



Battlefords AAA Sharks

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BMHA SPRING MEETING APRIL 30, 2024 DIRECTOR'S REPORT submitted by Jeanne Gilchrist, Director/Treasurer

The 2023 – 2024 has been a season of change and growth for our association. Beginning with the hiring of a new head coach, Nolan Horbach. Followed directly by our spring camp with 78 players attending. Leading to Nolan then selecting his players and forming the the new AAA Sharks team.. Nolan then began the task of getting the very talented young team ready for the season. Team bonding events were held over the summer.

The board set to work to confirm and match billet families for the players. This was the first season where billeting was mandatory for any player from outside the Battlefords. As the fall arrived, the players settled into their season homes and school. We extend our deep gratitude to all the families who opened their homes and became the second family for our team.

Together with our new coach came new staff and personnel including Landry Derald, assistant coach, Nathan Wolter, equipment manager, Tenna Derald, Manager, Kirsten Ven Der Buhs, athletic therapist. Returning to our program was Sheldon Goertzen goalie coach, Roger Blaquiere, head scout, and Miranda Weiss from Aligned Holistic Health.

The team dressing room saw a complete refresh before the team arrived. New jerseys (sweaters) were selected for a refreshed look sporting a modernized logo. We were excited to welcome our major sponsor, WPD Ambulance whose support allowed the jerseys to be a reality.

Before the regular season was underway the team attended the Prospects Tournament in Portage la Prairie. As well in early December the team attending the Invitational Mandi Schwartz tournament.

The team saw a strong start ultimately earning fourth place in regular season with a record of 12W, 15L, 3 OTL. The team won their first playoff series over Swift Current Innovation Federal Credit Union Wildcats in 2 games. In the second round they fell to the Regina Avana Rebels who ultimately won the 2024 Esso Cup National Championship.

Our two graduating players, Greir Slabaida and Amber Renkas along with their families were celebrated at Battleford Arena March 4, 2024, prior to the last home game. Grier Slabaida has committed to the Nait Ooks in Edmonton. Amber has committed to the Maryville University Women's hockey program.

Our coach, Nolan Horbach was honored by the SFUAAAHL receiving the Coach of the Year Award March 9th, 2024.

On March 23, 2024 the team celebrated together at our annual banquet where awards were presented to :

1. Danika Dureau – Most Valuable Offensive Player
2. Cypress Classen – Rookie of the Year
3. Cypress Classen – Most Valuable Player
4. Greir Slabaida – Most Dedicated Player
5. Tien Woo – Most Valuable Defensive Player
6. Sophie Brecht – Most Improved Player
7. Greir Slabaida and Amber Renkas – Leadership Award

Our Vision Statement

The Battlefords Sharks are dedicated to helping enthusiastic and competitive young women achieve the highest level of hockey. The Battlefords Sharks provide the opportunity, coaching and positive team environment for young hockey players to develop into outstanding young women.