

# Player of the Month: 2003 - 2004

## Girls

Elizabeth Sanchez is captain of the Greater Hampton U16 Ice Angels girl's hockey team, based out of the Chilled Ponds rink in Chesapeake, Virginia. She has played hockey for 4 years, and is an avid Red Wings fan. A dedicated hockey enthusiast, she plays organized hockey year around and after school every day when pickup is available. When Elizabeth does not have the opportunity to play hockey, she volunteers at the rink as a rink guard and a Learn-to-Skate assistant, or practices her second love, the piano. An Honor Roll student at Greenbrier Christian Academy, she is a role model and leader for teammates and opponents alike. The consummate team player, she initiated team prayer at the outset of every game, yet is renown for her prowess and aggressiveness. Her attitude and behavior epitomizes what the young athlete should be. Elizabeth's sole desire is to attend college on a full hockey scholarship.



## Mite

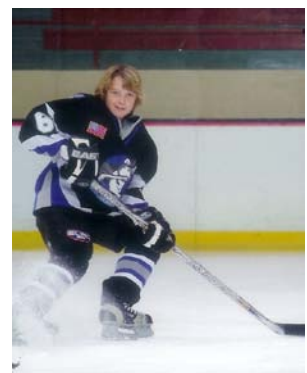
Nicholas Wilkerson (#96) is a hard shooting forward for the Chesapeake Bay Chiefs travel Mite "B" team. He is a team leader with his speed and hustle in practices and games. Nicholas is an energetic 7 year old boy who lives life with a passion. His hobbies are hockey, baseball, video games and drawing. He attends Shipley's Choice Elementary as a second grader. Nicholas is very compassionate with his family and teammates. Recently, Santa brought Nicholas a guitar for Christmas and he is eager to start learning how to play; he likes "Elvis." He has a pet hamster named "Speedy". His passion for the game sets a great example for his team, and he is a valued member of the Chesapeake Bay Chiefs organization.



## Squirt

Alan Fisher has played for the Howard County Youth Hockey Club for 3 years. This is Alan's 2nd year as a Squirt. Alan has developed into a very solid defenseman who can play exceptionally well at both ends of the ice. So far this season Alan has 15 goals and 9 assists, with 4 of the goals coming in January.

Alan has always shown the potential of being a leader on the ice. This season he has become that leader. This month the team went to Forest Ontario to play in the International Silver Sticks Finals. Alan played a great tournament impressing all the spectators in Ontario with his strong skating and stickhandling ability.



Alan and his family reside in Harford County Maryland and show their dedication by traveling 2 hours roundtrip for every practice and as much as 4 to 5 hours roundtrip for some local away games.

## Peewee

George Shenas has played for the Chiefs organization for the past 6 years. He started in the initiation program then moved on to play mite rec his first year and has been in the Travel program ever since. George has shown a passion for the game ever since he first told his parents he wanted to take the game up 6 years ago. He has played at all three levels within the CBHL, and has been apart of some very successful teams along the way. He has also been a strong team player and leader at all levels. He has an innate ability to study the game, from playing it himself to watching in person or on TV.



George attends the Key School in Annapolis excelling at all subjects. His teacher's comment on George's ability to show great enthusiasm and detail towards all his subjects and is a natural born leader. The school does not work on a grade system but his evaluations put him at the top of the class. In addition, George is a well-rounded athlete and also plays and excels at Golf and Lacrosse. His coach's at these sports also comment on his ability to work hard and listen to the coach.

George has many goals in his young life, and is focused on them. First and foremost are good grades, second is to play hockey at the Prep school level and third is to play Division I College Hockey for Boston University.

## Bantam

Joseph Roberts has played 4 seasons of travel hockey for the Richmond Royals, is a Honor Roll Student at Bailey Bridge Middle School, in his 3rd year playing the clarinet in the concert band at school, in his 1st year in Jazz band where he plays the saxophone, and was awarded the 2001 outstanding student of the year award by the Midlothian Ruitan Club.

Joseph Currently plays defense for the Richmond Royals Bantan A and has been named Captain or Asst. Captain by his coaches for the past three years. Joseph plans to attend college where he will continue to play hockey.

Joseph has cystic fibrosis, a chronic disease that effects the lungs and pancreases. Every year he participates in a cystic fibrosis charity hockey game, which raises thousands of dollars to fund research for the cystic fibrosis foundation. Joseph handles his disease really well. He has a rigid treatment schedule that requires him to do 3 to 4 breathing and physical therapy treatments a day.



Joseph has always be encouraged to never allow his disease to prevent him from doing what ever he wants to do. Joseph loves to play hockey and when you watch him play it is very obvious that he dose not let cystic fibrosis stand in the way of playing the game he loves so much HOCKEY.....

## Midget U16

John Williams is the CBHL Player of the Month for December in the Midget U16 division. John Williams is 15 years old and plays for the Baltimore Stars Midget U16 "A" team. His interest in hockey began at age 8 while attending a Calvert School clinic. He then progressed into the Baltimore Stars program. As a player, John has been elected team captain several times and is comfortable with leadership. John is skilled in the penalty kill and exhibits exceptional positioning.



As a sophomore, John attends Gilman School in Baltimore, Maryland. He is currently an honor roll student, and made honor roll last year as well. John is currently taking two honor classes, one advanced placement class, and excels in foreign language and history. At Gilman, John plays Varsity hockey along with other Stars teammates. John also plays lacrosse in the spring.

## Midget U17

Patrick Durham is the CBHL Player of the Month for December in the Midget U17 division. Although a late starter to hockey, Patrick has been a devoted and dedicated player for the last eight seasons with the Reston Raider program. Starting in the house league he has worked hard to improve his game. This effort and determination was rewarded with his unanimous selection by his coaches and teammates to be Captain of the Raiders Midget A team.



Up until this year he was an International Baccalaureate student at South Lakes High School in Reston, but has recently transferred to Heritage High School in Leesburg. He has also just joined the Loudoun Raiders high school hockey team.

Patrick volunteers with Scoring for Children - a charity founded by Peter Bondra and supported by the Washington Capitals - and with Loudoun County Junior Golf Association. Patrick is an avid sports fan, and enjoys the outdoors especially spending time with his family hunting, fishing, and playing golf in his free time.