

Bearcat Banter: Not In Our House

The weatherman has done it to the MHL again.

For the Bearcats it meant the postponement of two weekend home games Jan 13 and 14. Two before Christmas, along with these two, have to be fit into the existing schedule. It's all understandable and will be dealt with but it doesn't affect all teams equally.

The Trade Deadline has passed. In many aspects, it was one of the quietest in recent memory. In the Eastlink South Division the Amherst Ramblers have a number of new faces in the lineup, not all necessarily via trades. For the rest of the Division some tweaking has occurred. The Bearcats

might have been looking but have settled for those currently on the roster and in the dressing room.

The stress or fear, of being traded is now gone. The team will go as far as it can, with what it has. Truro has been adding pieces when the need matched availability. It's been a good plan and will serve them well going forward. There's depth in all three zones. When all are singing off the same sheet, a long playoff run could be in the works.

The Bearcats enter this week second in its Division well back of Yarmouth but just a few points up on the Valley Wildcats, one of the MHL's hottest teams over the last ten

games.

Upcoming home games for Truro include Wednesday, Jan 25 against South Shore and Saturday the 28th against Pictou County.

Truro has won three of five meetings with the Crushers. They haven't met since mid-November.

In the North Division, there has seldom been a time when the Summerside Capitals haven't been considered dangerous. Their third place standing in their Division is misleading - they're loaded with games in hand, as are the Bearcats. Edmundston is top in the North and second overall in the MHL. They're clearly looking to add to their totals.

Editor's update Jan 19-23

Bearcat Banter: Game On

The new year has begun, with few pleasantries shared between the Truro Bearcats and Yarmouth Mariners on Friday, January 6th. This was the fifth meeting between the two rival clubs, with Yarmouth now victorious in three, en route to increasing the spread over the Bearcats. Truro scored the only five-on-five goal of the game. Yarmouth scored their five while on the powerplay. It's not hard to read between the lines. Things got nasty in

the final period. Let the score sheet show 121 minutes of penalties were called in the game. Coming into this week, the Mariners are well up on the Bearcats, with Truro having some games in hand. Valley is not far behind.

Hardcore MHL fans refer to the time between January 1 and the end of regular season play as the next season. It's started. The January 10 trade deadline was upon us. Going forward it's all about position-

ing for play off spots and playing your best hockey when the post season begins.

Tuesday, February 7, the Bearcats gear up for a rescheduled game facing the Miramichi Timberwolves at the RECC.

Miramichi is sitting fourth in their Division and possess the top two scorers in the MHL. Bearcats and Timberwolves have yet to meet this season. If not for five overtime losses, their standing would be considerably different. The Timberwolves come to play.

Editor's update Jan 9-23

Bearcat-of-the-Week 01-16

Bearcat-of-the-Week honours went to first year Bearcat Brandon Crowell. The Dartmouth native, following two seasons with the Dartmouth Whalers Major Bantams, moved on to Mount St. Charles Academy in Rhode Island. He spent three seasons of Prep Hockey U-15 through U-18.

He started this season with the Trail Smoke Eaters (BCHL) before returning East to suit up with the Bearcats. He's been a solid two-way player displaying skill and grit. He's capable of playing multiple positions. Crowell was a 2020 draft choice of Pictou County and the Charlottetown Islanders.

9 Brandon Crowell
5'11", 185 lbs.

Dartmouth, NS
18 yrs of age, Forward

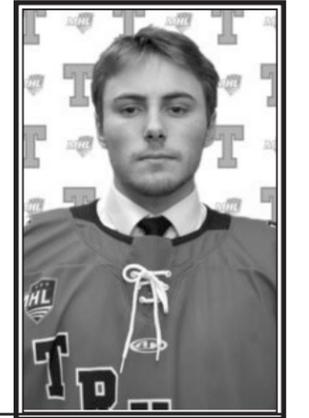


Bearcat-of-the-Week 01-09

Bearcat-of-the-Week honours went to Carter McCluskey, who returned to the Bearcats following a 22 game call up with the Cape Breton Eagles. After a productive two seasons with the Saint John U-18 Vitos where he picked up 93 points in 73 games, he began his junior career with the Grand Falls Rapids, spending time as well with the Saint

#18 Carter McCluskey **Grand Falls—Westfield, NB**
5'10", 160 lbs. **19 years of age, Forward**

John Sea Dogs in that covid interrupted year. Last year he split the season between the Sea Dogs and Eagles. In his 7 Bearcat games before the call up he had picked up 9 points. The 2019 South Shore and Saint John draft pick has plenty to offer, and his arrival could not come at a better time.



Truro Jr. A Bearcat Upcoming Schedule

DATE	VISITING	HOME	VENUE
Wednesday, Jan 25	South Shore	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre
Friday, Jan 27	Truro	Yarmouth	Mariners Centre
Saturday, Jan 28	Pictou County	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre
Friday, Feb 3	Truro	Cambellton	Campbellton Memorial Civic Centre
Saturday, Feb 4	Truro	Miramichi	Miramichi Civic Centre
Tuesday, Feb 7	Miramichi	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre
Thursday, Feb 9	Truro	Amherst	Amherst Stadium
Saturday, Feb 11	Yarmouth	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre
Thursday, Feb 16	Truro	Summerside	Credit Union Place
Sunday, Feb 19	Truro	South Shore	Amherst Stadium
Monday, Feb 20	Truro	Amherst	Amherst Stadium
Friday, Feb 24	Yarmouth	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre
Saturday, Feb 25	South Shore	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre

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