2018-19 Pee Wee AA

On September 15th and 16th, 2018 Pee Wee AA tryouts were held at the Civic Center in North Battleford. We had a great turnout of forty-four skater’s and one goalie for sixteens spots on the team.

Day one started with a skating session followed by an on ice skills session. The evaluators where in attendance during this time and ranked each player.

On day two players were split into three even teams based on the evaluator’s rankings. These three teams each played two mini games while evaluators ranked the players on game play. The first round of cuts were made following the mini games. The remaining players played in a Black/White game later that day while evaluators watched. Following this game the second round of cuts were done. The team was finalized after two exhibition games were played a week later.

Our roster breakdown looked like this. We had three first year and thirteen second year players. Out of the sixteen players only three had previous AA experience.

The Barons had a successful year despite our lack of previous AA experience. We finished with a record of 7-13-4 for 18 points. There are 27 Pee Wee AA teams in Saskatchewan and the Battleford Barons finished 18th.

The Battleford Barons played their best every game and were very competitive. Center Four was by far the toughest division in all of Saskatchewan and the AA provincial winners also came out of the Center Four division. Every game was a challenge and that brought out the best in our kids. Every kid on this team is a better player now that they have played a full year in Pee Wee AA.

It was a great pleasure to coach the Battleford Baron’s this past hockey season and I want to wish everyone the best of luck in the next hockey season.

Jason Bossaer