We went to the orthopedic surgeon's office and the doctor told me to take it easy. That meant no hockey, no stickhandling and no P.E. at school (not even the stationary bike). I had to just sit around, wait and let it heal.

The doctor told me I'd be out at



Brendon Jasso

least four weeks. Two weeks had passed and I went for my follow up appointment, but again more bad news was delivered: The bone was fractured and not healing correctly and the doctor added an additional four weeks for recovery!

I was beyond disappointed that I had to sit during our first CAHA weekend! I felt like I'd let the team down. I really missed the game.

After seven weeks, my shoulder was still hurting and I was definitely not back to normal, but it felt good to be back on the ice. Although I was frustrated I wasn't playing to the best of my ability, I was glad to be playing hockey with my friends again.

I realized that this is the one place I can go to have fun, get my energy out and not think about anything else but the game, and I know I should feel very lucky that this was my first "real" injury in my seven years of playing travel hockey.

They say you don't always appreciate what you have until it's gone. I'm thankful my injury wasn't worse and that I'm back out on the ice again. ☺

Brendon Jasso plays center for the Southern California Titans' Bantam AA team.

Blackhawks Soaring to New Heights

Santa Clara celebrates 40 years of family, fun and success

By DJ Powers

Now in its 40th season, the Santa Clara Valley Hockey Association, one of Northern California's oldest youth hockey organizations, has experienced tremendous growth over the years.

And they're not done yet.

"This season, we had a really good turnout at tryouts," said board president **Mark Keil**. "We were able to fill the teams really well. I think the volunteerism is probably the highest that we've ever experienced, too."

This season, Santa Clara has between 160-170 players that make up nine teams from Mites through the 18U Midget level. And, for the second consecutive year, the Blackhawks aren't fielding a tier team.

But, as the program's director of coaches, **Hal Nunn**, explains, that isn't necessarily a bad thing.

"We could've probably put multiple tier teams together, but we've been competitive without doing that," he said. "So that begs the question: Is it fun and right for the kids?"

"There has to be kids talented enough to do it (tier hockey) and coaches who can coach at that level. The parents also have to be willing to put up with all of the travel and all. So we didn't do tier this year, but that doesn't mean we would never consider doing it."

The Blackhawks began as a club in 1970, but it wasn't until the 1980s when the fruits of their labors began to pay off. In 1986, the club saw its first former player taken in the NHL Entry Draft when the Winnipeg Jets selected goaltender **John Blue** in the 10th round (197th overall).

Another magical season came in 2006 when the club soared to new heights nationally. That year, it became the first and, to date, only NorCal team to win a national championship when its Pee Wee AA team accomplished the feat.

That same year, Santa Clara's Squirt A, Midget B and Midget 18 A teams captured their respective NorCal championships as well.

"We're the only NorCal program to have ever won a national title, so I think that's probably the highlight of the club," said Nunn. "And we've also won a number of state championships as well."

"But I think what's probably more important than that is the reputation the Blackhawks have around the country of generally being a very skilled team that plays by the rules, works hard and shows good sportsmanship."

Two years later, Santa Clara would reach another organizational-first when talented forward **Viktor Tikhonov** became the first-ever player from a NorCal program to be selected in the first round of the NHL Entry Draft. The Phoenix Coyotes took him with the 28th overall pick in 2008.

As successful as they've become, the Blackhawks, as an organization, have never strayed from their core philosophy of putting the kids and their parents first.

"They make a really big difference for this club," noted Keil. "In addition to the winning tradition, I think it's the commitment from the kids and the parents that marks our success."

"It's a tremendous group of people who are involved with the Blackhawks. They're always willing to volunteer or help one another out, so the club really functions like a large family."

The Blackhawks are as much a part of their community as their community is a part of them, and that can be witnessed in their partnerships with Kidango, a non-profit child development agency, and Turning Wheels, an organization that builds bicycles at Christmastime and gives them to children of low-income families.

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Members of the Santa Clara Blackhawks: First Row (from left): Aidan Ward, Brendan Powell, Geoff Grimm, Kevin Bentley; Middle Row: Robby Jackson, Jordan Carrasco, Greyson North; Back Row: Eric Folgman, Justin Hoffman, Crispin Ramos, Ian DeVries Photo/Norbert Tydingco



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Good Things Come in Threes For LA Girls

Gianformaggio, Raber, Scheu stay the course with the Selects' 16U team

By Lindsay Czarnecki

For the LA Selects' Girls 16U team, three players - one at each position - have stuck together since joining the club at the 14U level two years ago when LA opened its doors for a girls program.

Goaltender **Tori Gianformaggio**, defenseman **Emily Raber** and forward **Nikki Scheu** are the only three players on the current 16U team who have stayed with LA to develop a consistent veteran base that's advanced to the next age level together.

Gianformaggio and Raber, neighbors in Buena Park, played with the Cal Selects before joining LA. Scheu came to LA at the same time after skating with Valencia's girls program that eventually had trouble staying afloat.

"During one of our practices, we just started talking and became really good friends," Scheu said of their relationship.

From there, staying as a unit wasn't just the only option, but also the more desirable one.

"You just want to stick with your specific team," Scheu said. "You can't just switch; you have to be together and grow as a team."

At both ends of the ice, they've each become a force to reckon with at their

respective positions, and that sense of familiarity that comes from playing together has helped them succeed.

"I think we're pretty comfortable with each other as friends and are honest with each other about how we play and give each other opinions on what we need to improve on," said Raber, who flipped from forward to defense in her first year at 14U to help the team.

Through the seasons, Gianformaggio has helped keep LA in some hard-fought games and Raber has been right on the edge of her crease to help defend the net.

"I like that she's really aggressive as a goalie," Raber said of Gianformaggio. "She motivates me and the other D to protect her and play hard. I also like that she cares when she does lose or gets scored on and she tries to step up her game."

The compliments go hand in hand and, just as every position on the ice has its importance, Gianformaggio notices the value of having good friends to push her along the way.

"Emily keeps me focused," she said. "We both are good influences on each other on and off the ice. We keep each other motivated and work out together."

In hockey speak, Scheu is a power

forward - a strong and gritty skater who plays with an edge and has a knack for burying the puck.

"She gets the job done, puts the puck in the net and is a good team leader on the ice," Gianformaggio said. "She doesn't just score goals, she's a great playmaker as well."

Scheu admits she was a bit shy at first, but now she's known for her goofiness just as much as her scoring. Feeling at home on and off the ice with her teammates certainly helped her come out of her shell, but she knows when to tune out the jokes and dig deep to help her team.

"We know where each other is on the ice because we've worked on it so often,"



From left, Tori Gianformaggio, Nikki Scheu and Emily Raber have remained with the Selects program since its inception two years ago.

Scheu said. "Through the years, we just got to know each other's personalities and how we play."

The benefits of staying together are what they're hoping to cash in on this season and beyond as all three will move up another division to 19U next year.

"Loyalty is important because it shows who you are, inside and out," Raber said. ☼

Away From The Rubber:

Emulate the best to be your best

Often times in sports, there's always an athlete who is perceived to be in a class all their own. In hockey, **Wayne Gretzky** and **Bobby Orr** will always be considered two of the best to ever play the game.

Today, guys like **Sidney Crosby** and **Alexander Ovechkin** are leading way as the world's elite on skates. In other sports, there's golf's **Tiger Woods**, basketball's **Lebron James** and football's **Tom Brady**, to name a few.

Obviously, every one of these players is an extremely talented and gifted individual. However, talent alone isn't what makes these players successful. Each of them has an outstanding work ethic that helps them maximize their given talents and elevates them above everyone else. They've also spent countless hours practicing and trying to perfect their game.

In the great **Malcom Gladwell** book, "Outliers," he refers to the "10,000-hour rule," which says that the greatest performers in most professions have spent more than 10,000 hours practicing and working on their crafts by the time they're a young adult.

Not only does this apply to sports, but other professions as well. However, the greatest athletes and other professionals will go above and beyond 10,000 hours. They'll spend more time working on their weaknesses, as well as their strengths. What are they doing during these 10,000-plus hours? They're simply practicing to get better. The best people in any profession will always have a beginner's mind.

A great example of an athlete who's put in his 10,000 hours at an early age and continues to go above and beyond is Tiger, arguably

Sean Skahan



the best to ever step foot on a golf course because of his relentless passion to improve.

Last August, after winning the Firestone golf tournament in Ohio on a Sunday afternoon, he was at the driving range of the PGA Championship course in Minnesota at 6:30 the very next morning. The PGA Championship didn't start until Thursday (It's important to note that I'm not recommending kids specialize in one sport at a young age like Tiger did; I'm simply referring to his current work ethic and practice habits.).

Brian Tracy, a great self-help book author, advocates finding out who the most successful people are in your field, and then mimic their habits and approach to that particular craft. There's no reason why you can't work as hard - if not harder - as the better players.

In hockey, what are some of the daily habits that the more successful players embrace? Are they getting on the ice before everyone else and practicing one-timers? Are they staying on the ice later than everyone else to work on their skating? Are they watching video of their opponents or themselves? Or, are they doing something off of the ice to help them gain an edge? Maybe it's a combination of all of those things.

Whatever it is that the better players are doing, you should try to emulate them the best you can and then apply the same level of work ethic and commitment to excellence. ☼

Sean Skahan is the strength and conditioning coach of the Anaheim Ducks. Visit his Web site at SeanSkahan.com.

Lady Ducks' Growth, Success Continues

Anaheim hockey fixture Trottier helps women's hockey take flight

By Lindsay Czarnecki

When the Anaheim Lady Ducks first entered the girls hockey scene back in 1999, it was hard for anyone to imagine where the program would be 10 years later.

Hatched with just two teams at the 15U and 19U levels in 1999-2000 (approximately 30 girls), the Lady Ducks have ballooned to seven this year with 110 girls skating in the program.

What's more, the LDs have sent 23 girls onto college hockey in addition to qualifying for a handful of national tournaments with their 12U team winning gold in 2007.

Those numbers add up to success, and **Art Trottier**, a man who wears a few hats in the Anaheim amateur hockey circles, has played an integral part in the LD's growth since their beginning.

"He got the program started and now it's going strong," said LD program director **Kathy McGarrigle**.

Those baby steps seem

forever ago for Trottier because, well, they were. He remembers the support from players' parents, McGarrigle and former LD coach **Rick Hutchinson**.

"They kind of came to us with the idea of starting the LD program and it's really just taken off from there," Trottier said. "We've certainly been surprised by the growth, and by all indications we think it'll continue to grow."

Thinking back to 1999 and looking ahead to now, Trottier is amazed with how the program has flourished. Did he think the brainstorm a decade ago would be this big and successful in 2010?

"No, honestly I didn't," he admitted. "It's been a great surprise and it's not just me; it's a lot of work by the players and their families and Kathy has done a great job."

Trottier is the president of Anaheim Amateur Hockey Association, which includes the Lady Ducks, Jr. Ducks and two high school hockey teams:

JSerra and Santa Margarita. He's also the general manager of Anaheim ICE and the new Westminster ICE facilities.

It's a job that keeps Trottier busy, but one he enjoys to its fullest.

"As GM for both the Anaheim ICE and Westminster ICE rinks, it's my responsibility to oversee the day-to-day operations, hockey and figure skating programs and to make sure our guests have a positive and entertaining experience," said Trottier.

"I've enjoyed watching kids begin in our learn-to-skate programs and follow through to junior and college hockey and beyond.

"It's our goal to promote both youth and adult hockey and figure skating, too, to ensure that all four of The Rinks continue to be known as Southern California's premier skating facilities."

The biggest step the LDs took on the national level was last season when they joined the prestigious Tier 1 Elite League, a Michigan-headquartered circuit that affords the girls the opportunity to compete against the top programs around the nation.

That move has helped tremendously with exposure, as a handful of current LD players are being recruited by top college programs like Dartmouth, RPI, Syracuse, Boston College, Providence, Cornell, Colgate, Amherst and Boston University, to name a few.

"That's a great feather in the cap for the program," said Trottier. ☼



Art Trottier has played a key role in the evolution of the nationally recognized Lady Ducks program.

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several levels.

"At 16, I got cut from my AAA team and I didn't have anywhere to play," Lasch said.

"Larry gave me an opportunity to play up in Pembroke, Ontario, Canada, with a (Central Junior Hockey League) Junior A team he's involved with. I played for the Lumberkings for three years."

It's nothing new for 16-year-olds to leave home to pursue their hockey dreams, but going from Orange County to a hockey-crazed outpost 3,000 miles away?

"It was a culture shock," Lasch said. "My parents helped me in a huge way."

Barron, who owns and operates Barron Hockey Academy out of the Orange County Ice Palace, also helped Lasch develop his game.

"Larry's training took me to a whole another level," Lasch said. "His on- and off-ice training is excellent. We worked on my stride. Part of my weak-

ness is my explosiveness. His whole culture over there is pretty hard-working."

Lasch's scoring touch and his continuous improvement caught Motzko's attention during the 2005-06 season - Motzko's first in charge of the Huskies.

"I had a tip on him and went to see him play in Pembroke," Motzko said. "I saw that electric offensive touch. It was special. He gets the puck and he has a mission, and that's to score a goal. You just don't see that everyday. He put up astonishing numbers at Pembroke."

Remarkably, Lasch was not drafted, but as the NHL game has opened up since the lockout, a premium has been placed on skill.

"Whenever you've got a player who can score like Ryan has, someone will give him a chance," Motzko said. "That's the beauty of players like that. When they can do something at one level, they can do it at the next level." ❁



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Blackhawks Soaring to New Heights - continued from page 18



Players like Jared Lee, who skates for the Blackhawks' Bantam A team, continue to add to the strong tradition of the Santa Clara program, which is now in its 40th year. Photo/Butch Winters

With that, Santa Clara puts as much an emphasis on developing good citizens as they do skaters and stickhandlers.

"To me, the main goal is to turn out not only great players, but great people as well," said Nunn. "If we're not here to produce good people as well as good players, then we're not doing our job." "The fact that we continue to think about the kids and the parents first almost forces us to make the right decision without having to look any further," added Keil.

"I think sometimes people might forget the amount of volunteerism and time that it takes to make this work. We don't have a problem with that because we're the sum of our parts and the families prove that - they really do." ❁

LA's 19Us Win Rheaume Invitational



Chamberlain stars in net as girls celebrate in Detroit

The LA Selects' Girls 19U team came home with the championship banner at the inaugural Manon Rheaume Invitational in Detroit last month after finishing the event with a 5-1 record.

Goaltender **Laura Chamberlain** was named the showcase's MVP after posting three shutouts to go along with an impressive 0.62 goals-against average.

Chamberlain, who split goaltending duties with **Sydney Aveson** the previous two seasons, has shined during her time as the No. 1 goalie this season following Aveson's graduation.

The Selects started their round robin with an easy 9-2 victory over the Madison (Wis.) Capitols and then later defeated Detroit Little Caesars, 3-0.

On the second day, the Selects lost a tight 3-2 contest to Chicago Mission,

but were still able to clinch first place in their division heading into the playoff round.

Chamberlain led the way in the first game of the playoffs, backstopping LA to a 2-0 victory. In the semis, **Lauren Strauss**, who finished with three goals and four assists on the weekend, scored the lone goal in a 1-0 victory over Canada's Aurora Panthers.

In the championship game against Chicago, **Kourtney Kunichika** and **Emma Tani** scored in the four-player shootout and Chamberlain again got the job done in goal as the Selects skated to a 2-1 triumph.

Kunichika led LA in points with four goals and six assists while Tani added four goals and two assists. On defense, **Allie Era** logged the most ice time on the blue line and chipped in three goals and two assists. ❁

U.S. Junior Inline Team Serves Up Exciting Future

Four California players spur Team USA to bronze medal in Italy

By Phillip Brents

The United States Senior Men's Inline Hockey Team rode a sensational wave to international glory last summer with titles in a two-week span at the FIRS World Inline Hockey Championships in Varese, Italy, and the World Games in Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei.

The FIRS championship was the second consecutive for Team USA, which received adoring cheers from 40,000 fans gathered for closing ceremonies at the World Games.

The U.S. Women's Inline Team also captured the gold medal at the FIRS World Championships in Italy in another spectacular display of American pride and talent.

But the exciting news is the future, specifically the performance last summer of Team USA's Junior Men's Team that captured the bronze medal at the same FIRS tournament in Italy.

On board for the ride were five Californians: head coach **Ken Murchison** and four golden boys from the Golden State - forward **K.C. Groon** and defensemen **Joey Doran**, **Joshua Winters** and **Jacob Hickey**.

Murchison, a native of Prince Edward Island who rose through the Canadian junior and collegiate ranks to play for the Canadian National Team (1992-93) and later donned

inline skates for the Anaheim Bullfrogs of Roller Hockey International (1993-94), predicted that players from California, specifically his adopted Southern California home, would have a major impact on the tournament in Italy. His keen powers of perception proved right on the mark.

Doran, one of three players involved in the Anaheim Ducks' development program at The Rinks-Corona Inline, was named captain of the U.S. Junior Men's Team. He and his three countrymen combined to score 13 goals and 13 assists to help lead the U18 squad to a 6-1 finish in the tournament.

Meanwhile, teenagers **Ariane Yokoyama** and **Kourtney Kunichika**, both based out of The Rinks-Huntington Beach Inline, helped provide the amazing spark to the women's championship team while goaltender **Michael Urbano**, another Huntington Beach product, won his second gold medal at the FIRS Senior Men's Championships and third gold medal in the last two years under Team USA head coach **Joe Noris**, a La Jolla resident.

In fact, all three medal-winning teams in Italy were coached by Californians, with Long Beach's **Jeff Prime** closing out his coaching career with a gold medal as head of the Women's National Team.

Doran, Groon and Winters are all homegrown Southern California talent (and all playing out of the Corona facility). Doran and Winters both graduated from Santiago High School, while Groon is a graduate of Santa Margarita Catholic High School.

Hickey was the lone player from Northern California on the U.S. junior team's roster, hailing from San Jose.

Doran, Groon, Hickey and Winters are all included on rosters for the 2009-10 American Inline Hockey League (AIHL) season. Doran and Groon made

the elite team for the Junior Ducks, coached by Murchison, while Winters is listed on the Ducks' minor squad.

Meanwhile, Hickey will assist the San Jose Pirates in their quest to defend their AIHL Western Conference championship. ☼

Q & A With Team USA's Chris Connole

By Phillip Brents

Murrieta's **Chris Connole** fired in the shot heard 'round the world at last summer's FIRS World Inline Hockey Championships in Varese, Italy, by scoring the game-winning goal - along with three others - to give USA's Senior Men's Team the gold medal in a 5-4 victory against Canada.

The 6-foot-4, 240-pound defenseman who will suit up for the AIHL's Junior Ducks this season after playing for the Irvine Anarchy in 2008-09 wasn't finished, however, as he proceeded to lead the young U.S. squad in overall scoring as the Americans claimed another gold medal, this time at the 4,500-athlete strong World Games in Chinese Taipei.

California Rubber inline hockey editor **Phillip Brents** had the chance to catch up with Connole after he returned to the Golden State with his two gold medals.

PB: Did you personally feel you had to elevate your game or take charge in the FIRS championship game against Canada?

CC: I think everyone felt they had to elevate their game. I just went out there, gave it everything I had and did what it took to win. I had the hot stick that game, everything was going in for me.

PB: What do you think was the biggest attribute you brought to the Team USA lineup in the two international tournaments?

CC: I played my role in every situation I could. I crashed the net every time I could, I won battles, shot the puck when the time was right and played solid defensively.

PB: What were your emotions after winning the first gold medal and then the second?

CC: I was on top of the world at that point in time. That was the biggest tournament I've ever won, until Taiwan.

PB: What do you think were the U.S. team's expectations going into the tournaments? Do you feel the U.S. team met those goals or exceeded them?

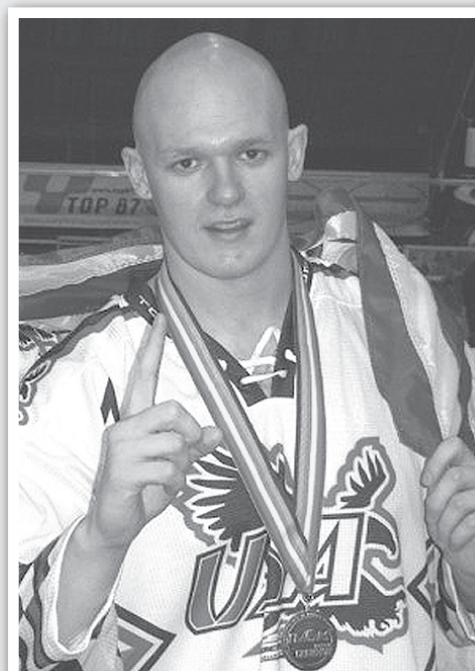
CC: I had very high expectations going into the tournaments. I knew most of the players and how good they were individually. The question was how good we would play as a team. I was pleasantly surprised to find out everyone came together as a team and no one played selfishly. It made it much easier for us to win with everyone supporting everyone else.

PB: What do you think was the secret to success for Team USA at FIRS? At the World Games?

CC: There were no secrets. We went out there and played our roles. The goal-scorers scored, playmakers made plays, the defense played solid and we had phenomenal goaltending.

PB: How does it feel to be the leading scorer for Team USA at the World Games?

CC: It feels good, but the gold medals we received felt much better.



Chris Connole, from Murrieta, helped lead USA's Senior Men's Team to a gold medal at the FIRS World Inline Hockey Championships in Italy last summer. Photo/USARS



From left, Team USA's Jacob Hickey (San Jose), Joey Doran (Corona) and Sam Nixford (Brownstown, Mich.) share a laugh at last summer's FIRS Junior Men's World Inline Hockey Championships in Italy. Photo/USARS

AIHL's Pacific-North Division Packs Punch

San Jose out to defend its Western Conference championship

By Phillip Brents

The San Jose Pirates rate to be the team to watch again this season in the American Inline Hockey League's (AIHL) Pacific-North Division.

The Pirates captured both the regular-season division pennant and ensuing divisional playoff championship last season en route to sweeping the Southwest Division playoff champion Tucson Desperados in the Western Conference finals to advance to the AIHL's inaugural Elite Division championship series against the Steel City Phantoms.

The Pirates made the cross-country trek to Feasterville, Pa., in early July as part of the USARS-USA/AAU nationals to pair up against the Phantoms, but could only bring a skeleton crew.

Despite playing without substitutes, San Jose rolled to a 6-4 victory in the opening game of the teams' best-of-five championship series. The remainder of the series was hard fought, but fatigue kept the Pirates from opening the treasure chest as the Phantoms rallied to win the series and the AIHL championship, 4 games to 1.

Many in the San Jose organization had to ponder what could have been had the teams played even up. But that's history now and a new and exciting season awaits an expanded AIHL that will boast 40 elite teams for the 2009-10 campaign in eight geographic divisions.

San Jose returns eight skaters and both goaltenders off last season's Pacific-North Division championship squad, and, with new additions, appears to be as strong as ever, if not more so.

The Pirates (25-5-1 in regular season play last season) ranked second in the league with 181 goals and had six players rack up more than 30 points each, led by **Kelly Spain** (33 goals, 83 points), who ranked third in the entire AIHL in scoring, trailing only Phoenix's **Danny Marmostein** (32 goals, 100 points) and Boston's **Brian Ingram** (50 goals, 90 points).

Also back are sharp-shooters **Matt Smith** (31 goals, 64 points), player-coach **Adam DeKeyrel** (33 goals, 62 points), **Jon King** (31 goals, 58 points), **Dustin Tilbury** (13 goals, 35 points) and **Sean Kotsubo** (11 goals, 32 points).

DeKeyrel paced the Pirates with 11 power-play goals in front of able goaltenders **Troy Hartman** (3.22 goals-against average, .852 save percentage) and **Steven Barker** (3.60 GAA, .828 SPCT).

Among the new additions is **Jacob Hickey**, a member of last summer's bronze medalist U.S. Junior Men's National Team that competed at the FIRS World Inline Hockey Championships in Italy.

Coming over from Oakland, which is not fielding a team in 2009-10, are **Casey** and **Kevin Kennedy**. Casey Kennedy led the Goodlife in scoring last season with 44 goals and 73 points, including seven game-winning goals, while Kevin pumped in 16 goals and 40 points.

Five teams competed in the AIHL's inaugural Pacific-North Division in 2008-09 and membership remains the same this season despite the departure of the Goodlife. The division's newest addition is the Ripon Savage. The division's other three returning clubs include the Nor Cal Riot, Northern California Mustangs and East Bay Jawz.

All the returning clubs expect to be stronger than last season.

The Riot, which is coming off a third-place finish in the division last season with a 16-14-2 record, returns captain **Travis Suyeishi** and assistant captains **Blake Peckham** and **Trevor Kleinsmid**. Suyeishi ranked second on the team with 43 points while Peckham keyed the squad with nine power-play goals.

The Mustangs finished fourth in the division last season with a 10-17-5 record and return 10 players, led by captain **Travis Hawkins**, the team's leading scorer in 2008-09 with 13 goals and 47 points. Also back are the team's next two point-getters: **Jeremy**

Mamon (27 goals, 42 points) and **Mason Nave** (seven goals, 31 points).

Mustang coach **Mario Sousa** sees much improvement for his team and expects foes to see "a hungry team" competing for a championship.

The Jawz occupied the division cellar last season, winning just eight of 32 games but look to be much improved, especially in the defensive end with the addition of former Oakland keeper **Kevin Silva**, who compiled a 19-2-1 record, scintillating 2.83 GAA and .865 save percentage last season while leading the Goodlife to a second-place finish in the division. The Jawz returns top scorers **Vince Castoro** (27 goals, 52 points) and **Jason Weiser** (14 goals, 47 points).

The Savage is playing in

a new facility that has opened with much enthusiasm. Player tryouts were held in August and the team hosted an AIHL elite jamboree in mid-October that was well received by the division's returning teams.

Jason Weaver, who played for the Philadelphia Bulldogs during the 1995-96 Roller Hockey International season and also suited up in ice hockey for the Fresno Falcons of the West Coast Hockey League and the ECHL, is one of Ripon's higher-profile players.

AIHL venues this season include the Silver Creek complex in San Jose, Bladium in Alameda and Powerplay Sports Arena in Ripon.

The AIHL, which will roll out more than 1,400 games this season, has undergone major expansion for 2009-10 with the

addition of two new divisions (Southeast Gulf and Rocky Mountain zones). The Western Conference features 18 teams this season with the addition of the El Paso Black Diamonds in the Southwest Division and the High Plains Sidewinders, Colorado Kodiaks, Mile High Mayhem and Rocky Mountain Talons in the new Rocky Mountain Division.

The Pacific-South Division returns intact with the Huntington Beach Blades, Pama Cyclones, Junior Ducks, Irvine Anarchy and San Diego VooDoo. Joining El Paso in the Southwest Division are the Las Vegas Aces, Phoenix Dragons and Tucson Slayers.

The Pirates - and the rest of their Pacific-North Division rivals - aim to explore those new horizons this season. ☼



Kelly Spain's 83 points for San Jose last season ranked third in AIHL scoring. His offense helped the Pirates advance to the league's inaugural Champions Cup finals. Photo/ML Photo

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AHL

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Robbie Earl (Los Angeles) – Houston Aeros
Gabe Gauthier (Torrance) – Manchester Monarchs
Ryan Hollweg (Norwalk) – San Antonio Rampage
Colin Long (Santa Ana) – San Antonio Rampage
Ray Macias (Long Beach) – Lake Erie Monsters
Travis Ramsey (Lakewood) – Manitoba Moose
Brian Salcido (Hermosa Beach) – Manitoba Moose
Garrett Stafford (Los Angeles) – Texas Stars
Brett Sterling (Pasadena) – Chicago Wolves
Landon Wilson (Los Angeles) – Texas Stars

ECHL

Matt Ford (West Hills) – Charlotte Checkers
Jeff Hazelwood (Fremont) – Las Vegas Wranglers
Tim Kraus (Garden Grove) – Ontario Reign
Andrew Orpik (San Francisco) – Las Vegas Wranglers
Zach Tarkir (Fresno) – South Carolina Stingrays

CHL

Grant Goeckner-Zoeller (Los Angeles) – Rio Grande
Chris Tarkir (Fresno) – Wichita Thunder

IHL

Mike Thompson (La Habra) – Flint Generals
Bryce Dale (Fresno) – Muskegon Lumberjacks
Brandon Marino (Riverside) – Quad City Mallards

Europe

Noah Clarke (La Verne) - Switzerland
Justin Morrison (Los Angeles) – Finland

COLLEGE HOCKEY DIVISION I – Men

Atlantic Hockey

Nelsson Arcibal (Vista) – American International
Derrick Burnett (Corona) – Air Force Academy
Kyle DeLaurell (Mission Viejo) – Air Force Academy
Andy Gevorkyan (Glendale) – American International
Jason Krispel (Cypress) – University of Connecticut
Shane Madolora (Salinas) – RIT
Blake Page (San Clemente) – Air Force Academy
Kevin Wright (San Jose) – Air Force Academy
Gregg Rodriguez (Sunnyvale) – Sacred Heart University

CCHA

Brett Beebe (Redondo Beach) – Western Michigan University
Adam Cardwell (Long Beach) – Alaska-Fairbanks
JJ Crew (Placentia) – Western Michigan University
Alex Hudson (Corona) – University of Neb.-Omaha
Jared Katz (San Jose) – Western Michigan University
PJ Kavaya (San Clemente) – Western Michigan
John Kemp (Arcadia) – University of Neb.-Omaha
TJ Miller (Placentia) – Northern Michigan University
Brandon Richardson (San Clemente) – Neb.-Omaha
Matt Tennyson (Pleasanton) – Western Michigan
Scooter Vaughn (Placentia) – Michigan University

ECAC

Billy Blasé (Santa Monica) – Yale University
Kevin Crane (Irvine) – Princeton University
Joe Harkenrider (Manhattan Beach) – RPI
Nick Maricic (Alta Loma) – Yale University
Corbin McPherson (Folsom) – Colgate University
Josh Rabbani (Woodland Hills) – RPI

Hockey East

Mike Beck (Long Beach) – University of New Hampshire
Kyle Bigos (Upland) – Merrimack College
Austin Block (Northridge) – University of New Hampshire
Adam Kraus (former Jr. King) – Boston University
Kyle MacKinnon (Walnut) – Providence College
Kevan Miller (Los Angeles) – University of Vermont
Max Nicasro (Thousand Oaks) – Boston University
Darren Rowe (Simi Valley) – Massachusetts
Ryan Santana (Yorba Linda) – Boston University
Dalton Speelman (San Jose) – New Hampshire
Casey Wellman (Brentwood) - Massachusetts

WCHA

Brett Hextall (Manhattan Beach) – North Dakota
Ryan Lasch (Lake Forest) – St. Cloud State University
Joe Marciano (Alta Loma) – Colorado College
Dan Quilico (Thousand Oaks) – Colorado College
Rhett Rakshani (Huntington Beach) – Denver
Andreas Vlassopoulos (Los Angeles) – Colorado College
Brian Volpei (Burbank) – St. Cloud State University
William Wrenn (former LA Select) – Denver

DIVISION III - MEN

ECAC East

Vince Johnston (Simi Valley) – UMass-Boston
Kris Kranzky (Glendora) – UMass-Boston
Tyler Lindley (San Diego) – Skidmore College
Jeff Van Siclen (Alamo) – Amherst College
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David Woods (Huntington Beach) – New England

ECAC Northeast

Mike Caprio (Valencia) – Becker College
Stephan Davis (Lafayette) – Plymouth State University
Chris Fraterrigo (Laguna Hills) - Fitchburg State College
Jake Gilbert (Huntington Beach) – Becker College
Kory Grahl (San Diego) – Western New England College
Jerry Hotarek (Foster City) – Curry College
Steven Jakiel (Santa Clarita) – Curry College
Skylur Jameson (Long Beach) – WIT
Brett Kaneshiro (Laguna Niguel) – Curry College
Steven Mohler (Anaheim) – Curry College
Tyler Monteros (Diamond Bar) – WIT
Will Munson (Corona) – Nichols College
Anthony Paulsen (Bakersfield) – Worcester State College
Kevin Richardson (Temecula) – Nichols College
Kyle Richardson (San Jose) – WIT

ECAC West

Russell Anderson (Riverside) – Utica College
Alex Contis (Calabasas) – Hobart College
Kregg Guestin (Kingsburg) – Utica College
Matt Jimenez (Santa Rosa) – Utica College
Shaun Mathur (Laguna Hills) – Lebanon Valley College
Daniel Organ (Simi Valley) – Hobart College
Marcus Wilhite (Torrance) – Lebanon Valley College

MCHA

Josh Lopez (San Diego) – Northland College
Steve Marino (Torrance) – Northland College
Nick Prange (Acton) – Concordia College
Corey Stark (San Diego) – Concordia College
Michael Wyenn (Thousand Oaks) – Concordia College

MIAC

Jimmy Becker (Wildomar) – Saint Mary's University
Scott Cohen (Culver City) – St. Olaf College
Evan Mackintosh (San Jose) – University of St. Thomas
Ian McDougall (Mission Viejo) – Augsburg College
Justin Thomas (Belmont) – St. Olaf College

NCHA

Chris Annunziato (Alta Loma) - UW-Stevens Point

NESCAC

Thomas Herd (Los Angeles) – Bowdoin College
Cory Korchin (Fountain Valley) – Tufts University
Ryan Purdy (La Jolla) – Williams College
Sasha Voloshin (Pasadena) – Williams College

SUNYAC

Hank Van Boxmeer (Orange) – Oswego State University

DIVISION I – WOMEN

College Hockey America

Carleah Angeles (San Jose) – Niagara University
Amanda Rowe (Santa Cruz) – Niagara University

ECAC

Kristen Burney (Alta Loma) – RPI
Joy Joung (Torrance) – Brown University
Paula Romanchuk (San Jose) – Princeton University
Jessi Waters (Menlo Park) – Colgate University

Hockey East

Jennifer Friedman (San Gabriel) – Providence College
Kristi Kehoe (Bakersfield) – Northeastern University
Lauren Lemond (Vista) – University of Connecticut
Rachel Llanes (San Jose) – Northeastern University
Laura Viharanta (La Verne) – Providence College
Alyssa Wohlfeiler (Saugus) – Northeastern University

WCHA

Sydney Aveson (W. Covina) – Minn. State-Mankato
Olivia Jakiel (Santa Clarita) – University of Wisconsin
Kelly Nash (Bonita) – University of Wisconsin
Jaime Rasmussen (Garden Grove) – Minn. Duluth

DIVISION III – WOMEN

ECAC East

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Jessica Frump (Saugus) – Manhattanville College
Natalie Horton (Bakersfield) – Manhattanville College
Ella Hubley (Santa Monica) – Manhattanville College
Nicole Ruman (Riverside) - Castleton State College

Cheryl Winter (Cupertino) – Nichols College
Aly Zappen (Huntington Beach) – Saint Anselm College
Amy Zappen (Huntington Beach) – Saint Anselm College

ECAC West

Elyse McGinnity (Temecula) – Utica College
Ashley Reid (Chino Hills) – Chatham University

MIAC

Kelly Biddle (La Mirada) – St. Olaf College

NCHA

Shana Katz (San Jose)– University of Wisconsin-Superior

NESCAC

Ashley Bairos (Van Nuys) – Middlebury College
Michelle Chee (San Francisco) – Trinity College
Dominique Di Dia (Studio City) – Trinity College
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Caroline Hu (Cerritos) – Amherst College

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Alberta Junior Hockey League

Kyle Bowen (Valencia) – Lloydminster Bobcats
Eric Coscione (Murietta) - Drumheller Dragons
Ciaron Driscoll (Simi Valley) – Canmore Eagles
Casey Rogers (Moreno Valley) – Brooks Bandots

Atlantic Junior Hockey League

Cory Giczewski (Fountain Valley) – Boston Bulldogs
Alex Kwon (Los Angeles) – Laconia Leafs
Greg Park (San Diego) – Philadelphia Little Flyers
Jacob Rakitis (Long Beach) – Northern Cyclones
Edward Rohaly (Huntington Beach) – Walpole Express
Mike Smith (Pleasanton) - Portland Jr. Pirates
Trevor Van Haute (San Marcos) – Phil. Little Flyers

BCHL

Beau Bennett (Gardena) – Penticton Vees
Wade Bennett (Gardena) – Trail Smoke Eaters
Daniel Chang (Woodland Hills) – Merritt Centennials
Jason Diehl (San Diego) – Williams Lake Timberwolves
Chris Gulate (Salinas) – Prince George Spruce Kings
Cory Kane (Irvine) – Vernon Vipers
Kevin Kraus (Garden Grove) – Vernon Vipers
Kyle Manlow (Murrieta) – Prince George Spruce Kings
Jonathan Milhouse (Yorba Linda) – Vernon Vipers
Jason Nash (Oxnard) – Westside Warriors
Josh Pineiro (Huntington Beach) – Prince George
Marcus Watson (San Jose) – Langley Chiefs
Steven Weinstein (Los Angeles) – Vernon Vipers

CJHL

Chris Mason (Montrovia) – Cornwall Colts
Tyler Tosunian (Whittier) – Pembroke Lumber Kings

CSHL

Brett Menton (Monrovia) – Flint Jr. Generals
Andrew Pierson (Clovis) – Dubuque Thunderbirds
Ian Seidl (Livermore) – Grand Rapids Jr. Owls
Steven Terry (Santee) – St. Louis Jr. Blues

EJHL

Mike Basist (Alisa Viejo) – New York Apple Core
Tyler Gilmore (Valencia) – Bay State Breakers
Chris Gulate (San Jose) – New England Huskies
Brant Sherwood (San Anselmo) – Syracuse Stars

KIJHL

Jordan Bledsoe (Costa Mesa) - Revelstoke Grizzlies
Zach Fridella (Los Angeles) - Fernie Ghostriders
Kyle Garcia (Costa Mesa) - Golden Rockets
Uriah Machuga (Norco) - Spokane Braves
Faiz Khan (Santa Clarita) - Revelstoke Grizzlies
Bruce Silvera (Alta Loma) - Revelstoke Grizzlies
Alex Spadoni (Calabasas) - Revelstoke Grizzlies
Adam Wade (Yorba Linda) - Spokane Braves

Manitoba Junior Hockey League

Dusty Campbell (Costa Mesa) – Neepawa Natives
David Smith (Vista) – Neepawa Natives

Metropolitan Junior Hockey League

David Amman (Cathedral City) – Hampton Roads

Minnesota Junior Hockey League

Nick Cafrelli (San Jose) – Minnesota Owls
Spencer Gaalaas (Santee) – Minnesota Wildcats
David Giguere (Fremont) – Minnesota Owls
Jared Melner (San Jose) – Granite City Lumberjacks
Morgan Sanchez (Corona) – Minnesota Ice Hawks

NAHL

Joe Adams (Orange) – Texas Tornado
Alex Barron (Glendora) – Bismarck Bobcats
Brandon Brossoit (Los Alamitos) – Wenatchee Wild
Ryan Frost (Corona) – Wichita Falls Wildcats
Daniel Gentzler (Manhattan Beach) – Wichita Falls
Garrett Jensen (Salinas) – Alpena IceDiggers
Michael Juola (Lake Forest) – Fairbanks Ice Dogs
Ilya Kravtchouk (Encino) – Bismarck Bobcats
Zach Ledford (Folsom) – Wichita Falls Wildcats
Adam McKenzie (Petaluma) – Wenatchee Wild
Billy Miller (Morgan Hill) – Alexandria Blizzard
Sean O'Rourke (Alto Loma) – Fairbanks Ice Dogs
J.T. Osborn (Alpine) – Wichita Falls Wildcats
Tyler Parker (Livermore) – Wenatchee Wild
Nathan Paulson (LaHara) – Albert Lea Thunder
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Dan Radke (Orinda) – Traverse City North Stars
Wayne Ravdjee (Sylmar) – Kenai River Brown Bears
Sam Skura (Saugus) – Motor City Metal Jackets
Mico Solorzano (San Jose) – Texas Tornado
Jason Torf (Hermosa Beach) – Motor City Metal Jackets
Tyler Vanscourt (Corona) – Topeka Roadrunners
Kevin Zehnder (Pleasanton) – St. Louis Bandits

Northern Pacific Hockey League

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Bryon Berryhill (Huntington Beach) – Butte Roughriders
Dalton Bowles (Carpinteria) – Helena Bighorns
Arram Chinarian (Orange) – Helena Bighorns
Kevin Clark (San Dimas) – Helena Bighorns
Johnathan Durrell (Newbury Park) – Rogue Valley
Grey Edwards (Carlsbad) – Missoula Maulers
Jason Effertz (San Diego) – Billings Bulls
Christian Foster (Los Angeles) – Bozeman Icedogs
Ray Frianeza (Ladera Ranch) – Eugene Generals
Edward Fritz (Seal Beach) – River City Jaguars
Dalton Gilbert (Alta Loma) – Missoula Maulers
Austin Goldsmith (Tracy) – Rogue Valley Wranglers
Nicholas Gomez (Lancaster) – Butte Roughriders
Neil Holder (Fresno) – Eugene Generals
Phil Jennrich (Lake Forest) – Yellowstone Quake
Adam Johnson (Santa Rosa) – Helena Bighorns
Keahi Johnson (Rocklin) – River City Jaguars
Gabe Katsimpas (Camarillo) – River City Jaguars
Christian Kramer (Thousand Oaks) – Helena Bighorns
Christian Kramer-Johnson (Valencia) – Rogue Valley
David Lamb (Orange County) – Rogue Valley Wranglers
Tyler McGreevy (Camarillo) – Helena Bighorns
Christian Merritt (Murrietta) – Eugene Generals
Joshua Nourse (Newbury Park) – River City Jaguars
Matt Prigge (Rocklin) – Yellowstone Quake
Jeffrey Purslow (Clovis) – Rogue Valley Wranglers
Mario Retana (San Jose) – Eugene Generals
Morgan Robinson (Hermosa Beach) – Billings Bulls
Trevor Ruiz (Riverside) – Eugene Generals
Tracey Sato (Grenada Hills) – Yellowstone Quake
Noah Segall (Los Gatos) – Missoula Maulers
David Smith (Vista) – Helena Bighorns
Alex Sulitzer (Los Angeles) – River City Jaguars
Ryan Thompson (Palmdale) – Butte Roughriders
Jamie Velasquez (Canyon County) – Helena Bighorns
Nic Wackerly (Altadena) – Helena Bighorns

SJHL

Cameron Gibson (Valencia) - Humboldt

USHL

Dennis Brown (Cypress) – Omaha Lancers
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Dakota Eveland (Anaheim) – Omaha Lancers
Robert Francis (San Diego) – Green Bay Gamblers
Taylor Holstrom (Yorba Linda) – Youngstown
Steven Hoshaw (Vista) – Lincoln Stars
Adam Hout (Ladera Ranch) – Tri-City Storm
Mitch Hughes (Laguna Niguel) – Tri-City Storm
Soren Jonzzon (Mountain View) – Waterloo Black Hawks
Matt Leitner (Los Alamitos) – Fargo Force
Brett Mohler (Yorba Linda) – Tri-City Storm
Bryon Paulazzo (Redwood City) – Indiana Ice
Ben Paulides (Los Gatos) – Youngstown Phantoms
Ami Peled (Encino) – Des Moines Buccaneers
Troy Power (Camarillo) – Omaha Lancers
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Rocco Grimaldi (Rossmoor) – Under-17 Team
Matt Nieto (Long Beach) – Under-18 Team
Adam Reid (Chino Hills) – Under-17 Team
Shane Sooth (Canyon County) – Under-18 Team

WHL

Taylor Aronson (Placentia) – Portland Winterhawks
Adam Brown (Yorba Linda) – Kelowna Rockets
Mitchell Callahan (Whittier) – Kelowna Rockets
Cody Castro (Pasadena) – Tri-City Americans
Emerson Etem (Long Beach) – Medicine Hat Tigers
Shane Harper (Valencia) – Everett Silvertips
Brendan Jensen (El Granada) – Vancouver Giants
Matthew Konan (Tustin) – Medicine Hat Tigers
Gasper Kopitar (Manhattan Beach) – Portland
Ryan Letts (Newport Beach) – Spokane Chiefs
Todd Mathews (Covina) – Kootenay Ice
Tyler Maxwell (Manhattan Beach) – Everett Silvertips
Shane McColgan (Hermosa Beach) – Kelowna Rockets
Markus McCrea (Canyon Lake) – Everett Silvertips
Jonathan Parker (Solana Beach) – Seattle Thunderbirds
Colin Reddin (Corona del Mar) – Portland Winterhawks
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CJ Stretch (Irvine) – Kamloops Blazers

Garrett Taylor (San Diego) – Lethbridge Hurricanes
Brandon Underwood (San Marcos) – Kamloops Blazers
Mitch Wahl (Seal Beach) – Spokane Chiefs

WSHL

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Jimmy Bashara (Valencia) – Fresno Monsters
Kyle Bicksler (Clovis) – Arizona Redhawks
Brett Blomgren (Frazier Park) – Fresno Monsters
Spencer Brown (Rocklin) – Bakersfield Jr. Condors
Cameron Coburn (Fresno) – Bakersfield Jr. Condors
Jay Cochran (Bakersfield) – Bakersfield Jr. Condors
Jake Commeau (Manteca) – Bakersfield Jr. Condors
Ben Conroy (San Jose) – Fresno Monsters
Don Coyle (Belmont) – Fresno Monsters
Smbat Deftederian (Arleta) – Valencia Flyers
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John Dove (Santa Clarita) – Valencia Flyers
Jeff Duggan (Fresno) – Bakersfield Jr. Condors
Luke Echeverria (Bakersfield) – Bakersfield Jr. Condors
Bryan Fiol (Burbank) – Valencia Flyers
Chad Foss (Bakersfield) – Bakersfield Jr. Condors
Tyler Giulietti (Bakersfield) – Bakersfield Jr. Condors
Nick Goodenough (Visalia) – Fresno Monsters
Andrew Hallmark (Bakersfield) – Bakersfield Jr. Condors
Brenden Kelso (Bodfish) – Bakersfield Jr. Condors
Edy Keshishian (Arcadia) – Valencia Flyers
Harout Keshishian (Arcadia) – Valencia Flyers

Artur Ketchedjian (North Hollywood) – Valencia
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Kyle Lenhof (Fresno) – Fresno Monsters
T.J. Lundgren (Bakersfield) – Bakersfield Jr. Condors
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Nick Miner (Newbury Park) – Valencia Flyers
John Mullin (Paso Robles) – Arizona Redhawks
Cameron Noland (Bakersfield) – Valencia Flyers
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A.J. Ramirez (Bakersfield) – Bakersfield Jr. Condors
Mike Richmond (San Jose) – Fresno Monsters
Patrick Ryan (Laguna Niguel) – Fresno Monsters
Kyle Schwartz (Sherman Oaks) – Valencia Flyers
Evan Sharpshair (Thousand Oaks) – Valencia Flyers
Vinnie Smith (Fresno) – Fresno Monsters
Chris Tomaszewski (Santa Rosa) – Bakersfield Jr. Condors
Garrett Trummer (San Diego) – Fresno Monsters
Justin Wilmers (Valencia) – Fresno Monsters
Joey Yaller (Moorpark) – Valencia Flyers

P R E P S C H O O L

Division I - New England

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Max Balaban (San Diego) - Tilton
Charles Baldwin (San Diego) - Kimball Union Academy
Michael Basist (Aliso Viejo) - Kimball Union
Tucker Dayton (San Francisco) - Deerfield

Stefan Demopoulos (San Diego) - Avon Old Farms
Grant Dennis (Newport Beach) - Deerfield
Lucas Digati (Santa Monica) - Milton
Raphael Durand (Menlo Park) - Governor's
Max Edson (Hermosa Beach) - Salisbur
Evan Hutson (Pasadena) - Tilton
Doo Soo Kim (Los Angeles) - Milton
CM Liotta (Menlo Park) - Taft
Ryne Lubert (Yorba Linda) - Tilton
Vinnie Smith (Fresno) - Kimball Union
Andrew Mason (Manhattan Beach) - Proctor
Sean Okita (Newport) - Milton
Xavier Reed (Oakland) - Taft
Jake Rivera (Los Angeles) - Tilton
Morgan Weireter (Agoura Hills) - Tilton

Division I-US/Canada

Daniel O'Maley (Lincoln) - Gilmour Academy
Matthew Robertson (Rohnert Park) - Stanstead College

Women's

Chelsey Goldberg (Agoura Hills) - NAHA
Jessica Hon (Brea) - NAHA
Allie Hughes (La Canada) - Brewster Academy
Kaliya Johnson (former Lady Duck) - NAHA
Alison Pankowski (Laguna Hills) - NAHA

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Driving the 'Net

Here's a sampling of stories that ran recently on CaliRubber.com

Compiled by Chris Bayee

Forwards **Matt Leitner**, from Los Alamitos, and **Beau Bennett**, from Gardena, were key members of the U.S. Junior Select Team that captured its second consecutive World Junior A Challenge championship in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, last month.

Leitner, who plays for the USHL's Fargo Force, scored the winning goal in a 2-1 championship-game victory over Canada West. The former LA Selects player had a goal and four assists in the tournament.

Bennett, a former LA Jr. King who plays for the BCHL's Penticton Vees and is among the league's top rookie scorers this season, had three goals and an assist in the tournament.

Rossmoor's **Rocco Grimaldi** was selected the tournament's best forward and was the Team USA Player of the Game as the U.S. National Under-17 Team captured first place at the U17 Four Nations Cup with a 3-0 record in Trnava, Slovakia.

Grimaldi, a center who played for the California Wave

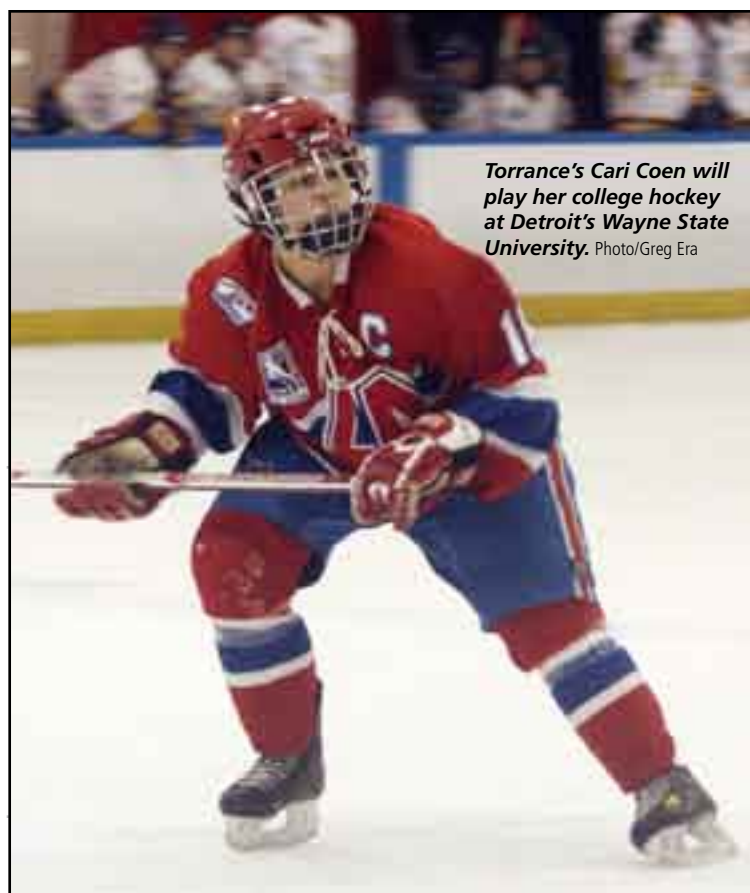
program, had a goal and three assists in an 8-2-clinching victory over Switzerland. The team's captain, he scored a goal in an earlier U.S. triumph as well.

Forward **Matt Nieto**, of Long Beach, led the U.S. National Under-18 Team in scoring as Team USA won the U18 Four Nations Cup in Pori, Finland. Nieto had four points (two goals and two assists) as Team USA swept its three opponents.

Jason Zucker, a former LA Selects player, added a goal and an assist for Team USA in the tournament.

Two players with ties to California appear on the NHL Central Scouting Bureau's fall top prospects list for the 2010 Entry Draft.

Center **Emerson Etem** (Long Beach) of the Medicine Hat Tigers is the fourth-ranked prospect in the WHL. Former LA Selects center **Jason Zucker**, a member of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program's U18 team, is the 18th-ranked USHL prospect.



Torrance's Cari Coen will play her college hockey at Detroit's Wayne State University. Photo/Greg Era

Etem led the WHL in rookie scoring with 26 points (17 goals, nine assists) through 27 games. His point total put him among the league's top 30 in scoring.

Zucker, from Las Vegas, was part of the U18 squad that won the Four Nations Cup in Finland recently.

Whittier's **Matt White**, a forward, was named the Reebok USHL Offensive Player of the Week after a nine-point weekend outburst for the Omaha Lancers in early November.

White, who has committed to play collegiately at the University of Nebraska-Omaha (CCHA), has been at or near the top of the USHL's scoring list in the season's first quarter.

Bakersfield native **Tim Potter** made his pro debut with his hometown Condors when the ECHL club signed him as an emergency backup goaltender.

Potter, 22, spent 2007-08 and part of 2008-09 with Clarkson University, an NCAA Division I school that competes in the ECAC, and transferred last season to Oswego State University, a D-III powerhouse located in New York.

University of Minnesota Duluth defenseman **Jaime Rasmussen**, of Garden Grove, was named the WCHA's Defensive Player of the Week for the week of Oct. 28.

Rasmussen, a senior, registered a goal and four assists in two weekend games against WCHA foe North Dakota to help the Bulldogs to a two-game sweep.

Included in the scoring outburst was a career-high three-assist night in the first game of the series. The Duluth captain followed that up by scoring the winning goal in the Saturday game. She's been one of conference's top-scoring blueliners thus far this season.

San Jose's **Dalton Speelman**, a freshman forward at the University of New Hampshire, got his college career off to a flying start by scoring two goals in an early-season weekend series against Northeastern.

The former San Jose Jr. Shark was selected the Hockey East Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week as a result.

LA Selects forward/defense-**man Cari Coen** (Torrance) recently signed a national letter of intent to play college hockey at Detroit's Wayne State University starting with the 2010-11 season.

Coen, her team's captain, has been in the Selects program since 2007 playing in SCAHA and helped the team win two regional titles in 2007-08 and 2008-09. In her earlier years of amateur hockey, Coen was a goaltender, including a season with the West Valley Wolves in 2005-06.

A three-sport athlete at Rolling Hills Prep, Coen has been a standout on the volleyball, soccer, and softball teams since 2007.

Forward **Justin Morrison**, of Los Angeles, was Team USA's Player of the Game in its 3-2 victory over Germany in the opening game of the Deutschland Cup at Munich, Germany.

Forward **Noah Clarke**, of La Verne, had an assist in Team USA's victory over Switzerland in the tournament.

The U.S. Men's Select Team is made up of the top American-born professionals playing in Europe.

Devcon Holiday Ice Rink, located in downtown Pleasanton, opened last month.

Pleasanton's first seasonal holiday ice rink will be in operation through January 10, 2010.

Devcon Holiday Ice Rink is a partnership between the City of Pleasanton and the San Jose Sharks. All net proceeds from the operations of the outdoor winter rink will be donated to Pleasanton education, sports and recreational activities.

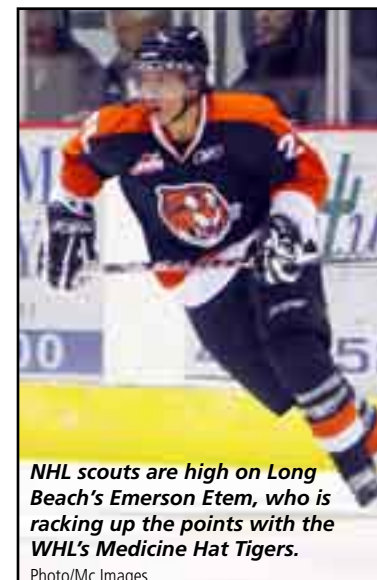
For more information on the Devcon Holiday Ice Rink, visit DevconHolidayIceRink.com.

NARCh's West Coast Winter Nationals will face off in Northern California for the second consecutive year after wintering in Irvine in 2008.

The event, which will be held at San Jose's Silver Creek Sportsplex from Jan. 15-18, 2010, will feature competition in 16 major age/gender divisions: Cub (6-under), Atom (8-under), Mite (10-under), Squirt (12-under), Pee Wee (14-under), Bantam (16-under), Midget (18-under), Junior (21-under), High School, Division I, Men's Silver, Men's Gold, Men's Platinum, 35-and-older, Women's and NARCh Pro.



Long Beach's Matt Nieto was an offensive force for Team USA at the U18 Four Nations Cup in Finland. Photo/Tom Sorensen



NHL scouts are high on Long Beach's Emerson Etem, who is racking up the points with the WHL's Medicine Hat Tigers. Photo/Mc Images

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