



# RAW STEEL Monthly Newsletter

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HAPPY 2010! This next year will be another trend setting year for Raw Steel Hockey. It promises to be filled with

accomplishments and milestones rivaling what we achieved in 2009. We are definitely entering 2010 on a positive note. Raw Steel teams have already set the bar for the new season with several tournament wins. We have also have reinforced our position as a competitive and respected hockey club. Because of our achievements in 2009, Raw Steel Hockey is now known nationally. East Coast based organizations, including Tour Cup and State Wars, have shown interest in Raw Steel Hockey and our accomplishments. Tim McManus, National Director of State Wars Hockey, recently stated in an email to me..."I'd love to get info about your program on our CA state page". On another front, Raw Steel Hockey continues to be in the vocabulary of our competitions, and I continue to get unsolicited inquiries, both locally and from out of state, for any open positions on our teams. All of this is indication that we are doing the right things and remaining faithful to our culture. Let's keep up with this momentum, and together we will build our legacy, one goal at a time. ~Coach Tony

## *I Loving Memory* RY

If you don't have a "RY" memorial decal on your helmet, see Megan during any RSU practice to get one.



## Raw Steel University (RSU)

As a reminder, RSU is designed for all Raw Steel players. This gives our players an opportunity to gather as a RS community and to practice with and meet other RS players. More importantly, it gives our older players the opportunity to work with our younger players one-on-one. This produces a stronger bond between RS teams and provides the younger players with role models in hockey within our own club.

## Player of the Month

This month brings us two players to be recognized as "player of the month". Cody was identified because of his work ethic during practice and during games. Cody's tenacity during games is consistent with the "never quit" attitude that is representative

of a RS player. He also enjoys working with the younger teams during practice and is always willing to help the younger Squirt and PW players develop their



individual skills. From his first day with

Raw Steel, Blake has had an unmistakable Raw Steel attitude. He is respectful and receptive of his coaches, is focused during all practices, (cont. pg 2)





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## Player of the Month (cont.)

(cont. from page 1) listens carefully, and tries his very best to learn new drills. Win or loose, Blake maintains a great attitude and doesn't give up. Blake is also a very good student and always receives excellent feedback from his teachers. Blake has never said that he wanted to be on a certain team until he had the opportunity to practice with his Raw Steel Squirt Select team. Blake felt welcomed and knew it was something he wanted to be a part of. For player of the month, Cody and Blake will receive a free RS SWAG t-shirt. Congratulations Cody and Blake!



## Tour Hockey Equipment Purchases

The Tour Hockey sponsorship is provided to assist RS teams in the purchase of hockey equipment. As such, there are rules governing how the sponsorship is applied. Families are reminded that sponsorship products and pricing is intended for official TOUR sponsored teams only and that items purchased for sponsorship are NOT for resale. If you need equipment, your team manager has all the information related to sponsorship items and pricing. This also includes wheel purchases from Labeda.

## NARCH or AAU?



San Jose doesn't seem like a bad idea. It's close, you don't have to fly, and if you drive, the ladies can pack all the clothes and make-up they want. Plus the rink has beer! But what would you do if AAU changes their "TBD" to a venue much more desirable than San Jose? Oh Man! Choice! Lets see...what place is nice during the summer months that would be a neat place to host the Jr. Olympics? How about CA? Jr. Olympics have never been held there and they have 3 rinks. Oh yeah, Irvine 949...no San Jose. Awe...what the...

No matter which tournament, your team needs to make a decision. If you don't already know, ask your team manager or your coach. Most teams are going to NARCH, but if AAU ends up in San Jose, it could be both. Oh yeah, I almost forgot. If you really have the desire to travel, why not have the NARCH qualifier in Hawaii?



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