

We played a couple of exhibition games to start the season off with PA. We also attended the Emily Clark Classic Tournament in October and the Female Hockey Challenge Tournament in November. These exhibition games and tournaments gave us the opportunity to mix and match players within our lineup and see what worked and what didn't.

We started the regular season a little bit slow with a 0-4-1 record. All losses to that point were within a goal or two. Our team needed every player to work hard & more consistently to earn wins. As we approached the third week of November, we started winning a few games and played very close with teams that were holding first and second place positions in the North and South. By Christmas we were really coming around and winning more than losing. In the new year, we continued our success, more wins, along with a couple ties and losses. The end of regular season approached we were sitting in third place with possibility of first or second, depending on the outcomes of PA's and Warman's final games along with our own. PA finished strong and took first place. We hopped over Warman to finish second place after an OT win over Swift Current who held a 19-1-1 record till that point. This was truly a huge win for our team to build players confidence realizing that if they could play at that level going into playoffs, they had a shot to win it all.

Finishing second in our division earned us a bye in the first round of playoffs. Second round, we were set to face off against Warman. We lost game one and won game two and three. We advanced to the North Division Final against PA. We started this series once again with a loss in game one, then rebounding to win game two and three in overtime. We met up with Regina Rebels in the Provincial Final. This series we took game one in double overtime, lost game two in Regina, and won game three at home to win the Provincial Championship.

We can't thank our NW communities enough for their support throughout our season, especially through our playoff run.

I would like to give my Assistant Coaches and volunteer Team Staff a big THANK YOU for all the time and effort they contributed throughout the season, it does not go unnoticed.

Also, would like to thank BMHA for doing a good job on scheduling ice times for games and practices and coordinating officials for games. These are huge tasks and can be very difficult to organize. And a thank you to the Directors for being there to answer questions or for support when needed.

We are in exciting times as our female hockey program in the NW is growing rapidly and beginning to flourish with success. We look forward to another exciting season for 24/25.

Regards,
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