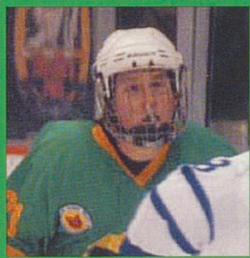


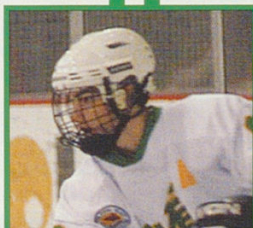
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"My mom says I'm special. The same goes for the hockey team. Win or lose, playing with these men was a great experience."
-Paul Procario, 12

"The important thing about this season was that we rarely tied. Either we won or lost- together, no turning back."

-John Krzynimski, 12



Row 1: Doug Coughlin, 12, Sean Tobin, 11, Paul Procario, 12, Kyle Esterkamp, 12, Dan Rubin, 11, John Krzynimski, 12, Steven Ross, 11, and Drew Tappan, 9. Row 2: Coach Geoff Turck, Dan Dukart, 10, Jeff Heslin, 12, James Hutson, 11, Derek Bahler, 12, Ben Moster, 10, Chris Luken, 12, JD McFarland, 11, Andy Graves, 10, and Coach Deryck Cooper.

BEATING TEAMS WITH BREAKAWAYS

Slap shots to victory

By: Jennifer Konerman

Skating through the season, the varsity hockey team had its ups and downs, all while sticking together. This tight-knit group of friends worked together to work through obstacles and gain respect.

The team's leadership, brought to life by the captain, **John Krzynimski, 12**, and assistant captain **Paul Procario, 12**, was what brought the team through its obstacles.

This leadership brought the team together and helped them improve. Their confidence and strength was their main power through the season. Upperclassmen, like the captains, were vital to this team. With seven seniors, underclassmen were guided and directed under strong leadership.

Several of the guys have been playing together for years and were thankful that they could play as a united team, looking past things in their way.

"It was a rocky season, but looking back, I wouldn't have spent it with any other group of guys," said **Sean Tobin, 11**.

Tobin, a leader on the offensive

line, was proud of the season and excited for the year to come. Like other leading players, **Ben Moster, 10**, and **Daniel Dukart, 10**, underclassmen looked forward to becoming the new leaders.

Many games kept the team's spirits high, such as the Springboro game toward the end of the season. Fans went in expecting a loss, but were surprised and encouraged by the four point win. Games like these only showed that the record rarely showed how much the team really improved.

"I don't think our record showed how much fun we had. It was a great season with a great group of guys," said **Daniel Rubin, 11**.

Although the team went through changes, such as goalie rotations and changes in lines, the team stuck together through thick and thin. Everyone pulled their weight and contributed to the team's successes.

"The past year has been a little bit of a struggle, losing key players last year, but we fought through and did the best we could having fun along the way," said **Kyle Esterkamp, 12**.



"The leadership was unmatched. It was like our captain was serving his country, literally."
-Stephen Ross, 11

"This year was a lot of fun. The older guys were awesome and I enjoyed playing with everyone."
-Daniel Dukart, 10