

BUFFALO JR. SABRES NEWSLETTER



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12U Team Headed to Quebec!

The Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament will be held on February 8-19 and is considered the most prestigious minor hockey tournament in the world. It takes place in the beautiful city of Quebec. More than 2,000 athletes from 16 countries will participate. Many current and former Buffalo Sabres have competed in this tournament including Alex Tuch, Henri Jokiharju, Jeff Skinner, Craig Anderson and Mattias Samuelsson as well as Sabres legends Rene Robert and Gilbert Perreault. Our 12U team attended the Buffalo Sabres game on January 10, 2023 where the team was recognized and had a great overall experience. The best of luck to all of our players and coaching staff at the tournament.



The Buffalo Jr. Sabres 9U Development team went 6-3 in the month of January including a road sweep of Pittsburgh Vengeance and a home sweep of Cleveland Barons. The team is currently in 2nd place in the 2012 WNYAHL Red Division and are looking forward to the league playoffs at the end of February.

The 8U Development team went 2-2 in the LECOM Harborcenter Cup. The coaches were happy with the effort and determination of the team. The team is looking to end the season on a high note at the Pepsi Tournament in the beginning of March.



8U Development Team Win!

The 7U Development team is excited about the new practice slot at Riverside. The coaches have really started to see huge jumps in the development of the players and it is showing in their results. We are very happy with the environment that the development program has allowed us to create for these young children.



9U Team

2013'S (9U TEAM)

The 9U team finished the month of January with a 7-3-1 record.

They started the month with a victory over the 2012 Amherst Knights before heading into the Buffalo Cup. The team went 4-2 during the tournament including a last second win against the Philadelphia Hockey Club. They ended up losing in overtime in the semifinals against Mid-Fairfield. The team bounced back sweeping a two game series against Battery and ended the month with a tie against a strong Cleveland Barons team. Coach Smith is excited to see what the last month of the season will bring as they look to finish strong playing against five of the best teams North America has to offer.



10U Team Visits University of Notre Dame!

2012'S (10U TEAM)

It was a busy month for the 10U team. At the start of the month, the team came up short in the double header against Pittsburgh Penguins Elite. Two weekends later, they had a record of 2-1 against the Ohio Bluejackets. The team had a strong performance in the Buffalo Cup going 3-1 to make it to the Quarterfinals. The lost to Barrie Colts who went on to win the tournament. At the end of the month, the team traveled to the University of Notre Dame. The team faced some of the strongest teams in the country. The players and families had the opportunity to visit the campus store, a dining hall, the Grotto, "Touchdown Jesus" and the Basilica. They also cheered on the Fighting Irish at a college hockey game.

2011'S (11U TEAM)

The 11U team had a fun and successful month of January. The team participated in the Buffalo Cup going 3-1 in pool play. The boys had a strong showing but missed the playoff round by only one goal because of the tiebreaker. The weekend was full of sticker trading, cheering on other Jr. Sabres teams, siblings' teams and other teams from the local area. The team also had the opportunity to travel to Pittsburgh to play the Vengeance at Shady Side Academy. The team recorded two wins with a score of 7-0 and 8-0 with Grady Hurley recording a hat trick in the second game. The boys continue to develop, learn and have fun as the season progresses.

2010'S (12U TEAM)

The 12U team went undefeated in their 4 state qualifier games and earned one of the top seeds in the state tournament. In preparation for the Quebec Pee-Wee Tournament, the team attended the Sabres game vs. Seattle game as shown on the first page of the newsletter. Each player and a teammate will have a billet family in Quebec and it will be a great life experience and something they will never forget.



2009'S (13U TEAM)

The 13U team had a successful month of January competing in two events. They participated in the Buffalo Cup and the 4 Clubs Showcase in Detroit posting a record of 6-2-1. The highlights of the month included a huge comeback tie against the Mississauga Senators during the Buffalo Cup posting 56 shots on net. The team followed that performance up with a dominant weekend in Detroit going 3-0 playing top 10 ranked teams in Little Caesars, Pittsburgh Penguins Elite and Chicago Mission. The team finished the month as the #12 ranked team in country.

2008'S (14U TEAM)

The 14U team has been a very busy group in 2023 posting a record of 7-7-1. The level of competition has been extremely high as the team played nine of those games against teams ranked in the top 25. The team also finished out their state qualification games finishing with a record of 4-1-0. The team is looking forward the Tier 1 Elite League playoffs in February that will take place in Blaine, MN. The 14U team will enter the playoff weekend as the #3 seed for the event.

2007'S (150 TEAM)

The 150 team started their busy month with a convincing 8-3 win in a Q game against the Buffalo Regals. They hosted the Pittsburgh Penguins Elite team and then traveled to Detroit for the final Tier 1 Elite event before Playoffs. The team went undefeated with a 4-0 record against St. Louis, Victory Honda, Philadelphia Jr. Flyers and Milwaukee Admirals. Following that, the team participated in the USHL showcase in Youngstown OH. The team went 1-2 with games against Cleveland, Philadelphia Flyers Elite and South Kent. The final trip of the month had the team traveling to Oxford, OH for a two game set against HoneyBaked. Former RedHawk hockey legend and current GM of the Buffalo Sabres, Kevyn Adams and his family took the 2007 players and families on a special tour of the campus and town. Thank you to the Adams family for your efforts with this. The team took in two NCAA games between Miami University and North Dakota, which featured three former Jr. Sabres alumni; Matthew Barbolini, Matteo Costantini and Ryan Sidorski. For February, the team is eager to participate in the Tier 1 Elite playoffs in Blaine MN as the #3 overall seed.

16U TEAM

As the 16U team approaches the end of their season, many of the players look to their future in hockey. In the month of January, forward Owen Tylec traveled to Chicago to skate with the Chicago Steel in the USHL. Defenseman Nik Young and forward Brady Zugec headed to Boston to participate in practices with the Northeast Generals in the NAHL. Young played with the team in that same weekend and Zugec signed a tender for next season. This week, Young will travel to Lincoln, Nebraska to skate with the Lincoln Stars. Forward Luke Gallo heads to Omaha for a week in the USHL. Vermont commit Aiden McKenna will spend a week with the Bismarck Bobcats in the NAHL and forward Ryder Boulton will skate with El Paso Rhinos. The team will head to Blaine, MN next week to participate in the Tier 1 Elite League playoffs.

18U TEAM

The 18U team went 5-1-1-1 in the month of January. After some off time to end 2022, the team has played with more consistency in the month of January. February is a big month for the team, as they will travel to Blaine, MN next week to participate in the Tier 1 Elite League playoffs in hope to win a league championship. The focus of the group continues to get better each day and focus on what is in front of us. Best of luck to the team in the playoffs.

2023-2024 COACHING STAFF

Click on the link below to view the 2023-2024 Buffalo Jr. Sabres coaching staff.

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150 Players with Kevyn Adams



150 Team - Miami RedHawks Locker Room



13U Team

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