

### Voyager Hockey News

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## "Enjoy the Journey of Discovering Your Potential!"

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#### An Abrupt End: What Sports Means to Us

The 2020 sports season has come to abrupt halt, and for many the lack of closure to the season has put bitter taste in participant's mouths. Some programs were lucky enough to complete their seasons, but others that were not so fortunate are reflecting on what could have been.

The increasing spread of the coronavirus led organization and government leaders to make difficult decisions to shut down congregations of crowds, and of course, youth sports was a casualty. Winter sports seasons were not able to crown champions, and teams that did not compete for titles were left without an end, a simple goodbye. Spring sport seasons on the horizon still do not know when play will take place, or even more importantly, when there will be a beginning hello.

The complex feelings of all stakeholders in youth sports varies, and it is in this

moment people realize why they love sports so much. Sports offers so many positives to not only players, but to coaches, parents, and spectators. Youth sports is a driving force of personal improvement that is constantly sought after with shortand long-term goals. Goals are different for each person. Player goals range from making the team, to making the big play, or winning a championship. Coach goals value the teamwork and the competition to work as one.

Parents love to watch their child grow and reach their goals through challenge and adversity. And, well, spectators, they love being in the moment, witnessing it all, being a part of the journey.

Upon the decided conclusion of sports, several athletes and coaches have publicly commented on theirl ament of the sudden end.

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#### Alumni Update: Players Finish High School Season

Congratulations to each of our high school players that completed their respective seasons! Keep working hard!



Alum, Michael Albert hits 100!
Albert recorded his 100th career point against Apponequet! He finished the season with 116 total helping Taunton secure a playoff win! Albert was voted by coaches as a Hockomock League All-Star and was selected to the Hockomocksports.com All-star team.
Congratulations Michael!







# "Fun is our main commitment to help players enjoy their developmental experience"



Harrison Sheldon Voyager Hockey Alum Post University

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A large takeaway from these tweets, articles, posts, and interviews was not that the season was over, but rather that the day-to-day grind of waking up reaching their potential, and going to battle with teammates that have become friends, and players who have become like sons and daughters, has ended. It was never the end that bothered them, but the everyday moments that become stories that are no longer present

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We value sports for a variety of reasons. Competitors want to lay it all on the line, participants want to be

active, and we all want to be witness to the story that comes with it. The true value of sports was never the end goals, but the bonds and moments we get from working to achieve them. It is the abrupt end that we really notice what is missing. It was never the games, the wins, the scoring, or the big plays. It was players sitting in the locker room having laughs with each other, it was coaches smiling at their players coming in every day, and parents sitting in the stands watching the moments that will become memories.

It is in this time of absence that we know what sports has brought us. Sports gives us purpose and it gives us friends who ultimately become family. It gives us moments that will forever be etched into our hearts. The unfortunate halt to what was so good, will eventually give way to our ultimate joy when it returns. Absence makes the heart grow fonder. How appreciative we will be when sports returns: not for the just the games, but for the enlightenment of the deep values we hold for sports itself.

#### **Voyager Hockey Mission and Commitment**

#### **Our Mission**

Voyager Hockey was established in 2011 as South Coast Sports, and later rebranded as Voyager Hockey. Its goal is to provide a quality and affordable way to improve young hockey players between the ages of 5 to 19 (Squirts to Post Grad). Voyager Hockey focuses on the basics of the game of hockey: skating, puck handling, shooting, timing, and combat drills to ensure a player is

properly prepared to advance to the next level. Voyager Hockey uses a variety of high-intensity drills that keep an uptempo pace to maximize a player's repetitions throughout each skill session.

#### **Our Commitment**

Voyager Hockey is committed to progression of the game's basic skills, and the progression that leads young hockey players to their highest level of attainable skill development. Intensity, Hard-work, dedication, perseverance are Voyager's foundations for player skill development during skill sessions. It is through our implementation of a rigorous on-ice training program, that we focus on developing a well-rounded young athlete that is prepared to take on the game to achieve their personal goals. Fun is our main commitment to help players enjoy their developmental experience.

#### Save the Dates—Summer Clinics 2020

#### **High School / PG Clinic**

June 9th - August 11th 8-9pm HS/PG Raynham IcePlex

All players \$125 for 10 Week sessions.

Early Bird Pricing continues until May 15th

#### Mites/Squirts

June 10th-August 12th Session 1 - 5:30-6:30pm Session 2 - 6:30-7:30pm Aleixo Arena

#### Pee Wee/Bantams

June 10th-August 12th 7:30-8:30pm Aleixo Arena

