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PA CENTER-PEDES SLED HOCKEY TEAM WINS INAUGURAL
2005-2006 SEASON PNESHL DRYDEN CUP


The PA Center-Pedes (affectionately known as “The Bugs”)

<http://www.sledhockey.net/pacenterpedes/pacpindex.html>

Have won the inaugural PNESHL title by having the best record over sled hockey teams from Maine, New York, New Hampshire and Connecticut. The PNESHL represents the first adult sled hockey in the country. The Bugs roster (see below) includes participants from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York. Although an adult team, half of the players are under age twenty-one.

PNESHL 2005/2006 Final Standings (after 3/19 Game Day)

	Won	Loss	Tie	Points	Place
PA	6	1	1	28	1st
ME	5	1	2	27	2nd
NY	5	2	1	25	3rd
NH	2	6	0	7	4th
CT	0	8	0	0	5th



The PA Center-Pedes are affiliated with the Pennsylvania Center for Adaptive Sport (www.centeronline.com) and are members of USA Hockey. The program consists of elite travel players (listed below) and a group of developmental participants that are working at improvement. The program also has developed talented youth players that compete in junior and adult national teams. Three Bug players (not on the PNESHL roster) have just returned from the IX Winter Paralympics in Torino Italy with a Bronze medal. The PA Center-Pedes coaching, administration and players have developed a winning team; they have become a dominant provider of elite caliber athletes ready for international competition. The program is represented by prior, current and future Paralympians.

What is the PNESHL (check out: <http://www.neshl.org/>)?

The Prudential Northeast Sled Hockey League was developed in 2005 for local level adult sled hockey teams from the Northeastern United States to engage in sportsmanlike sled hockey competition. The PNESHL is made up of the following teams:

Pennsylvania Center-Pedes **1st place**
Portland Sled Hockey Pirates **2nd place**

United Spinal Rangers	3 rd place
New Hampshire Wildcats	4 th place
Connecticut Wolf Pack	5 th place

The sled hockey teams meet at a central location in Danbury, CT for one "Game Day" each month during the December to March PNESHL season. The teams agree to game schedules that accommodate the needs of teams traveling the greatest distances thereby keeping expenses to a minimum. Results of the games are captured for wins, losses and cumulative stats. The Prudential Dryden Cup Championship is determined based on overall results. The PNESHL is a model for other teams wishing to establish leagues to follow.

Roster: PA-Center Pedes

Coach: Mike Doyle (doylemj@comcast.net) 215-897-1318 / 856-488-8308
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 Asst. Coach: Tom Godfrey (tgod_3@msn.com)
 Manager: Ken Shelton (krs586@aol.com)

<u>Player</u>	<u>Sweater #</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Home Town</u>
Dave Antonini	27	F	Warminster PA
Mike Doyle (A)	77	F	Pennsauken NJ
John Eckbold	22	F	Egg Harbor Township NJ
Jon Grazaitis	53	D	Street MD
Zach Jackson	39	G	Belcamp MD
Bobby Keys	4	F	Cinnaminson NJ
Jim Leatherman (A)	20	D	Glen Arm MD
Jeremy Lubin	24	D	Bridgeton NJ
Danny McDevitt	5	F	Abington PA
Josh Moran	15	F	Jamestown NY
Chris Reid	8	F	Pine Hill NJ
Matt Reidy (C)	17	F	Millville NJ
Wayne Robinson	44	D	Bridgeton NJ
Laura Schwanger	1	G/D	Philadelphia PA
Kenny Shelton	96	F	Pittsgrove NJ
Justin Wess	7	G	Indiana PA

The PA Center-Pedes are also competing in the following tournaments:

USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Festival	7-9 April 2006	West Chester PA
New England Sled Hockey Invitational	21-23 April 2006	Springfield MA

The PA Center-Pedes are also sponsoring and teaching the following clinics:

The Rink at Medford (tentative)	May
Vineland Ice Arena 2 nd Annual Sled Hockey Clinic	7-9 July 2006