

Pendlebury Coyotes

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The Pendlebury Coyotes continued to enjoy their recent run of success, with victories at Youth, Under 18, and Under 21 level of the England Vs Wales fundraiser tournament, held at the Deeside Arena. After sealing the receiving the NIHL league winners trophies at Youth, Under 18's, Under 21's, and Senior A level for the 2005/2006 season, the Coyotes continued their good run of form in this tournament, First up was the Youth Development team, who after stuttering through the group stage, finally found their form in the later stages of the tournament, which saw them go on to take the title with an excellent performance in the final.

The Under 18's followed this, and just like the Youth Development team, they were far from their best in the opening group games, and only sealed a certain victory in the semi final in the last 2 minutes. It was the final which saw the Coyotes step up, with a 5-0 thumping of undefeated Heywood Hawks. Coyotes showed their class in this one, with big games from every player in the team, and with it putting the opening game defeat to Heywood truly behind them, as they wrapped up the title.

It was the Under 21's tournament which was possible the most eventful of the day, with Coyotes A and Coyotes B put two almost equally matched teams out. Both came through their opening 2 games unscathed, with good performances. Then came what looked to be the dress rehearsal for the final, Coyotes A Vs Coyotes B. The game went the way of Coyotes B, taking a 3-0 win, in a game in which they outplayed the A team. This certainly shook Coyotes A, with them having to play a strong Voodoo side in the semi, leaving Coyotes B the easier game against Team North Wales. Both sides came through their semi-final game, albeit with Coyotes A only sealing victory in the last few minutes. This set up the final both teams wanted, Coyotes A Vs Coyotes B, however there was to be no repeat of the group game, with a much stronger performance Coyotes A took the game and with it the title 6-2.

Coyotes will also represent the City of Salford at 2 other tournaments this summer, firstly in the Welsh Dragon Cup in Swansea, over the weekend of 17th-18th June. This prestigious event will be one the Coyotes will be looking to win, as it will reinforce their name as the best in the UK. They will also take part in the World Amateur Championships Qualifying tournament, however this will be purely for game time, as their place at the tournament has already been assured.

Finally Coyotes will take part in a summer league, held at Sheffield during August, to keep that much needed match sharpness, and hopefully adding some more silverware to the cabinet, before heading out to New York, for the biggest tournament of the season, and for most of the teams lives. The World Inline Amateur Championships.

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Welsh Dragon Cup 2006 - Port Talbot

After another year of glory in the NIHL, the Pendlebury Coyotes took on the challenge of the Welsh Dragon Cup, held in Port Talbot, South Wales. This tournament would pit the Coyotes against some of the best teams from not only the South of England and Wales, but also Germany, as EV Pfronten were out to show they could take on Britain. The tournament started in typical fashion, with a Coyotes win, but the 7-0 drubbing of Swindon Flames also send the message out to everyone, that the Coyotes were here to win.

The first game also showed the Coyotes that Southern hockey was played a lot more physical than it is in the North, with players from ball and ice hockey (Played full-contact), making up the rosters for most the teams. This would be a part of the game the Coyotes would need to adapt to, as referees throughout the tournament, accepted the fact that contact and fights would occur, and only punish them with minor penalties. This would be an attitude which would later cost the Coyotes.

The second game saw a tighter and cleaner affair, with a 3-2 win over Welsh team Gaer Allstars. This put Coyotes in charge in the Tournament with 2 wins from their opening 2 games. Next up were Bridgend Dynamos. Again a fairly local team, who play a clean skilled game, giving the Coyotes the chance to really show their stuff against an opposition who could hold their own with playing dirty. The game finished 3-0 for the Coyotes, with Zarren Camilleri, and Ben Pepper-Proctor both adding to their already growing list of points.

Swindon Mustangs were next to take on the undefeated Coyotes team, and with a team made up of ice hockey players, it was clear from the outset that the Mustangs only had one thing in mind, and that was to play rough. Coyotes grabbed 3 goals and effectively killed off the game and began to pass the puck and keep possession. However the team from Swindon took exception to this, with first Carl Ashton, and then Andrew Duxbury being took out after taking the puck around the Swindon players.

These offences however which would have been meet with 5 minute major penalties in the NIHL or any other Northern league, were met with 1 minute minor penalties, meaning the Swindon players could continue to do so without the risk of a major penalty or ban. With the referee's again adopting this attitude, it was only a matter of time before a player was seriously injured.

The Coyotes next faced Wadwbridge Wizards. The Wizards with only a short bench, couldn't handle the class of a Coyotes team growing in confidence, and wound up on the wrong end of a 4-0 win for the Coyotes. In their penultimate game of the day, Coyotes met a team much closer to home in the form of Team Revolution, and renewed their rivalry from the NIHL, in the Welsh Dragon Cup. Coyotes knew all about Revolution from the previous

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season, and it wasn't long before they opened the scoring through a rocket slapshot on the powerplay from defender Andrew Swift. 4 more goals followed, and Revolution were confidently dispatched of, with yet another clean sheet at the other end. From the 6 games played so far netminders Richard Winnard, and Phil Pearson had shared a total of 5 shutouts with Winnard claiming 3, and Pearson taking the other 2.

The final game of the day, saw Coyotes take on the South London Snipers. Among the London team, was ex-NHLer, and former French National team Captain Pierre Yves (P.Y) Gerbeau. Gerbeau is also well known for his exploits in Britain when he became Chief Executive of the Millennium Dome in 2000. The game itself was one of the best so far in the tournament, however it would be the Coyotes first lose of the tournament, as they went down 3-1, but this didn't take away from some of the excellent hockey that was not only played in this game, but in every Coyote game throughout the day.

The second day started just as the first one did, with a thumping win. This time it was against Pontypool, as every player on the team registered at least a point in a 10-0 win. This was the biggest win of the tournament so far, and kept Coyotes firmly on track for a win. With the Pontypool win boosting confidence to a new level, Coyotes went into the game against Barbarians looking for another 3 points. This was gained through a 3-1 win, but it the hit on star forward Zarren Camilleri on the final buzzer, that was the talking point, leaving the Coyotes player down, with a serious blow to the chest. This was another intentional hit, which went uncalled, with serious injury narrowly avoided.

Caerphilly Conquerors were next up, and what looked like another 3 points, ended in both team going home early. With the time seemingly up, and another victory for the Coyotes, there was a minor confrontation between two players. The player from Caerphilly then threw a punch, and a fight developed. However it was the actions of the Caerphilly players which threw the game into controversy. They firstly cleared their bench to join in the fight, with the netminder leaving his crease to become involved.

Once there the Caerphilly player used their helmets to hit the Coyotes players on the pad, leaving 2 of the with head, nose and neck wounds. Once the player had left the pad it was decided that both teams were to be disqualified from the tournament. The Caerphilly players left without so much as a whimper, knowing they had instigated the goings on, on the pad. However players and officials from the Coyotes were livid with the decision, as the team had not cleared their bench, and had been attacked by the Caerphilly players with their helmets.

However the decision stood, and the tournaments most exciting team was going home early, knowing that in 3 games time they would have been crowned champions.

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Player Stats

Ben Pepper-Proctor	15 Goals + 3 Assists = 18 Points
Zarren Camilleri	8 Goals + 1 Assist = 9 Points
Carl Ashton	5 Goals + 4 Assists = 9 Points
Dean Wild	3 Goals + 4 Assists = 7 Points
Andrew Swift	2 Goals + 4 Assists = 6 Points
Daniel Carney	2 Goals + 3 Assists = 5 Points
Jay Burgess	3 Goals + 1 Assist = 4 Points
Andrew Duxbury	1 Goal + 2 Assists = 3 Points

Total Goals For = 39

Total Goals Against = 6

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Honours List

1999/2000

NIHL Senior League Winners

BIPHA Senior Nationals Winners

2001/2002

NIHL Senior League Winners

2002/2003

NIHL U18's League Winners

U18's Jofa Cup Winners

Invitational North Wales U18's Cup Winners

2003/2004

NIHL U18's League Winners

NIHL U21's League Winners

NIHL Senior League Winners

NIHL U18's Summer Slam Winners

NIHL U21's Summer Slam Winners

Senior Jofa Cup Winners

2004/2005

NIHL Youth Development League Winners

NIHL U18's League Winners

NIHL U21's League Winners

NIHL Senior League Winners

NIHL U18's Summer Slam Winners

NIHL U21's Summer Slam Winners

NIHL Senior Summer Slam Winners

Sumo's Portland Cup Winners

World Amateur Championship Qualifiers (Runners Up)

2005/2006

Norton Cyclones Halloween Tournament Winners

NIHL Youth Development League Winners

NIHL U18's League Winners

NIHL U21's League Winners

NIHL Senior League Winners

World Amateur Championship U21 Champions

World Amateur Championship Senior Runners Up

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Summer League, Sheffield – July 2006 – Sept 2006

This summer the Coyotes took part in a league at Queens Road, Sheffield, in order to get some extra practise on a full sized rink, prior to the World Amateur Championships in New York. The format was simple. 6 team were split into 2 divisions, with the bottom team from division 1 and the top team from division 2 swapping place at the half way point. Coyotes were originally grouped with Projoy Undertakers, and rivals from the NIHL, the Heywood Hawks. After some good performances, at the halfway point Coyotes were placed second, level on point with top team Projoy. This saw Heywood drop into the bottom division, and Rotherham Rhinos taking their spot in the top league.

The Rhinos provided some stiff competition, however after taking their time Coyotes broke them down in both games, and came out on top. The matches against Projoy provided the entertainment with Projoy winning one game convincingly, but in the next Coyotes came back and won 3-2, but have much the better of the game. With the season now over, Coyotes and Projoy were place equal first on the same points with only goal difference separating them. The final placing's have not yet been announced, but with the announcement due any day now, the Coyotes will soon know if they have yet another title to added to the ever growing list.