

## Hockey Players Can Jump!



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# guest editorial

## GROWING INLINE HOCKEY

Where does the sport stand, and where do we go from here?

By Richard Graham, Editor, [InlineHockeyCentral.com](http://www.inlinehockeycentral.com)

First, I'd like to thank Krys Beardman for the opportunity to talk to New Zealand's inline hockey players. I was fortunate enough to have been able to travel throughout New Zealand when I was 19, and I think it's fantastic that our great sport has grown so rapidly in your beautiful country.

We have experienced some growing pains in the past few years, witnessing the demise of North America's premier pro roller hockey league in Roller Hockey International, the failure of many inline hockey companies that cropped up like mushrooms during the sport's first big boom, and infighting between organizations that should work together to grow inline hockey.

In North America, we've witnessed manufacturers giving away products for free, creating an atmosphere of entitlement among players and hurting their own bottom line at the same time. We've seen the grassroots growth of the sport harmed by a narrow-minded elitism that caters more to the minority of elite players than the mass of beginner and intermediate players.

Still, I'm excited about the future.

I feel that despite current issues and obstacles facing inline hockey, the sport is due for another growth spurt.

My optimism stems from the passion I've seen for the sport in the eyes of players from around the world. In my travels, I've met players from Argentina, Australia, New Zealand and Canada at the Global Inline Hockey Festival; I converse regularly with players and officials from countries like Finland, Italy and Switzerland that I've met at the IIHF and FIRS World Championships; and I get unsolicited e-mail from players in places like Brazil, Taiwan, Japan and Colombia telling me how the sport is growing in their home countries.

I'm also heartened by the news that the IIHF and FIRS are now talking about how they might be able to work together to promote inline hockey in the future. That's big news, and I hope that it will start a trend of organizations working together to build the sport, instead of being so concerned about their own self-interest that the sport suffers.

I am also excited about the growing readership traffic achieved by Inline Hockey Central. We are now averaging 40,000 visits per month and have more than 800 registered readers for the IHC Message Boards, which were upgraded only recently.

Many existing tournaments are growing and getting stronger too, including NARCh (the North American Roller Hockey Championships), but also smaller tournament series like the Atlantic Cup, the Triple Crown Roller Hockey Series, the Coastal Cup and more. This bodes well for the future.

In closing, I would hope that Kiwi inline hockey players and organizers will continue working hard on building the game in New Zealand, with the knowledge other players and administrators around the world are doing the same. Working together, there is no end to what we can achieve.

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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

The 2001 season has got off to a fine start. Already in the space of the first eight weeks there have been a number of major tournaments – Bauer Cup, the biggest club tournament in Auckland; the Manawatu Easter Tournament in Palmerston North; the Lightning United Junior Tournament in Wanganui; the Southern Regional Tournament in Christchurch; and in April eight teams represented New Zealand with distinction at the Oceania Championships in Cairns.

I wish to take this opportunity to make special mention of Dr Brian Wills and Mr Les Jones. NZIHA and the whole NZ Oceania contingent owe a debt of gratitude to these two gentlemen. Brian and Les formed the medical team in Cairns and were kept very busy over the week tending to sick and injured NZ players and officials. Their contribution to the success of the NZ Team in Cairns cannot be overstated. They were simply magnificent.

An international tournament such as the Oceania Championships takes an enormous amount of organisation. I pay tribute at this time to the NZIHA Secretary, Krystyna Beardman, who has worked with me tirelessly over the past eight months to ensure every detail of organisation for the NZ teams was attended to in the most professional manner. I take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge Krystyna and her superb service to this Association.

Despite the concerns of many, the new off-side rule has been implemented with very few problems. Thank you to the Referees Committee for their work in assisting the smooth introduction of this major rule change.

Welcome, too, to all of those new members of the Association, and to all players and officials, old and new, best wishes for your upcoming games. Always keep in mind the main purpose in playing hockey - **to have fun and to enjoy the spirit of friendly competition.**

**Diane Thomsen**  
President  
NZIHA



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** **UPDATED**

### **JUNE 2001**

#### ***1st-4th***

**Tauranga Queens Birthday (U10 & U12)**  
**Lightning Wanganui Senior Open Sabres Senior Tournament**

#### ***9th/10th***

**Nelson Whalers Open Tournament**

### **JULY 2001**

#### ***6th/8th***

**Kapiti Junior Tournament**

#### ***11th – 25th***

**IIHF World Cup, Florida USA.**

### **SEPTEMBER 2001**

#### ***1st – 2nd***

**Regional League Completed**

#### ***21st-30th***

**National Club Championships**  
**Taupo Events Centre**

#### ***28th – 30th***

#### ***CCM***

#### ***Tournament***

**(B Grade for Under 10, 12 and 14)**

### **OCTOBER 2001**

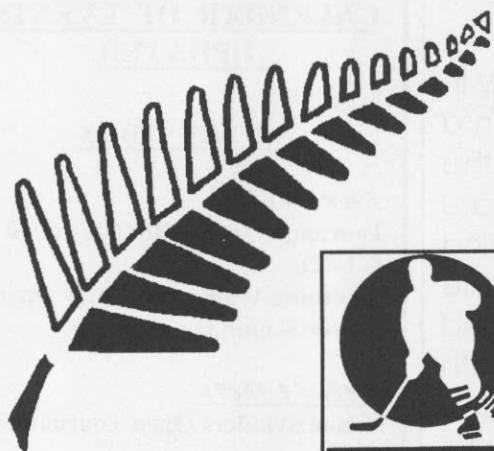
#### ***20th/22nd***

**Inter-Regional Championships,**  
**Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui**

Don't force your children to participate in sports, but support their desire to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.

Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.





# OCEANIA GAMES CAIRNS, 2001



We guessed the Aussies would be a tougher proposition at home than they were in Auckland last year and from day one which finished with NZ down 3 - 5 it was clear that we were in for a great battle. We had two opponents: One - the Australians'

determination to avenge the 2000 whitewash and two - the Cairns heat and humidity which made playing conditions really difficult. Temperatures soared over 30 degrees and at times the humidity was 90%.

Up to the last day of competition gold medals were still undecided in some grades. In the end NZ triumphed by the narrowest of margins winning gold medals in U16 (3 - 2), U18 (5 - 0), Senior (5 - 0), and Masters (3 - 2).

U14, U20 and Senior Women were all in contention to win their grades but had to be satisfied with silver on this occasion. The Junior Women's team in their first international encounter found the Australian girls too big, too old and too experienced but gained immensely from the competition at this level. They will be a force in 2002 when NZ and Australia meet again.

Thanks to Paul van Dorsten, Chef de Mission, and all of the officials in Cairns and in NZ who made this event possible. Thanks, too,

to the many supporters who travelled to Cairns to cheer us along. The crowd support was great! T.P.

  
Oceania Confederation of  
Roller Sports



## OCEANIA RESULTS

Game #	Under 14 NZ/Aust	Under 16 NZ/Aust	Under 18 NZ/Aust	Under 20 NZ/Aust	Senior Men NZ/Aust	Masters NZ/Aust	Senior Women NZ/Aust	Junior Women NZ/Aust
1	2 / 4	2 / 3	7 / 3	2 / 5	7 / 0	7 / 5	1 / 5	0 / 2
2	5 / 3	3 / 2	4 / 2	1 / 0	6 / 3	7 / 4	4 / 4	0 / 3
3	1 / 8	5 / 0	3 / 2	1 / 2	9 / 2	1 / 3	2 / 2	2 / 4
4	4 / 4	3 / 1	6 / 1	4 / 2	6 / 2	4 / 3	0 / 3	0 / 2
5	5 / 5	1 / 4	2 / 0	3 / 5	9 / 2	6 / 7	4 / 1	0 / 5
Medal	SILVER	GOLD	GOLD	SILVER	GOLD	GOLD	SILVER	SILVER



Under 14



Under 16



Under 18



Under 20



Senior Men



Masters



Jnr Women



Snr Women

# INNOVATIONS FROM



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Finally a skate that NHL players, top college trainers and coaches endorse. The TUUK rocker chassis feels like Ice skates and uses the same muscles the same way, and performs like no other. You'll feel the difference in your training's and in your game.

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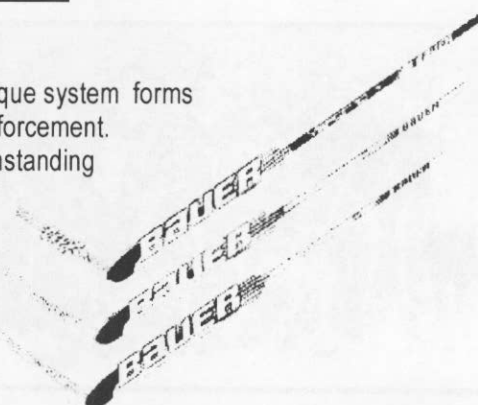


### BAUER LAUNCHES NEW GOAL STICKS

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The VAPOR line features Bauer exclusive cross-linking system. This unique system forms a chemical bond between the polyurethane foam core and the fibre re-inforcement. As a result the chemical bond is much stronger and more capable of withstanding the constant impact that results from stopping pucks.

The VAPOR 6 has a solid Aspen core shaft reinforced with fibreglass laminate. Lightweight high-density polyurethane foam in the paddle and blade combine with fibreglass re-inforcement to provide the ultimate in high impact strength.



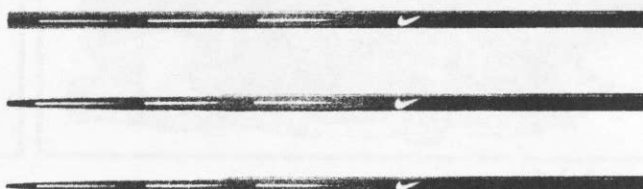
### NIKE'S NEW STICK LINE – UNIQUE IN 3 WAYS!

**...A Quest is defined as a search, pursuit or journey...**

The Nike QUEST series of Shafts and sticks has addressed 3 key issues:- SIZE, TEXTURE & GRIP.

The new QUEST line allows the player to select from a variety of dimensions depending on the size of his or her hand.

Also featuring the new TRIGGER GRIP initiative by NIKE. The TRIGGER GRIP has a concave convex shape that is designed for optimized control and leverage during play.





# A Tribute

BRANDON EVITT  
BLACKHAWK TERROR # 99  
1<sup>ST</sup> DEC 1987-12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2000

One year ago, Brandon passed away as a result of an Asthma attack on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2000.

Brandon joined the Blackhawks in the under 10 grade and was a member of the Blackhawks Rage team which won the 1997 Bauer Cup and he went on to win a gold medal when they became the National Champions the same year. In 1998 and 1999 he joined the Redhawks club and returned to the Blackhawk Under 12 Terror in 2000.

Brandon wore his number 99 shirt for his final journey.

To his mum, Kim and his sister, Courtney, we would like to extend our sympathy as we come to the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of his passing.

We are so pleased to see that Kim has returned to the sport as a referee and hope that she will continue to find comfort from her friends in Inline Hockey.

## HOT WEB-SITES!

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(most NZ clubs are linked here)  
www.inlinehockeycentral.com  
www.iihf.com  
www.whockey.com  
www.airhs.com  
www.rollerhockey.com  
www.nhl.com  
http://nhltrivia.buzztime.com/  
www.hhof.com/index.htm  
http://hockeylinks.net/links/  
www.hockeyplayer.com/tips.html  
http://hockeycoach.com/tips1.html  
http://network54.com/Forum/26027  
www.icehockeyrules.8m.com/offsigns/  
http://www.probeachhockey.com/  
www.gbinline.com  
www.sportnz.co.nz/index.shtml

(The NZIHA website is now linked through this sport portal on the web - Check it out, there is a lot of info related to running sporting clubs available here - Clubs can link and upload info as well. Please continue to email nziha@hockeymail.com with club and regional information you want on the NZIHA site.)

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# NZ IHA WORLD CUP TEAM - 2001

Following a final trial at Wanganui's Jubilee Stadium on May 26/27 the NZ Selection Panel, Matthew Down, Noel Wilson, Clyde Jackson, assisted by Blair Onishenko (Coach of the senior men's team at the recent Oceania Champs), named the New Zealand Premier Men's Team to compete in the toughest in-line competition in the world - The World Cup - which will be held in July in Florida, USA.

The World Cup features the top 14 countries in the world and NZ will be aiming to improve on its last year's 12th placing..

In making the announcement the NZ World Cup Team Coach, Matthew Down, commented on the exciting potential of this young team and the outstanding attitude displayed by all of the players named.

The team is: **Dion Bunt (Marlborough Flames) Captain**

John Thomsen (Marlborough Flames)

Kevin Gillespie (Kapiti Rangers)

Andrew Peddie (Auckland Sabres)

Kieran Leong (Capital Penguins)

Devon Kay (Kapiti Rangers)

Dean Marsh (Marlborough Flames)

Jon Astrop (Auckland Sabres)

Malcolm Bremner (Capital Penguins)

Shaun Scammell (Marlborough Flames)

Daniel Christie (Auckland Sabres)

Joel Walton (Marlborough Flames)

Peter Lehmann (Mt Wellington Panthers)

Jason Rickerby (New Plymouth Ravens) - Goalkeeper

Ken O'Callaghan (Auckland Sabres) - Goalkeeper

Coach: Matt Down  
Manager: Noel Wilson



## IIHF World Cup Information

The World Cup Inline Hockey Championship was hosted in the Czech Republic in 2000 where the New Zealand Senior Mens team finished in 12th place. This was the first time New Zealand had competed in this prestigious championship organised by the International Ice Hockey Federation.

Although finishing 12th in 2000 this gave the New Zealand team the opportunity to compete at the 2001 World Championship in Florida. The team was presented with the World Cup "Fair Play" trophy for the 2000 event.

Finland is the defending IIHF In-Line Hockey World Cup Champion as the 2001 World Cup starts July 15 at Ellenton, Florida, USA.

The World Cup In-line final will be played at the J.P. Igloo on July 22, 2001.

The twelve participating teams will be divided into two groups with 1st ranked Finland heading Group 1 with Germany, Slovakia, Australia, Brazil and Argentina. Czech Republic is ranked 1st in Group 2 where also USA, Sweden, Austria, Hungary and New Zealand play.

Last year at Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic, the Finns won their first IIHF World Cup by defeating the host nation 7-3, with USA finishing third, claiming the bronze medal. Finland became thus the first non North American country to win the IIHF World Cup.

After the single round-robin preliminary round, the two top teams of each group play cross finals (semis) to determine their participation in the finals. The remaining teams play for their ranking.

### Previous IIHF In-Line World Cup finals:

1996 at St. Paul, Minneapolis USA: United States-Canada 13-5. Bronze: Finland.

1997 at Anaheim, USA: United States-Canada 5-4. Bronze: Switzerland.

1998 at Anaheim, USA: Canada-United States 6-2. Bronze: Finland.

2000 at Czech Rep: Finland-Czech Republic 7-3. Bronze: USA





# RAGE

## PRO SHOPS

### New Zealand's Largest Hockey Specialist Stores

2001 has brought about a new exciting change by the company who are the official distributors of Mission, Easton, Itech, Tour, AK and Volcanix.

For too long we have heard that your local pro shop does not hold enough stock or variety, that the prices are too high and that in this amazing game no one is promoting it or offering their support.

Well all that has now changed.

Carl Philpott who has represented New Zealand in both Inline and Ice is now heading the new RAGE PRO SHOPS. These are strategically placed store through out the country, providing you with better prices, better service and an extensive variety of top branded products run by hockey people for hockey players.

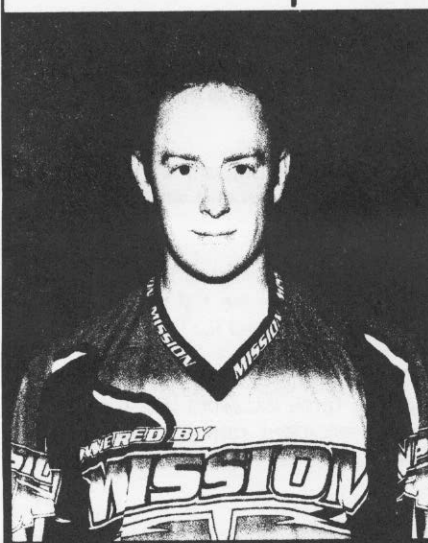
On our already competitive prices we have introduced a loyalty card program which will entitle you to even more added value than ever before.

July will see the beginning of [www.rageproshop.com](http://www.rageproshop.com) which was developed so you could get online access to everything that is hot and cool for the up and coming season.

To promote the sport we have made Team Mission available to all clubs in all towns through out New Zealand. This is a perfect opportunities to get excellent coaching and discuss your ideas about how we can better Inline Hockey as a whole in New Zealand.

The Rage Pro Shops where developed with you in mind so come in and check us out, while you're there grab the 2001 Team Mission poster and a catalogue. Regards Darren Blong

## Carl Philpott



D.O.B. 20-05-79 AGE: 22

HEIGHT: 175CM WEIGHT: 80 KGS

HOW MANY YEARS PLAYING INLINE HOCKEY: 8 ICE: 6

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PLAYED FOR NEW ZEALAND IN ICE HOCKEY UNDER 18

NZ U18 INLINE HOCKEY OCEANIA 2ND PLACE 1996

NZ U18 INLINE HOCKEY OCEANIA 1ST PLACE 1998

INLINE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 1999 - REDHAWKS

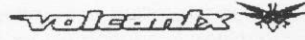
TEAM MISSION MEMBER

ASSISTANT CAPTAIN WORLD CUP TEAM 2000

ASSISTANT CAPTAIN OCEANIAS 2000

1ST PLACE BAUER CUP 2001

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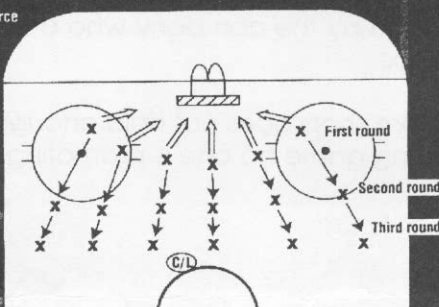




# BENCH TALK and FAIR PLAY

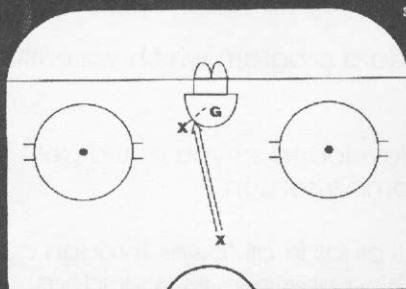
## "Raise Your Game"

The object of this drill is to reinforce proper mechanics in raising your shot off the ground. The coach places a board in front of the net along the goal crease from post to post. From varying distances and angles, players shoot at the net, making sure that their shot is both accurate and in the air. The coach can vary the height of the board and the amount of net available to the shooters to increase accuracy.



## "Deflect and Redirect"

Have one player set up in front of the crease and another skate in from the red line and shoot on goal. The player in front of the net should focus on trying to deflect or redirect the original shot. While difficult to control, these deflections are also the toughest for goalies to stop. The player's presence alone in the crease can distract the goalie or interfere with his vision. Rotate from shooter to deflector to the back of the line and be quick!



As a coach, you are one of the most influential persons in a child's life.

As a coach, you've got to help young people become all they were created to be. Your job is to produce good athletes, but more importantly, good people.

*-One of your greatest responsibilities is to develop your athletes' sense of fair play.*

*Fair play embodies the principles of integrity, fairness, respect and emphasizes the following:*

- respecting the rules of the game
- respecting officials and accepting their decisions
- maintaining dignity under all circumstances

*These principles apply in all circumstances, and they apply to everyone in sport - athletes, coaches, officials, parents, spectators.*

*As a coach, your fair play aims should be to:*

- behave the way you want your athletes and the spectators to behave
- respect both the letter and the spirit of the game
- help your athletes understand the reasons for rules and appreciate the job that officials do
- teach your athletes to value opponents, because without them there would be no competition
- teach your athletes to lose with dignity
- emphasize that doing one's best is more important than winning
- help each of your athletes equally
- keep the fun in sport

The athletic skills your athletes learn from you may be used for only a few years. The attitudes they develop towards themselves and others will last a lifetime.



Wanganui United  
Tournament  
U10 Grade



Oceania 2001



While every care is taken the views expressed in HOCKEYLINE are not necessarily those of the NZIHA Executive.

## TOURNAMENT REPORTS

### Wanganui Lightning United SmokeFree Junior Tournament

The year 2001 has seen the successful amalgamation of Hurricanes and Lightning clubs in Wanganui come together to form the new club Wanganui Lightning United.

What a great way to spend the last weekend of the school holidays.

Wanganui Lightning United held their Smokefree Junior Tournament on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> ending approximately at midday Sunday. A fun, action filled weekend with some edge of the seat playoffs to boot.

The Under 10 grade ended with Wanganui's Lightning United taking on the Manawatu Dragons. An extremely exciting first half with no goals scored in the first ten minutes of the game. Excellent defence and great passing skills won the gold for Lightning United ending the game with a 7 - 2 victory.

The Under 12 grade was another exciting final showing some excellent skills from these young players. New Plymouth Ravens D showing excellent defence skills, which prevented the Levin Canucks from scoring easily. The game resulted with Canucks taking home the gold with a 7 - 3 win.

Lightning United easily took the gold in the Under 14 grade with a 15 - 0 win against Kapiti Rangers in the final game. Lightning United would like to thank all twenty teams that competed, plus the referees and game officials who all worked very hard over the weekend resulting in another successful and enjoyable tournament. The tournament committee is gearing up for the senior tournament, Queens Birthday weekend in June, see you there.

## Manawatu Easter Tournament

The games were played very hard and well sincere thanks to players, coaches and the REFEREES for making the Tournament such a success.

The Red Cross people did a wonderful job and thankfully we didn't provide them with a lot of challenges. Trudy from Wanganui organised the team and is also due congratulations on winning Easter Egg and Champagne Raffle.

Christine Andrews won the Easter Egg Raffle.

Unfortunately with other tournaments scheduled close to this time it was very hard for the Junior Grades to support everything and some had to pull out leaving no competition for those willing to come, we were very disappointed at the number of withdrawals. There were no games for Under10, Under 12 and Under14 but we hope next year there will be. We offered this alternative to the Bauer Cup as last year it didn't coincide and it's a cheaper option giving players a chance to get it together before the Regional League begins.

**The Under 16 grade** was very closely won by the **Kapiti Rangers**. It was a convincing win but a draw or win to the Levin Canucks would have secured the trophy for them. However it was 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the Canucks and 3<sup>rd</sup> for Rimutaka Renegades.

The **Capital Penguins** secured the **Under 18 trophy** with a disappointed Manawatu Dragons team 2nd and Napier Sharks 3rd.

**Seniors** played early in the tournament and we had a good number of teams for competition. Great effort in coming guys. **Levin Canucks came 1<sup>st</sup>**, winning all of their games and taking away the senior trophy as well as the Club Cup (with their under 16's 2<sup>nd</sup>). See you next year Canucks! Dragons 2<sup>nd</sup> and Renegades 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Demolition began the day after our tournament and next year we will be hosting our Tournament in the new stadium with a 60mx30m ice court tile rink. See you there.

We have our Leagues running for 6 weeks this term and Regionals start soon.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Steve Lowe and Stephen Gaudin for getting to Cairns, from MIHA.

Next month our Senior Players are starting a coaching clinic for all ages. Thanks to all of the supporters and credit to the Sharks for using a Scout Hall for accommodation a very convenient spot and we all hope that concussed Goalie takes care of himself. MIHA secretary, Jill Middleton.  
jillmid@infogen.net.nz

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nziha@hockeymail.com

## 2001 Bauer Cup Easter Tournament

Bauer Cup is traditionally an exciting event and the 2001 Tournament was no exception.. A big thank you to all of those who refereed, scored, goal judged, helped with the canteen and the door and all those others who assisted in many ways.

With 57 teams participating Bauer Cup again attracted some strong fields and many teams featured NZ representative players.

In the Under 12 Grade Levin Jackals won a thrilling shoot-out in their semi-final against the Mt Wellington Panthers to gain a place in the finals against their local rivals, Levin Canucks. Levin Canucks, however, proved too strong in the final winning the grade in style.

Blackhawks took the U14 trophy, somewhat against predictions, defeating the 2000 title holders, Levin Canucks. The Blackhawks' with Dane Hill displayed excellent team work in the final. This was one of the stand-out performances of the Tournament.

In the U16 grade the New Plymouth Ravens surprised by defeating the fancied Lightning United from Wanganui. Pre-tournament talk was a Panthers - Lightning final as the northern team had several NZ reps playing and the Lightning team was highly rated but the Ravens with Sam Beardman and Leigh Bolton having strong games played too well as a team for their more fancied opponents.

In the Under 18 grade it was great to see a new team in the semis - the Wildcats from Auckland. Predictably the Blackhawks won the grade but not without a great battle against the Sabres in the final who held on until a Lovins goal in overtime saved the day for the Hawks.

In the Ladies competition old rivals Blackhawks and Panthers again battled for supremacy. It was only a cool Maria Marjoribanks who slotted the only goal in the penalty shoot out which made the difference and saw the title going to the Panthers.

Jeff Burns made a surprising but awesome appearance in goal for the Senior Ducks team and his goaltending was a big factor in the Tauranga side's victory over the every-threatening Ravens led by Captain Aaron Wilks in the Senior grade.

The Premier grade this year was pretty close. A feature was the appearance of a new team on the Premier scene - the Auckland Sabres led by Clyde Jackson and featuring a number of young up and comers along with the wily Theo Nathan. Sabres, in their first major tournament, won through to the final against the 1999 National Champs, Redhawks, but the Redhawks, helped by a very much on-form Mike Hurley in goal, had too much depth and experience on the day and deservedly won the title.

All in all, some fantastic hockey and a great way to start the in-line hockey season.



Ducks vs Wildcats ( snr)

## RESULTS

U12 1st Canucks 2nd Jackals 3rd Panthers  
MVP J Tatana-Hohaia (Canuck) B&F A Ghent (Canuck) MVG R McLenan (Canuck)  
U14 1st Blackhawks 2nd Canucks 3rd Jackals  
MVP L Dunn (Sabres) B & F S kay (canucks) MVG J Anderson (Canucks)  
U16 1st Ravens 2nd Lightning 3rd Blackhawks  
MVP M Morgan (BHawks) B&F M Morgan (Bhawks) MVG K Peterson (Duck)  
U18 1st Blackhawks 2nd Sabres 3rd Jackals  
MVP T Whipps (Jackal) B&F R Lovins (Bhawk) MVG K O'Callaghan (Sabre)  
Ladies 1st Panthers 2nd Blackhawks 3rd Redwings  
MVP M Lynch (Bhawk) B&F E Gray (Bhawk) MVG L Gibson (Panthers)  
Snr 1st Ducks 2nd Ravens 3rd Panthers  
MVP G Koch (Ravens) B&F G Koch (Ravens) MVG J Burns (Ducks)  
Prem 1st Redhawks 2nd Sabres 3rd Panthers  
MVP C Jackson (Sabres) B&F S Burridge (Sabres) MVG M Hurley (Redhawks)





# Referee Comment

## Protective Equipment

With increasing focus being trained on sports administrators and officials with regards to player safety and unsafe practices within their particular sport we need to become more intolerant towards our members who flaunt the specific Protective Equipment rules within our code.

At a very recent tournament it was noticed that some players are still occasionally wearing the banned "Ice Cream Bucket" style helmet. Players should be aware that the NZIHA banned these helmets at the start of the previous season and if a player wears one their team will automatically be assessed a bench minor penalty - no further warning. Also at the same tournament a young goalie who was filling in for a premier team he took a shot to the front left of his helmet. The game was stopped immediately to check the goalie who had slumped to his right, stunned. The goalie took a couple of minutes to regain his presence. During the stoppage the referee inspected the goalies helmet and found that it was not an approved helmet, it looked like the "real thing" but was one of the type of helmets that are readily available from one of the many bulk retail suppliers around.

This incident highlights the need for helmets to be of the approved kind - especially for goalies.

The NZIHA Referees Panel will be sending out a reminder to all referees to be alert to players and goalies not wearing approved protective equipment and to assess penalties accordingly, furthermore referees will be instructed that they are not to allow any "one game dispensations" so that a player can play that particular game but have the correct equipment for their next game.

"No correct protective equipment = No Game"

Allan Christie  
Chairman NZIHA Referee Panel

## Calling Penalties

It's more than just blowing your whistle.

Our most important responsibility is to uphold the integrity of the game, if we don't who else will?



## ACC NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES

This was the first time Inline Hockey had been part of the NZ Masters Games

Results of the Inline Hockey Competition held at the Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui on Sunday Feb 11th, 2001.

Rays RENEGADES (Auckland) - 11	vs	Lightning SAVAGES (Wanganui) - 1
Lightning SAVAGES - 6	vs	PETES PIRATES (Wellington) - 3
Rays RENEGADES - 9	vs	PETES PIRATES - 0
Lightning SAVAGES - 6	vs	Rays RENEGADES - 4
Lightning SAVAGES - 10	vs	PETES PIRATES - 2
PETES PIRATES - 0	vs	Rays RENEGADES - 9

Rays Renegades won the Gold Medal on a goal difference from Lightning Savages who also won 3 out of 4 games. Petes Pirates received the Bronze Medal.

(Thanks to Jim Richardson - Masters Games Delegate who advised results of the games)

The NZIHA recommends that all players wear face cages and mouthguards to help prevent injury. All equipment must comply with NZIHA regulations.

## Stanley is here again...

### It is the Stanley Cup final everybody wants.

The defending champion New Jersey Devils play the Colorado Avalanche for hockey's Holy Grail in a best-of-seven series started Saturday. For those keeping score, it is the first time since 1989 when Calgary beat Montreal in six games, that the top regular-season club from the West will play the best from the East.

### It has potential to be a hell of a series.

Colorado finished first overall in the league with 118 points and New Jersey was tops in the east with 111.

It's also a series rich in sub-plots, such as the duel between two premier goaltenders from Quebec -- Colorado's Patrick Roy vs. New Jersey's Martin Brodeur, who could well be battling one another next year for the starting job on Canada's Olympic team. These playoffs are the last chance to see them under the most powerful of all microscopes; the closest equivalent to Olympic pressure available in the NHL.

"The playoffs are an important time in the selection process," maintains Kevin Lowe, the Edmonton Oilers' general manager who is an assistant GM of Team Canada.

The Avs will be without star centre Peter Forsberg, who had his spleen removed after Colorado struggled past Los Angeles in the second round. And there's sentimental favourite Ray Bourque, Colorado's 18-time all-star and five-time Norris Trophy winner who, after 22 NHL seasons, is hoping to win his first Stanley Cup.

This will be two fast teams with excellent goaltending, strong, experienced defencemen and several skilled forwards. A key difference is that New Jersey rolls four lines consistently, while

Colorado likes to give its top players the lions' share of ice time. A big question is whether Colorado's star players will hold up against New Jersey's relentless checking and counter-attacks. A similarity?

Both teams have plenty of Stanley Cup experience. The Devils won in 1995 and again last year. They still have seven players from the '95 team -- Brodeur, Scott Stevens, Scott Niedermayer, Ken Daneyko, Bobby Holik, Randy McKay and Sergei Brylin. The Avalanche won in 1996, the season after the franchise transferred from Quebec City to Denver. Including Forsberg, there are six

Avs still with the club -- Roy, Joe Sakic, Adam Foote, Stephane Yelle and Jon Klemm.

**This could be a series people will talk about for years to come.**

## National Championships Grades and Format

**National Championships will take place in Taupo again this year at the Events Centre. Dates are September 22nd to 29th. The grades playing the first part of the week will be Under 10, Under 12, Under 18 and Senior (Sat - Tues) and Under 14, Under 16, Women and Premier from Wednesday to Saturday.**

**This year there will be no awards presented for MVP, Highest Point Scorer and MVG as it is felt that team recognition is more appropriate. An alternative award is being developed for players to encourage team play for the first, second and third placed team members.**

**Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice. It is destructive. Work toward removing physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.**

## Are you a Pushy Parent?

All parents like to encourage their child to excel in sport but it is easy to get caught up in the excitement of games and practices and become over-zealous. Research has shown that all athletes improve more with positive reinforcement than negative criticism. In fact 85% of athletes will improve if you work with them in a positive way and give them compliments for achievement and specific information they can use to work on their skills. Be on the look out for these warning signs that you've crossed the line.

10. You push your child with the hopes of getting them a rep team or national team spot.
9. You're more concerned about the team winning than if your child had fun participating.
8. You force your child to practice at home until YOU think they've shown sufficient improvement.
7. You punish or act coldly toward your child if they don't perform up to your expectations.
6. You constantly compare your child's skills to others.
5. Your child no longer enjoys playing the sport and maybe even has asked you to stop coming to games.
4. You get in game-related argument with other parents.
3. You talk to the coach a lot about the way he or she coaches the game and what positions each of the children are playing.
2. During games you shout negative, critical remarks at your child, other children, the coaches and referees.
1. You focus on the outcome of the game.

Think about it people, are the kids playing for us or are they playing because they enjoy the game and being with friends. LET THEM PLAY!

Know and study the rules of hockey, and support the officials on and off the rink. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials can only hurt the game.

# Lower North Region Report

**Referee Training** A referee training course is being organised. Please will you nominate possible participants to Stephen Gaudin or Graham Clarke by 5 June. The training will be held in Palmerston North on the weekend of 9-10 June 2001. The programme will run from 9.00 am to 5.00pm on Saturday 9 June and on Sunday 10 June there will be a practical session from 8.30 am to 10.30am before the exam from 11.00 to 2.00pm.: Stephen Gaudin on 025 2309222 or by email gaudins@hotmail.com Graham Clarke on 04 3872200 evenings or by email g.clarke@xtra.co.nz .

## **Scorers and Timekeepers Course**

Jo Croft will be organising a series of NZIHA Certificated Scorers courses for scorers. The first course was held on 30 May. Following a one-hour formal classroom session, the participants will each score an arranged game using qualified referees - all playing rules as per Regional league). Following the game the score sheets will be compared and discussed. Additional courses will be held at Jubilee Stadium on Saturday 2nd June at 10am and in Wellington in the week following Queen's Birthday weekend. All three sessions will be conducted by Diane Thomsen to ensure we have consistency across the Region. There are no costs involved for the participants. If you are interested please contact: Jo Croft on 04 9021233 or by email noworries@the.net.nz.

## **A Penalty Timekeepers Course,**

which will take about an hour, is proposed for Wanganui over Queens Birthday weekend. If you are interested please contact: Stephen Gaudin on 025 2309222 or by email gaudins@hotmail.com Graham Clarke on 04 3872200 evenings or by email g.clarke@xtra.co.nz or

## **Coaching Clinics**

We have enjoyed having Jeff Burns down in this neck of the woods running several coaching sessions.

## **Wanganui Amalgamation**

We are delighted that Lightning Wanganui and Wanganui Hurricanes have joined forces are now Lightning United - a force to be reckoned with.

## **New Club**

We pleased to announce the birth of the Massey Titans a new club in Palmerston North.

## **Regional Lower North Championships**

The Senior Playoffs will be held in Wanganui on 17/18/19 August and the Junior Playoffs will be held at Wellington 24/25/26 August.

## **Congratulations**

The Lower North Island Regional Committee would like to congratulate all the players and officials selected for Oceanias and for their contribution in bringing home the Trans-Tasman cup and the way they represented our Region.

Regional Committees are invited to submit information on their regional league for the next issue of Hockeyline.  
Submission Deadline August 15th.

Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials.  
By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.  
Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches.  
They are important to the development of your child and the sport.  
Communicate with them and support them. If you enjoy the game, learn all you can and dedicate time as a volunteer!

## Southern Region League Tournament Results

### U10 Tigers 1st

Redbacks 2nd  
(only 2 teams played in grade)

### U14 Tigers 1st

Nelson 2nd  
Cyclones 3rd  
Redbacks 4th

### U18 Tigers

(only team in grade)

### Premiers Flames

(only team in grade)

### U12 Tigers 1st

Redbacks 2nd  
Nelson 3rd  
Cyclones 4th

### U16 Redbacks 1st

Cyclones 2nd  
Tigers 3rd  
Nelson 4th

### Senior Tigers 1st

Thunderbirds 2nd  
Flames 3rd  
Redbacks 4th  
Cyclones 5th

U18's and Premiers played in the senior grade which gave us Flames (1st), Tigers (2nd), Thunderbirds (3rd)



## across the ditch

Funny things happened to the over 35's en route to Cairns. Must have been a mid-life crisis or something? Masters all changed their names to Ken. Some "honouree" Masters were appointed and following a capping ceremony joined the Masters Cairns club.

Breakdancing specialists Lewis Taiapa, Allan Kelly, Brook Bidois and Scott Wingate entertained the Aussies.

Speed skaters and Inline players got on well. This was demonstrated by the joint mirth that erupted during an evening when a certain person fell asleep.

We shared jokes, had great fun and both benefited from the expertise of Les Jones and Brian Wills.

Cane toads added extra entertainment for team members but not for Management.

A certain Canadian took a liking to baby clothes.

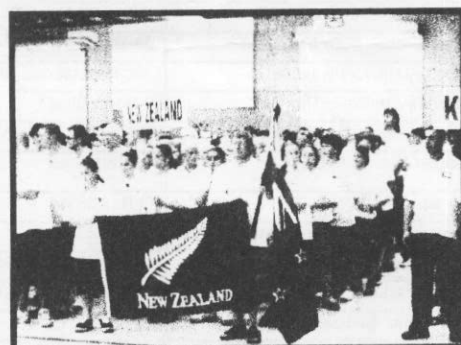
Aussies liked our food we liked their food.

Confusion over garden hoses and snakes.

All in all a great time was had by all. R.S.



are your  
wearing your  
face cage today?



Tropical Ceremony  
Oceania 2001

## TEAM SELECTION GUIDELINES

One of the toughest tasks a coach/selector faces is telling players they did not make the team. Although difficult, releasing players must be approached with planning and sensitivity to ensure try-outs are a growth experience, not one which damages players' self-esteem.

-The first step is effective planning of your try-out sessions. Develop a clear player selection plan, taking into consideration the number of players, the qualities you are looking for, how to evaluate these qualities, and the rink-time available.

-Once your plan is in place, inform players and parents of all details. Outline your player selection plan, including evaluation criteria, objectives of drills and scrimmages and timelines for selection. Clear communication here will prevent misunderstandings later.

Before you make decisions to release players, develop a clear plan to inform them. Never post a list or read the names of players to be released in front of the team. Always meet with each player individually.

### **Here are suggestions for these meetings:**

- be honest and straightforward: tell players why they did not make the team, identifying strengths and weaknesses

- invite questions and provide players with constructive feedback to guide further improvement

- don't make future promises: direct players to other teams, thank them for their efforts, and encourage them to work hard and improve

-After releasing players, be prepared to answer questions from parents. Be honest and straightforward with parents, and avoid confrontations.

Remember, try-outs are a vehicle to place players on teams where they will benefit most.

Releasing players is never easy, however, it's really important to meet with players one-on-one!

**From - 3M Coaching Guide**

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