



MARK BAVIS

LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

Mark Bavis House Tournament Big Fun-Little Players

The Mark Bavis House Tournament began in 2002, to honor and remember Mark Bavis, a Hyde Park Youth Hockey Alumni, who was tragically lost on September 11, 2001. Played out over a two day span, on the first weekend in March, the Bavis Tournament features 3 on 3, cross-ice, 2 minute buzzer, games for Beginners 5 to 7 years old who haven't yet made the leap to "Travel" Hockey. With a DJ pumping music during line changes, and the National Anthem at the start of each game, these pint-sized players battle like it's the Stanley Cup. This year's edition featured a record 24 Teams from Hyde Park, Parkway, Milton, Boston Advantage, Natick, Brookline, Framingham, and SCORE Boston.

Although many of the players aren't tall enough to look over the boards, they are no less competitive than their full sized idols in the NHL. Some have been rink to rink with older siblings for other tournaments, and finally have their own. Some are the oldest, and "The Bavis" provides a "welcome to Youth Hockey" for both the players and their parents who get just a little taste for what's ahead as the kids grow.

Through the generous support of the Bavis Leadership Foundation, proceeds from the Tournament help our Learn to Skate, Intro to Hockey and House League by making it possible for Hyde Park Hockey to purchase sets of equipment through USA Hockey's "One Goal" program. This equipment is given out at the beginning of each year to our newest players, all they need is skates and heart, and after watching this year's Bavis Tournament, there's plenty of both!

With the continued support of the Bavis Foundation and the Bavis family, Hyde Park Youth Hockey has been able to expand our beginner level programs, and introduce a new generation to the game we all love so much. We (Hyde Park Youth Hockey Board of Directors) cannot thank the Bavis Foundation and the Bavis family for their support of our League and especially the Mark Bavis House Tournament.