

## The Evolution of Hockey in CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Ice hockey in Concord was well documented at St. Paul's School. The boarding school opened in 1856 on 2,000 acres of beautiful woodlands and ponds.

In the 1870's the game of ice hockey or "shinny" was first introduced on the lower school pond and from the beginning, it was more than a sport at St. Paul's it – was a way of life. Here in the place blessed with boys, ponds, and long winters, it was natural that the three would come together in celebration. The love of the fabled "black ice" was universal, and the boys, the masters, and their families looked forward to its early arrival.

In those early days, the boys would cut their own sticks in the woods and played with a wooden block or ball. But in J.P. Conover (a master at SPS) traveled to Montreal and brought back a few hockey sticks which resembled field hockey sticks but with a longer shaft. He also brought with him an octagon block covered with leather, the forerunner of the modern puck.

Acknowledged as the "cradle of American hockey," St. Paul's School and ice hockey have been synonymous since the afternoon of November 17, 1883, when the School community gathered on the Lower School Pond to witness the first game ever played in the United States.

Three distinct steps of development led directly to the introduction of the game into New York and into colleges: first, the game of "Shinny" moved to the more formal eleven man game in the early 1880's; next the game was played by seven men; and finally six men, a rubber puck and a broad stick. Of note, during the early years, even up to World War I, a team would play with their original unit. According to the rules, a player removed could not again resume play.

A couple of the significant individuals in the early years were Coach Malcolm K. Gordon, SPS 1887 and the legendary Hobey Baker 1909.

Located less than 3 miles from the ponds at St. Paul's School, the City of Concord received a gift of land from Armenia S. White, in memory of her husband Nathaniel White. The deed for White Park was conveyed to the City of Concord in 1884. Nathaniel was a businessman involved in transportation, stage line and railroad, hotels and banking (founder of the American Express Company) he served in the state legislature in 1852 and was an abolitionist and supporter of woman's suffrage.

White Park sits on 23.4 acres and defined by five residential streets (Washington, Centre, White, Liberty and Beacon). It was a beautiful piece of land with steep slopes and a high water table. In the mid-to late 1880's the renowned Landscape Architect Charles Eliot designed the park. Two ponds were excavated to help direct the flow of water from the hillside fresh water springs. Other elements included a stone bridge, designed by local architect George B. Howe and constructed in 1896. The steel picket fence surrounding the site was built after 1905 and the fieldstone shelter at the intersection of Centre and Washington Streets was built in 1906.

As you will see, White Park played a prominent role in the evolution of ice hockey in City of Concord. It became the primary skating facility for hockey, particularly in the north and west end of the city up until opening of the Douglas N. Everett Arena on November 17, 1965.

## **CHAPTERS**

Boys Youth and Junior Hockey; Girls Youth Hockey; Senior/Amateur Hockey; Professional Hockey; Boy's High School Hockey; Girl's High School Hockey; Olympians, New Hampshire Legends of Hockey, Skating areas, Rink Dedications and Men's Leagues.

## **BOYS YOUTH AND JUNIOR HOCKEY**

According to the Concord Monitor and Patriot, hockey at White Park dates back to the winter of 1910-11. Youngsters of all ages began playing and there and two teams called the Concord Young Sluggers and Young I.O.C competed. The Sluggers won 2-1 and their line-up included: Halpin; Dacey; Gallagher; Smith; T. Dooley; G Dooley and McMahan. Halpin and T. Dooley scored for the winners while Clark tallied for the I.O.C. Several years later, the White Park Warriors began play in 1915-16.

Much of the credit for both youth and high school hockey must be directed to then Concord High Athletic Director and Coach Delly Callahan. In the January 8, 1924 Concord Monitor, Callahan unveiled a plan to immediately start an inter-school league in the lower grades in order to develop hockey into a major sport at the high school. The first teams were Walker, Garrison as well as Class M and N of the Chandler School and games were played at White Park. Later that month, the High School Independents (C.H.S.) played the Millville Seven team at St. Paul's and prevailed 3-0. Members of the Independents included Brown, Prowse, Leary, Foley Maganeau, Gervais and goaltender Jewell. The Millville roster included Rue, Crowley, Roach, Rice, Barney, Crowley and Roach in goal.

On December 18, 1957 the Recreation and Parks Department organized a series of clinics for boys 12 to 15 years old. It is hoped the program may help revive interest in hockey. The clinics will be directed by local hockey official John Healy, members of the St. Paul's School coaching staff and various local players.

In December of 1958 City Recreation Director Jack Penny organized a league for boys 16 and older and two teams were formed. The Eagles were captained by former high school goaltender Hunk O'Connell and the other by Ward Jenkins.

Then in 1959 Russ Martin settled in Concord and that winter of 1959-60 with high energy and enthusiasm spearheaded a revival of ice hockey in the Capital City, by founding the Concord Youth Hockey program sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. In December of 1959 Martin led 65 boys for the Pee Wee league ages 8-11 and another 44 for the Bantam league ages 12-14. The original teams were named the White Ghost and Green Goblins. The second year teams were called (Brown, Harvard, Cornell, Columbia and Dartmouth) for Pee Wee while the Bantams were the (Canadiens, Bruins and Rangers). Some of original volunteer coaches dedicated to growing hockey here in the Capital City were: Pete Champagne; Steve Winship, Bambi King; Ingersol Arnold; Art Hughes; Paul Hines; John Healy; Paul Dupont, Bernard Colgan, and Dutch Morse. The program selected an All-Star team which played out of town teams also. On July 3, 1968 the program incorporated as the Concord Youth Hockey Association (CYHA).

## **GIRLS YOUTH HOCKEY**

Girls hockey began as far back as 1925 and the February 14, 1925 Concord Monitor stated that "four

games were played and the boys, as well as the girls, were fortified with hockey sticks as far as the eye could travel". At one point there was a three team league and '32 Olympian Doug Everett was involved. Officer Andrews released the rosters on December 29, 1936 with 26 girls under the age of 17 playing on three teams. **Wildcats:** Captain Lena Ianuzzo; Louise Morin; Gertrude Dane; Anne Carlisle; Marie Champagne; Barbara Dye; Rita Bosworth; Pauline Marquis; Marion Faretra and Rosalle Rushlow. **Cubs:** Captain Gladys Symonds; Gloria Champagne; Barbara Martin; Beatrice Cozzi; Corrine Bellows; Gladys Andrews; Lucy Ianuzzo and Mitchell. **Tigers:** Captain Pauline Pilsbury; Marjorie Webster; Marjorie Murdock; Helen Stubbs; Ann Harrison; Lucile Denoncourt; Lillian King and Ruth Hobart. Marchand was named in a previous article for the Wildcats. For one game, referees were Norman Champagne and Frank Morono, timekeeper was S. Carlson and scorer B. Marshall.

In 1984 New London's Jay Jones and Concord's Dave Boudrias started the New Hampshire Women's Select hockey team. The majority of the girls were from Concord and New London. In addition, Mike Mounsey served as an Assistant Coach. At that time the only other girls programs were in Assabet Valley and Chelmsford, MA. The team also played many of the prep school teams such as Exeter and Andover, many times beating them handily with the 11, 12 and 13 year old girls. Players from the original team were as follows: New London - Carey Jones, Amy Messer, Kelly Walls, Jean Kirk and Tanya Sweet. From Concord - Laurie Rice, Tara Mounsey, Shelia Killion, Stacey Boudrias, Stephanie Acres, Jenna Nolan and Tasha Fine. Jones, Mounsey, Killion, Boudrias, Acres and Fine all went on to play women's college hockey. After three or four years girls from the Hanover area joined the team and made it to the Nationals. It was around that time the team based themselves out of Concord.

The Concord Youth Hockey Association had several girls-only, multi aged teams dating back to 1994. The CYHA fielded U12, U14 and U19 teams beginning in 2005-06. Those first teams were coached by: U12 Chris Duhaime; U14 Ray Popsie and U19 Bill Foote.

## **SENIOR HOCKEY**

The golden era with senior hockey in the capital city was in the early 1930's. In fact, those first six years pitted the Concord Hockey Club "CHC", Sacred Heart and the Millville Bruins all vying for bragging rights as the best team in the city. Competition for these clubs came from throughout New Hampshire, New England and even Canada at times. The Concord Hockey Club was the first to start a team during the 1924-25 season, and they continued play through the 1935-36 season. The Millville Bruins formed a club in 1926-27 and finished in 1938-39 (1\*). Sacred Heart enjoyed the longest tenure in the capital city, beginning in 1930-31, missing three seasons due to the war (1942-43, 43-44 and 44-45) and their last being 1951-52. Lastly the White Park Hockey Club started up in 1939-40 after both the Bruins and CHC had finished. The White Park Hockey Club played for three years.

After a lengthy absence, senior hockey returned to the Capital City for the 1962-63 season. Former Captain of the UNH Wildcats, Ken McKinnon had come to Concord to teach. McKinnon was named Commissioner of the Granite State Hockey League. In addition to those duties he played for local Concord Shamrocks. The Shamrocks played in the G.S.H.L through the 1966-67 season. He also guided the Crimson Tide to the State Title game in 1963-64. The Concord Coachmen were the next team to come on board, starting play the same season as the Shamrocks finished. They played a total of two seasons in the Northern New England Hockey League. The next year the Concord Eastern Olympics began play and competed in the New England Hockey League – then the Can-Am League finishing after the 1973-74 season. The Tri-City Coachmen were next to form a team. Players from Concord, Manchester and Nashua formed this independent team. Last the Concord Budmen began play in 1975-76

in the New England Hockey League and later as an independent team and finished after the 1990-91 season. However, the Budmen still compete in several senior tournaments each year including the Bud Light Olde Knights Tournament in Fitchburg, MA and the Black Ice Pond Hockey Classic at White Park.

### **PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY**

The New Hampshire Freedoms is the Capital City's lone entry for professional hockey. The Freedoms competed in the Northeastern Hockey League in 1978-79. The former Cape Cod Cubs, the Freedoms played home games in both Manchester and Concord and were coached by the late John Cunniff. Bob Blood of Concord played in 68 games while scoring 39 points. Two other NH natives suiting up were Ray Roy (17 GP) and former UNH goaltender Mark Evans (22 GP). In addition to Evans, UNH tender Cap Raeder made 47 starts while Ray Champagne and Andre Prefontaine suited up for two and one game respectively.

### **PREP SCHOOL HOCKEY**

At St. Paul's School, coeducation was added in 1971 and from their first competitive season in 1981, the girls faced extraordinary challenges: to build an experienced, well-disciplined team in such a traditionally male-oriented sport and to live up to the legacy of St. Paul's hockey.

### **BOYS HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY**

The January 30, 1924 Concord Monitor states "while Everett was in high school, he was in back of a movement to have school authorities recognize hockey as a school sport". This movement failed, but the C.H.S. Independents (the forerunner to the varsity) were founded under his captaincy. Early records show they played as early as the winter of 1919-20 and continued to play until the school officially sponsored a team in 1933-34. Although, of note, the Dec. 16, 1933 Monitor stated "both sports (basketball and hockey) were introduced this winter after a lapse of several years". The first Annual N.H. Interscholastic Hockey Tournament was played in Concord at the end of the 1931-32 season and St. Anselm Prep School beat Nashua 1-0 in overtime to take home the first title. The games were held at the Bridge Street rink.

Officially, Concord High fielded a team in 1933-34. The Tide played 6 games / winning 5 and lost just 1. They were coached by Athletic Director Delly Callahan and led by Captain James Cerriello. The Crimson Tide won 2 unofficial state titles in the early years, the first in 1938-39 and then again in 45-46. The first year of the NH Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) was 1947-48. Due to poor conditions from warm weather they missed a couple years of official games and did not field a team from 1951-52 through 60-61 seasons. Delly Callahan coached the Tide for 18 seasons.

Russ Martin was again at the forefront of the hockey revival in Concord, this time for high School hockey. He met with the Board of Education on February 16, 1961, petitioned the board while submitting a proposal and tentative budget to add ice hockey to the high schools formal athletic program. The board accepted the proposal last winter and Paul Dupont was selected to coach the Crimson sextet the next year.

Since then they've competed for 19 NHIAA State Titles, winning 8. Their first Championship came in 1976-77 with (Coach Dick Ryerson) and again in 1978-79. Coach Dunc Walsh has led the Crimson Tide to six State Titles including and astonishing four in a row from 1996 to 1999. The Tide's most recent state title was in 2010. The Tide registered a perfect record at 21-0-0 during the 1995-96 while winning their first of four State Titles in a row.

Bishop Brady High School opened in the fall of 1963 and began hockey during the 1969-70 season. The Green Giants have competed in five State Championship games over their history. Head Coach Leo Girouard led Brady to the title game in 1973, Bud Luckern took the Green Giants there in '79 and 1980 and most recently Clint Edinger in '07 and 2008.

### **GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY**

Concord High School started a girl's club team in 1993-94. The school selected Jenny Boesch as Head Coach with primary assistance from Kim Arndt. Jenny coached through the 1999-00 season and for the seven seasons. Tom Ackerson then took over in the very first year of the NHIAA, 2007-08, the Crimson Tide made it to the finals with Head Coach Tom Ackerson, before losing to the Marauders of Hanover High 5-3. In 2011-12, Stacy Boudrias, who had played at Bishop Brady was hired to Coach the Crimson Tide.

Bishop Brady had a club team off and on in the mid-nineties. After a lengthy layoff, Brady initiated a girl's varsity team in 2012-13, combining to form Bishop Brady-Trinity and was coached by Dan Earley.

### **OLYMPIANS**

Doug Everett attended Colby Academy in New London and served as Captain in 1921-22. He attended Dartmouth College played his collegiate hockey for the Indians. He amazed fans with his stick handling ability, speed, and hard shot as a member of Dartmouth teams from 1922-1926. He was one of the greatest players to come out of Dartmouth during the 1920's. Everett was All-College in his sophomore and junior years at Dartmouth, as selected by the Boston Transcript, and was named by the New York Herald Tribune to one of the earliest All-American Teams. A writer of that time said of him: "He could skate, and he could shoot, and he had the native intelligence — all the ingredients a player needs for greatness. He was hardly of the ruffian variety, but he knew how to body check and did so with authority." After graduation Everett declined offers from the Boston Bruins, New York Rangers, and Toronto Maple Leafs to enter the insurance business. However, he continued in hockey with the Concord Hockey Club as well as the University Club of Boston, one of the four best amateur teams in North America. While skating with the University Club against Princeton he even recorded six goals. Named to the 1928 Olympic team, Everett never made the trip to Switzerland due to a lack of funding. Everett played with the 1932 United States Olympic Team which finished second to Canada at Lake Placid, NY. In the Olympic tournament the United States tied Canada 2-2 in the first game and lost the second, 2-1. The former Big Green skater scored two of the three American goals in the two games. In November of 1965 a brand new ice arena was built in Concord, NH and names the Douglas N. Everett Arena in his honor. In 1974 Everett became the fourth member of the 1932 Olympic Team to be enshrined in the United States Hockey Hall of Fame. Ding Palmer, John Chase, and John Garrison had previously been accorded the honor. In their inaugural year, Everett was inducted into the NH Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame in 2002.

Tara Mounsey attended Concord High School from 1992 to 1996. In her senior year, Tara was the team captain and was named Player of the Year in NHIAA boy's hockey. She attended Brown University and played varsity hockey for three seasons. She was named a finalist twice for the Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award. An award of The USA Hockey Foundation, the Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award is presented annually to the top player in NCAA Division I women's ice hockey. Other selection criteria include outstanding individual and team skills, sportsmanship, performance in the clutch, personal character, competitiveness and a love of hockey. Consideration is also given to academic achievement and civic involvement. Mounsey took a year off after her freshman year to compete in the 1998 Winter Olympics.

After her junior year she left Brown for two years to train with and play for the Salt Lake City Olympic Hockey team. Tara won a Gold Medal at the 1998 Olympics held at Nagano, Japan and won a Silver Medal at the 2002 Olympics held at Salt Lake City. She was selected to the All-World Teams at both the 1998 Nagano and 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics. Tara was a member of the Women's National Team from high school through the Salt Lake City Olympics. During this period she won three silver medals at the World Championships. In 2005 Mounsey was inducted into the NH Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame. Most recently, she was named #3 of the Greatest 10 Players in New England history in the January 2013 issue of the New England Hockey Journal.

## **NH LEGENDS OF HOCKEY**

The individuals listed below have been inducted into the NH Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame through 2017. Although not all hailed from Concord, however, each helped write the history of hockey here in the Capital City. Shown below is category inducted, many of the teams they were involved and induction year.

Builder - Sanford "Sandy" Sistare - Bowdoin, SPS – Inducted 2011  
Builder – Russ Martin – UNH – Inducted 2007  
Coach - Ingersoll "Ingy" Arnold - Bowdoin, Sacred Heart, Shamrocks - Inducted 2010  
Coach – Howell P. Campbell – St. Paul's School – Inducted 2017  
Coach - Red Gendron - Berlin H.S. New England College, NJ Devils, UMASS, Maine, Yale - Inducted 2007  
Coach - Malcolm Kenneth Gordon - SPS - Inducted 2008  
Coach - Bud Luckern - Bishop Brady - Inducted 2007  
Coach - Bill Matthews - SPS, Bowdoin – Inducted 2006  
Coach – Bruce Parker – Berlin H.S., Berlin Maroons, Eastern Olympics, Concord Budmen, Manchester Blackhawks – Inducted 2014  
Coach - Dick Ryerson - SPS, Wesleyan, Tilton, Concord High – Inducted 2006  
Coach - Bob Tardif - Shamrocks, Eastern Olympics, Budmen – Inducted 2003  
Coach - Dunc Walsh - Bishop Brady, Plymouth State College, Concord High School - Inducted 2011  
Media - Bob Norton - UNH - Inducted 2009  
Media - Dick Osborne - Concord H.S., UNH - Inducted 2004  
Media - Jim Rivers – Concord H.S., Manchester Monarchs (AHL) - Inducted 2012  
Media – Harvey L Smith – Concord H.S. – Inducted 2013  
Official - Pierre Belanger – Berlin H.S. Plattsburgh, Manchester Blackhawks, Concord Budmen - Inducted 2002  
Official - Leonard "Red" Brochu - Concord H.S., Sacred Heart, Shamrocks – Inducted 2011  
Official - John "Tarzan" Healy - Sacred Heart - Inducted 2007  
Player - Karl "Red" Adams – Concord High, Tilton School, Sacred Heart, UNH 1941-43 - Inducted in 2011  
Player - Steve Arndt - Dartmouth, Budmen Inducted 2008  
Player – Hobey Baker – St. Paul's School – Inducted 2006  
Player – Russ Bartlett – St. Paul's School – Inducted 2015  
Player - Willie Bibeau – Alpine Club, Blackhawks, Monarchs, Concord Budmen - Inducted 2004  
Player - Lee Blossom – St. Paul's School, Concord High, Boston College, Budmen - Inducted 2010  
Player – Dick Boucher – Notre Dame, Berlin Maroons, Alpine Club, Shamrocks, Manchester Black Hawks – Inducted 2005  
Player - Ryan Brandt - UNH, Eastern Olympics, Budmen - Inducted 2011  
Player - Kent Carlson - Concord H.S., St. Lawrence, Montreal, St. Louis - Inducted 2002  
Player - Ray Champagne - Blackhawks, Monarchs, Concord Budmen - Inducted 2003  
Player – Paul Colgan – Sacred Heart Hockey Club – Inducted 2015  
Player – Maurice Couture – Sacred Heart Hockey Club – Inducted 2017  
Player - Ron Dubreuil – Blackhawks, Monarchs, Concord Budmen - Inducted 2004  
Player - Doug Everett - Concord Hockey Club, Dartmouth, US Olympic Team - Inducted 2002  
Player – CJ Ficek – St. Paul's School, UNH – Inducted 2015  
Player - Bruce Gillies, Jr. - Bishop Brady, UNH Wildcats - Inducted 2007  
Player – Jim Griffin – Berlin Jr. Maroons, New England College, Plattsburgh College – Inducted 2017  
Player - Norm Hebert - Alpine Club, Blackhawks, Monarchs, Budmen - Inducted 2007  
Player - Jacques LeClerc – Blackhawks, Monarchs, Concord Budmen Inducted 2003  
Player - Clarence "Buzz" Littell - UNH, Concord Eastern Olympics, Nashua Maple Leafs - Inducted 2006  
Player – Peter Maher – Canterbury School, U. Maine, Concord Budmen – Inducted 2012  
Player - Ken McKinnon - UNH, Concord High, Concord Shamrocks, Coachmen – Inducted 2005

Player – Roger Letourneau – Berlin H.S., Berlin Maroons, Eastern Olympics, Concord Budmen – Inducted 2017  
Player - Tara Mounsey - Concord High, Brown US Olympic Team- Inducted 2004  
Player – Steve Murphy – Concord Coachmen, Eastern Olympics, Concord Budmen, Manchester Blackhawks – Inducted 2014  
Player - John Normand - Berlin H.S., Berlin Jr. Maroons, UNH, Budmen - Inducted 2007  
Player – Wayne Pecknold –Eastern Olympics, Concord Budmen – Inducted 2017  
Player - Andre "Pref" Prefontaine - Nashua Maple Leafs, Blackhawks, Monarchs, Budmen - Inducted 2009  
Player – Ted Rice – Concord High, Concord Hockey Club, Millville Bruins, Sacred Heart – Inducted 2013  
Player – Brian Stone – Manchester Central H.S., New England College, Busch Blues – Inducted 2006  
Player - Daniel K. Stuckey, II - Phillips Exeter Academy, St. Paul's School, Sacred Heart - Inducted 2010  
Player – Mark Stuckey – Hotchkiss, Princeton – Inducted 2013

## **SKATING AREAS**

On January 24, 1922, the Concord Monitor stated “The city wouldn’t have to build a skating rink if the state would permit boarding in the plaza in front of the capitol. The surface is almost a glare and would make a wonderful rink”. Later that winter it stated “the skating surface at White Park is in the best shape of the year, quite different from other years”.

January 1924 – Rollins Park ball field and Stickney field (east of railroad tracks)  
White Park Rink – January 10, 1927 stated the newly constructed rink  
Firemen flood rinks, Rollins Park and Kimball playground at Fosterville - December 1927

## **RINK LOCATIONS AND DEDICATIONS**

### Pleasant Street Rink

Built on the grounds of the Sacred Heart Church

### Bridge Street Rink

January 1932 Opening game – Concord Hockey Club, rink erected on the Higgin’s “circus field” and was called the Higgins Rink or Bridge Street Rink.

### Horseshoe Pond Rink

January 1934, the Concord Hockey Club are scheduled to play the University Club, (Cambridge, MA) New England A.A.U. Champions for the past two years will dedicate the new municipal rink.

### Memorial Field

Arctic weather invaded Concord just before Christmas of 1935 as the Millville Bruins dedicated the new city rink. Rev. Rudolphe Drapeau of Manchester, J. Mitchell Ahern (Chairman of the City Recreation Commission) and Attorney Mayland Morse held a brief ceremony to help dedicate the rink. The Bruins played Potter Press of Newton Center, MA., but lost 3-0

### White Park

The rink in January 1936 ran along side of the pond, running east to west.

### Concord High School

The new home of the Crimson Tide was dedicated with the Millville Bruins playing a benefit game which will help raise money for the installation of lights. The rink ran parallel to North Fruit Street and the corner of Woodman.

### Douglas N. Everett Arena

On opening day the Concord Shamrocks and the Laconia Lakers battled on Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup> in

front of 1800 fans. The Shamrocks fought back from a 3-0 deficit to earn a 3 all tie. The arena was officially dedicated on December 7, 1965 when the UNH Wildcats faced off against the Dartmouth College Big Green in front of 2200 fans. Prior to the game as part of the dedication, Robert Cleary, a teammate of Everett's at Dartmouth presented a plaque which read "In Honor of Doug Everett...Presented by his Classmates...Dartmouth College ...Class of 1926. The plaque will be on permanent display at the arena. In addition, a flag which flew over the Capitol in Washington was presented by Congressman James Cleveland and will be hung over the arena's west balcony. Also Joining Everett was Russ Martin (President of the Concord Skating Arena, Inc., Mayor Charles C. Davies and Governor John King. As far as the game, the Big Green controlled this game from start to finish, disposing of the Wildcats 10-1. Concord's sophomore forward Rusty Martin contributed with a pair of goals.

### St. Paul's School

SPS first created, on the site of former tennis courts, an artificially-maintained but uncovered surface not far from the Lower School Pond. Hoping to use the space for tennis as well, the School buried the pipes under a thick surface: the ice was unsatisfactory. That fault was corrected, but the lack of a cover continued to create problems, and finally the Gordon Rink as we know it today was finished in 1966.

The current Hockey Center, completed in 1998, features a renovated Gordon Rink and the addition of the Ingalls Rink, named for David S. Ingalls '52. The two rinks are joined by a building providing on its upper level an entry foyer, the Captains Room, a reception and memorabilia room with views out to the Lower School Pond and down onto Gordon's ice.

### Hopkinton Rink

Built on Kimball Pond for the 1932-33 season, the 180' x 80' rink with 3 1/2' boards were built, in addition, 13 500 watt lights have placed over the ice surface and is one of the finest rinks in the state. The Hopkinton Hockey Club was formed that same season played their games there. The Millville Bruins also played some games there as well.

## **MEN'S LEAGUES**

1960's

Harvest League – early 70's

Granite State League early 70's fall

Industrial League 70's – Freezes Exxon etc.

Capital City Hockey League – Began in 1984-85 / 23 years sponsored by restaurants. 5 teams

(\*1) The year the Millville Bruins completed play has not been confirmed.