

## Truro 16<sup>TH</sup>, Yarmouth 17<sup>TH</sup>, Edmundston in Honourable Mention in latest CJHL Rankings

TORONTO - Winners of eight straight games and still having yet to lose in regulation time so far this season see the Battlefords North Stars (SJHL) holding on to the No. 1 slot in the Canadian Junior Hockey League (CJHL) Top 20 Rankings, released Monday.

With Battlefords head coach and general manager Brayden Klimosko currently away from the club, while serving as part of the Team Canada West staff at the World Junior A Challenge, in Cornwall, Ont., the North Stars are still soaring though, boasting a 25-0-2-1 mark in Saskatchewan.

Another team firing on all cylinders are the No. 2-tabbed Cobras de Terrebonne (LHJAAAQ) in Quebec. Riding a 14-game winning streak and having an overall record of 26-2-0-0 sees Robert Dubuc's squad pacing the pack in the 13-team LHJAAAQ. Seeing a lengthy winning streak come to an end last week, the No. 3 Brooks Bandits (AJHL) are still the front-runners in Alberta, having gone 31-2-1-1 to date.

Maintaining the No. 4 ranking in the 118-team CJHL, are the 27-3-1-1 Toronto Jr. Canadiens.

Their 27 victories to date are the most in the

OJHL, which includes a 17-0 run so far on the road. Rounding out the Top 5 in the national listings, which are compiled weekly by an independent scouting service, are the Collingwood Blues (OJHL). Collingwood joins the Jr. Canadiens with a league-best .875 winning percentage there, while sporting a record of 24-3-0-1.

The following are the latest CJHL Top 20 Rankings, as well as the five Honourable Mention clubs, for the period ending Dec. 11:

### CJHL TOP 20 (As of Dec. 12, 2022) RANK TEAM (LEAGUE) (PREVIOUS RANKING)

1. Battlefords North Stars (SJHL) (1)
2. Cobras de Terrebonne (LHJAAAQ) (3)
3. Brooks Bandits (AJHL) (2)
4. Toronto Jr. Canadiens (OJHL) (4)
5. Collingwood Blues (OJHL) (6)
6. Steinbach Pistons (MJHL) (5)
7. Greater Sudbury Cubs (NOJHL) (7)
8. Ottawa Jr. Senators (CCHL) (8)
9. Spruce Grove Saints (AJHL) (12)
10. Portage Terriers (MJHL) (10)
11. Kam River Fighting Walleye (SIJHL) (13)
12. Titan de Princeville (LHJAAAQ) (11)
13. Haliburton County Huskies (OJHL) (9)
14. Cobourg Cougars (OJHL) (HM)
15. Timmins Rock (NOJHL) (14)
16. Truro Bearcats (MHL) (HM)
17. Yarmouth Jr. A Mariners (MHL) (20)
18. Navan Grads (CCHL) (17)
19. Winkler Flyers (MJHL) (16)
20. Humboldt Broncos (SJHL) (20)

## Bearcat Banter: Ride The Wave

It's hard to beat that — three wins in three outings against divisional competition.

Tuesday, December 7, the Bearcats built up a five-goal lead before the visiting Valley Wildcats got on the board. From that point forward play was even but in reality, the game was over, except for the physicality.

Friday, the 9th, in Bridgewater, the Bearcats used the same script by scoring early and often en route to the lopsided road win. The Lumberjacks are struggling right now but, while in the Division's last spot, they're not that far back.

At the RECC, Saturday the 10th, the Bearcats had a deep edge in play in the opening period before things tightened up. The Bearcats and Ramblers traded rushes the rest of the way, supported by solid goaltending in both ends. The Shootout decision favoured the Bearcats this time.

That was the third consec-

utive game in which the Bearcats scored first giving them the opportunity to dictate play to some degree. It sure beats chasing the game. Saturday's game marked the Midpoint of the Bearcat schedule.

The Bible Hill Kinsmen, Truro Bearcats and the RECC extend a sincere thank you, on behalf of the Christmas Index, for the fan support of the Annual Teddy Bear Toss. It will bring happiness to many in Colchester County.

Bearcat-of-the-Week honours went to first year Bearcat Cael MacDonald. He picked up a goal in the Valley game and added three assists in the win over South Shore. He's been a hard worker and is finally being rewarded on the score sheet. He came up through the Halifax McDonald's U18 Program putting up good numbers both years. The 2020 Campbellton and Acadie-Bathurst draft pick last

year between Campbellton and the Chicoutimi Saguenéens before starting this year in Truro. The skilled forward brings Championship experience from the U15 and U18 levels.



#15 Cael MacDonald  
Hatchet Lake, NS  
6'1", 194 lbs.  
18, Forward

## Ansems Joins The Truro Jr. A Bearcats

The Truro Bearcats are pleased to announce the signing of 18 year old 6'8 defenseman Carter Ansems from the Chicoutimi Saguenéens.

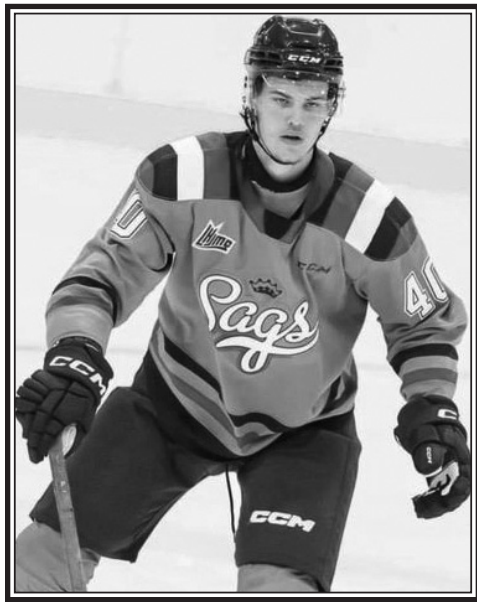
The Canning, Nova Scotia product was originally a 5th round draft pick of the Acadie-Bathurst Titan in the 2020 QMJHL draft and an 8th round pick of the Bearcats in the 2020 MHL draft.

Ansems played 2 years with the Valley Wildcats in the NSU18MHL before making the Titan out of training camp for the 2021-22 QMJHL season. In his first Q season Ansems tallied 5 points in 31 games with the Titan. His rights were traded to Chicoutimi before the start of this season and he appeared in 22 games with the Saguenéens before making his way to Truro.

Carter describes himself as a physical, two-way defenseman who likes to join and create the rush. He says he is thrilled to join Truro and get started with a great group of guys!

Ansems will join the Bearcat lineup immediately and will be wearing #44.

Welcome to Truro, Carter!



Carter A #44  
Left Wing

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## Bearcats Upcoming Schedule

DATE	VISITING	HOME	VENUE
Friday, Jan 6	Truro	Yarmouth	Mariners Centre
Friday, Jan 13	Miramichi	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre
Saturday, Jan 14	South Shore	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre
Thursday, Jan 19	Truro	Pictou County	Pictou County Wellness Centre
Friday, Jan 20	Summerside	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre
Saturday, Jan 21	Edmundston	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre
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

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