

You can't buy the smile on your child's face.

You can put hundreds of dollars of skates on your child's feet, buy the latest and greatest composite stick, and maneuver a spot on the best team you can find. But believe me, these things don't truly make your kid smile (okay, maybe for just that instant they do).

But in the long run? No. That face-splitting grin comes from the small moments. Not just the first time your kid put on hockey skates, not just the first goal (remember that!), not just the gold medal won in a close championship game, but those moments when your child meets, heart to heart, with teammates, friends, coaches, and family.

The quiet "great job, keep it up" when returning to the bench. The bump of gloves when teammates score together or stop the best kid on the opponent team. Rehashing the game: "Did you see that shot! It was sick!" Skating around with friends between games. Sleepovers. Hours of video games. Hanging out. Trash talk.

The support and congratulations a parent offers, win or lose:
"Have fun, play hard." "I'm so proud of you."
"Hey, what a game! You must be hungry!"
"Love you, no matter what."

The hours of working hard, really hard,
toward the goals and dreams of the team.

We salute the parents, coaches, instructors, and thousands of volunteers in every capacity who contribute to the small moments in even one child's life.

We salute the roller hockey kids, every one of them,
who play this sport just because they love it.

Cherish those small moments.

Remember, your child is more important than anything.
Even hockey.

Love your child.

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