



### **Chicago Fury Player Advancement Past and Present**

**The Fury would like to congratulate the following players and their families on their accomplishments as they prepare for an opportunity at the next level of Hockey. Through hard work, solid support from all of your coaches over the years, and most importantly the dedication you have received from your families, you have earned an opportunity to advance to higher levels of hockey.**

**The Chicago Fury wishes you THE BEST.**

**October 2009**

#### **Carruth Listed by NHL Central Scouting**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that Fury U18 Alum, Mac Carruth has been listed by the National Hockey League's Central Scouting as a "B" Rated Player to Watch for the 2010 NHL Entry Draft. Carruth helped lead the Chicago Fury in the club's first season to a 33 win campaign. Carruth is also the first player in Chicago Fury history to make a NCAA Division 1 commitment, as he verbally gave the nod to WCHA Minnesota – Duluth for 2010-2011. Currently, Carruth is the number one goalie for the NAHL's Wenatchee Wild.

The preliminary listing is comprised of players who have been identified by NHL Central Scouting using the following criteria: A Rating: A must-see player who is predicted to be a potential first- or second-round draft selection in the upcoming NHL Entry Draft; B Rating: A player to note if a scout is in the area, a potential selection in the third-to-fifth round; C Rating: A player that Central Scouting is tracking, a potential late-round selection in the upcoming NHL Entry Draft.

**July 2009**

#### **Malliaras Joins NAHL's Bismarck Bobcats**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that Fury Alum, George Malliaras has committed to the Bismarck Bobcats of the North American Hockey League (NAHL) Jr. A. Tier II for the 2009-2010 Hockey Season. Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos made the announcement. Malliaras was part of the Fury's Midget Major Team in the first season in 2007-2008 under Nick Pollos, before signing a Tender with the Kenai River Brown Bears of the NAHL. After a coaching change in Kenai, Malliaras found his way to the Jr. A. Tier III Peoria Mustangs where he had a great season. After the season, George was committed to making it back to the NAHL and his commitment paid off. "George trained so hard this summer" says Pollos, "He hit the weight room, got on the ice three times a week and was prepared for the rigorous tryout camps he attended."

The Palos Hills native brings a versatile style of hockey to the Bobcats, being able to play all three forward positions as well as defense. Malliaras will add speed and depth to the Bobcats,

who were crowned NAHL Central Division Champs last season. "George is an example of how you prepare yourself to be successful" said Pollos. "Many times kids go to camps but are not in shape and it hurts their chances to make the team. George earned this opportunity and I'm proud of him." Malliaras joins former Fury U18 players, Ryan Dunne and Tyler Wilson as members of the Bobcats.

The Fury would like to congratulate George and his family on this opportunity and wish him the best of luck in Bismarck.

### **U18's Andy Amendola Signs with BCHL's Burnaby Express**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that Midget Major Power Forward Andy Amendola has signed to play his Junior A. Hockey for the Burnaby Express of the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL). Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos made the announcement. The Burnaby Express have produced several NHL Draft Picks including the Chicago Black Hawks' Andrew Ladd and the Calgary Flames' Keith Seabrook.

The 6'1 / 200 forward from Cedar Rapids, IA has spent the last two seasons with the Fury and has developed into a solid NCAA DI candidate. "Andy has come a long way" says Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos, who also coached Andy with the Fury U18's this last season. "He is a tremendous athlete and a top notch character kid who works hard every day. His size and strength are very attractive to the NCAA recruiters along with his "top of the list" academic scores."

The Fury would like to congratulate Andy and his family on this commitment and wish him the best of luck as he continues his development in the BCHL.

### **Carruth Invited to USA Hockey National Development Team Select Camp**

Wenatchee, WA – Wenatchee Wild Goalie, Mac Carruth, from Shorewood, MN, will be attending an invitation-only select camp in Rochester, NY for the U.S. Under-17 National Team.

The Under-17 National Team is comprised primarily of the National Team Development Program's Under-17 Team, which competes at three international tournaments each season. The NTDP's goal is to prepare student-athletes under the age of 18 for participation on U.S. National Teams and for future hockey careers.

"I will be leaving for Rochester on July 7," said Carruth. "This will not affect my return to the Wild next season. I told Coach [Wild Head Coach Paul Baxter] if I make the team I will only be missing a couple games during next season for the Wild."

Not only will Carruth be trying out for the U.S. Under-17 National Team, but he will also have the opportunity at this camp to demonstrate his skills in the net to several NHL scouts.

"It is a great opportunity to be able to play hockey in front of NHL scouts, but it is a big deal to me to represent my country," said Carruth.

The 6'3", 170 pound Carruth shared time with teammate Mathieu Dugas in goal last season, but

with the absence of Dugas this coming season, Carruth has earned the sole starting position.

"Last year on the Wild was a development year for me," said Carruth. "I learned a lot last season sharing time with Dugas, and it was a great experience. I feel that I am ready to be the starting goalie."

[Taken from Wenatchee Wild Website](#)

**June 2009**

### **Fury 94's Alex Lazarski Chosen for USA Hockey National Team Goalie Camp**

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** - USA Hockey today announced the 36 goaltenders invited to the second annual Warren Strelow National Team Goaltending Camp, May 28-31, in Ann Arbor, Mich. The goaltenders chosen represent the top goaltenders eligible for international play in select age groups.

The elite camp will cover the physical and mental aspects of the goaltending position, helping each goaltender master the fundamentals of the position while developing a personal identity that translates into game success.

The camp will be led by Joe Exter, Warren Strelow mentor and U.S. National Team goaltending coach. In addition, assistant mentors Seth Appert, David Berard, Jeff Blashill, Derek Lalonde, David Lassonde, Emily McKissock, Phil Osaer, Dave Flint and Nick Petraglia, as well as guest coaches Mike Dunham, John Vanbiesbrouck and Shivaun Siegl, will be on hand for instruction.

For more information on USA Hockey's Warren Strelow Goaltending Mentor Program, click [here](#).

## **2009 Warren Strelow National Team Goaltending Camp Invitees May 28-31 - Ann Arbor, Mich.**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Goaltender</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>League/Level</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
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**Group Goaltender Team****League/Level Hometown**

Boys	Brian Billett	NH Monarchs	EJHL	Brunswick, Maine
	Cody Campbell	Fargo Force	USHL	Colorado Springs, Colo.
	Jack Campbell	USA Hockey NTDP		Port Huron, Mich.
	Kevin Dluhy	NJ Rockets	Bantam 94s	Branchburg, N.J.
	Chris Eiserman	Newburyport High School	High School	Newburyport, Mass.
	Anders Franke	Elk River	High School	Zimmerman, Minn.
	John Gibson	Pittsburgh Hornets	Midget U16	Pittsburgh, Pa.
	Brandon Hope	Honeybaked	Bantam 94s	Canton, Mich.
	James Howe	Little Caesars	Bantam 94s	Northville, Mich.
	Andy Iles	Salisbury School	Prep School	Ithaca, N.Y.
	Dalton Izyk	Syracuse Stars	Bantam 94s	Oswego, N.Y.
	Brenden Jensen	LA Select	Midget U16	El Granada, Calif.
	Brock Kautz	Rochester Bantam	Bantam A	Rochester, Minn.
	Jim Kruger	Minnetonka High School	High School	Minnetonka, Minn.
	<b>Alex Lazarski</b>	<b>Chicago Fury</b>	<b>Bantam 94s</b>	<b>North Bend, Wash.</b>
	Dan Liesman	Capital Center Pride	Midget U16	Okemos, Mich.
	Austin Luboff	Florida Panthers	Bantam 94s	Parkland, Fla.
	Matt Mahalak	Culver Academy	Prep School	Monroe, Mich.
	Matt McNeely	St. Thomas Academy	High School	Burnsville, Minn.
	Jared	CYA	Midget U16	Chicago, Ill.

Group	Goaltender	Team	League/Level	Hometown
	Rutledge			
	Garrett	Team Illinois	Midget U16	Elmhurst, Ill.
	Sparks	U16		
	Colin	Albany	Prep School	Niskayuna,
	Stevens	Academy		N.Y.
	Kevin	Bridgewater	Empire League	Franklin,
	Venturoso	Bandits		Mass.
	Jay Williams	Hotchkiss	Prep School	McLean, Va.
		School		

*Information taken from USA Hockey Website*

**May 2009**

### **NAHL Draft Has Three Fury Players on the List**

The Chicago Fury continued their success in advancing players as three more Midget Major Players were selected in the NAHL Entry Draft. The Texas Tornado selected forwards **Brian Davis, Derek Schultz** and Defenseman **Mike LaFrenier** in the 2009 NAHL Entry Draft. The Tornado won three straight NAHL Robertson Cup Championships from 2003-2006. Chicago Fury Director of Player Development made the announcement. Pollos coached all three players this past season at the Fury.

Davis, a Mokena, IL native was among the team leaders in scoring and face off percentage wins. "Brain is a skilled, smart player who has many things that are hard to teach. He has a scoring touch and brings a creative style of play." Davis commented on being selected by the Tornado by saying, "I have to especially thank Coach Pollos and all the coaches last year. I'm very excited for this great opportunity."

Power Forward Derek Schultz brings a big frame at 6'1/210 and a great set of hands and solid ice awareness to the Tornado. "Derek battled through injury three times last year but never got discouraged, he has only scratched the surface on how good he can be" commented Pollos. Derek added, "It's a great feeling being drafted by the Tornado."

D-Man Mike LaFrenier also was taken by the Tornado and upside is the name of the game for the 92 born Addison, IL native. "Mike has all the skills to compete at the next level. He can carry the puck and play a high tempo game. He may also have the best shot at his age level that I've seen" says Pollos. Mike said, "I'm honored to be drafted by such an elite organization, in the Tornado."

### **Fury Midget Major Alums Battle for NAHL JR. A National Championship**

The North American Hockey League (NAHL Jr. A. Tier II) is in the final round of the Robertson Cup National Championships and two former Fury Major Midget Players are competing for the crown. 92 Goalie, Mac Carruth leads the way for the Wenatchee Wild as the NAHL's Western Division representative. Carruth earned a victory in the first game of the series by a score of 4-3

over North Iowa. Carruth is committed to WCHA Minnesota Duluth for the 2010 NCAA DI Hockey Season.

Bismarck Bobcats rookie forward Ryan Dunne is doing his part for his team as the NAHL Central Division Champ Bobcats look to reach the NAHL Championship game as well. The 6'2 / 205lb power forward from Glen Ellyn, IL was described as "our most consistent and hardest working guy down the stretch" by Bobcats coach Byron Poole. Dunne was a plus +2 in the deciding game 5 win to put the Bobcats into the final round.

"I am very proud of both these guys" says Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos who coached Carruth and Dunne two seasons ago for the Fury. "These guys are playing key roles for their teams as rookies, that says a lot about their ability and their determination. I wish them both the best of luck and hopefully they will meet in the National Championship Game."

### **U18's Bray Signs with NAHL Runner-Up Wild**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that second year U18 forward Jackson Bray has signed a Tender to play for the Wenatchee Wild of the North American Hockey League (NAHL Jr. A. Tier II) for the 2009 USA Hockey Junior A. Hockey Season. Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos made the announcement. Pollos coached Bray the past two seasons on the Fury Midget Major Team.

The 91' born Naperville, IL native Bray, will suit up for the Robertson Cup National Champion Runner-up Wild joining former teammate and Fury Alum Mac Carruth. Bray who battled through two injuries this past season brings a solid skill set and great on ice awareness to the Western Division Champs. "Jackson is a strong player who can score and create down low," said Pollos. "Coach Baxter in Wenatchee is getting a player who will continue to develop and be an asset to their program."

Bray commented on his signing saying, "I'm very excited about this opportunity. They had a great first year making it to the Robertson Cup Finals. They have a great arena and the biggest home crowd in the NAHL. I have to thank Coach Pollos and Fury Organization. When Coach Pollos recruited me he told me he would run our team to help prepare us for Junior A Hockey. He did and it helped me get ready for the next level. I have to thank my parents too. All the car rides to rinks for all these years, they have stuck with me. My dad has been a big part of this and I want to thank him for all he has done."

### **U18's Kubiak Selected 29<sup>th</sup> Overall by Green Bay Gamblers**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that U18 forward Alex Kubiak has been selected by the Green Bay Gamblers of the USHL in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the 2009 USHL Entry Draft. The announcement was made by Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos.

The Tinley Park native also becomes the first forward from Illinois taken in this year's draft. The USHL is the only Tier I Junior A Hockey League in the United States. Earlier this season Kubiak gave his verbal commitment to NCAA DI Yale University for 2011. "I'm very proud of Alex and his selection in the USHL Draft by Green Bay" said Pollos, who coached Alex this past season for the Fury. "Alex did everything that was asked of him dating back to last summer starting with his off season training, and carried it right through to this season. Coach Copper in Green Bay is getting a player with tremendous skill, upside and character." Kubiak had this to say in a written statement about this opportunity in the USHL... "I can't thank coach Pollos enough for what he

did for me, first with Yale and now with Green Bay and the USHL. This is one of the best feelings in the world. After meeting with the coaches and seeing the facility I couldn't be happier being drafted by Green Bay."

Kubiak becomes the first player in the short two year history of the Chicago Fury to be selected in the USHL Entry Draft.

### **Fury Midget Major Alum Carruth Taken in 2009 USHL Entry Draft**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that Fury U18 Alum, Mac Carruth has been selected by the Omaha Lancers in the 5<sup>th</sup> round of the 2009 USHL Entry Draft. Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos made the announcement.

The 92 born Jackson Hole, WY native played for Nick Pollos and the Fury U18's in the clubs first season two years ago before moving on to the NAHL's Wenatchee Wild this season. Carruth has already given the nod to WCHA Minnesota Duluth, NCAA DI, for the 2010 - 2011 NCAA season. "Mac is a tremendous goalie. His work ethic is second to none and his upside is limitless" says Pollos. "He tracks the puck very well, is athletic and competes hard every day."

### **Fury 94's Carrick Advances to USA Hockey National Development Camp**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that Connor Carrick has been selected to represent Illinois and the Central District in this summer's USA Hockey National Development Camp. The announcement was made by Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos. The slick skating, creative D-Man worked his way through the process beginning with the AHAI Player Development Camp, then on to the Central District Festival. Now Carrick will be on the National Stage later this summer. "I think Connor is as good as it gets at this age" says Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos. "He has a bright future as he continues his development."

Carrick will join the top players from across the country as the USA Hockey National Development Camp begins later this summer.

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### **Fury 94's Zane Schartz** **Selected in WHL Entry Draft**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that Fury 94 player Zane Schartz has been selected by the Tri City Americans in the 2009 Western Hockey League (WHL) Entry Draft. Chicago Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos made the announcement.

The Dallas Texas native played last season for the Fury 94 Team coached by Darren McClusky, who has strong ties to the WHL. Being selected in the WHL is the first step in being identified as a top player in your age group. Schartz commented when asked about his selection to the Tri City Americans, "Playing for Coach McClusky, the Chicago Fury, and in the Tier 1 Elite Hockey League helped prepare me for my strong showing at the WHL United States Prospect Camp in early April. Also, I appreciated Coach McClusky speaking with several WHL teams concerning my desire and ability to someday play in the WHL." The WHL is among the leaders in supplying the National Hockey League with some of its finest young players in recent years. Players of note who have come from the WHL include, **Chicago Black Hawks Cam Barker, Troy Brouwer, Brent Seabrook and Dustin Byfuglien**, who was coached by the Fury's Darren McClusky in Midget Hockey. McClusky added, "Zane developed every week during the season and worked very hard for this opportunity, this is the first step of many as Zane moves up the ladder of development in hockey, and I look forward to watching him continue his progress."

**April 2009**

### **Fury Boys Advance to** **USA Hockey District Festival Camp**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that 13 players from the Fury Boys Programs have advanced to the USA Hockey District Festival Tryouts. Chicago Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos made the announcement. These young men will now compete with and against the other top players from their District as they battle for a spot on the USA Hockey District Select Teams.

Congratulations to the following players... Fury U18s Derek Schultz, Fury U16s Nick DeSimone & Hunter Leisner (Rocky Mountain), Fury 94s Robby Gawron, Connor Carrick, James Bonaguro and Zane Schartz (Rocky Mountain), Fury 95s Grant Stueve, Tony DeVito, Scott Fisher, Cam Lerner, Michael Turner, Joey DeLuca and Michael Sullivan.

### **Fury Alum Bushbacher Picks** **NCAA Lake Forest College**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that Fury U18 Alum, Phil Bushbacher has committed to NCAA DIII Lake Forest College for the 2009-2010 NCAA Hockey Season, Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos made the announcement. The 6'2" 225lb Glenview, IL native was a member of the Chicago Fury U18s in the club's first season in 2007-2008. Bushbacher went on to sign with the Aurora Tigers of the Ontario Provincial Junior Hockey League (OPJHL) (Junior A Tier II).

The Power Forward compiled a line of 4 goals, 8 assists and 21 pims in 37 games for the Tigers this year. Phil had this to say about his commitment to Lake Forest College... "Coach Pollos was a big part of this for me. I learned so much from him and I thank him for all his time and effort he put in for me."

"Phil has worked very hard for this opportunity" Said Director of Player Development Nick Pollos. "Phil loves the game and works very hard to be the best player he can be. His hard work has paid off as he prepares for College hockey. Coach Fritz is getting a kid with fantastic work ethic and character."

**March 2009**

### **Fury Girls Head to USA Hockey District Camp**

The Chicago Fury would like to congratulate the following members of the 14U and 19U Girls Teams for being selected for the USA Hockey Central District Camp this year. Chicago Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos made the announcement. From the Girls 14U Team, **Francesca Principe, Savannah Harmon, Jordan Luna and Erika Truschke** were selected and from the Girls 19U Team, **Kara Gust** was selected. "Being selected for the USA Hockey District Camp is a great honor" says Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos. "These girls worked very hard along with their coaches to help prepare them for this opportunity."

The Chicago Fury's commitment to developing our girl's hockey program is unmatched and these girls are the first result of that commitment. The Fury wishes the girls best of luck at the USA Hockey Central District Camp and congratulates the families in their efforts as well.

### **Fury's Sakellaropolous Makes NCAA Plans**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that Fury U18 D-man Evan Sakellaropolous has committed to NCAA Division III, Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) for the 2009-2010 NCAA Hockey Season. Chicago Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos made the announcement. Th

e Tinley Park, IL native had his season cut short due to injury which resulted in surgery in November. Evan had this to say regarding his commitment, "Even though I wasn't unable to finish my season, Coach Pollos kept promoting me and believing in me. Over the last month I had three NCAA DIII Schools offer me spots on their teams and academic scholarships. If it wasn't for Coach Pollos, none of this would have been possible."

Evan will have his work cut out for him as he will join a lineup of college players with NCAA and Junior A experience. "Evan had a tough go this year with his surgery" said Pollos, who coached Evan the past two seasons at the Fury. "It's a great opportunity for him, going to one of the top engineering schools in the country and playing NCAA DIII hockey." Pollos went on to say, "Evan's skill level and character will be an asset to coach Ostapina and the Raiders."

**February 2009**

### **U18's Kubiak Headed to Yale**

The Chicago Fury AAA Hockey Club is pleased to announce that first year Midget Major forward, Alex Kubiak has verbally committed to Yale University for the 2011 NCAA DI Hockey Season. Chicago Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos made the announcement. The 6'2 / 180lb center who hails from Tinley Park, IL (Andrew H.S.) returned from his official visit at Yale last week and said it all felt right. "It's the place for me" said Kubiak, "It has everything I wanted in a school."

Kubiak will head to Jr. A Hockey next season as he continues his development upon arriving at Yale in 2011. "I couldn't be happier for Alex and his family" says Fury Coach Nick Pollos. "He worked so hard for this. What an honor to be going to one of the top academic schools in the nation with a NCAA DI Top 20 Ranked hockey team." Congratulations to Alex and his family.

Kubiak becomes the second player in as many years to make his NCAA DI commitment joining Mac Carruth who is committed to UMD for 2010.

**January 2009**

### **Fury Girls Recognized**

Congratulations to the following members of the Chicago Fury Girls Program for being recognized among the top players in the state of Illinois.

#### **High School All State Team**

Melissa Clarke	Jr.	Naper Valley
Gabriella Baldassari	Jr.	Lake Forest Academy

#### **Prep Jamboree**

MacKenzie Muha  
Francesca Principe  
Kristen Sutera  
Savannah Harmon (alternate)

### **Three Fury U18's Sign on the Dotted Line for 09**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that three members of the Major Midget Team have signed Tender Contracts to play in the North American Hockey League (NAHL Tier II Jr. A) next season.

Rookie forward Bobby Murphy has signed with the Topeka Roadrunners in the NAHL South Division. Topeka currently sits tied for first place overall in the NAHL. The Anchorage, AK native is not big in size but has top end skill to compete at the next level. "We are proud of Bobby and his choice to play for Topeka. They have a great program, great facilities, and have a solid record of winning and moving kids to Division I college hockey" says Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos.

Adding to the list of signees are first year D-Man Tyler Wilson and recently added Forward Justin Erhart, who have signed with the Bismarck Bobcats in the NAHL Central Division. The Bobcats lead the NAHL Central with the best winning percentage. Wilson, the 6'3" / 185 LB left shot D-man from Alaska, brings a strong physical presence and big shot to the Bobcats Blue line. "Tyler has come a long way this year" said Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos. "He works hard and plays with an edge. The Bobcats are getting a kid with great upside and passion for the game." The Bobcats also signed Fury U18 forward Justin Erhart to a Tender Contract. The Minnesota native recently joined the team and has made an immediate impact on his new teammates. Justin will bring a strong skating stride, solid hockey sense and creative puck skills to the Bobcats next year. "He has a great skill set and is a top character kid" says Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos. "He has fit in right away with his new teammates."

All three players are still eligible for the USHL Draft in May however their playing rights in the NAHL are now owned by the clubs which they signed with. "Our club is committed to helping players advance to the next levels of hockey" says Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos. "We are very excited for these young men in their choices thus far and we expect other announcements will follow regarding more player advancement."

**2008**

### **U18s Kubiak and Murphy Get the Call**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that U18 Forwards Alex Kubiak and Bobby Murphy were called up to the North American Hockey League for weekend action with the Junior A. Topeka Roadrunners. Fury Midget Major Head Coach Nick Pollos made the announcement. Several injuries to a solid veteran lineup that currently sits in second place in the NAHL South Division with a 12-3 record forced Topeka Coach / GM Scott Langer to make the call. "Both Alex and Bobby stepped into a veteran lineup and proved that they will both make very good Junior A and College players in the future" said Topeka Head Coach / GM Scott Langer.

Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos had this to say about the opportunity. "Anytime you have a chance to get your feet wet at the next level it's a good thing. Both boys did very well and now have a taste of what the next level is." Kubiak and Murphy played this past weekend both Friday and Saturday night as Topeka earned a two game sweep on the road over the last place Springfield Jr. Blues. "Both boys were very professional about their approach to the game. The Roadrunners organization was very happy to have them as part of our family for the series against Springfield" said Langer. Topeka carries a strong tradition for identifying top prospects and moving players to the NCAA Division I level with 14 players in the past two seasons making DI Commitments. "Both boys have solid NCAA DI potential and have come a long way already this season" said Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos, who coached 31 NCAA Division players while coaching in the NAHL. "Our goal here is to develop players for the next level. Everything we do as an organization leads us to those opportunities."

### **Fury U18s Ryan Dunne Drafted by NAHL Bismarck Bobcats**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that forward Ryan Dunne was selected by the Bismarck Bobcats in the 2008 North American Hockey League (Jr. A Tier II) Entry Draft. Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos made the announcement. The 6'2 / 190lb forward from Glen Ellyn, IL will bring speed, skill and heavy shot to the Bobcats.

"I am very happy for Ryan and this chance to play in the NAHL, he worked hard for this." Ryan will now begin training to compete at the next level as he moves to the NAHL.

### **Fury's Carruth Commits to WCHA DI Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs**

Chicago Fury Midget Major Goalie, Mac Carruth, has given his verbal commitment to The University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs for the 2010 NCAA Hockey Season. The announcement was made by Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos.

After an unofficial visit to the UMD campus last week, the 1992 born Carruth felt right at home. The 15-year-old goalie from Shorewood, MN also was in contact with several other schools from the WCHA, CCHA and Hockey East but in the end, states Carruth, "UMD seemed like the perfect situation for me." Carruth emerged as the Fury's number one goalie as the season headed into the playoffs. He has some time before he will skate for the Bulldogs. Carruth will be in camp with the USNTDP U17 Team later this month as he competes for a spot on the USA Hockey National U17 team for next year.

"Mac is one of those special players who doesn't come along very often," said Fury coach Nick Pollos. "I think he's the best 15-year-old goalie in the country. He's big, athletic and covers a lot of the net as a strong butterfly goalie with good puck skills. Technically he's very good, very poised and tracks the puck very well." Pollos went on to add, "My Goalie Coach, Tim Anderson deserves allot of credit helping Mac develop this season, putting in extra time on the ice and off."

### **Fury U18's Carruth Accepts Invite to USNTDP Camp**

Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos announced today that 92' born goalie Mac Carruth has accepted an invitation to participate in the USA Hockey Final Camp for the USNTDP U17 Team later in March held in Ann Arbor, MI. The camp is also known as the "40 Man Camp" as USA Hockey invites up to 46 players in the 92' birth year to earn a spot on the Under 17 National Team for next season. Four goalies will participate in the camp.

The 6'1 / 170 LB net minder for the Fury Major Midget Team was a standout player this season for Coach Nick Pollos' Fury Team. Carruth began to turn heads back in September at the Detroit Little Caesars Tournament and has continued his rise to national recognition as the season progressed. "Mac is as good as it gets at his age," says Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos. "He has developed into one of the top prospects in the nation for his age and he will keep getting better." Says one NHL Scout, "He looks like a pro". Carruth split time this season with the Fury playing in 35 of the team's 60 games.

"Just to be invited is a tremendous honor for him," says Pollos. The USNTDP has produced hundreds of NCAA Division I players and dozens of NHL players as well. Most recently Chicago Black Hawks Rookie Patrick Kane, St. Louis Blues Rookie Eric Johnson, L.A. Kings Blue liner Jack Johnson and Boston Bruins standout Phil Kessel just to name a few. 140 NHL Draft Picks have come from the USNTDP and 22 NCAA All-Americans.

### **Fury U18's Donnelly Signs With NAHL Champs For 08-09**

Chicago Fury Midget Major Captain Sean Donnelly has signed a NAHL Tender Contract to play for the defending North American Hockey League Junior A Champion, St. Louis Bandits for the 2008-2009 Junior A Hockey Season. Chicago Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos made the announcement.

Donnelly, 18, who hails from Frankfort, IL currently carries a line of 3 goals, 12 assists and 38 pims in 28 games for the Fury. The team welcomed Donnelly back after missing nearly 5 weeks due to illness this past weekend.

"St. Louis is getting one of the top players in all of Illinois," says Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos. "Sean is everything for us. Power Play, Penalty Kill, he does it all." Donnelly is one of only two

returning Midget Major players on this year Fury team and his leadership and character clearly has stood out. "Sean is as committed to his team as any kid I've ever coached. He competes hard and leads by example. His presence on the Blueline is unmatched. He will be an asset to Coach John Copper and the entire Bandits organization."

### **Chicago Fury's Gawron Signs With NAHL's Kenai River For 08-09**

Chicago Fury Midget Major Defenseman Nick Gawron has signed a Tender Contract to play for the Kenai River Brown Bears of the North American Hockey League for the 2008 Junior A Hockey Season. Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos made the announcement.

The 17-year-old Lemont, IL native currently carries a line of 4 goals, 14 assists and 78 penalty minutes this season. The 6'0 / 185 lb Rear Guard becomes the fourth member of the Chicago Fury Major Midget Team to sign to play Junior A hockey next season joining Sean Donnelly, Ryan Bachman and David Lebarre.

"Nick has evolved into a top notch D-man" according to Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos. "He is a work horse back there for us, playing in all situations. He can carry the puck and create space and loves to hit in the open ice. I think his best hockey is still ahead of him and coach Flanagan and the Brown Bears will benefit from his continued development."

### **Malliaras Makes Five Fury Major Midgets Moving to Junior A**

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that Midget Major player George Malliaras has signed a Tender Contract to play for the Kenai River Brown Bears of the North American Hockey League for the 2008-2009 season. Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos made the announcement.

Malliaras has pulled double duty for the Fury this season moving back to the blue line from time to time during a stretch of injuries this year. "George has been solid for us this year" says Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos. "We went through a stretch where we were without two D-men and I asked George to give it a try on the blue line and he didn't blink an eye saying, anything to help the team." Malliaras' quick feet and puck skills got him noticed as the season progressed and the opportunity with the Brown Bears was the perfect fit. "George can create with his speed and is a solid fore checker to compliment his puck skills, he will be an asset to the Brown Bears organization" according to Pollos. "George plays on all special teams for us both as a forward and a defenseman. I am very proud of his decision to play for Coach Flanagan and the Brown Bears."

### **Fury U18's Bachman and Lebarre Sign NAHL Junior A Tenders for 2008**

Chicago Fury Midget Major Players Ryan Bachman and David Lebarre have signed Tender Contracts to play for the Alaska Avalanche of the North American Hockey League for the 2008 Jr. A Hockey Season. The announcement was made by Chicago Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos.

Bachman and Lebarre become the first Chicago Fury Players in history to make their Junior A commitments while other members of the team look to make similar commitments in the weeks to come. "I am so happy for both these young men and their families" said an elated Fury Head

Coach Nick Pollos. "These guys worked very hard for this. Coach Smith at Alaska is getting two extremely talented and committed players with excellent character."

Bachman, the 6'0 / 170lb Orland Park, IL native, currently has a line of 10 goals, 15 assists and 55 pims in 32 games for the Fury. Bachman, a solid two way centerman plays in all situations for the Fury while chipping in with five points on the power play and two points short handed. "Ryan is solid two way kid who plays hard in the D zone and can contribute offensively as well." When asked about people who Ryan wanted to thank, he had this to say, "A special thanks most importantly to my parents, who have supported me all these years and also my teammates and Coach Pollos."

At 5'8" and 145lbs, Lebarre, a Palos Hills, IL native, brings skill and work ethic to the Avalanche. The line on Lebarre is 6 goals, 12 assists and 43 pims in 32 games for the Fury, including a game winning goal and 3 points on special teams. "David is a skilled kid who can create, and make plays with the puck," says Pollos. "He battles hard and plays well in traffic. Both these kids will be solid additions to the Avalanche team next year." When Lebarre was asked about the opportunity he has, he made it clear on who has helped him along the way. "I have to thank my parents who have done allot for me. But also Coach Nick. He really has helped me get to where I am right now. He gave me a chance here without knowing much about me and has been a big part of this."