



Battlefords AAA Sharks

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2019/20 AAA Sharks- Directors Report

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Kelsey Harder- Head Coach

Doug Milne- Assistant Coach

Danielle Girolami- Assistant Coach

Tammy Glynn- Manager

Trainer/Strength and Conditioning (Pipes Fitness)- Miranda Weise

Stick Boy- Ricci Girolami

The team had some great exhibition games and played well in our preseason tournament in Calgary. The year looked promising. Once the regular season started, the team lost their momentum even though we had a very fast young team that was always hard for other teams to handle. We had a lot of close games but could not find our consistent scoring touch. We finished 6th in the league this year with a great opportunity to climb in the standing the last stretch of the year but fell short in these games. We had some injuries that did not help throughout the season. I'm proud of our girls and know they have grown as players and young women.

The season ended two days before playoff started due to Covid-19. We were slated to play Notre Dame in the first round, which we felt very confident about. It was a terrible way for the girls to end the season, but we totally support and understand the reasoning.

We had 5 graduating players this year, 3 forwards, 1 defence and 1 goalie. With our starting goalie, Haylie Bieber receiving scholarship to Minot State.

We also had players receive league awards this year as well. Haylie Bieber shared the Top Goalie award and Ryder Milne received the Scholastic Player Award. Haylie Bieber was also named to First All-Star Team and Kiana McNinch was named to the Second All-Star Team.

I want to congratulate our existing players Jordyn Blais and Kiana McNinch on making SK First top 29 for U18 and to the new recruits that will be playing for us next year, we would like to congratulate Sawyer Norman and Brooklyn Salewski for making the top 17 in the North for U16.

We strive to be a minimum 500 hockey team and with our record well below that we have made a coaching change going into the upcoming year. We will continue to strive and grow our player's skill set, teamwork and abilities by strong leadership and guidance.

Battleford's drawing area is still growing and needs to continue so we can build a competitive team. We need to work closely with surrounding towns within 1 to 1½ hours from Battleford to make them feel like they are local girls and hopefully they will look at Battleford as their place of choice to play AAA hockey. Having a strong female program for all levels of hockey in North West is key for the Sharks success.

We had more girls than ever billet this year and I really appreciate the great group of billet families. We will be looking at growing this list since we are expecting more girls to billet next year.

We also had a great group of sponsors this year that we want to thank again.

I would like to thank our coaching staff (Kelsey, Doug and Danielle), the AAA Shark's Board and Tammy as Manager for helping with the growth of the Battleford AAA Sharks program this year. The coaches and manager continue to put everything they can into this program with long hours and key advice. Strong coaching and building on our success mindset will grow our program and make the Battleford AAA Sharks one of the top teams' players want to play for now and in the future.

Dave Amson

Director Battlefords AAA Sharks