



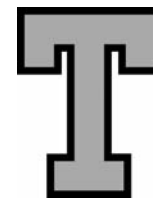
The Truro-Bible Hill Kinsmen Club organizes a donation to selected charities during regular season hockey games. When a Bearcat player scores, a \$100 donation goes to a charity. If a Bearcat powerplay is scored, a \$200 donation is made. At this year's last regular season home game, the Kinsmen Club presented checks equal to \$3,800 to the organizations at center ice. In 18 years, the Power Play Program has donated \$83,600 to local charities. (Debbie Brown Photo)



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# Truro Junior A Bearcats

Home Games • Rath Eastlink Community Centre • Community Credit Union Arena, 7:00 pm

## The Bearcats Season That Could Have Been

By Gerry Hale

This will be the season where players and fans will wonder what could have been.

After the worst start in franchise history, going 2-4-8 over the first 14 games, the team chased a playoff spot the rest of the season, clinching fourth on the 50th game of the 52 game season.

The acquisition of three 20 year-olds at the trade deadline was a tipping point. The team got on the same page, checked the ego at the dressing room door and played Bearcat hockey the rest of the way. The team went 9-2-1 in February, tops in the Division.

On Thursday, March 12, the team had its pre-playoff meal. This was a confident team.

Before the players could board the bus to start Round 1 in Yarmouth, the season was finished.

On Monday, March 16, the team assembled for the last time for closure of the season. While the players understood why, it was a tough pill to swallow.

The Bearcats had made the playoffs each of the fran-

chise's 23 years, unmatched by any in the MHL.

Seven players have finished their junior eligibility. Fourteen are eligible to return.

The team thanks their fans and supporters for following the team's growth. The possibility for a deep playoff run was a real one. The players and fans, and the rest is the MHL know that.

## Letter from the Mayor of Truro

March 16, 2020

The 2019/20 season for the Truro Bearcats has been cut short due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This year has been a year of struggle, which before Christmas, had some challenges. However, because of your hard work, you rose above these challenges and made the playoffs. Your coaching staff believed in you and you responded in a big way!

I want you to know, the Town of Truro appreciates your hard work and your dedication. It's evident how well you have represented the Town of Truro/Colchester Region.

Bearcat fans are a loyal bunch and I know they were rewarded with you securing a playoff spot with the high hopes of "going all the way." The fans believed in you and Truro is proud of you!

We thank you for being a part of our community. I know, considering this disappointing end to the season, you will be where



your thoughts take you. Your experience this year will be a valuable part of your character helping you to serve in the future.

Anyone can grow a squash; it takes time and adversity to grow an oak tree. You are an oak tree! You will stand because of your adversity and how you approached, overcame and succeeded. Don't waste the experience!

Best regards and thanks from Truro Town Council and our citizens for a job well done!

Sincerely,  
W.R. (Bill) Mills, Mayor of Truro

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Tim Bits hockey is an important past of the Truro Bearcats intermissions. Many Bearcat players started their relationship with the Cats at a Tim Bit Hockey scrimmage during their Initiation Hockey years. (Debbie Brown Photo)

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