



GREAT AFTERNOON ON THE BANKS OF THE RED CEDAR

Another road trip and another great experience of playing hockey in a rink that most do not get the opportunity to play in is now in the books. Thank you to everyone for another successful Black vs. Gray game...this time on the campus of Michigan State University. As we as the Phantoms continue our journey towards 21 years as a team and edge closer to 1000 league games played as a team, it is truly special to see just how far we have come. Today's game in East Lansing is another example of our longtime players and our newly acquired friends that joined us here at Michigan State today, continuing to grow to create new memories and great experiences under the Phantom banner.

It takes a tremendous group of teammates and friends to make these games possible. From the officials, to the photographers, to all of the players and to those fans and family members that made the journey today, I can not say 'Thank You' enough for allowing this game to take place. It is your passion and your drive that keeps pushing us to locate new venues and new experiences for all of us to share. It is very difficult to take such a diverse group of players, some of which I have never met until today, and form teams that are competitive against each other. Despite its challenges, your devotion and love of the game helped make it all possible. While this game was just a scrimmage, it was a game that again created great memories, great fun and great experiences for our players, family and friends. Again...I say Thank you!

We continue to try to make these events bigger and better because of everyone's desire to have fun. Thank you to Walt Clarke and Brecinda Hernandez for wearing the stripes and refereeing this game for us today. It always helps to have referees at these games to help speed up the flow and of course help with those judgment calls of off-sides and penalties. On the photographer side, big thanks to Kyle Steinke for stepping up and joining us for his first Phantom game. The moments that you captured, will allow everyone to look back on this day and have the memories of skating at such a great arena. (Once we get the photos from Kyle, we will post them in our Dropbox account and will be made available via our Phantom website at www.WMPhantoms.com. I will email everyone once the photo albums are posted). I also need to say thank you to Andrew Page for taking the time to personally create the medals that were handed out to everyone following the game today. Andrew (or AP) spends so much effort and time in designing and producing these keepsakes so that everyone can have a piece to remember these events by. The Phantom name, in conjunction with the Munn Ice Arena logo is yet another great piece that is designed in house by a fellow player and friend. Additionally, I have to give a large thank you to Steven Lantzy from Michigan State and Munn Ice Arena for working with us and allowing us ice time for this game. Steven and the entire Munn staff today were purely professional during our journey which made this event so easy to plan for and participate in.

Everyone's support and commitment to join us at Munn this year is greatly appreciated. Hopefully everyone had a great skate and fun time. I hope to see many of you tonight as we invade Lansing for refreshments, music and to talk about all those great moments that made this event such a great success. If you are looking for additional Black vs. Gray games to play in, we have two more during this 2022-2023 series and we encourage you to sign up. Currently, we expect a couple spots to open for the Chicago Blackhawks Practice Rink at 5/3rd Arena in Chicago on Saturday, March 18th and have plenty of spots open for Yost Ice Arena (sorry Steven...we have to balance the college fans in the group) and have plenty of open for Saturday, May 20th. Players can sign up for both at our website at www.WMPhantoms.com. Again, thank you everyone for another great Black vs. Gray game!

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