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“WITNESS THE POWER”

Coaches Corner:

Reality has set in for our team as we have learned that it will take a strong work ethic and sixty minutes of hockey to win games this season in the SIJHL. After a strong hard fought victory versus the North Stars we felt pretty good about ourselves and forgot why we had success through the pre-season and in the first game that really mattered. We worked hard, didn't take our opponents for granted and out played them. In our second and third games both losses we didn't play with this in mind. Dryden and Wisconsin in our two losses out played us for a better part of both games and were rewarded with wins because of it. Even in our second win of the season versus Wisconsin at home it wasn't until I had to blast the team after the first period that it sunk in their brains that we needed to pick our game up.

Not the start I envisioned having and was hoping to be at least four and one going into the month of October. We have now set a new goal and are hoping to be six and two before October 8th when we again meet the North Stars on home ice. Yes we are ahead of times from last season, but we have showed that we can be a solid team when we play to our potential and this is what frustrates me as a coach and I am sure you as a fan to see them under achieve. This goal of being six and two will not be easy as we face the first place Ice Dogs again on Tuesday night here at the IFK Arena. Then we will battle the Sioux Lookout flyers in a home and home on the weekend before meeting the upstart Clydesdales from Duluth on Tuesday October the 5th, the night we will also honor our friend Bob “Maingy” Mainville. So our work will be cut out for us, but to put together a string of wins will be good for our confidence and sit us well in the standings early on.

Yes don't forget that Tuesday October 5th we will honor Maingy. A ceremony before the game will highlight the evening before the game. We would like to invite all that knew this great man to come out and join in for the ceremony and watch our hockey team play that night.

From the team and organization we would like to thank all the people who helped out this past weekend with our Lakers' fish fry. I personally would like to thank the players for their help, but many people helped in the way of set up, organization, food preparation, and many other ways and without your help and support this event wouldn't have been a success. We had a bit over 300 people come through the Couchiching Multiuse building or via take out and your support is much appreciated. A big thanks to the members of Big

Grassy First Nation, the Bird Family and Eugene MacPherson who provided the fish. It was awesome!

As everyone has heard our goaltender Jameson Shortreed is at Canadian Junior A Team West tryouts this week. A great honor for this young man our team and the SIJHL. If Jameson is successful in making this team he will leave for a week in November to represent Team West in the World Junior A Challenge. Two teams from Canada, the U.S. and a few from Europe play in a tournament format. The team wishes Jameson the best of luck in his tryout.

Ty Brueggeman has made the choice to leave the team and pursue his schooling. Also, signed defenseman Rylan McKinnon has chose not to report to the team. Both players are defenseman and this leaves the team with 8 defenseman on our roster. We wish both players the best of luck in their futures.



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