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## COYOTES LIFERS MAKING MARK IN JR A

**Coyotes 2016 Hometown Hockey Award Winners adjusting to life in new surroundings and new teammates.**



At last season's Coyotes Awards Banquet, we shared the amazing story of our 2016 Hometown Hockey Award winners, Sheldon Nolan, Darius Dimitriadis, and Ryan Franz, who had not only played their entire minor hockey careers with Richmond Hill but had done so together as teammates. Now just a few months later, the three members of the 2016 Coyotes Senior Class are experiencing life at the Junior A level and for the first time, do not see each other's familiar faces when they look across the dressing room.

Former Coyotes Captain, Sheldon Nolan has stayed closest to home having signed with the Newmarket Hurricanes in the OJHL. Now toiling the blue line for the Hurricanes, who play in the North Division, Nolan has continued his smooth skating two-way play and scored his first OJHL goal on October 7th in Markham. Being only 1 of 2 defensemen to appear

in all 13 games thus far, Nolan has a total of four points with 3 assists to go along with one goal.

Also staying in the GTA, rugged forward Darius Dimitriadis is now plying his trade for the Burlington Cougars, who play in the OJHL's West Division. Dimitriadis, who wore a letter on his sweater throughout his minor hockey career, picked up his first OJHL point on September 17th in a game at the College Showcase against Lindsay.

Goaltender Ryan Franz has been the one player who has left home as he now dons a Kanata Lasers sweater and plays in the CCHL league in the nation's capital region around Ottawa. Franz, a former winner of the Robert Dunsmuir Memorial Goaltending Award, picked up his first CCHL victory on September 22nd at Cornwall and has now won 3 of his last 5 starts for the Lasers.



## Minor Coyotes Update

### NOVICE

The Coyote Nation wishes to extend a warm welcome to the Novice Coyotes players and families who are entering their first year as Coyotes.

The Novices have been busy with their ETA Regular Season schedule and do not hit the tournament circuit until the month of November.

The Novice Coyotes are to be commended for their positive outlook and commitment through the opening months of the season.

### MINOR ATOM

The Minor Atom Coyotes started the year by winning the Canlan Pre-Blast Tournament and a trip to Peterborough for the Pat Larock Memorial Tournament. Over the two tournaments the Minor Atoms collected 4 wins and racked up 3 ties.

Having played 7 regular season games, the Minor Atoms have a 3-4 record including wins over Central Ontario, Ajax-Pickering, and Oshawa.

The Minor Atoms enter the season with 9 returning players and a total of 15 players from the Richmond Hill Zone.

### ATOM

The Atom Coyotes feature a roster with 6 returning Coyotes and 7 players from the Richmond Hill Zone.

The Atoms are off to a good start to their ETA Regular Season picking up two victories over Peterborough and a win and tie against North Central to sit with a 3-2-1 record.

Outside of ETA play, the Atoms played in the Toronto Marlboros Friendship Tournament in September where they picked up a shutout victory over the Buffalo Junior Sabres.

## MINOR COYOTES

### Minor Coyote Month Ahead

#### Novice

The Novices will host ETA home games on October 16th vs Peterborough, October 22nd vs Barrie, October 30th vs Central Ontario and November 1st vs York Simcoe before heading to play in the Barrie Tournament on November 11th-13th.

#### Minor Atom

The Minor Atoms will head to Detroit in October to play in the Motown Classic from October 21st to 23rd. In ETA play, they host home games on October 16th vs North Central, October 29th vs Central Ontario and November 8th vs Markham.

#### Atom

The Atoms have two tournaments on the horizon, heading to Detroit in October and then to the Shanahan Invitational in November. In ETA play, the Atoms host games on October 15th vs Central Ontario, October 16th vs Quinte, October 18th vs Barrie, November 8th vs Whitby and November 9th vs Markham.



Sheldon Nolan is now a member of the Newmarket Hurricanes

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## Junior Coyotes Update

### MINOR PEEWEE

The Minor Pee wee Coyotes got their tournament season started in September with appearances at the Toronto Marlboros Friendship Tournament and the Junior Canadiens Cup. At the Marlies tournament the team picked up a victory over Hamilton while at the Canadians Cup they earned a tie against Whitby.

In ETA play, the Minor Pee wees, who have a roster with 9 returning Coyotes and 10 Richmond Hill Zone players, earned a victory over Ajax-Pickering as as a highlight from their opening four games of the schedule.

### PEEWEE

The Pee wee Coyotes dress a roster that includes 13 returning Coyotes and 9 Richmond Hill Zone players for 2016-2017.

The team has competed in two tournaments so far this season and made it to the quarter-finals at both the Red Wings Early Bird and the Junior Canadiens Cup. Through the two tournaments, the Pee wee Coyotes have picked

wins over Buffalo Regals, Toronto Titans, Quinte, Nickel City and Cambridge while also tying Vaughan.

In ETA Regular Season action, the Pee wees have earned victories over Oshawa and Clarington as they have gotten off to a 2-1 start in the early going.

### MINOR BANTAM

The Minor Bantam Coyotes head in to the 2016-2017 season with a lineup that features 12 returning Coyotes and 11 Richmond Hill Zone players while welcoming 3 new families to Coyote Nation.

The Minor Bantams are off to a hot start in ETA Regular Season play racking up a 6-1 record thus far thanks to wins over Kingston, Markham, Peterborough, Ajax-Pickering, Clarington and Oshawa. Among their 6 wins was an incredible streak that saw them record 4 straight shutout victories in an 8 day span.

In tournament play, the Minor Bantams recorded a 2-1-1 record at the Red Wings Early Bird tournament including wins over Buffalo and Clarington.

## JUNIOR COYOTES

### Junior Coyote Month Ahead

#### Minor Pee wee

The Minor Pee wees head across the border to take part in the Motown Classic in Detroit starting October 23rd while also hosting ETA games on October 14th vs York Simcoe, October 28th vs Oshawa and October 30th vs Quinte.

#### Pee wee

The Pee wee team host ETA games on October 15th vs Peterborough, October 23rd vs Kingston and October 30th vs Clarington before heading back to the tournament circuit in early November at the Shanahan Invitational in Mississauga.

#### Minor Bantam

No tournaments for the Minor Bantams in October as they prepare for the Silver Stick in November. In ETA play, the Minor Bantams will host home games on October 15th vs Barrie, October 18th vs York Simcoe, October 23rd vs Quinte, October 30th vs Ajax-Pickering and November 5th vs York Simcoe.



Photo by: Midget Coyotes

Darius Dimitriadis is now a member of the Burlington Cougars

## Senior Coyotes Update

### BANTAM

Boasting a roster that features 12 returning Coyotes and 6 Richmond Hill Zone players, the Bantam Coyotes have been a busy bunch so far this season playing in 3 tournaments in addition to 6 ETA Regular Season games.

After winning the Canlan Summer Blast tournament in August, the Bantams were able to earn a tie against the Don Mills Flyers at the Red Wings Early Bird Tournament in September. Recently, the Bantams picked up a tie against Sun County and win over North Central at the London Tournament over Thanksgiving Weekend.

In ETA play, the Bantams sport a 2-2-2 record after ties against Kingston and Barrie and wins over Markham and Clarington.

### MINOR MIDGET

It has been a busy start to the season for the Minor Midget Coyotes after taking part in the Toronto Titans Showcase, and London Jr Knights Wendy Dufton Memorial

tournaments in the early going. The Minor Midgets came back from those events having picked up wins over Huron Perth, Sudbury and Grey Bruce and earning a tie against the Toronto Marlies.

In ETA regular season action, the Minor Midgets picked up a road victory over Kingston and earned a tie against North Central.

The Minor Midget teams features 9 returning Coyotes and of their 19 player roster, 10 are players from the Richmond Hill Zone.

### MIDGET

The Midget Coyotes played in the Toronto Titans Midget tournament in late September where they earned a 0-0 tie against Brampton in round robin play.

In ETA Regular Season play, the Midgets are off to a 2-1 start thanks to victories over Kingston and Barrie in their opening three games.

## SENIOR COYOTES

### Senior Coyote Month Ahead

#### Bantam

The Bantams get back on the tournament circuit in early December when they head to Hamilton in the meantime host home damages on October 16th vs Quinte, October 22nd vs Markham, October 29th vs Oshawa, November 1st vs Central Ontario and November 5th vs Clarington.

#### Minor Midget

The Minor Midgets will host ETA games on October 16th vs Whitby, October 22nd vs York Simcoe and November 6th vs Clarington before competing in the Brantford 99ers Showcase tournament November 10th to 13th.

#### Midget

The Midget Coyotes are in Ottawa for a tournament from October 13th to 16th and then host home games from their ETA schedule on October 19th vs Ajax-Pickering, October 22nd vs Kingston, October 23rd vs Peterborough, and October 25th vs Clarington.



Ryan Franz is now a member of the Kanata Lasers

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# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Coyote Alum Latest to be Drafted to NHL

Former Coyotes '98 team member Jordan Sambrook had a day to remember last June when the right handed rearguard became the latest Coyotes Alumnus to be drafted to the NHL, hearing his name called by the Detroit Red Wings in the 5th round of the 2016 NHL Draft.

Sambrook, who toiled the blue line for many seasons with the '98 Coyotes, burst on to the scene last season with a terrific rookie campaign as a member of the OHL's Erie Otters.

In 67 games during the 2015-2016 season, Sambrook scored 9 goals and added 17 assists for a total of 28 points and garnered acclaim as a strong two-way defenseman.

As a member of the '98 Coyotes, Sambrook was a part of one of the most successful Coyotes teams in our history which included tournament victories at London (Minor Bantam), Sudbury (Bantam) and Rochester (Minor Midget).

Sambrook was also a key contributor to the Coyotes during their All-Ontario Silver medal performance in Bantam, scoring the tying goal in the semi-finals against Southern Tier as part of a furious third period comeback by the Coyotes.

The following year, he helped lead the Coyotes to the first



ever appearance at the OHL Cup Minor Midget Championship before being selected by Erie in the 10th Round of the 2014 OHL Priority Selection Draft.

This season, Sambrook is back with Erie after attending Detroit's training camp and has already scored once in his opening 5 games.

### ROBERT DUNSMUIR MEMORIAL GOALTENDING AWARD

Robert Dunsmuir, born in 1994, was a longtime member of the Coyotes Association. A goaltender, Robert was drafted off the Coyotes Minor Midgets by the Owen Sound Attack in the 2010 OHL Draft. Robert died tragically at the age of 19 years old on March 29, 2013.

In September 2013, the Coyotes Executive announced the creation of the Robert Dunsmuir Memorial Goaltending Award to be presented annually, starting with the 2013-2014 season, to the goaltending tandem with the lowest ETA Regular Season Goals Against Average.

Current Standings as of October 14, 2016:

1. Minor Bantam - 0.50
2. Pee wee - 2.20
3. Midget - 3.00



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Robert Dunsmuir  
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