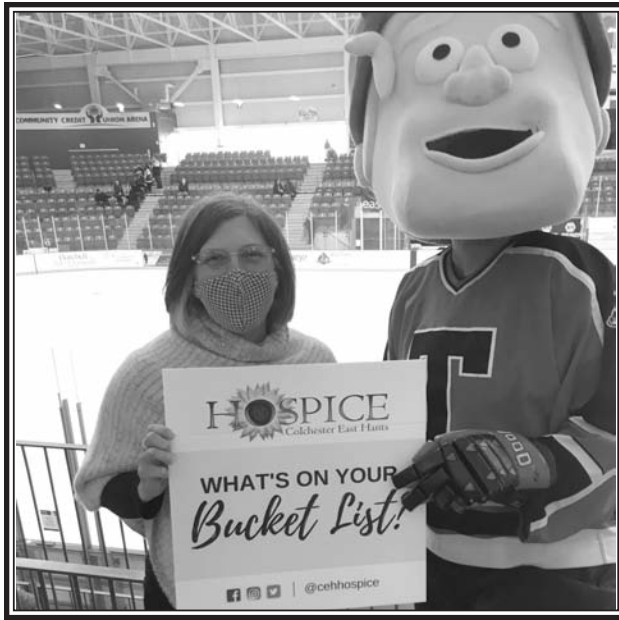




Truro Junior A Bearcat goaltender, Maverick Goyer and Captain, Holden Kodiak in front of the MHL Divisional Championship banner at the wrap-up event held at the RECC on May 4th.



Stacey Harrison, Executive Director of the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society explains the "Bucket List" draw, a fund-raiser for the Hospice Society to "Jack" one of the Mascots for the Truro Junior A Bearcats.

Truro Bearcat Hockey Season came to an end Monday, May 2ND

Bearcat Banter: Proud Effort

It wasn't a screeching conclusion to season play but it was a four games-to-one loss to the Summerside Capitals.

The Capitals were the favourites since the season opened. They've been building to represent the MHL in national play for at least the last two years.

They will bring a true East Coast team to Estevan with nineteen Maritimers on the roster. The preliminary round of the ten team event has the Capitals playing the representatives of NOJHL, MJHL, SJHL, and CCHL.

The Bearcats and the entire MHL family wish them the

very best. The Centennial Cup runs May 19 - 29. (see *Summerside results below*)

The Bearcats knew they were in tough in the Canadian Tire Cup Final. While they gave their best effort, displayed resilience, and fought to the end, they were not a match for the victors.

Truro opened the season with seven rookies and a young defensive corps without a twenty-year-old anchor.

This team grew their game as individuals and as a team. It was a low maintenance group of players who won as a group and lost as a group.

The five Bearcats who've aged out made that clear in

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their comments at the Team Closing in the presence of management, family, billets, and volunteers last Wednesday.

They appreciated the opportunity to play in Truro and with this organization. Ending is not easy, but they leave with valuable hockey and life skills and life-long friendships.

They leave sixteen players eligible to return next season. This would be a deep nucleus

upon which to build, deep in all three zones.

Attention now is directed to the annual U18 draft scheduled for June, and to the opportunity to select two Territorials if desired.

The return of playoff hockey has to be recognized. The MHL has done well to keep play going the last two years.

Playoff attendance in the eight communities having playoff contenders was impressive. It was a new beginning — well deserved.

Training Camp opens in September.

Summerside's Incredible Season ends with Quarterfinals Loss at the Centennial Cup (National Championships)

Estevan, Sask. - The Summerside Western Capitals dropped a 4-3 decision to Collège Français de Longueuil in the Centennial Cup quarterfinals on Friday to end their season. The Maritime Junior Hockey League (MHL) champions went down to the wire with the LHJQ champions in the day's last game.

Summerside struck first at 7:04 of the 1st period as Isaac

Wilson put the Western Capitals on the board. A goal from Sid McNeill at 10:34 built a 2-0 lead, but Collège Français de Longueuil would tie things up before the end of the frame with a powerplay goal at 18:04 and another goal at 19:45.

Collège Français de Longueuil took a 3-2 lead early in the 2nd period with a goal at 5:47. Summerside responded minutes later as

Aaron Brown scored a powerplay goal at 8:34 to make the score 3-3.

The teams continued to trade changes for the remaining second half of the quarterfinal, but Collège Français de

Longueuil found the eventual winner at 9:06 of the 3rd period to take a 4-3 lead and hold on for the victory. Shots on goal for the game were 32-30 in favour of the LHJQ champions.



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