



MAGCS Members Team Up With Johnsons for Another Successful Hockey Season

John Gurke

The Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts company sponsored our unofficial MAGCS hockey club this past winter, and once again our guys showed everyone else in the "Thirteen and Under Full-Contact" league who's the boss. In truth, the league is an adult, no-check (hey, we all have jobs to get to in the morning) format with games being played at the Centre Ice Rink in Glen Ellyn. After winning last year's session, expectations were high for this year's squad, and they didn't disappoint. As of April 7, the team was 6-4 overall and was heading into the playoffs with a 6-4 streak in its last 10 games!

The MAGCS members who comprise the majority of the Johnsons (several players wanted the name to be the Big Johnsons, but we're a respectable bunch) are as follows and in alphabetical order:

- Matt
"Just grab his jersey and hang on!"
 Springer of Sunset Ridge
- Dave
"Unsportsmanlike Conduct"
 Blomquist of Naperville Country Club
- John
"Must be on the injury list, 'cuz we ain't seen him for a while"
 Otis of Weber Park
- Dave
"He's really quicker than he appears"
 Schlagetter of The Indian Hill Club
- Joel
"Take one in the ankle weekly and like it"
 Purpur of River Forest Country Club
- Kevin
"Most improved player 'cuz fewer teammates are getting flattened by him"
 DeRoo of Bartlett Hills
- Pete
"Not related to Karch but still a big man in front of the net"
 Kiraly of Lake Shore
- John
"Plays like Mikita, Hull, and Gretzky combined 'cuz I'm writing this"
 Gurke of Aurora Country Club

(It was hockey-player-alphabetical order)

Also on the team, but classified as R.G.U. (Rostered, but Geographically Undesirable), are Dave Fisher of Park Hills; Hank Wilkinson from the U. of I.; and Irwin McKone, a student at U. of I. and Bob Kronn's new assistant at LaGrange Country Club. The remainder of the club is comprised of guys who actually CAN play hockey (i.e., Ringers) and are responsible for our strong showing. Many thanks to the Johnson family for their generosity and support this season. ■