

# SHARK TALES



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## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

I'd like to say thank you to everyone for such a successful and fun Blues Alumni/Old Sharks Game. Everyone had a great time and it turned out to be a huge success. The Blues have expressed their thanks and gratitude... we should be proud of ourselves. Thanks to those who worked tirelessly to pull off an event of this magnitude. Preliminary numbers are showing that as a club, we made over \$20,000. The proceeds from this event are being allocated to our new building fund. What an exciting time to be a Shark!!

Please mark you calendars for two upcoming events. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trivia Night is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. For those of you who attended last year, you know how much fun we had, so tell your friends and family. This year promises to be just as exciting and fun. The second event will be Meramec Night at the Blues. This is scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup> when the Blues face off against the Detroit Redwings. Details will be posted on the website shortly.

This week marks the beginning of league play. Please remember we are representing our club and should conduct ourselves in a respectable manner. The kids are especially excited for these games to begin. We should support them in every possible way.

As you can see, Meramec is making incredible strides both on and off the ice as an organization. Let's enjoy another year with our kids and hockey family. Many memories made this year will last a lifetime.

Have a great season and see you at the rink.

Rob

Robert Beining  
President, Meramec Hockey

## *And Now A Word From Our Teams...*

**MITE A2-** Congratulations to the members of the 2007/2008 Mite A2 team. The team is off to a great start so far this year. Not only are our Mite A2 Sharks playing hard and having fun, they have the best looking practice jerseys at The Tank! As of today, two practice games have been played and the Sharks have fared very well. In our game vs Kirkwood Trey Walton put us on the board assisted by Matt Thebeau followed by a goal by Jacob Matthews assisted by Kyle Drake. Next up unassisted goals by Ryan Olsen, Kyle Drake and Jacob Matthews! Wow, and it didn't stop there. Garrett Leonard scored assisted by Matt Thebeau. Both Goalies, Lucas Ott & Boo, earned a SHUT OUT since they split the game. Final Score: Sharks 6 Kirkwood 0. Everyone played hard and put forth a great effort during this game. Way to go Sharks! Next the Sharks played St. Peters. Jacob Matthews put the first goal in the net assisted by Brady Hill followed by an unassisted goal by Carter Clark. Next up Garret Leonard scored with an assist by Matt Thebeau and Trey Walton. Finally the game was won by two unassisted goals by Alex Jacobs and Kyle Wedbush. Final Score: Sharks 5 St. Peters 4. The team is excited about their first league game against Kirkwood on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. It's going to be an awesome year for this school of Sharks!!

**MITE J1-** Happy Fall From The Mite House 1 Team!!! The Players On This Years Team Are: Goalie-Ryan Dickson, Defensemen: Carson King, Drew Vitello, Adam Tamminga, Keegan Schnell And Tyson Lukrofka Forwards: Hunter Heilmann, Ryan Krite, Andrew Tinsley, Tylerott, Kamden Sengheiser, Michael Maloney, Joseph Schoreder, Jake Stewart And Destin Bauer. Coaching This Year Are: Head Coach Jim Ott And Assistant Coaches Eric Tamminga, Tom Vitello, And Jeff Bauer. The Boys Began Working On Individual Skills Such As Passing, Stick Handling, And Skating. They Are Now Focusing Their Attention During Practice On Positioning. The Kids Are Working Diligently And Progressing Nicely. We Have Played Two Preseason Practice Games. The Team Tied 3 To 3 Against Twin Bridges Gold And Were Defeated 7 To 1 Against Rockets A2. This Year Should Be An Exciting One For The Mite House 1 Team. Stay Tuned For More Exciting News!!!

**MITE J2-** *Congratulations* and welcome to all of the members of the Mite House 2 team. The team is off to a fantastic start. They have played 3 declaration / practice games and they remain undefeated. The team is working extremely hard at practice to improve their skating skills. They are having a wonderful time at Hockey Academy. The team plans to take advantage of some extra sessions at the Hockey Academy. The parents and team got together for a picnic at Suson Park on a Sunday in late September to get to know everyone. It seemed that a good time was had by all. A big thanks to the coaches for all that you do as well as the parents for all of the time that you put in. Most importantly, let's have a great time out there this year.

**SQUIRT AA-** The Squirt AA Sharks have come out this season eating up the competition. As of today, they are Undefeated! Way to go Squirt AA! Our first practice game was played on September 28th vs. St. Peters. The game was scoreless during the first period, but that all changed with unassisted goals by TJ Friedmann and Ethan Glore making it 2-0 in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Zane O'Bryan was the Assist-Man during the 3<sup>rd</sup> with two assists, one to Ryan Kopp and the other to Tanner Young. The shutout was lost with just 3:10 left in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. We fought hard and learned a lot! Next up: Affton. What an exciting game...4 goals scored in the first 4 minutes of the game; making it a 2-2 tie. Ryan Kopp and Dillian Mulverhill scored the first two for the Sharks. Brian Schumacher broke the tie late in the 1<sup>st</sup> and sent the Sharks on their way! Again, Zane O'Bryan had two assists; one to Dillian Mulverhill and one to Tanner Young in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Followed by an unassisted goal by Zane O'Bryan to polish it off! This team is really clicking with the great leadership of Derek Ciolek. No mention of the D, but they are there strong and solid, just like the goaltending. So, the competition better look out for schooling Sharks this season!!

**SQUIRT A1-** We have a great group of boys this year, not to mention a great group of parents to haul them around from rink to rink! The roster reads this way; Sharing the duty of goaltending for the Squirt A-1 team this year are Eli Miller and Timmy Muehlhauser, the offense and defense positions have been filled with the following awesome players; Luke Felts, Matthew Hunnius, Zach Heller, Zach Nall, Tommy Fey, Kollin Knapp, Braden Martin, Nick Cook, Brendan Thomas, Austin Blessing, Justin Koch, Alex Kammiem, Gannon McWard, Thomas Max, and Joe Tomiser. Our team is lead by Head Coach Shawn Kammiem, and helping him are Assistant Coaches Dave Hunnius and Pat McWard. And holding the whole thing together is our wonderful coordinator, Sharon Tomiser. We played our Declaration Games in Fairview Heights, IL and held our own, showing that we were placed at the level of A-1 for a reason...to play some complete hockey games!! We have participated in two practice games, one against Kirkwood ending in a tie, and one against Affton, we didn't win that one, but heck it's only a practice game, and now we know what we need to work on...putting some pucks in the net! We've made plans to travel out of town for two tournaments. We are heading to Chicago, IL for Thanksgiving, and to Indianapolis, Indiana in early 2008. Good luck to all the Meramec teams in their out of town tournaments as well! See you at the rinks! GO SHARKS!!

**SQUIRT B1-** Hello And Happy Fall From The Squirt B-1 Team. This Years Team Is Comprised Of The Following Players: #2 Alex Auck (Rw), #31 Cameron Crutchley (G), #35 Scott Caldwell (G), #21 Connor Crutchley (C) #6 Drew Decker (Lw), #96 Kevin Denton( C) , #44 Brandon Dill ( D), #23 Brendan Erickson (Rw), #88 Andrew Jost (Rw) , #39 Andrew Klingemann (Lw), #27 Braydon Leadbetter (D), #16 Evan Nieters ©, #15 Curtis Ott (D), #3 Mitchell Peters (D), #10 Jacob Schroeder (D), #9 Lucas Schroeder (Lw), #5 Clayton Smith (D), And #8 Chris Wagner (D). Our Coaches Are: Tim Jost, Andy Erickson, Tim Crutchley, Marc Ledbetter. The Children Had An Opportunity To Vote For Captain And Co captain Of The Team. They "Elected" Chris Wagner As Captain And Curtis Ott, Jacob Schroeder And Kevin Denton As Their Co-Captains. The Kids Have Been Working Diligently On Skating, Passing, And Shooting During Their Practices. We Have Had 2 Pre Season Games Thus Far. They Were Played Against The St. Peters Spirit And The Chesterfield Falcons. Even Though The Games Were A Loss For Our Team, The Boys Played Very Well And Gave It Their All. Stay Tuned For Upcoming News Of Big Wins For The Sharks Squirt B-1 Team!!

**SQUIRT HOUSE-** After overcoming some early season injuries to Dylan Amon and Brendan Kelly, Squirt House 1 is finally getting healthy and starting to gel. SH1 cannot wait for their first practice game 10/21 against Southern Illinois to tear up the competition. The defense headed up by Gage Cavaletti, Brittany Dlugos, Mike Sheridan, Andrew Wicks, Thomas Grieb & Brendan Kelly is working toward making game day's relaxation time for our goalies Jordan Cooper, Joseph Lindsey & Dylan Amon. Dylan, Joseph and Jordan are honing their skills in preparation for shutting down the opposition. Our offense led by Madison Schutz, Sam Bowman, Mike Dobbins, Sam Leible, Brendan Harper, Craig Berry, Chris Rakers, Liam Knobbe & Jason Cariolano is filling up the net in practice in preparation for the annihilation of our upcoming opponents. See You @ the Tank and GO SHARKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**PEE WEE AA-** Pee Wee AA is off to a great 2007-2008 season. We have an awesome group of kids and equally awesome coaches. The boys are busy getting to know each other, know their coaches and learn more and more about hockey. All of the boys are working extremely hard on increasing their strength and speed, developing stronger checking techniques, and acquiring better stick handling skills. Our coaches are Greg McLean, Jason Lutz and Matt Karl. On defense, we have Cameron Dulle, Luke Hassler, Tyler Overmann, Jonathan Schwartz, Ryan Spencer and Jimmy Smith, our goalie. Our offense consists of Nick Allgeyer, Chad Bohner, Brendan Coon, Steve Farina, Zach Mitchell, Shane Pollard, Tyler Reineri, Dakota Schutz, and Jacob Young. To date, we have played three practice games. The first game we came out strong but ended up short against the Kansas City Stars in a 5-4 loss. We started off with Chad Bohner scoring in the first 25 seconds, assisted by Dakota Schutz. In the third period, Brendan Coon, Tyler Reineri, Zach Mitchell and the rest of the offensive line kept the pressure on, while Nick Allgeyer gave us our second goal and Dakota Schutz gave us two more, assisted by Ryan Spencer and Chad Bohner. Later that day we squared off against Affton Pee Wee AA. This time around, after six hours of rest and a few "tweaks" here and there, we came out on top 3-2. Ryan Spencer and Dakota Schutz were our scorers with Chad Bohner, Shane Pollard, and Jonathan Schwartz assisting. While Ryan and Jonathan were helping score goals, Cameron Dulle, Luke Hassler, and Tyler Overmann, didn't let up on defense. The boys woke up bright and early this past Saturday to face off against the Southern Illinois Hawks and beat them 5-0. Chad Bohner scored a goal and Steve Farina and Jacob Young both scored two. Jimmy Smith had his first shut out of the year. Way to go Jimmy! Plans are under way for more practice and league games, out of town tournaments, and social events. We are anxiously awaiting all of the events, and wish all the boys and coaches on Meramec Sharks Pee Wee AA good luck for a great season!

**PEE WEE A1- Peewee A1** Sharks started out the season with several practice games scheduled. In one game against the Rockets, Dakota Dearduff started the scoring rampage with an assist by Felix Unger. Powerhouse forward, Nick Estopare scored a pair of goals. Aaron Hohenstein and defenseman Connor Besancenez also scored that game. Sharks dominated! Josh Canava was sidelined by injury at the beginning of the season but is now in the lineup. Goalie Alex Hubbard is off to a good start and playing well. Ty Sholtis, Kirby Phillips, Jake Richardson and Blake Buol have been steady on defense. The team is looking for good things from their forwards Nick Brendel, Wes Davis, and Adrian Curcuru. During the second practice game against the Rockets, Charlie Freshman drew the puck back to Blake Ketzler who scored from the point. Training at the Hockey Academy and the extra ice time from Stick and Puck are really helping this PA1 team come together. The team will be heading to Chicago over Thanksgiving for their first tournament of the season.

**PEE WEE B1-** So far, so good. That is the prevailing feeling surrounding the Pee Wee B1 team: a nice start, with more fun to come. The team got the "fun" started on Sunday, Sept. 16 with an 8-1 declaration game victory over the Twin Bridges Lightning B1 squad. The team demonstrated a blend of speed and skill in rolling to the win and afterwards Coach Lance Kamien expressed his happiness with the fast start, both to the game and the season. A 4-2 setback to the Chesterfield A2 squad on Sept. 23 in a declaration game on Summit Center ice was only a slight bump in the road. Team displayed that same speed/skill combination during the game with only a slight letdown during a 2nd period lull. A solid 3rd period restored more smiles than the loss brought frowns. A solid 5-2 win over Affton B1 in a practice game followed on Oct. 7, capping a 2-victory, 1-loss road swing to start the season. Despite playing all three games away from home ice, the young Sharks have demonstrated the ability to focus on the task at hand and produce mostly desirable results, according to the coaching staff. And while improvement remains the ultimate goal, the fast start was not lost on those associated with the team, from the bench or in the bleachers. A pair of trips to Hockey Academy has added to the fun so far, along with a highly successful off-ice social outing featuring incredible amounts of pizza and arcade games. "We should do this after every practice," remarked one member of the team. A pair of practice games loom on the horizon, as does the start of a busy league schedule. If things go as they have so far, a successful season awaits the team. And nothing is more fun than that.

#### **BANTAM B1-**

Adam Coleman, Tyler Deaton, Tyler Dierker, Zachery Etherton, Nick Hogue, Zachary Holtkamp, Paige Kaufman, TJ Kekeisen, Joshua Leible, Chad Parks, Spencer Peyton, Joshua Ribble, Joseph Schloss, Sam Shipp, Tyler Suter and Andrew Wiesehan make up the Bantam B team – very young in human years but getting older in club hockey years. With a few exceptions, they are seasoned Meramec veterans and still proud to wear the blue and green of the Sharks. With a 6-1 preseason victory against the St. Louis Rockets and lead by coaches Keith Gott, John Suter, Chuck Dierker and Ken Schloss, they are ready to drop the puck on 2007-08. As for the parents, the checks have been issued, evaluations are over, the ruffled-feathers, hopefully, have been smoothed and we are ready to watch what for some of our kids will be their last two years in organized hockey. One evening, in the not too distant future, we will be sitting at home, just wishing we had the chance to take them to one more hockey practice or to watch one more game. Having said that, we are ready as well. Bantam B -- your families are *very* proud of you and we wish you only the best for the upcoming season.

**MIDGET MINOR-** Our boys are having a blast, and keeping quite busy. Along with the Midget Minor AA team here at Meramec Hockey Club, most of these boys also play for their High School teams; representing Oakville High School, Columbia High School, Lindbergh, Seckman, Francis Howell, and DeSmet, the team roster consists of Chris Blaskow, Will Glaus, Brandon Meyer, Joseph Muehlhauser, Brett Mueller, Zachary O'Bryan, Cody Overmann, Kyle Royer, Josh Hoechst, Mason Webb, James Thurby, Colten Summers, Patrick O'Kane, Ryan Pacht, Mike Pilcher, Brian Leslie, Derek Storr, Mike Palvolka, and Danny Picha. **These boys have joined their talents together to form quite a skilled hockey team with the help from Head Coach Greg Royer. The Midget season has already started with GREAT GUSTO! On September 13 they won their first game of the season against the ROCKETS, 5-2 . The next game on September 19 they faced AFFTON, with the spectator sections filled to capacity, the game was played fast and hard, and ended with a tie score of 4-4. With these two games under our belt we took on KIRKWOOD and outplayed them scoring 7 goals and Kyle Royer earning a SHUTOUT this evening finishing in a 7-0 win! In the early morning hours on Saturday, September 29 we took a road trip to God's Country, Twin Bridges, set to play the TWIN BRIDGES-I team. After a slow start, the boys finally woke up and with Brandon Meyer in goal earning a SHUTOUT for himself as well, the boys pulled together with another win ending with a score of 9-0! WOW! Two SHUTOUTS and a few wins under our belt, the boys showed up to rink on October 3rd, but this time were outplayed by the ROCKETS earning our first loss of the season. But don't count us out just yet, we picked up our chins and played TWIN BRIDGES- II, and after a rough and tumble game, came out with a 5-5 tie. We're shooting and scoring and there is a lot more to come! Our season is half over with a record or 3-2-1...not bad at all!**

**Come root these boys to victory, we only have 3 games left, and plenty of excitement to share:**

**11/7 @ EAST ALTON 6:00 PM vs. Twin Bridges II**

**11/14 @ FENTON 8:20PM vs. Affton**

**1/30/08 @ THE TANK 7:10PM vs. Chesterfield**

**See you at the Rinks!**

**GO SHARKS!!**

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