



# USA Hockey National Championships Alliance News and Notes



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**PeeWees...** [http://usahockey.com/2004nationals/main/t\\_ii\\_12u\\_livo/](http://usahockey.com/2004nationals/main/t_ii_12u_livo/)  
**Bantams...** [http://usahockey.com/2004nationals/main/t\\_ii\\_14u\\_burli/](http://usahockey.com/2004nationals/main/t_ii_14u_burli/)

## Final Practices Completed, Alliance Teams Head North

The Alliance Bantam and PeeWee teams have had their final practices of the season (yea!), and now it's off to collect the reward! On Monday, Alliance players will be packing their bags with skates and sticks, collecting that extra school work from their teachers, and heading off to the airport for the long plane ride to the north.

The PeeWees will be flying to **Detroit** for their games in Livonia, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. The Bantams will have a little bit further to go, as most are flying to either **Montreal, Quebec**, or **Boston, Massachusetts**. The Bantams will then still have a little bit of a drive to South Burlington, Vermont, approximately 90 minutes from Montreal, and about 3 hours from Boston.

Keep in mind that if you watching the USA Hockey Web Site for scores of the games, both teams will be playing their games in the **Eastern Standard Time Zone**, one hour earlier than Texas time. It's not only players and coaches leaving town, but most parents, and many siblings are taking advantage of this rare opportunity to see their sons and brothers get a chance to experience something very special.

## Mini-Vacation, or No?

The Bantams may appear to have gotten the better end of the deal with regard to geographical location. South Burlington, Vermont is just south of the Canadian border near historic French Montreal, Quebec, and just minutes away from some of the finest skiing in the northeast at **Stowe Mountain Resort**. According to the current ski reports, there is still plenty of "white stuff" to make anyone think twice about skipping a game to go catch a run or two on the slopes!

### Stowe Mountain Resort, Vermont



### S. Burlington, Vermont Forecast

Day	Date	Forecast	High/Low	Precip
Tue	30-Mar	Partly Cloudy	51° / 39°	10%
Wed	31-Mar	Showers	51° / 36°	40%
Thu	1-Apr	Showers	51° / 38°	40%
Fri	2-Apr	Few Showers	47° / 35°	30%
Sat	3-Apr	Showers	48° / 32°	40%
Sun	4-Apr	Rain / Snow	45° / 30°	60%

## Hockeytown, Here Comes Dallas!

The PeeWees may not be the Dallas Stars, but they come into Hockeytown on a hot streak that the Stars and Redwings would love to have going into the Stanley Cup Playoffs.



Not only is this area a hockey hot-bed with some of the top youth hockey programs in North America, it is also where Alliance PeeWee Coach Greg Vanover grew up playing hockey. Greg played AAA hockey in the Compuware Organization from 1979 through 1985.

The PeeWee players hope to make this a great homecoming for Coach Vanover, by bringing some of their own Texas style play to Hockeytown.

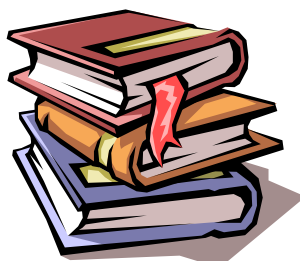
### Livonia, Michigan Forecast

Day	Date	Forecast	High/Low	Precip
Tue	30-Mar	Showers	52°/35°	40%
Wed	31-Mar	Showers	46°/35°	50%
Thu	1-Apr	Few Showers	49°/36°	30%
Fri	2-Apr	Mostly Cloudy	47°/34°	10%
Sat	3-Apr	Mostly Cloudy	48°/33°	20%
Sun	4-Apr	Partly Cloudy	50°/34°	20%

### Detroit, Michigan



## Not ALL Hockey and Fun.....



Even though this trip is a chance of a lifetime for most players, it is also a time when they will miss as much as 3–1/2 days of school. For most players, this is not the first time to miss school for a hockey tournament, and they know they have more than “hockey” work to do while they are gone.

It will be books and homework on the plane and in the hotel rooms during spare time, so no one will fall behind in their studies. Most players presented a special letter requesting their principals and teachers recognize the significance of this event, grant them excused absences, and allow them to make up work missed for this special opportunity worthy of their school’s endorsement.

### History of Dallas RMD Champions going to Nationals

Tier II	1998	1999	2002	2003	2004
Pee Wee	U12 Dallas Metro (DMHA)	Littleton Hawks	Colorado Spring Avalanche	Littleton Hawks	Alliance Bulldogs
Bantam	U14 Arvada	DYHA Firebirds	Littleton Hawks	Dallas Storm	Alliance Bulldogs
Midget Minor	U16 N/A	N/A	N/A	Dallas Storm	DYHA Firebirds
Midget Major	U17 Desert Jr. Coyotes	Dallas Metro (DMHA)	Dallas Storm	Dallas Storm	DYHA Firebirds
Tier I					
Pee Wee	U12 N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bantam	U14 N/A	N/A	Colorado Outlaws	Colorado Thunderbirds	Colorado Thunderbirds
Midget Minor	U16 N/A	N/A	N/A	Colorado Outlaws	Colorado Outlaws
Midget Major	U17 N/A	N/A	Dallas Stars Midget AAA	Dallas Stars Midget AAA	Colorado Outlaws

**Next Issue:** List of ALL teams in the Bantam Tournament, bits of information about each team, links to their web sites and league sites. To get on the email list to receive this newsletter, send an email to.....

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