**2022-23 U15 AA Northwest Stars – Season Summary**

* **Team Staff**
	+ Head Coach – Kim Kramer
	+ Asst. Coaches – Kent East, Joel Jullion, Ryan Baptiste
	+ Non-Parent Helpers – Blake Young, Derek Keller (Keller helped until December. Young helped entire year at practice. They both were a huge help and much appreciated)
	+ Manager – Jeff Hujber
	+ Treasurer – Angela Weber
* **Team** – Consisted of 12-2008 (7F, 5D) and 7-2009 players (1D, 4F and 2 G)
* **Try-outs** - Sept 9-11th – Majority of the roster was determined that weekend except for the goalies
* **Exhibition Games**
	+ Sept 17th vs Lloyd AAA Bandits – Lost 6-2
	+ Sept 18th vs S’toon Bandits – Lost 4-3
	+ Sept 24 – Exhibition Showcase in Kindersley
		- Game 1 vs Swift Current – Tied 3-3
		- Game 2 vs West Central – Won 5-3
* **Regular Season**
	+ 30 Games Played – 12 Wins, 15 Losses, 2 Ties, 1 OT Loss = 27 points
	+ Finished 8th out of 11 teams in North Division
* **Playoffs**
	+ Lost Best of 3 series (2 games to 1) vs Humboldt Broncos (Overall 1st place team). After that Humboldt went on undefeated to win the League/U15 AA Provincial Championship. We remained to be the only team to beat Humboldt during playoffs.
* **Tournaments**
	+ **October 27-30th U15AA Graham Tuer Challenge in Regina, SK**
		- We finished 3rd out of 4 teams in our Pool. We completed the tournament with 4 wins and 2 losses and won the” C” Final
	+ **November 24-27th U15 AAA Winnipeg Jets Classic in Winnipeg, MB**
		- We finished 3rd out of 4 teams in our Pool. We completed the tournament with 2 wins and 3 losses and Lost in the “B” Final
	+ **January 18-22nd U15AAA Canadian Crown in Edmonton, AB**
		- We finished 3rd out of 4 teams in our Pool. We completed the tournament with 2 wins and 3 losses and Lost in the “C” Final in overtime
	+ **NOTE**: I would strongly recommend attending these tournaments again. To do so the team will need to register early summer to confirm a spot.
* The 2022-23 season was a success. Players and parents enjoyed a quality hockey experience. The players continued to develop all season as hockey players and matured as young men. Our group grew as a team and learned what it takes to win. The Saskatchewan U15AA Hockey League is extremely competitive and continues to be one of the strongest leagues in Western Canada. We were only out shot approx. 10 games all year and our boys had to work hard for every win. Top teams in the league that we played closely in pre-season, we continued to play close at the end of the regular season. Our team goal at the beginning of the year was to make playoffs which we achieved. The highlight of the year for the majority of players and parents was defeating Humboldt at home in game 2 of our league playoffs and remaining to be the only team to do so in playoffs. Our team also did well at all 3 tournaments playing a variety of teams from across Western Canada including Minor Hockey and Academy teams. These tournaments provided the players with scouting exposure in Winnipeg, Regina and Edmonton. Next year the team should have 7-2009 born returning players. The other 12-2008 born players will move on, with 3 currently signed to play U18 AAA Stars and others planning to tryout for U18 AAA, U18 AA and 15AA teams. Several players also plan to attend various SJHL camps this spring.