

Sounds like a great weekend of hockey for the Cudas all the way around. Check out these highlights:

MITES

Reporting in from Orlando RDV, the travel mites had a tremendous Sunday. In the first game, our Mites beat the Spacecoast Hurricanes 6-1. The second game was even better as we beat the Orlando Jr Knights 7-1.

The team has really come together behind the solid goaltending of Jackson Hester, as well as benefiting from the experience of co-captains Connor Gatto, Darrin Mahin, and Payson Bellingrath. Even Tanner Everett and Phillippe Lamarre contributed with their first goals of the season.

Next game is Oct. 11 in Spacecoast!

Bantams

Ferlin Gets Shutout!!! Congrats Bantams! Bantams now 6-2

The Cudas Bantams won 4-0 over Spacecoast Hurricanes on Saturday. All the hard work the coaches and players put in at practices really showed in Saturday's defeat!

Go Cudas.

SQUIRTS

Barracudas squirt team elects captain - Alex Morley
Assitant - Joey Musa
Assistant - Connor Gatto
Game 1

Barracudas Vs. Jr. Lightning

Two evenly matched teams took to the ice and they treated us to a great game. The Lightning jumped out to a 1-0 lead. Then the Cudas came back scoring on a perfectly executed power play goal from Alan Meyer assisted by Musa and Blake Williams.

The next goal put the Cudas on top 2-1 scored by Jackson Savoie, assists Brett Elligsworth, shot from the point from Morley, winning the draw back.

The Lightning scored the next two taking a 3-2 lead into the third.

The third period was hard fought with the Barracudas winning most of the play but unable to find the net. With two minutes left Joey Musa beat the D wide and drew a penalty. One minute left, Jackson Hester is pulled from the goal and the Barracudas are skating 6 on 4. The puck slips by one of our blueliners and the winger shoots at the empty net. Off the post and into the corner.

Our D went to clear the puck and was slashed by the forechecking Lightning forward. 13 seconds, face off in the Lightning Zone. Musa wins the draw back to Williams, shoots rebound to Musa pass to Meyer and into the net with 3 seconds left to play Cudas 3- Lightning 3. Game Over, Raiders here we come.

Game 2 was played against the Raiders Black. That's the AA Raider team.

The game started strong. Coach Pete started out with a special line that really took it to The Raiders. Unfortunately we couldn't keep pace and 13 goals we found ourselves on the wrong end of the scoreboard.

Scoring for The Cudas, Riley Defoe, assisted by Blake Williams. The second goal came from Connor Gatto, assisted by Blake Williams and Joey Musa. The third goal came from Alex Morley, unassisted.

All in all the boys never quit and we're proud of them for that. We saw many areas to improve most notably positioning and the D covering the backdoor. We'll get there.

Jonathan Meyer

9/26/2009: Pee Wee Division (Jax Ice - Jacksonville, FL)

Jax Cudas	4
Charlotte Checkers	2

Game 1

It was a great start to the series as the Cudas played for the first time in front of a home crowd and they did not disappoint. Austin McDonough started the scoring as he flashed across the front of the net lifting the puck over the goalie leaving him dazed and confused. Teamwork was the name of the game as a hard shot from Donovan Tehan forced the goalie to make a save but leave a juicy rebound which Carter Meyer hammered home with authority. Goal number 3 was again the result of some hard skating and slick teamwork as Austin McDonough pinpointed a cross-crease pass to the waiting blade of Carter Meyer who again made the Checkers sulk by depositing the biscuit in the basket. Timmy Lynch then sealed the deal with an empty netter from the opposite blue line on a shot you could have watched in slow motion with all the drama attached. Other gutsy performances were turned in by newcomer Zeke Zeier, who effectively moved the puck up the ice through a traffic-filled neutral zone, Donovan Tehan for planting a garden of Checkers along the way (I think it was the Mountain Dew) and Josh Mitchell for continuously turning away the Checker rubber.

Goals – 61 McDonough, 3 Meyer(2), 17 Lynch
Assists – 17 Lynch, 23 Tehan, 61 McDonough

9/27/2009: Pee Wee Division (Jax Ice - Jacksonville, FL)

Jax Cudas **5**
Charlotte Checkers **2**

Game 2

Two must have been the Checkers' favorite number but someone forgot to tell them that two would not get it done as once again the Cudas skate to victory. Carter Meyer started off the scoring this time while accompanied by some tough hard-nosed skating by Austin McDonough to create the quality chance. As the first period ended in a 1-1 tie, it looked like we had ourselves an old fashioned fight to the finish developing. Austin McDonough had other plans as he sliced and diced through traffic for 2 more goals dousing any glimmer of hope the Checkers had of getting out of Jax with a victory. Noah Kostick also added to the scoring by scooping the puck up and working his way free with a nice move to go wide. Noah then fed the puck to the front with laser precision which took a fortunate Cuda bounce off of a Checker defenseman and into the net. Timmy Lynch again capped off the scoring with a shot from the right circle which fooled the goalie and ended up in the short side.

Goals – 3 Meyer, 61 McDonough(2), 21 Kostick, 17 Lynch
Assists – 61 McDonough, 17 Lynch

Space Coast Hurricanes **8**
Jax Cudas **2**

Game 3

The Hurricanes' brought the category 5 with them into Jax as they took a quick commanding lead of 4-1 in the first period. We knew this would be a tough game and tough it was. The Canes brought an arsenal of shots at Josh Mitchell as he did his best to repel as much rubber as he could. Although beaten on the scoreboard, the kids played their hearts out and I think for the first time this year we can honestly say that when the score got a little lopsided, the Cudas did not hang their heads and slow down the play. They played the entire 36:00 whistle to whistle hustling and leaving it all out on the ice. The coaching staff was as pleased (if not more) with the way the kids played this game than the previous two. Obviously we would have loved the score to be different, but we can take a loss like this anyway as compared to quitting part way through. This is a situation where our kids truly gain an advantage over those that do not participate in team sports. Some staunch hitting along with a few well earned goals accompanied by some good team play summarizes this game for the Cudas. Somebody has to do the dirty work and their reward is the assist. Austin McDonough and Donovan Tehan earned that title in this game, while Carter Meyer and Noah Kostick again put it home with some tough stick work in tight real estate.

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It was a great weekend of hockey for the Cuda faithful to see. Our thanks to many folks for making Jacksonville Hockey shine this weekend. The tireless efforts of our team managers John

and Kathleen DelVecchio and a host of others including Bill Sader and the Jax Ice staff pulled this off in terrific fashion. We would also like to thank the Charlotte Checkers and Space Coast Hurricanes organizations for traveling to Jax giving us a well deserved and all too infrequent opportunity to play at home.