

BEARCAT BANTER

Forge Ahead

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By Gerry Hale

The Truro Bearcats enter the final week of play prior to the Christmas Break.

It's been a hectic go so far considering all that's going on in the world of Covid 19.

Off the ice, MHL teams have exemplified the benefit of collegial planning, co-operation, and flexibility.

Each of these ingredi-

ents has allowed the League to provide hockey for players and fans. Give credit where credit is due.

The Bearcats enter this week with a 7-4-1 record. Compared to the first twelve games last year, this is awesome.

The team likes their position and it is a fair and accurate one. The Bearcats had but four home games to date, winning them all.

That's tending to business.

Last week the Bearcats travelled to Pictou County, coming home with a disappointing loss. While losing is part of playing competitive sport, how you lose can leave a sour taste.

At the end of the day, the hometown Crushers had the jump when they needed it the most, and the Bearcats provided them an opportunity.

Saturday, December 12, the Bearcats needed a Shoot Out to win. This is not a plan, for sure, but if the result is good, the team will accept it.

Last year, those cursed

Shoot Outs were hard on the Bearcats. They ended the season with five Shoot Out Losses (SOL), to lead their Division.

That's not a stat to be proud of, but one you have to live with. Great to see that solved.

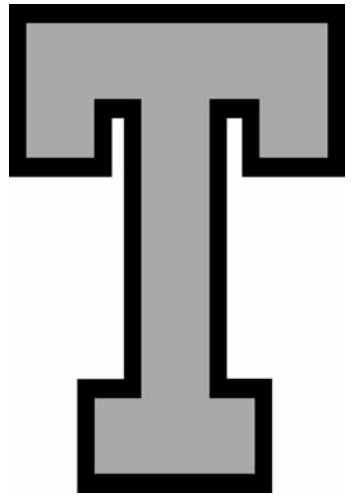
This mini-series hockey with the Bearcats, Ramblers and Crushers has been most entertaining. A split is acceptable.



Friday, December 18, the Bearcats were at home to face the Pictou County Crushers. This was their sixth meeting with the Crushers holding a 3-2 record in the win column.

Season ticket holders were reminded to use the January 16th ticket for this game.

Saturday, December 19, the Bearcats were in Amherst to wrap up pre-Christmas play. They're evenly split in their four meetings.



Bearcat Bytes - Caleb Hart

#19 Caleb Hart

20-year-old Forward

Peterborough, ON

6'0", 185 lbs.

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Bearcat-of-the-Week honours went to third-year Bearcat, Caleb Hart. In Truro's convincing 5-2 win over Amherst on December 4th, he collected a hat trick, with an assist thrown in. It was quite a performance, but he's been a hard worker since his arrival in Truro. Skating alongside Bair Gendurov and Tristan Therrien has opened up some ice for him.

Following Bantam level hockey in Markam ON, a family move brought him to Oakfield, NS. In the 2017-2018 season, he suited up with the Newbridge Academy U18 team. He came to the Bearcats the next season as an invite, determined to crack the roster. He impressed from the get-go with his skating and tenacity. As a third-year Bearcat, he plays the 200-foot game, this time with more offensive responsibility. His efforts are being rewarded.



| Season | Team | GP | G | A | PTS | GWG | PIM | PPG | SHG |
|--------------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| 2020-21 | Bearcats | 12 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 0 | 36 | 1 | 1 |
| 2020-21 | Bearcats | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019-20 | Bearcats | 50 | 4 | 14 | 18 | 1 | 57 | 1 | 0 |
| 2019-20 | Bearcats | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 2018-19 | Bearcats | 41 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 88 | 0 | 0 |
| 2018-19 | Bearcats | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | | 114 | 19 | 27 | 46 | 3 | 189 | 2 | 1 |

Bearcats Support Salvation Army Kettle Campaign



Lieutenant Matthew Reid accepts a cheque for \$4,000 from the Truro Bearcats to support the work of the Salvation Army in the local area. Making the presentation on behalf of the team are Lucas Parsons and Dylan MacLeod. The successful auction of the team jerseys supporting the Front Line workers was topped up to that amount.

This is the eleventh year the Bearcats have manned the Kettles Team members at the Truro Walmart the first three Tuesdays in December. Please support this worthy cause.

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Jim, Ruth and staff wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

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