



***HAWKS ATHLETIC CLUB***  
***2019 - 2020***  
***PLAYER RECOGNITION AWARD***

***AIDAN SAVAGE***

The coaches of Hawks 289 are proud to select ***Aidan Savage*** as our recipient of the 2019/2020 Hawks Player Recognition Award.

Aidan Savage was one of 18 kids that joined the 289 Hawks for the 2019/2020 season. During the first practice it was immediately obvious to the coaching staff that we had our hands full of high energy characters. Early in the season, the coaches kept an eye on who promptly came to the coach's whistle, who was eager to try new drills, and who stayed after practice to help pick up the pucks without being asked. We felt that this was a sign of leadership and character. We noticed Aidan right away! Putting the "C" on Aidan's jersey was a no-brainer and his teammates would agree.

Aidan came to play every game with a positive attitude. He was a part of many tying goals, showing that he never gave up. He never hesitated to slog it out in the corners with kids bigger than him. He never gave up the chase even when the other players had a few strides on him and he never failed to support a line mate with a selfless pass.

There are not many players at this age that I could say to them before going on the next shift to get the puck and control the speed and temp of the game. Aidan would go out on his next shift, get the puck, gain the zone with his head up, and slow the pace down with his calm controlled manner. That made all the difference in many of our close games.

Also at this age, it's sometimes hard for kids to be focussed enough during games and practices to listen to what the coaches have to say. But every time players were gathered up, whether in the middle of a practice to go over a drill or in the middle of a game to set up a play, Aidan listened. He made eye contact, nodded his head, and then went out and executed it. A coach's dream, really, and what it showed was his respect and love of the game and his desire to play and improve.

Aidan is also a pretty quiet guy but this didn't stop him from leading - not the loud ra-ra- kind of leading but the quiet kind. He led by example. He displayed respect for his coaches, the officials and his teammates. In the locker room and on the bench he was a calming presence.

It has been an honour to coach Aidan and I would be lucky to have him on any team I coach in the future.

Congratulations Aidan!

**Peewee - NW289 Hawks**  
**Stephen MacIsaac - Head Coach**