

## HAWKS ATHLETIC CLUB 2019 - 2020 PLAYER RECOGNITION AWARD

## **AUSTIN WHITE**

Peewee NW290 Hawks proudly nominates *Austin White* for the Hawks Player Recognition Award for the 2019-2020 season. Austin was nominated by all of his coaches. At the beginning of the season, the coaches started learning and understanding each played, either for the first time or since the last time we coached them. Austin neither stood out as a big loud personality nor as a wallflower - his personality snuck up on you. He was a positive influence in the dressing room, whether it was his comments or smiling fact, his positivity became infectious to those around him.

Austin was always ready to work at every practice and worked hard every drill with good spirit. He listened well to coaches' instructions and performed the drills to the best of his abilities.

Game after game, Austin was Mister Dependable. We knew what his effort was going to be, up and down the ice, as a forward or playing defence. We could trust Austin to play either as a forward or defenceman; winger was a newer position for him, but with his tenacity and his work ethic he had no problem sliding into that position. He showed advanced hockey sense and had great puck possession. When Austin saw the opportunity during a game to skate up with the puck through an open lane he would take it, but would also swivel his head looking to headman the puck; but if he was alone, Austin would drive as hard as he could towards the net. On the bench during games Austin was a great student, taking notes on positioning or tactics.

Austin was generous with teammates on the ice, especially line mates, choosing to play a team game rather than going for individual results. During Minor Hockey Week and playoffs, at the end of tight games, Austin would offer to step back but we kept him in play as he was usually one of the players who still had battle in them.

From the coaching staff, thank you Austin for your season. It was a pleasure coaching you.

**Congratulations Austin!** 

Peewee - NW290 Hawks Harry Annett - Head Coach