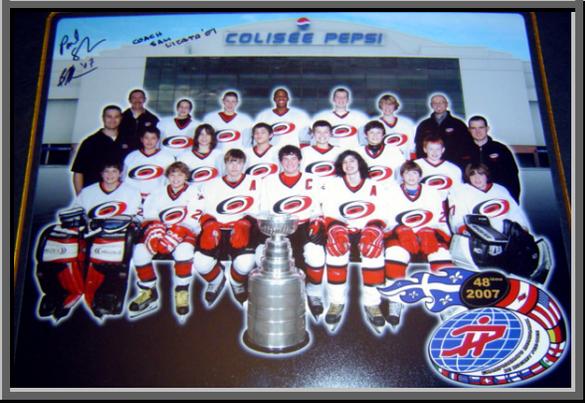




## Team 2007 / Equipe 2007

No	Name / Nom	Position	Coaches / Instructeurs
17	Worral, Ian	G	<b>Paul Strand</b> – GM / Head Coach – Gérant – Instr. Chef <b>Sam Licata</b> – Asst. Coach – Instr. Adjoint <b>Brian Mehm</b> – Asst. Coach – Instr. Adjoint
29	Christopoulos, Billy	G	
4	Wilkinson, Alex	F/A	
7	Eisenberg, Mitchell	F/A	
8	Walsh, Thomas	F/A	
9	Peckich, A.J.	F/A	
10	Halkidis, Beau	D	
11	Kirkham, Erik (A)	F/A	
12	Boyer, Jackson	F/A	
21	Moldenhauer, Scott	F/A	
<b>24</b>	<b>Tart, Chris (C)</b>	F/A	
25	LaMana, Gino	F/A	
26	Universal, Grant	F/A	
27	DiPaolo, Julian (A)	D	
28	Maness, Will	F/A	
32	Atkins Coley II, Daniel	D	
58	Grieves, Meghan	F/A	
77	Halladay, Kyle	D	
* Second participation at the Tournament Deuxième participation au tournoi			



## Team 2007/ Equipe 2007 Statistics / Statistiques\*

No	Name Nom	GP PJ	G B	Asst Aide	Pts	P.I.M PÉN
24	Tart, Chris	9	7	5	12	14
25	LaMana, Gino	9	6	3	9	6
27	DiPaolo, Julian	9	4	5	9	4
11	Kirkham, Eric	9	1	6	7	12
7	Eisenberg, Mitchell	9	2	3	5	0
4	Wilkinson, Alex	9	2	2	4	2
12	Boyer, Jackson	9	3	0	3	12
10	Halkidis, Beau	9	1	2	3	2
26	Universal, Grant	9	1	2	3	2
21	Moldenhauer, Scott	9	1	2	3	4
32	Atkins Coley II, Daniel	9	0	3	3	6
77	Halladay, Kyle	9	0	2	2	14
8	Walsh, Thomas	9	1	0	1	4
9	Peckich, A.J.	9	0	1	1	2
58	Grieves, Meghan	9	0	1	1	2
28	Maness, Will	9	0	0	0	0

\* Exhibition games and Tournament games included  
Inclus les parties hors-concours et de Tournoi

Game result / Résultat des matchs					
Date	Exhibition Hors-Concours Tournament Tournoi	Team Équipe	Score	Team Équipe	Score
Feb. 8	Exhibition	<b>JR HURRICANES</b>	4	Pittsburgh	1
Feb. 9	Exhibition	<b>JR HURRICANES</b>	6	Arby's Avalanche	0
Feb. 11	<b>Tour</b>	Seacoast Spartans	0	<b>JR HURRICANES</b>	3
Feb. 12	Exhibition	<b>JR HURRICANES</b>	4	Connecticut	0
Feb. 13	Exhibition	Colorado Avalanche	1	<b>JR HURRICANES</b>	3
Feb. 14	Exhibition	<b>JR HURRICANES</b>	2	L.A. Hockey Club	2
Feb. 15	Exhibition	<b>JR HURRICANES</b>	2	Syracuse Stars	2
Feb. 16	<b>Tour</b>	<b>JR HURRICANES</b>	1	Anaheim Ducks	2 (OT)
Feb. 16	Exhibition	Halifax Mooseheads	2	<b>JR HURRICANES</b>	4

(OT) = Overtime / Surtemps



## 2007 Tryouts / Camp de sélection 2007



During the week end of Sept 16 and 17, 2006 were held at Garner ice rink and at the Rec Zone the Tryout for the 2007 Edition of the JR Hurricanes.

This year, near 90 young hockey players including 9 goalies from North And South Carolina have demonstrated their talent and skill.

The players were divided in 3 groups. Two sessions were organized for the 3 groups. The first session was held at Garner in the morning at 7:30am with the first group on the ice. The second session was at the

Rec Zone and has started at 6:00pm.

After the two sessions were completed, the evaluators were reunited to do the first cut.

On Sunday morning, 41 players showed up at Garner for the final scrimmage game. The players were divided in two teams (black vs white). Only 18 players including the goalies will be selected to be part of this year Edition. Once again, the evaluators had to do the hardest part of the Tryout, who will be part of the 2007 Edition?

A special thanks to the parents for their support to the boys and girls.

A special thanks also to the people at Registration desk: Wes Carnes and Tom Acker (parent of Tim, former JR Hurricanes 2004-2005 Edition), on ice people: Shane Long (former JR Hurricanes player 2003 Edition), Curtis Atkinson and Daniel Owens.





## 2007 Daily Reports / Journal de bord 2007

Live from the Quebec Pee-Wee Tournament  
by Paul Strand



Paul Strand, Youth & Amateur Coordinator for the Carolina Hurricanes, has departed for Quebec City with the 2007 Junior Hurricanes. Strand will be coaching the team in the Quebec International Hockey Pee Wee Tournament - hockey's most prestigious youth tournament. The 10-day competition originated in 1960 and has hosted over 600 NHL players including Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Guy Lafleur and Ron Francis.

The 2005 Junior Hurricanes made it to the tournament finals, and this year's squad looks to be just as strong. Check in for Paul's daily updates as he keeps us posted on the Junior Hurricanes' play north of the border.

**Feb 8, 2007 (DAY 1) :** It was déjà vu all over again for this coach. That is, all except the result. The Junior Hurricanes departed to Quebec City for their 6th trip to the annual Tournoi International De Hockey Pee-Wee De Quebec. On Wednesday, February 7th. Last year, my first as a coach for the Jr. Hurricanes, we arrived in Quebec to find that some luggage, hockey gear and the hockey sticks did not make it on the flight. We scrambled around for some hockey gear for Jonathan Avedisian and T.J. Rich and ended up purchasing 18 sticks at the Hockey Warehouse. We then faced Burnaby, British Columbia, and came up short.



This year the story was much the same. The small planes arriving in Quebec City proved once again to not be able to hold all the hockey gear. After a tense few moments looking out the window of the airplane as the hockey bags were loaded, cheers would go up as one more was put on the conveyer belt. They all made it - that is, all except the stick bag. It was déjà vu all over again.

This time, however, we were prepared. I made a quick call to our billet captain Alain Desfosses and asked him to bring the sticks that we had purchase the year before to our first game against the Pittsburgh Penguins. He had kept them in storage at his home here in Quebec City - just in case. He stopped by his house and brought them to the rink so everyone had their gear and was raring to go.

There was a worry as we stepped on the ice for warm-ups against Pittsburgh. If you have ever seen young players these days play with a wooden hockey stick, you understand what I am talking about. They are so used to their feather-light Synergy models, you would think hockey sticks had never been made out of wood. Shot after shot missed the net. High, wide right, wide left. The boys looked like they had never handled a puck before.

However, the Jr. Canes came out on fire. The wood sticks, uncomfortable and heavy, did not stop the boys from putting the force on early. Six minutes into the opening period, second-year Jr. Cane and assistant captain Julian Dipaolo picked up the puck in the neutral zone and went around one, two, then three defenders and walked in on the goalie alone. His initial shot lay in the crease at the goalies feet, but Dipaolo stayed with it and tapped in the rebound for a great individual effort and the Canes first goal of the tournament. Jr. Canes 1 - Pittsburgh 0



Five minutes later, the Jr. Canes struck again. With a nice pass out of the defensive zone by Beau Halkidis to Captain Chris Tart, the Jr. Canes headed down the ice on a three-on-two. Chris Tart passed to Gino Lamanna as they entered the Penguins end. A nifty move by Lamanna and a shot on net left another rebound that Chris Tart poked in to give the Jr. Canes a 2-0 lead.

There was no let up for the Jr. Canes. Just a short three minutes later, they struck again. The line of Erik Kirkham, Will Maness and Meghan Grieves kept the Penguins held in their zone. Kyle Halladay and Halkidis were on the point and the Jr. Canes kept the Penguins pressured for a while. Erik Kirkham picked the puck up in the corner and passed it to Halkidis on the point. Halkidis hammered a slapshot which was deflected past the Penguins goalie and the Canes went up 3-0.

The Penguins did not let the game get out of hand though. In the second period they stepped up their defensive play and held the Jr. Canes scoreless. The third period was much the same and each team traded goals. The Jr. Canes got an empty net goal from Julian Dipaolo, his second of the game, and assisted by Chris Tart, won 4 to 1.

3 players of the game (random order): Chris Tart, Julian DiPaolo, Meghan Grieves.

Shots on goal by period:  
JR Hurricanes: 16 11 4 Total: 31  
Pittsburgh : 3 8 3 Total: 14

**Feb 9th 2007 (DAY 2) :** Friday brought more cold weather as temperatures hit 15 below zero and the wind chill left us running for the cover of Le Colisee early in the morning where the players were to meet for our daily activities. The players all started rolling in carrying their pond hockey sticks which reminded me of my youth and how no matter how cold it gets, there is a strong lure for these youngsters to get on the outdoor hockey rink.

The kids are staying with local French Canadian families and the activity of choice is outdoor shiny hockey. Shiny is like pickup basketball at Leesville high school on a Saturday night. Kids of all shapes, sizes and ages come together to show their skill and have fun. The Jr. Hurricanes have been coming here for six years and the longest lasting memory that these North and South Carolina kids have is that of playing on the outdoor rink.



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Friday also brought a very busy day in terms of organized team hockey. We left the Colisee for a practice rink where the Jr. Canes would practice together for the first time. There were a few minor details we needed to go over that cannot always be done in a game situation. The power play, breakout and defensive zone coverage were the order of the day. Then it was off to Val Belair to play the second exhibition game of the tournament. Walking into the rink, the boys got a nice surprise – especially the goaltenders. Former Vezina trophy winner Patrick Roy was suiting up for a men's league game. The interesting part to all of us was that he was not going to play net. He was playing out and showed that his skills as a goalie transferred to that of a shooter and playmaker. Assistant coach Brain Mehm noted that Roy had some "sweet hands".

Today's game was against Arby's Avalanche. This was a select team from Southern Connecticut. From the get-go, they were a small team that worked very hard. However, a strong performance by the Jr. Canes would make this game a rout. Scott Moldenhauer, from Greensboro NC, started the scoring early with some tic-tac-toe passing from Jackson Boyer and AJ Peckich at 7:30 of the first period. Gino Lamanna would add his first of the game, tapping in a rebound five minutes later with assists from Eric Kirkham and Daniel Coley.

Jr. Canes 2 - Avalanche 0

Julian DiPaolo continued his scoring dominance as a second-year Jr. Cane and stole the puck early in the second and slid the puck through the five hole for an unassisted tally. Lamanna added his second of the game, again tapping in a rebound after Chris Tart went end-to-end in a tremendous individual effort. The Jr. Canes continued their dominance in the second frame as Jackson Boyer added a goal late in the period on a nice passing play from Tart and Peckich.

Jr. Canes 5 - Avalanche 0

The third period went by quickly as Thomas Walsh crashed the net and added the only goal of the frame which was assisted by Tart. The goaltenders, for the second straight game, did their job as Billy Christopoulos and Ian Worrall split the shutout.

Jr. Canes 6 - Avalanche 0

The Jr Canes are now 2-0 for 2007 and look forward to a day off on Saturday, Feb. 9th, where they will enjoy the Carnival and a little pond hockey.

3 players of the game (Random): Julian DiPaolo, Chris Tart, Scott Moldenhauer.

Shots on goal by period:

JR Hurricanes: 10 15 2 Total: 27

Arby's Avalanche: 1 1 0 Total: 3

**Feb 11, 2006 (DAY 4)** : The first tournament game took a little longer to get to, but it was worth it. Sunday started with the players going to the Hockey Warehouse to see what a real hockey store looks like. The players could spend hours in this store, which is dedicated entirely to hockey sticks and clothing. However, Sunday was also the day the Carolina Hurricanes would be bringing the Stanley Cup to the Tournoi de Peewee hockey international.

The Stanley cup had never been to the Colisee for the largest Pee-wee tournament in the world, and what a better way to give back to the tournament that has been a part of making the dreams come true for 120 North and South Carolina kids than to bring the Coupe Stanley for all the players and families to catch a glimpse.



It arrived in Quebec at 10:30 and made its appearance at Le Colisee at 11a.m. At first, many of those who saw the Stanley Cup on the concourse could not believe their eyes. There were whole teams who got their picture taken with it, as well as kids and parents. One man reached over the railing and touched the Cup, turning to me and saying in French that he saw the Cup many years ago as a boy and never had a chance to actually touch the Holy Grail.

There was a steady stream of people to view, touch, hold and get a picture with the Cup from 11 until 7 p.m. Today it would be at Le Colisee from 11 until 7 p.m as well.

For the Jr. Canes however, a late game became even later. We arrived at Le Colisee for an 8:50 p.m game, the last one of the day, only to find that games were running an hour behind schedule. The kids sat in the stands and traded their Rob Brind'Amour pins with the other kids for a couple hours as we waited for our turn to go downstairs and play our most anticipated game.

Finally, we headed to the dressing room at 8:30 and the kids got dressed to play the Seacoast Spartans - a team from New England who had taken on a couple of tough teams so far in exhibition games and did fairly well. They would not be a pushover in any regards. Lord Stanley made its way to the Jr, Canes' dressing room as a little surprise while the kids got dressed. We then took our annual team picture that the players take home at the end of the tournament. It was truly a moment to cherish and remember.

The game finally got started an hour and a half late. We took the ice at 10:20 with tremendous energy and legs after the Inuit team beat the Iceland team in overtime. The players had been waiting a long time for this game and were not going to leave anything on the table as they hit the ice.

The first goal came a minute into the game. Mitchell Eisenberg made a nice pass to Gino Lamanna who hammered a shot on net. The rebound slid to Alex Wilkinson to the right of the goalie and a with a flick of the wrist Wilkinson scored the first of the tournament for the Jr. Canes. Wilkinson and Lamanna did not let it stop



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there. On their very next shift, Wilkinson battled his way around the Spartans defender and took another shot from the left side. The rebound slid to Lamanna, again on the left side of the net, and Lamanna flipped a backhand over the sprawling goaltender to make the game a 2-0 affair for the Canes.

Jr. Canes 2 Seacoast Spartans 0

Lamanna did not wait long to earn his player of the game nod. On his very next shift, his first of the second period, Lamanna took a long pass from Erik Kirkham as he snuck behind the Spartans defensemen and headed in on a breakthrough. Lamanna displayed the talent that he is known for and made a nifty move that would have made Ray Whitney proud and tucked a backhand past the Spartans goalie to make it a 3-0 game for the Jr Canes. An assist was also credited to Kyle Halladay.

Billy Christopoulos stopped all 15 shots that came his way to record the 2nd shutout ever in tournament play for the Jr. Canes as the team went on to win their first tournament game and head into the winner's bracket.

Jr. Canes 3 Seacoast Spartans 0

The Jr Canes will now have to wait to see who they will face next. The P.E.I Rockets will face Austria and Anaheim will play Cape Breton. The winner of those games will then play on Wednesday and the Jr. Canes will play the winner of that contest.

Tournament game 1

3 players of the game (random): Alex Wilkinson, Mitchell Eisenberg, Billy Christopoulos

Shots on goal by period:

JR Hurricanes: 9 7 10 Total: 26

Seacoast Spartans: 4 4 3 Total: 11

**Feb 12, 2007 (DAY 5)** : The Connecticut Wolves had the look of disbelief as the players and coaches lined up to shake hands after yesterday's exhibition game at the Val Belair arena between the Wolves and the Jr. Canes. Last year, the Wolves beat the Jr. Canes to eliminate Carolina from the 2006 tournament. Last year's contest was a hard-fought affair that saw the teams go to a shootout with the Wolves prevailing 2-1.

The boys were a little nervous before this game as they knew that this could be a tough one and were aware that the Wolves had beaten them the year before. The first period started off slow and this nervousness was easily noticed. Passes were off, fore checking was tentative and the jump was not there. However, the team did play great defensively and allowed few shots on net.

Canes 0 Wolves 0

At the end of the period it was apparent that the kids could play better and needed more jump. After a few technical reminders, the coaches showed their disapproval and got the Canes jumping to start the second. It did not take long.

Two minutes into the second frame, Jackson Boyer, Scott Moldenhauer and Will Maness held the Wolves pinned in their zone by working the puck up the boards. Moldenhauer dished the puck to Julian Dipaolo at the point and Dipaolo fired a low slap shot towards the net a few feet off the ice. Jackson Boyer went to the net at the top of the circles and redirected the puck past the Wolves goalie to make the score 1-0 Canes.

Continuing a trend with this year's Canes, they put the pressure on as their confidence grew from the first goal and three minutes later they struck again. Meghan Greives, doing what she does best, grinding in the corner and keeping pressure on the Wolves deep in their zone for long periods of time, managed to get the puck to Chris Tart behind the Wolves net. Tart skated to the side of the net looking for an open man and spotted Grant Universal as he shouted at the top of his lungs that he was open. From the bench, you could hear Universal screaming for the puck. Tart made an awesome pass to him in front, and he one-timed the puck with a hard slap shot and the Canes were up 2-0.

Just over a minute later, the Canes did not let off the gas as Alex Wilkinson, Mitchell Eisenberg and Gino Lamanna continued putting on the pressure. In a similar fashion to Universal's goal a minute before, Eisenberg picked up the puck behind the net and found a wide-open Gino Lamanna in front who slammed the puck past the Wolves goalie to make it 3-0 Canes.

Canes 3 Wolves 0

Lamanna would add an empty net goal with a minute left in the game on a gorgeous pass from Scott Moldenhauer and the Jr. Canes would defeat the Connecticut Wolves 4-0.

The Junior Canes are now 4-0 for the 2007 Quebec pee-wee tournament and look to make it five in a row as they take on the Colorado Avalanche today, Tuesday, Feb 13th.

Their next games are Wednesday, tentatively vs the LA Selects, Thursday vs the Syracuse Stars and then Friday will be the tournament game #2 vs either the PEI Rockets or the Anaheim Ducks.

3 players of the game (random): Jackson Boyer, Scott Moldenhauer, Daniel Coley

Shots on goal by period:



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JR Hurricanes: 6 9 5 Total: 20  
Connecticut Wolves: 3 1 2 Total: 6

**Feb 13, 2007 (DAY 6)** : Yesterday, the Jr. Canes had further revenge against one of the teams that beat them during last year's tournament. The Jr. Canes played one of their poorest games of the 2006 tournament exhibition schedule against the Colorado Avalanche and ended up losing 5-2. However, like playing against the Connecticut Wolves, the Jr. Canes came out fired up and ready to battle against a strong Avalanche team.

Again, the Jr. Canes got off to a strong start and 5:35 into the first period Jackson Boyer took a pass in the slot from Scott Moldenhauer and hammered a slap shot past the Colorado goaltender for his 4th goal of the tournament. Erik Kirkham also added an assist.

Canes 1 Avalanche 0

Four minutes later it was time to get Erik Kirkham on the board. The Jr. Canes were looking to get Kirkham, who is always in the mix with four assists for the tournament, hot and on the scoreboard. After a few nice attempts and gorgeous passes by Jackson Boyer, who was given explicit instructions to "get Kirkham a goal", Kirkham took a nice pass from Julian Dipaolo and fired a shot into the twine to register his first goal and put the team up 2-0.

Canes 2 Avalanche 0

The Avalanche added a goal in the second period after a turnover at the blue line gave up a breakthrough. The Avalanche player headed for the net and beat the goaltender with a nice shot to the top corner.

Canes 2 Avalanche 1

The third period was more the Jr. Canes style. They put the pressure back on and displayed tremendous ability to not let up after allowing a goal. Early in the third, Julian Dipaolo picked up the puck deep in his own zone and proved why he is a second year Jr. Cane and one of the best defensemen in the tournament. Dipaolo went end-to-end with some amazing moves and tucked in his fourth goal of the tournament. Canes beat Avalanche, 3-1.

The Junior Canes are 5-0 for the tournament and now head into the most difficult part of the tournament. The LA Hockey Club is on tab for today and the Syracuse Stars are the opponent on Thursday.

3 players of the game (random): Erik Kirkham, Julian DiPaolo, MeghanGrieves

Shots on goal by period:  
JR Hurricanes: 7 4 3 Total: 14  
Colorado Avalanche: 4 2 2 Total: 8

**Feb 14th 2007 (DAY 7)** : Happy Valentine's Day!! First on tap today was the famous snow park at Val Cartier. The players, coaches and parents headed out to the snow park at 10 a.m. for a day of fun in the snow. The snow park is an annual tradition that leaves some lasting memories. From Everest to the Avalanche, the Jr. Canes rode inner tubes and slides at 60 to 70 miles per hour down some tremendous inclines.

The players would spend four hours on the slopes yesterday and watch as their parents played and sounded just like kids on a snow day home from school. It was a great time for everyone and even though it was scary and we hit some terrifying speeds, everyone came out of it alive and unscathed. I spent the day at Le Colisee watching our potential future competition. It is one of the best things to do at the tournament, watching the endless hours of pee-wee competition. Some of the plays that these youngsters make are enough to marvel at. We await the outcome of the Anaheim Ducks and P.E.I Rockets to see who we play tomorrow in the tournament.

At 4 p.m. we met at the mall to take on yet another opponent for last year, the formidable L.A. hockey club, which is ranked in the top ten in the country. L.A. is a AAA hockey club that has advanced in the top bracket so far this year. Last year, with a beautiful goal from Danny Fredenberg and a game-winner with six minutes left by Jonathan Avedesian, the Jr. Canes shocked the L.A. team with a 2-1 victory.

This year we looked to do the same. Again, the Jr. Canes started off quick. Four and a half minutes into the game, Chris Tart, Alex Wilkinson and Mitchell Eisenberg kept the L.A. club hemmed in their zone for a long period of time. Eventually, the puck went back to Beau Halkidis at the point. Halkidis took his time and fired a low shot on net as the players scrambled for a rebound. Wilkinson tapped it to Eisenberg who got it to Tart all alone and Tart fired it past the 'tender to make it 1-0 Canes.

Canes 1 L.A. 0

The boys kept putting the pressure on and late in the first period found themselves on the power play. AJ Peckich, from Charlotte, North Carolina, carried the puck out of the zone and dished it to Daniel Coley who flipped it up to a streaking Chris Tart. Tart entered the L.A. zone fast and hard. The L.A. defensemen looked up as Tart hit the blue line speeding toward the goal. Tart wound up and hammered a slap shot just inside the L.A. zone which found its way through the goaltender's legs for his second of the game.

Canes 2 L.A. 0



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L.A. is a top-ranked club though and would not give up. The Canes held them scoreless through the second period and had a two goal lead heading into the third. However, the L.A. club was relentless and found the back of the Canes net early in the third to make the score 2-1. The L.A. team would add another goal with seven minutes remaining to tie the score at 2-2. Final Score: Canes 2 L.A. 2

The Junior Canes are 5-0-1 for 2007 and their toughest opponent will be today at 2:15. The team will face a fast and skilled Syracuse Stars AAA team that won their second tournament game yesterday vs. the top-ranked Canadian team, the Quebec Citadels. They have a huge goaltender who is one of the best goalies in the U.S. as a pee-wee and will prove to be a formidable foe. Syracuse also beat the Colorado Thunderbirds AAA 2-0 in an exhibition.

3 players of the game (random): Chris Tart, Mitchell Eisenberg, Julian DiPaolo

Shots on goal by period:  
JR Hurricanes: 5 1 5 Total: 11  
LA Hockey Club: 9 3 9 Total: 21

**Feb 15th, 2007 (DAY 8) :** Today was the Junior Canes' coming-out party. This team was good and rivalled any Junior Canes team from past years. Today it took a 5-0-1 record into a match up against the top-ranked Syracuse Stars. The Stars boasted an incredible record and have advanced into the third round of the AA bracket. They also boasted some impressive victories against the Colorado Thunderbirds, who have also advanced to the third round of the AA bracket. The team came out fired up, but a first-shift miscue by the Hurricanes defense led to a Syracuse goal less than a minute into the game. The Canes goaltender seemed surprised to get the shot early in the game and the slap shot squeezed between the legs to put the Stars on top 1-0. It was the first time this tournament the Jr. Canes trailed in a game.

They responded perfectly. They never gave up and continued fighting and sticking to the game plan set out by the coaching staff. They forced the puck everywhere and never let up any odd man rushes by the Stars. The Stars were very good at moving the puck up the ice and were by far the best coached team the Canes had faced this tournament. They executed well and had a good sense of where their teammates would be going.

The score remained 1-0 until Gino Lamanna dished it to defenseman Julian Dipaolo, who skated below the goal line in the Stars end. With a flick of the wrist, he sent it to Alex Wilkinson in front, who fanned on his first shot but stuck with the puck and kicked it back to his stick and got it behind the goalie for the Canes' first of the game.

Canes 1 Stars 1

In Junior Canes fashion, they kept the pressure on and a minute later they struck for another. Dipaolo picked up the puck inside the Canes' blue line and passed it cross-ice to Grant Universal, who entered the zone on the left wing. With a Stars' defenseman closing, Universal passed to Tart in the middle with Will Maness acting as a decoy going to the net hard. Tart wound up and sent a screaming shot through the tender's legs to put the Canes on top 2-1.

Canes 2 Stars 1

The Canes played tremendous hockey the rest of the way, but fell into some penalty trouble in the third. With a man down, the Stars put a power play goal past Christopoulos and tied the game at 2 with less than 10 minutes to play.

Canes 2 Stars 2

The Canes did not let down. They kept the play hard on the Stars' defense and the pressure was mounting with the Canes feeling they were sure to win. With nine seconds left, Dipaolo sent the puck to Alex Wilkinson, who was fresh out of the Canes bench and behind the Stars' defense. Wilkinson, who was in all alone, add a nice move, but could not beat the Stars goalie for the winner.

The Canes played a tremendous game against one of the best and most highly-rated teams in the tournament and came out with a 2-2 tie. Canes Record after 7 games: 5-0-2. The Jr Canes second round game will be against the Anaheim Ducks, who beat the P.E.I Rockets today. They game will take place Friday, February 16, 2007 at 9:15 a.m. in Le Colisee

3 players of the game (random): Julian DiPaolo, Chris Tart, Beau Halkidis

Shots on goal by period:  
JR Hurricanes: 3 8 6 Total: 17  
Syracuse Stars: 5 7 10 Total: 22

Tournament game 2 vs Anaheim Ducks  
3 players of the game: Mitchell Eisenberg, Chris Tart, Julian DiPaolo  
Goals: Period 1: None  
Period 2: Anaheim Ducks: 1 JR Hurricanes: 0  
Period 3: Anaheim Ducks: 0 JR Hurricanes: 1  
Overtime: Anaheim Ducks: 1 JR Hurricanes 0

Shots on goal by period:  
JR Hurricanes: 5 2 2 2 Total: 31 Anaheim Ducks: 4 3 6 2 Total: 15



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## Feb 16th, 2007 (DAY 9):

3 players of the game (random): Meghan Grieves, Chris Tart, Mitchell Eisenberg

Goals: Period 1: JR Hurricanes: 2 Halifax Moosehead: 0

Period 2: JR Hurricanes: 1 Halifax Moosehead: 0

Period 3: JR Hurricanes: 1 Halifax Moosehead: 2

Final score: JR Hurricanes: 4 Halifax Moosehead: 2

No statistics for shots on goal available for this game

## Feb 17th, 2007 (DAY 10) : by Billet Captain Alain Desfossés

This is the last day for the players to be with their Billets. At night, the players, Coaching staff, parents and Billets met together for the last time at the Tomas Tam for a farewell dinner and also a souvenir was given to the Billeting families from the Carolina Hurricanes. Each family has received a picture of Rod Brind'Amour lifting the Stanley Cup and the picture was also signed by the Captain of the team, Rod Brind'Amour.

Also, this year was the last year of Coach Sam Licata with the JR Hurricanes. Coach Sam was involved with the JR Hurricanes since the beginning of the JR Hurricanes at the Pee Wee Tournament in 2002. A gift was presented to his wife Barbara and Coach Sam received a Pee Wee Tournament flag autograph by all the players, parents, Coaching Staff and Billeting families, from the parents.



Coach Strand with Meghan Grieves and Cris Tart giving interview to CBC Radio Network.



Arrival of the Stanley Cup at the Pee Wee Tournament



Josée Turmel & Stéphane Turcot from TQS TV.



Group of people waiting



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### COMMENTS FROM BARB LICATA

How lucky are the young men and women, and their families who are going to participate in the PeeWee tournament! Sam and I have 2 sons who played hockey while growing up and even continue to play now as adults. Unfortunately they never had the opportunity to experience this event.

This will be my 5th year going to the tournament. Even though I do not have a child in the tournament and even though my husband spends much of his time with the boys, I would not want to miss the opportunity to go.

It is a tremendous experience. The opportunity to experience a different culture and language, and the opportunity to make new friends is priceless.

It is truly an honor to be associated with such extraordinary people who volunteer a tremendous amount of their time, their resources and their homes, to make the tournament a success. Each year I realize more and more the amount of planning and effort it takes to make it successful.

We are very fortunate that the Hurricanes sponsor a team as very few NHL teams do this. Be sure to thank them.

The friendships we make with the parents and boys are special. We enjoy hockey together and the adults have some great times together too, especially at St. Alexander's. The scores of the games and even the wins and losses over time, seem to fade, but the memories of the fun and experiences we shared, remain vivid.

For those young men/women who are going to Quebec for the first time, savor the moment. It is not until after you have returned home that you realize what a special group of young men/women you are.

For the parents, be proud of your son/daughter and be thankful for the opportunity your child has to participate in this memorable event. And for those parents who are going to Quebec, savor the moment and remember, "What happens in Quebec stays in Quebec!"

This will be our last tournament as we are moving away so it will be bittersweet. It will be difficult to say goodbye to all the friends we have made there, but I am thankful that we have had the opportunity to be part of such a special event, and I have many wonderful memories.

Barb Licata

### COMMENTS FROM COACH SAM LICATA

My Comments for 2007....

There has been one true value I have taken from the experience of the Quebec Pee Wee Tournament each year. It has been the visible tenacity and the all out effort of the players on each competing team. The tournament shows how everyone involved in hockey needs to throw themselves wholeheartedly into our game.....the coaches; the players; the parents; the billets.

Hockey is a game of desperate effort which teaches all of us to try with all of our might and to never ever give up on an objective. Trophies and championships await those who learn this and keep it burning. Many times it is not about talent ....it is about effort. "Le tournoi de hockey de Quebec" is such a great lesson about life's pursuits for the young and the old. Feel it, embrace it, and enjoy it!!

Go JR Canes  
Coach Sam

### COMMENTS FROM JULIAN "DIPPER" DiPAOLO

First of all, Quebec is great, the snow park was fantastic and so was the hockey store. The billet families are really nice and it was cool to see how Canadians live. My billet family took me to play pond hockey with the locals and it was fun. The rink in the mall is cool and has lots of attractions including a roller coaster, mini golf and other stuff. It's a big tournament so just enjoy yourself and have fun. See you in Raleigh,

Julian "Dipper" DiPaolo

### COMMENTS FROM VICKI DiPAOLO (Julian's Mother)

This trip will be a life changing experience for your child, and surprisingly, to you. Being a hockey parent means being a hands-on parent, spending lots of time directly with your child. But starting with the departure flight you will be a spectator, watching the well qualified coaches and billeting families care and direct your child. They will travel with the team, live with the billet families and for short periods get to talk with you. They may be anxious at the beginning and a little overwhelmed but the coaches and families have done this many times and with assurance from you they will quickly learn to love the experience. In fact, most of the players stated off ice experiences as their favourite part of the trip.

And what about you? What do you do while your player is off experiencing Quebec life? Why, you experience life as a junior hurricanes parent with all of the other parents, meeting at the "office" (also known as the hotel bar) after hours or going to listen to The Salty Dogs down at the local bar where junior hurricane parents have frequented for years. You run into other parents of other teams in local restaurants and answer questions from locals interested in the tournament. The one difficulty I would warn about is the underground parking, the smaller the car the better. SUV's are going to be difficult to park or navigate in the hotel parking garage. The favourite of the players off ice experience is the snow park so make sure they have appropriate gear, including goggles.



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There are two mini grocery shops next to the hotel if you need basics including snacks for the room which have refrigerators. The room service onion soup is to die for, great after being out in the cold. And ask about the traffic lights, i.e.: flashing lights for turning left. I didn't drive but I do remember this being mentioned. There isn't a laundry room in the hotel and the closest one is a couple of blocks away which in the cold can be a hike so take that into consideration when packing.

The hotel rooms are great, bedroom separated by frosted glass French doors and with lots of light, this was the rooms with the outside view. The rooms facing in have a balcony over the pool area which is rather humid.

The pool area is very nice and not over crowded. Some of the games are played at an indoor mall which has an IMAX theatre, Ferris wheel, small roller coaster and amusement park. Lots of shopping but the boys didn't seem that interested in shopping, more just hanging out. They did like to shop at the huge hockey store that the coaches will take the boys to and you can meet them there. so if you need gear have fun, the second story is all goalie equipment!

There is a ski area close by that one of the brothers in our billet family, Oliver, took us to. That was a great time for our younger son, Joseph. As far as the language barrier it is more on our part than on the Quebec locals. Almost everyone speaks some amount of english so it would be nice if you learn basic French such as please, thank you, hello, etc. Just the acknowledgement that French is the spoken language goes far with such friendly people. And give a gift to your billet family, when you see how much they do for your child you'll be happy you did. I hope I covered enough and I look forward to seeing you all in Quebec,

Vicki DiPaolo

### COMMENTS FROM GENO DiPAOLO (JULIAN'S FATHER)

As for my experience with the 06 JR Hurricanes: First I enjoyed the watching the growth Julian went through while in Quebec. He was at first a little intimidated by both the billet idea and with the elevated play on the ice. He had just turned 11 in late Oct and had not experienced living away from his parents for this long of a time. He embraced, I think, the challenge and really enjoyed the family lifestyle he was exposed to while with the billets. During the past year I have heard on many, many occasions him referencing his time with his "family" while talking to his friends, both in and out of hockey.

Julian also experienced growth on the ice as well. During the first couple of times on the ice we could see his timidness, the reluctance to attack, the concern "that these boys are better than me." With the coaches help and assurance from his parents he relaxed and so did his game. He came to realize that playing in the south is not second best and that he belonged in the game and on the ice with whoever was opposing him.

As for his father's adventures, the family time was irreplaceable; skiing, tubing, the culture, the food, the "office time", visiting at the local pub, St Alexander. These experience's are not served with written words but must be shared to fully enjoy.

Thank you  
Geno Di Paolo

### COMMENTS FROM DOUG WARF (GM 2005)

The Quebec Pee Wee Hockey Tournament is something that I will never forget. The camaraderie that is built between the teammates, the parents and the billet families is almost unbelievable in a 13 day span.

I still vividly remember the big games at "Le Colisee", the seemingly bigger hill at the snow park, the time out with new friends and the winter wonderland known as the Winter Carnival.

However, the most enjoyable thing for me was watching the players and their interaction with new customs, culture and of course hockey. It seemed that the two weeks in Quebec added two years of maturity to each of them (though it seemed to work in reverse for parents and coaches).

It is something that I cherish right along with winning a Stanley Cup and each year I hope that there is some break in the Canes schedule so that I can return.

Doug Warf

### From Brian Mehm (GM 2002-2005) Asst-Coach (2002-2010)

Many things have changed in the 6 years since we began this program, but most things have stayed perfectly the same!

In February of 2002, we took a group of 20 young men, 4 coaches, some parents and a VERY young and green GM to Quebec City for what began the best and most proud tradition I could have ever imagined. We did not win a game, we barely were able to score any goals, we wore flimsy fleece jackets and we had no idea what we were getting in to... And though we nearly froze to death, and were iced out of almost every game we played in, we had the time of our lives and forged friendships and memories that will no doubt last forever.

Nearly 6 years later so much has changed on and off the ice. We now consider ourselves a contender every year in the tournament. We select a team from nearly 100 of the regions top players. We have upgraded to beautiful and warm jackets, nice pins and professional team equipment... And we now run the Jr. Canes like CLOCKWORK.

The greatest thing for me, however, is how much HAS NOT changed.... and that is the experience of the Pee Wee Tournament and the people and sites of Quebec City... experiences that are not measured by an itinerary, nice gear or even wins and losses!



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The players who have participated in the event and their families have become life long FRIENDS. The billets and wonderful tournament committee continue to shine and amaze every year with their warmth, professionalism and enthusiasm. And we as coaches and staff have realized something that most in the Carolina's still find an impossible dream- that players, parents and coaches can come together for a common goal and ACHIEVE in harmony.

When you are on the ice and look up into the stands at your family and friends... and can see the pride and excitement on their faces, and know that 18 strangers from across North and South Carolina for 10 days in February can all proudly represent the Carolina Hurricanes and become ONE TEAM along with their coaches, billet captain, families, friends and billets, and do it all in such a beautiful environment and in CELEBRATION of such a wonderful sport, it is honestly an awe inspiring thing.

The wonder of the experience continues to grow with time. As a player, I had such an appreciation for the tradition of the event and for the experience of living with a French Canadian family. As a coach, I relive those experiences every year in the eyes of our past and present players and wonder how their experience with touch their lives as it has touched mine. The Tournament taught me the importance of volunteering your time just as the billets do year in and year out, opening their homes to players. It has also taught me the rewards of the sacrifices a parent makes with long hours and large investments. I have also learned the joy of pride as I watch our players, families, billets and now my own wife and daughter find so much enjoyment in what started 47 years ago as a hockey tournament.

It is so much more than that now...

From the Colisse, the worlds greatest hot dogs and welcoming faces in pin filled tournament jackets, to the mall and poutine and the roller coaster... from the snow park and bright red frozen smiles to the Mount Tourbillion and the warmth and camaraderie by the fire... from locker rooms to hotel rooms... from St. Alexander's Pub to the Fu Du Roy and all of the stories and laughs shared... from the carnival, the parade, ice sculptures, Caribou, crepes, pin alley, the Frontenac, Ile Orleans, the Ice Hotel, section 17 in "de red seats", a Remparts game, van rides, bus rides, plane rides and watching Curling on TV... as a player, a coach or family YOU ARE a part of a MAGICAL city and a MAGICAL event. And what could remain so unchanged for so many years and be more perfect?

## JUNIOR HURRICANES PREPARE FOR QUEBEC

BY JESSICA BRANSON

The Junior Hurricanes are working hard in preparation of the team's trip to Quebec for the largest pee wee tournament in the world. The Junior 'Canes will take part in the International Pee Wee Hockey Tournament held February 7th through the 18th.

The Junior Hurricanes have had four exhibition games where Head Coach Paul Strand said the players "looked awesome." The first two exhibition games the team played were against the U-13 Bantam travel team, Team Pepsi Gold, where the Junior Hurricanes tied their opponent in both games.

"The team had good goaltending in the first two exhibition games with good scoring in the second game. The players have all-around good skills and are very good skaters. The team also has a great defensive corps and makes great plays," Strand said.

After the first two games, Coach Paul Strand said that the team needed to build upon its defensive coverage and worked on this during the team's most recent exhibition games against the North York Pee Wee team from Toronto, Canada as well as the Bantam U-14 Team Pepsi. The Junior Hurricanes played very well against the North York team, beating what is said to be one of the best minor teams out of Toronto 10 - 0.

"I liked the character, pride and sportsmanship of my players during the game. The other team got rowdy, but the Junior Hurricanes handled it well and continued playing the game with good sportsmanlike conduct," Strand said.

The team also fared well against Team Pepsi, who had a two-year age advantage against the Junior Hurricanes. Team Pepsi was a "much stronger team than the North York team and the Junior Hurricanes were overpowered physically, going down 1 - 0 until they got into the game," said Strand. "The players found their strengths and managed to persevere, winning the game 5 - 2."

The team captains were also announced at the January 19 exhibition game against North York. Chris Tart, a second-year player from Greensboro, will lead the team as head captain while Julian Dipaolo, also a second-year player from Charleston, and Erik Kirkham, a first-year player from Raleigh were announced as the team's assistant captains.

To prepare for the tournament, the players have been playing games and practicing with their regular teams. They have played four exhibition games as the Junior Hurricanes and will not practice again as a team until traveling to Canada for the tournament.

Approximately 110 teams will be competing in the tournament, some coming from as far as Italy, Morocco and Sweden. Each team will play around nine games with two to five of those being tournament games.

The Junior Hurricanes first tournament game will be Sunday, February 11, against the Seacoast Spartans.

## 2007 JUNIOR HURRICANES LOOK TO BUILD ON PAST SUCCESS

BY PAUL STRAND

A record number of players came out to the sixth edition of the Junior Hurricanes tryouts, held September 16-17, 2006 in Raleigh, N.C.

Ninety hopefuls came ready to earn one of 18 spots on the Carolina Hurricanes' entry into the largest pee-wee tournament in the world, held annually in Quebec City, Quebec. This year's tournament will be held Feb. 8-18, 2007.



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The 2007 squad has two returning players from last year's team, as Julian Dipaolo and Chris Tart will be leading the way for the 2007 team. Tart, a forward and Dipaolo, a defenseman, had strong tournaments last year and are raring to go.

The 2007 edition also features the Junior Hurricanes' first female team member - Meghan Grieves (left), a feisty hockey player with great skating and a desire to get the puck every time she is on the ice. Meghan's selection to the team also shows the rapid growth in girl's hockey in the Carolinas.

"I was very impressed with both the amount and the quality of the players at this year's tryouts," Carolina Hurricanes youth and amateur hockey coordinator Paul Strand said. "For the first time in recent memory, all of the local associations did not have a conflict with the Junior Hurricanes schedule, therefore all of the top players in the area were available for tryouts. The team is strong right across the board," he said. "Dipaolo and Coley lead a group on defense that will not give up many goals. The forwards have size in Kirkham, Tart, Eisenberg and Moldenhauer, speed with Maness, Universal and Lamana, and pure brilliance with youngster Wilkinson.



"Goal scoring should not be a problem with this group," Strand continued. "The goaltending is also a strong area for the team. Billy Christopoulos and Ian Worrall have great athleticism and are on the top of their game."

The Junior Hurricanes have showed tremendous improvement and growth over each of the team's five seasons in the tournament, mirroring the growth and success of the youthhockey ranks of the Carolinas.

During the first season, it was a tremendous achievement for these young stars just to score a goal. The second season brought the squad its first win, and in the third year, the team recorded its first tournament win. In year #4, the Junior Hurricanes defied the odds and made the championship game, finishing with an overall record of 7 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie. Last year's Junior Hurricanes record was 6 wins against 3 losses, however the players overcame some adversity of lost equipment and having to play with heavy wood sticks, as the team's stick bag was late in arrival.

The 2006 Junior Hurricanes won two tournament games vs. Austria and Suisse Romande before losing in a semifinal shootout to the tournament's eventual champion, the Connecticut Wolves, by a 3-2 score.

The '07 squad features players from 11 Carolina cities and eight different youth hockey programs, and Strand will return for his second year at the helm of the Junior Hurricanes. Returning for their 6th trip to Quebec City with the Junior Hurricanes will be assistant coaches Brian Mehm and Sam Licata.

The Billet Captain for the Junior Canes throughout the tournament will be "Le Capitaine," Alain Desfosses. Alain has also been with the Junior Hurricanes for six seasons and made his annual trek to North Carolina to oversee the tryout process and help the coaches with the final selections.

Thank you to all the players who came to tryouts. For those second year pee-wees, the Hurricanes wish you good luck in the future and all your hockey endeavors.

For those first year pee-wees, the Hurricanes hope to see you on the ice practicing hard to become a member of the 2008 squad, and look forward to seeing you all at next year's tryouts.

Congratulations to the following North and South Carolina hockey players for becoming part of an ever-growing tradition of pride and integrity that the Junior Hurricanes are known for:

- Jackson Boyer: Cary, NC
- Julian Dipaolo: Charleston, SC
- Beau Halkidis: Indian Trail, NC
- Gino Lamana: Chapel Hill, NC
- AJ Peckich: Huntersville, NC
- Thomas Walsh: Mt. Pleasant, SC
- Billy Christopoulos: Raleigh, NC
- Mitchell Eisenberg: Raleigh, NC
- Kyle Halladay: Holly Springs, NC
- Will Maness: Raleigh, NC
- Chris Tart: Burlington, NC
- Alex Wilkinson: Raleigh, NC
- Daniel Coley: Greensboro, NC
- Meghan Grieves: Cary, NC
- Erik Kirkham: Raleigh, NC
- Scott Moldenhauer: Oak Ridge, NC
- Grant Universal: Raleigh, NC
- Ian Worrall: Cary, NC