



1. Put on the pressure, Justin Church, 11, struggles for control of the puck. Although Church was a late edition to the team, his determination helped him to become an excellent team player.

2. Hit them with the tag team. A.J. Gold, 10, and Nadeem Mirza, 10, work together to squash the opposition.

3. Face off. Matt Cadwallader, 9, and J.P. Carreon Chua, 12, prepare for a big win against the opposing team.

"It was great how many people came out to support us; our team would be nothing without the fans,"
Jeff Heslin, 9



Breaking the ice One game at a time

By Anne Willis



4. Rallying the troops. Coach could not let them on the ice without a little pep talk. After the quick break, the boys were ready to play.

5. The face of determination. Andrew Stecz, 12, is prepped and awaiting the game to start.

6. Ready for the face-off. Up and coming player, Alex Martin, 10, excelled at his first year playing hockey.

7. Derek Bahler, 9, glided down the ice with hopes of a goal.

8. Never missing the puck. Alex Stone, 11, never missed a chance to get a goal. His ten goals made him the leading scorer on the team.



TEAM UNITY WAS A BIG FOCUS OF THE TEAM WAS BONDING.

They spend time together on and off the ice, attending pasta parties and other team events.

Another reason the team was so unified was the large amount of friends joining the team together, "Me and the guys would always go out and play roller hockey, so when I decided to join the hockey team I got them to join with me," said Cliff Spurlock, 11.

There were also other forms of "recruiting" for the team. Brandon Luken, 12, and Jory Zola, 11, both on the varsity team convinced their brothers Chris Luken, 9, and Jeremy Zola, 9, to play hockey. Having siblings on the two teams made it easier for the Varsity and JV teams to unite.

