

The Bay State Breakers U12 team captured the EHF play-off championship this weekend with two exciting come from behind victories.

On Saturday, against the Rhode Island IXpress the Breakers went down 2-0 early in the game but fought back with goals by Ally Hammel and Maura Gately to even the score at 2-2 half way through the second period. After trading goals late in the second, the Breakers took their first lead of the game midway through the third period only to have the IXpress tie the score at 4-4 with 10 minutes remaining in the game. With under 3 minutes left and the score tied at 4 the Breakers were penalized and facing a shorthanded situation for most of the remainder of the game. Kaitlin Gately scored her second goal of the game shorthanded with 1:42 seconds remaining to give the Breakers the lead for good. Sarah Schwenzfeier scored in the open net to ice the win (6-4) for the Breakers and advance to the EHF Finals.

On Saturday, the Breakers faced the Minute Man Flames and once again went down 2-0 early. Kaitlin Gately and Katherine O'Brien scored in the second to even the score. The third period was scoreless until the Breakers once again faced a shorthanded situation with under 3:00 remaining. The Breakers successfully killed off their fifth penalty of the game before Sarah Schwenzfeier scored on a beautiful rush with 1:29 remaining in the game. The Breakers held off the 6<sup>th</sup> attacker in the final moments to cement the 3-2 win and the EHF Championship.

The EHF Championship was icing on the cake for a team that finished the regular season with a record of 30-7-1. Finished tied for First place in the EHF, Finished in second place in the NEGHL U12 National Division, and won the Assabet U12 Thanksgiving Tournament.