

2018-19 Battleford Midget AA Barons Year End Report

Camp & Pre-season

We started on Sept. 21 with 47 kids coming out to camp. We used scrimmages, an intersquad game and an exhibition game to select our final 19 players. I added Keith Nachtegaele and Brett Payne to the coaching Staff. We had 2 practices and 1 exhibition game before the season started.

Regular Season Summary

September – Opened the Season Sept. 29th with a 2-0 victory over long-time rival Unity Lazars

October – Had a 3 game slide before rebounding for a 6-3 record in October.

November – Gained momentum with a 5-1-1 record

December – We won 5 games straight before dropping 2 before the Christmas break

January – Went to the Fred Mcbeth Tourney in Regina, were 1st in our pool with a 2-0-1 record. In the A-side semi's we lost 2-1 to the Regina Vics (tourney winners). We finished off January with a 3-2-1 record.

February – Many of our players attended the Sask First tryouts. We split our league games 2-2.
We finished the season with a 20-11-2 record with 42 points placing us in 3rd spot in the North.

Playoff Summary

Round 1 – Beat the PA Chill 3 games to 1, with both games in PA going to Double OT

Round 2 – Swept the Saskatoon Icehawks in 3 games

Center 4 Finals – Beat the Northeast in game 4 at the CC to win the Center 4 Championship

Provincial Finals – Matched up against the undefeated 45-0 Swift Current Broncos.

Game 1 – Beat the Broncos 4-1 handing them their first loss of the season

Game 2 – In front of Approx. 1000 fans at the CC, lost 3-1 with an empty netter

Game 3 – With Approx. 3000 fans in the Iplex, lost 2-1 with an empty netter

Graduating Players

Colby Friedrich – In 3 years as a Baron scored 50g & 106pts. Lead the 2019 playoffs in scoring.

Cam Taylor – Had 15 wins & 2 shutouts on the year, plus won the 2019 SHA Craig Hartl Scholarship

Jared Nachegaele – The 3rd year Baron finished his career with 60pts in 71 games

Carson McNabb – Finished his three year midget career scoring 72pts in 81 games for the Barons

Connor Neave – After affiliating in 12 games last year, scored 4g and 19pts in 2018-19

Matthew Sacrey – Played last year in Meadow Lake, contributed 12g to the Barons this season

This year we concentrated on having a good team atmosphere on and off the ice. We focused on working hard, playing as a team and striving to get better each time out, knowing that if we did these things, we would have success. Many people will say we had a successful season because we had 20 wins, placed 3rd and we won the Center Four Championship but, those are just the results. The success is developing the graduating players so their ready for what's next in life, whether it's a junior hockey career, going to university or joining the work force. The success is Zane Florence and possible more players getting the opportunity to play Midget AAA next year. The success is having the returning players excited to come back to do it all again. The success is the new players wanting to be part of the Barons family. Success is having a community proud to wear the Barons logo!

I would like to thank my players, coaches, and parents for being my hockey family for the year. I would like to thank BMHA and the communities that make up the AA Barons for all their support throughout the year. Finally, a huge thank you to my family, I wouldn't be able to do it without your support!

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