



Harold Barkhouse, former Game Announcer, Statistician and current Technical Advisor for the Truro Junior A Bearcats and Gina MacDonald, mother of alumnus Alex MacDonald and long time billet of the Bearcats enjoy a chat at the Meet and Greet held in early September for the organization and players in Training Camp.

Bearcat Banter: Falling Into Place

Exhibition hockey constitutes the second phase of the evaluation process. It's also the most telling.

While winning games is every team's plan, there is plenty to learn regardless of the outcome, often more from a loss than a win.

It's all about giving team members the chance to perform, under watchful eyes, in a life-like situation. The Bearcats came up short in both ends of their back-to-back games with the Valley Wildcats.

In the first meeting, the Wildcats held the upper hand throughout. At the RECC, the Bearcat pushback was impressive, but a late lapse saw victory slip away.

For ten of the Bearcats, this

was their first time wearing the junior Bearcat uniform.

Except for two off-season acquisitions, it was an adjustment to the size, speed and age found at this age, in this part of the country.

Truro drafted well over the years. Last weekend five draft picks (three from 2020, two from 2021) made their debut.

While the learning curve may be steep, they performed well, made their rookie mistakes, but most importantly showed the compete level required.

This week, the Bearcats are on the road, then return to the RECC Sunday, September 26th (7:00 pm) to host the Pictou County Crushers. This will wrap up the exhibition schedule.

As always, the Bearcat plan entering a season will be to ice a competitive team, grow its game, make the playoffs, then see what happens.

That's been a successful recipe, enabling the Bearcats to be in a position for post-season play in the twenty-four seasons leading into this one.

For this group of Bearcats, deep Bearcat play-off runs are rumour. Twenty-year-old, Gavin Hart is the only team member to have competed in one, that going back to 2018-2019 BC (before covid).

Season tickets are on sale at the RECC or Online (Season Pass - Adult \$225.00, Senior / Student \$185.00, Under 12 \$120.00).

The opening date is fast approaching. While the Bearcats appear young, they will be ready to go when the bell rings.

Be part of it.

Brandon Crowell acquired from Pictou County for Lucas Parsons

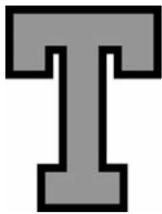
The Truro Bearcats have acquired Brandon Crowell and a 3rd round pick in the 2022 MHL Entry Draft from the Pictou County Weeks Crushers for Lucas Parsons and a conditional 6th round pick in the 2023 MHL Entry Draft.

Crowell was a 5th Round selection, 83rd overall, of the Crushers in the 2020 MHL Entry Draft. He's spent the past two seasons at Mount Saint

Charles Academy in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. The 17-year-old posted ten goals and 22 assists in 55 games for the U15 team in 2019-20. In 2020-21, Crowell tallied two goals and six assists in nine games for the academy's U16 team.

Lucas Parsons was a 2nd Round selection, 18th overall, by the Bearcats in the 2019 MHL Entry Draft. In two sea-

sons with Truro, Parsons had twelve goals and eleven assists in 23 games. He also had one goal and one assist in five games during last season's Canadian Tire Cup Playoff Round Robin.



Bearcats October Schedule All Home Games at 7:00 pm

DATE	VISITING	HOME	VENUE
Fri, Oct 1	Pictou County	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre
Fri, Oct 8	Truro	South Shore	Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre
Sat, Oct 9	Valley	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre
Fri, Oct 15	Truro	Grand Falls	E. & P. Sénéchal Centre
Sat, Oct 16	Truro	Edmundston	Centre Jean Daigle
Wed, Oct 20	Amherst	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre
Fri, Oct 22	Fredericton	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre
Sat, Oct 23	Truro	Summerside	Credit Union Place
Fri, Oct 29	Valley	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre
Sat, Oct 30	Pictou County	Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre

Ben Diamond acquired from Estevan

The Truro Bearcats have acquired forward Ben Diamond from the Estevan Bruins of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL).

The 19-year-old from Strathroy, Ontario spent parts of the last three seasons in the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League (GOJHL). In 2019-20 he registered twelve goals and

seventeen assists in 41 games between the Strathroy Rockets and the St. Thomas Stars as a 17-year-old.

There was no junior hockey played in Ontario during the 2020-21 season due to COVID-19 restrictions. Diamond was dealt from St. Thomas to Estevan in June.

Bearcats sign defenseman Zachary Smith

The Truro Bearcats have signed defenseman Zachary Smith.

The 19-year-old from Pembroke, Massachusetts spent last season with the Boston Advantage U18 AAA team in the United States Premier Hockey League (USPHL) where he registered three assists in seven games. In 2019-20, Smith had

one goal and nine assists in 30 games with Hebron Academy of the United States High School, Preparatory (USHS-Prep).

The left-handed defenseman will add more experience to a blueline that has three returnees in Jacob Christie, Tanner Greatorex, and Dell Welton.

Luke Munroe acquired from Fredericton

The Truro Bearcats have acquired forward Luke Munroe from the Fredericton Red Wings for a 3rd round draft pick (Pictou County) in the 2022 MHL Entry Draft and future considerations.

The 19-year-old from Kitch-

ener, Ontario spent the 2019-20 season with the Kitchener Dutchmen of the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League (GOJHL), scoring twelve goals and ten assists in 46 games. Munroe was dealt to Fredericton earlier this month.

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