

Midget AA Year End Report 2017-18

There were some changes to the league this year as the team from Midwest dropped out leaving 14 teams. The schedule was comprised of a 26-game schedule. With the loss of the Midwest team we were hoping to have several players from that team come to North Battleford and try out but that was not the case. We ended up having only 23 kids come to camp of which we kept a total of 18 players. Our team was comprised of 4 seventeen year olds, 8 sixteen year olds and 6 fifteen year olds.

This season we were decimated by injury and suspensions. We lost a total of 68-man games due to injury or suspension and by the end of the year we did not play one single game with our entire line up dressed and we had only 4 games where we were missing only one player. All other games were played with at least 2 players and sometimes up to 6 regulars out of our line up.

Another change we saw this year in the league was going to the top eight teams qualifying for the playoffs. We failed to clinch a playoff spot finishing with a record of 7 wins, 16 losses, 1 tie, 1 overtime loss and 1 forfeit. Our record does not indicate the level of compete we had most nights and the improvement we had this year. The season was not as successful as we would have liked as far as wins are concerned but we have a good group of young players here that could be very successful in the future should they choose to strive for the next level.

I would like to thank BMHA for giving me the opportunity to coach and to our rep director Scott Florence for helping whenever it was needed. I would also like to thank my assistant coach Traye Tkatchuk for jumping in and being a good ear for the players to talk to. Also, Brent Menssa for being our manager and taking care of everything for our team to run smoothly. I also want to thank the coaches of the Bantam Barons and the Midget A Barons for allowing their players to come with us whenever possible. Finally, I want to thank the parents of our kids for their dedication to getting the kids to practice and games and for all of their support throughout the year.

As I mentioned before, the year was not as successful as we would have liked but it was a pleasure to coach this group of kids and I think they all improved throughout the year. With the potential of 14 returning players and the core group of Affiliate players stepping in I see this program having success for years to come.

Thank you

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