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## Biggest Save In Buffalo

### Hasek's Heroes Giving Local Kids A Great Start In The Game And Life

Thanks to a generous donation from the program's namesake and a willingness to keep pushing things forward, Hasek's Heroes has become one of the most successful diversity programs in the country.

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## Elmira Joins NAHL

The North American Hockey League is expanding its footprint in New York with the announcement that the Elmira Aviators will compete in the East Division beginning in the 2024-25 season.

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## Taking On The World

A trio of New Yorkers -- Joel Farabee (Cicero), Shane Pinto (Franklin Square) and Trevor Zegras (Bedford) -- will look to help the U.S. win gold at the 2024 IIHF Men's World Championship.

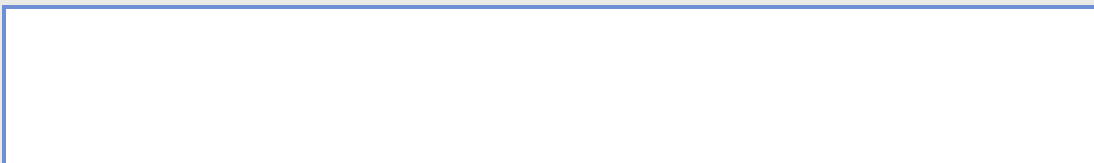
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# On Golden Pond *Time Can't Thaw Fond Memories Of Pond Hockey Championships*

It has been almost 20 years, but Joe Gould can still feel the bitter cold and stinging winds on his face when he thinks about the first USA Hockey Pond Hockey Championships. Over the years the Dunkirk native made the annual pilgrimage to Eagle River, Wis., to rediscover the frozen fountain of youth.

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## **N.Y. Ends Season On A Winning Note**

The New York team capped off its inaugural PWHL season with a 5-2 victory over Minnesota at UBS Arena on May 4.

The victory in front of 1,563 loyal fans marked the team's third win in six games at UBS Arena, the home of the New York Islanders, and earned the squad the first pick in the 2024 PWHL draft.



## **Walkland Departs Colgate To Coach Closer To Home**

Chelsea Walkland, instrumental in Colgate winning four-straight ECAC Hockey championships, is leaving her role as assistant coach with the Raiders to become the head coach with Bishop Kearney's 19 & Under team.

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## **Hagens Eclipses Elite Scoring Mark At U-18s**

James Hagens set the all-time scoring mark at the 2024 IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship where the U.S. took home the silver medal. The Hauppauge native finished the tournament with 22 points, beating the mark set by Tampa Bay Lightning forward Nikita Kucherov. Hagens was also named the tournament's MVP.

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## **Keeping Refs In The Game**

NYSAHA's East Section has long been taking steps to help new officials feel at home on the ice by expanding and improving its mentorship program. The result is keeping more officials in the game as they improve their craft.

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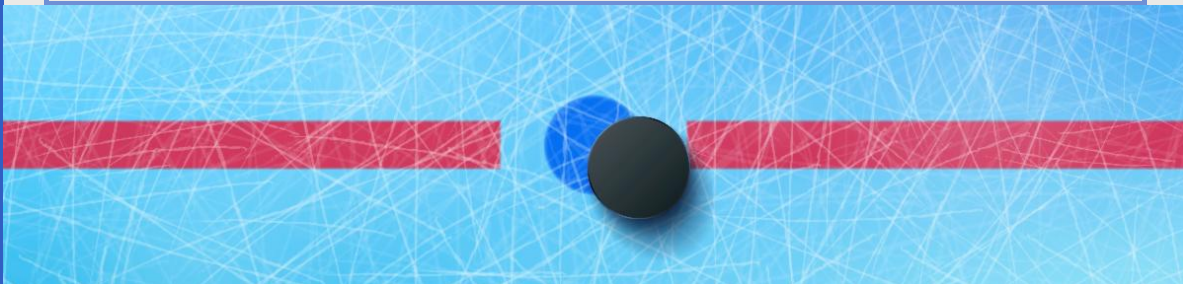




**Islanders Salute Shapey For 33 Years Of Service**  
Mike Shapey retired after 33 years as an off-ice official with the N.Y. Islanders. He will continue to serve as the referee-in-chief for NYSAHA, a post he's held for more than 35 years.

## Let Us Tell Your Story

NYSAHA has created this newsletter and revamped our social media to give you a voice. We want to share your stories and successes with the rest of the N.Y. hockey community. Send your story ideas and photos to [harry.thompson@nysaha.com](mailto:harry.thompson@nysaha.com).



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