

## Jan. 27 Ice Hockey



*It was a day for the Nottingham seniors to celebrate at Mercer Rink today as the Northstars and their parents were recognized on Senior Day. Included in the celebration (from left) are Bill Kriegner, Zach Renitsky, captain John Terry, scorekeeper supreme Tessa Wood, Dave Robb and Mike Lombardo (Photo by Dennis Symons Jr./purchase photos at [www.dennissymons.com](http://www.dennissymons.com)).*

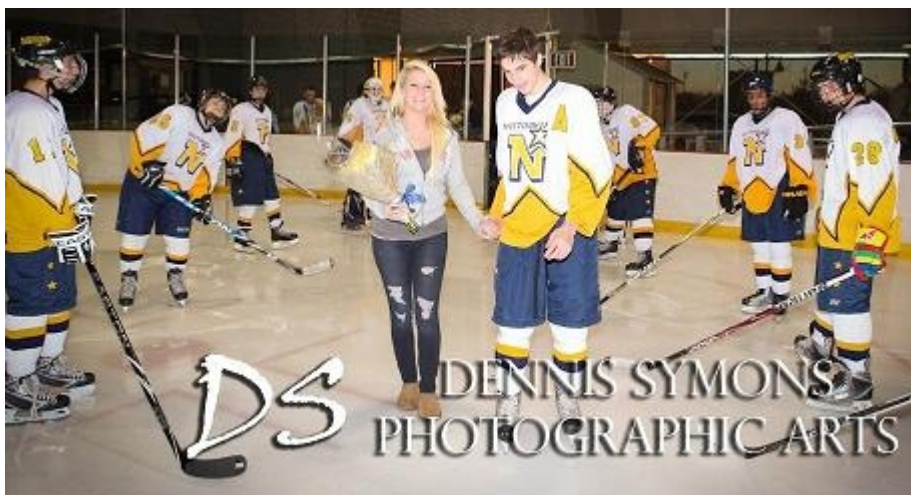
### **Despite loss to Lawrence, Stars' seniors show leadership on their day** By Tony Piscotta Fish4Scores.com

**Jan. 27:** The five seniors in the Nottingham lineup may not have won a lot of games during their time skating for the Stars, but that does not diminish their accomplishments.

While the Northstars ended up on the short end of a 6-2 score against Lawrence today in what was Senior Day for five Nottingham players - John Terry, Bill Kriegner, Zach Renitsky, Dave Robb, and Michael Lombardo - first-year coach Alex Chis-Luca felt the Stars' bounce back effort - a day after the team's worst loss, was a testament to that group's leadership.

"They all work hard and I'd like to see them get rewarded a little more because they all make a contribution," said first-year head coach Alex Chis-Luca.

One player who did get rewarded was Kriegner, who banged in a rebound off Terry's shot from the point for a power play goal early in the period. At the time, the goal made the score 3-2 and provided temporary hope that the Stars might get their third win



*Alternate captain Dave Robb escorts fellow senior Tessa Wood -- Nottingham's scorekeeper supreme -- on the ice for Senior Day while the players form a human tunnel for them to walk through (Photo by Dennis Symons Jr./purchase photos at [www.dennissymons.com](http://www.dennissymons.com)).*

of the season.

"He's a workhorse. He battles and battles. He doesn't always get recognition for his hard work but he does it all the time," said Chis-Luca.

Kriegner came to Nottingham last season after playing two years at Ewing. While both schools' programs face a shortage of experienced players (and Ewing's team merged with Lawrence a year ago), that did not diminish Kriegner's enthusiasm for the game.

"We have to fight hard. We don't have a lot of players that have a lot of money and can go to camps to get better," said Kriegner.

Thanks to hard work, and some inspired goaltending by junior Kyle O'Byrne, the Stars were able to keep things close and were in a position to pull off the win before the Cardinals scored three unanswered goals in the game's final 11 minutes.

"We were right there but then there were a few bad bounces and things didn't go our way," said Chis-Luca.

While the loss was disappointing, the fact that the Stars were able to bounce back after yesterday's disheartening loss to St. Joseph-Hammonton was cause for optimism.

"This was a much different team today," said Chis-Luca. "We were missing two seniors (Kriegner and Lombardi) and you could see how they make a big impact."

The Stars opened the scoring, taking the lead in a game for the first time since defeating Jonathan Dayton Regional on Jan. 10.

Matt McNeal broke free for a breakaway and after Lawrence goalie Alex Finan made a diving poke check to knock the puck off McNeal's stick; Nottingham junior Jonathan Pope was there to pounce on the loose puck and flipped it into the vacated net.

Nottingham (2-15, 0-11 CVC) is now off until next Friday, when the Stars face cross-town rival Steinert.