

Battlefords Bantam AA Tier 1 Barons 2017 - 2018

Year End Report;

The Barons represented BMHA in the Saskatchewan Bantam AA hockey league.

Camp consisted of approximately of fifty players who were placed on three equal teams. The team was chosen with the help of outside neutral evaluators. The calibre of skill was average thus indicating it would be a tough teaching year. The biggest disappointment was the loss of two highly skilled players to Notre Dame, this loss left a big hole.

Upon conclusion of the 31 game regular season, the Barons finished with a 3-27-0-1 record that put them in 11th place in the North division.

Our team record is a direct reflection of the makeup of our team. Of the 18 players, there were four first year players and the remainder second. Of these remaining players, six were returning players, which left us with eight from tier two teams. We lost one player in December to a season ending injury and gained one in January from Notre Dame.

Thanks to Brendan Kramer for allowing the use of his players we had affiliated to our team.

This past season we worked on even strength and power play

breakouts, offensive tactics, two penalty killing systems and two fore check systems. Positional discipline was stressed for offensive and defensive coverage.

Our goal was to instill a strong work ethic upon the players, a character trait needed for those seeking success at all levels of play, especially those that wish to make the jump to the next level, midget AA or midget AAA.

There will be changes to the makeup of the team next season due to the player turnover. Recruiting will be essential

Big thank you to Colin Carriere, John Wood, Derek Schmidt and Mark Kotchorek (goaltenders coach). Great big thank you to the parents of the players.

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