

Player of the Month: 2005 - 2006

Mite

Barlow Sanders of the Chevy Chase Mite B team is one of the top forwards for head coach Tony Gray. Barlow is in his second year of Mite hockey and is a leader on the ice. He has also shown very good puck control skills for a Mite age player. Barlow is a third grader at Mater Dei School in Bethesda and also enjoys baseball, lacrosse and swimming.



Squirt

Joey Werble is a member of the Montgomery Blue Devils Squirt B team where he recently moved from defense to offense. Playing forward for the first time in his career, he quickly became a high point player. His coach is most proud of the qualities of good sportsmanship, tenacity, determination, flexibility and passion for the game that Joey exhibits. Joey is a 4th grader at Seven Locks Elementary School, where he is an "A" student. In addition to school and ice hockey, Joey plays roller hockey and soccer. In the middle of his first year as a travel player, he added the increased time commitments of learning a musical instrument and building and racing a radio control car. Joey chose ice hockey as his sport at the age of five and has pursued improvements in his game with unwavering dedication. Although Joey lost his father after a long illness last year, he has focused his energy on the positive aspects of his life, most notably his development as a hockey player and a good student.



Peewee

Howie Lumsden is the goalie and anchor of the Reston Raiders Pee Wee AA team. The young and inexperienced Raiders have depended on Howie to keep them in the game and competitive. In the 8 CBHL league games this season, Howie stood up to 360 shots and has 328 saves. Howie's family is definitely a hockey family. His dad still plays goalie in a men's league and his big brother plays on the Reston U 16 AA team. Howie is a 6th grader at River Bend Middle school where he is an "A" student. Howie's other sports include baseball and roller hockey. Howie is a team leader and always has a great attitude. He never gets down on his teammates and always tries to be positive with them. His teammates really look up to him. Howie would like to progress through youth and junior hockey to play in college. He is a big college hockey fan and has the lofty goal to play at the NCAA Division I level. His strong work ethic, positive attitude, and academic achievements should help him as he progresses toward this goal.



Bantam

Joe Miller is a forward, an alternate captain and one of the leading scorers on the Howard Huskies Bantam A hockey team. Joe is looked upon as a true leader on his team by both the coaches and players. He is a freshman at River Hill High School and got straight A's this past semester. He also played JV football and is currently playing for the River Hill Ice Hawks hockey team. Joe joined FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) and at the recent River Hill football banquet, Joe won a scholar athletic award for having a 3.25 GPA to go along with his participation in sports. He is also in GT Geometry and US History Honors. He attends CCD classes and also does community services with his church.



Midget U18

Astin Fitrell is a member of the Midget A team with Northern Virginia Hockey Club. His commitment, loyalty, determination and hard work are evident in the way he plays his game and the ways in which he contributes to his teams' successes. Astin plays right wing and also substitutes in for defense whenever he's needed.

In addition to hockey, Astin is a good student and has won a scholarship St. Anselm's Abbey School. He is currently a member of the premier Science Math and Technology Academy at Woodrow Wilson Senior High School with a major in Sports Medicine. He is also a member of his high school varsity baseball team, the high school varsity ski team.



After just one year of self-taught guitar lessons, Astin auditioned for and was accepted onto the renowned Woodrow Wilson Senior High School jazz band. He's won two scholarships to study guitar; one at California State University and one at the Fur Peace Ranch to study under G.E. Smith. He contributes his spare time to tutoring at the Oyster School in Washington, DC, and is a member of the peer mediation group in his high school.

Midget U16

Bren Rhule is a forward and leading scorer on the Richmond Royals U16 AA team. Bren is a junior at Clover Hill High School with a GPA of 3.67. He currently is in honors-level classes in 4 of 5 his subjects. On his "odd-date" class days, as a part of his high school education, he attends Chesterfield Technical School, all day, for his development for his career as a dentist.



He is a member of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America), FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) at school and attends Brandermill Church when not traveling with hockey. Besides playing hockey, Bren plays lacrosse, enjoys snowboarding, is a regular weekend poker player and an avid fisherman in the warmer months. Bren has played 5 years of travel level ice hockey, the last 3 years with the Richmond Royals, travel and tournament level in-line hockey for 6 years and has played the sport since he was 5 1/2 years old.