

**Name: Gino Laituri**  
**Hometown: Bemidji MN**

**Q: What is your age?**

**A: 17**

**Q: Who is your favorite Minnesota Wild player?**

**A: Brock Faber**

**Q: Did you play competitive hockey? If yes, what was the highest level of hockey that you played?**

**A: Yes, I currently play high school hockey in Bemidji**

**Q: How many years have you been officiating?**

**A: 5 years**

**Q: What level(s) do you officiate most often?**

**A: squirt, peewee, bantam**

**Q: Why did you become a referee?**

**A: I became a referee because of my father. He is an official of the CCHA and WCHA and inspired me to be an official.**

**Q: What is your favorite memory as a referee?**

**A: officiating the Pewwee AA region tournament.**

**Q: What is one thing you would like to tell a youth hockey parent?**

**A: Let your kids enjoy the game while they can still play it.**

**Q: What is one thing you would like to tell a youth hockey coach?**

**A: Remember to be respectful to the officials. Everybody is human.**