Summer News 2005

South Shore Kings shine for Massachusetts at USA Hockey Festivals; several selected for USA National Teams.

The South Shore Kings have a long history of representing Massachusetts at the USA U15, U16 and U17 National Festivals. Many of our top players have been selected by USA Hockey after these tournaments to represent the country at the prestigious Five Nations Cup where the US squares off in August every year against the best 16 and 17 year olds from Canada, Russia, Sweden and Finland.

In 2000, Ryan Whitney '83, Brian McConnel '83, Michael Morris '83 and Robbie Flynn '83 played for Team USA. In 2001 Joe Rooney '85, Chris Poli '85 and Jimmy Russo '85 were selected to play for Team USA. In 2002 Keith Yandle '86, Nick Coskren '86 and Anthony Aiello '86 made the USA team. In 2004, Brian Gibbons '88 and Paul Carey '88 made the team. This Summer 2005 Gibbons and Carey are joined by fellow King Michael Griffin '88.

At the U17 Festival in Rochester, NY Jimmy Hayes and Derek Pallis '89 represented the Kings and Massachusetts. Following this summer's tournament Jimmy Hayes was named to the USA Team. He'll leave the 2nd week in August to represent the US at this year's Five Nations Cup which will take place in Switzerland.

Justin Mansfield 90' from Arlington will team up with Ian Graves 90' of Belmont and Steven Kelly 90' of Mansfield for Team Mass at the U15 Festival at St. Cloud Minn.

At the 91 level Gus Young, Mark Hourihan, and Richie Crowley will all be playing for the Mass 14's.

The Kings organization is proud of our players who take part in the Massachusetts Satellite Program and we express our sincere thanks to Mass Hockey who has pioneered this off season development program which has benefited so many of our players in teaching them what it takes to reach their full potential as athletes and young men.

Jimmy Hayes "89" leads Team USA U17

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The United States U17 team went undefeated at the Five Nahas Cup beating Germany 6 to 4 in the final. Team USA also beating Czech Republic, Slovekia and Switzerland.

Hayes "89" from Dorchester led the team and the tournament in scoring with 3 goals and 5 assist (8 points). Hayes is a sophomore at Nobles and Greenough School in Dedham, MA and his brother Kevin plays for the 92 Kings.

NHL 2005 Entry Draft

Keith Yandle '86 of Milton and Cushing Academy was drafted in the 4th round by the Phoenix Coyotes and Anthony Aiello '86 of Braintree and Thayer Academy was taken in the 5th round by the Minnesota Wild.

Yandle and Aiello played together for seven years on the Kings and will be attending Maine and Boston College respectively in the fall.

This is the fifth year in a row that South Shore Kings players have been drafted. Last year Billy Ryan '85 of Milton and Cushing Academy was taken in the 3rd round by the New York Rangers. In 2003, Brian Boyle '84 of Hingham was taken by the L.A. Kings in the 1st round. In 2002, it was a record year for the Kings at the draft. Ryan Whitney '83 was taken in the 1st round by the Pittsburgh Penguins and Michael Morris '85 was taken in the first round by the San Jose Sharks. Brian McConnel '83 was also taken in the 32nd picked in the draft and the in the 2nd round Robbie Flynn '83 of Milton was also drafted in the 7th round.

Keep an eye on the 88 Kings at the 2006 draft as several talented players could be selected.

Yandle a 4th-round pick by Coyotes by Boston Globe

Keith Yandle will take the advice often attributed to Horace Greeley: Go West, Young Man. That's because the Milton native was taken last week in the National Hockey League's entry draft by the Phoenix Coyotes in the fourth round. The former Cushing Academy star was the 104th player taken overall.

However Yandle will go north first. The son of former Canton High School hockey coach Bud Yandle will head to the University of Maine to play college hockey.

It wasn't his first choice. He expected to play at the University of New Hampshire, where his older brother, Brian, earned All-America honors last year and was named the team captain this year. Problem was UNH ran out of scholarship aid so in a matter of weeks when

they head off to classes, the Yandles will drop off Brian in Durham, N.H.,and continue up I-95 to Orono, Maine, with Keith. They will get together during the winter, of course, and not just for the holiday season. The two will battle in Durham on Nov. 12 when UNH hosts Maine and again Feb. 3-4 when UNH travels to Maine. The Maine-UNH hockey rivalry is a major event in northern New England. Phoenix, incidentally, was ecstatic getting the younger Yandle in the
fourth round.

''We think he is a great prospect. The good thing about Keith is that he's going to play in college, and we will have some good time to watch him develop. We think we have a player with size and ability to make his mark," said Coyote director of player personnel Tom Kurvers told the media at a post-draft press conference. ''We were watching for his name on the board for a while before we got to our next pick. He was there, and we were happy to select him."