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## DOUBLE GOLD FOR 'THE MIDGET' COYOTES

**Coyotes squad of 98s and 99s open season with back-to-back tournament victories in a one month span.**



Heading in to the 2015-2016 season looking to build on last season's bronze medal finish at the OMHA Championship, the Midget Coyotes have certainly served notice that they will be a team to reckon with after capturing the Championship trophy at their first two tournaments of the season.

The Midget schedule kicks off each year with the Toronto Titans Midget Prospect Tournament in late September, a tournament that attracted 36 teams from around the province. The Coyotes found themselves slotted in to Division 6 for round robin play and racked up a 3-0-1 record by defeating the Mississauga Rebels 4-0, the Cambridge Hawks 5-0, the Sudbury Nickel City Wolves 6-0, and tying the host Titans 1-1. Heading to the Round of 16 to begin the playoff rounds, the Coyotes continued their winning ways defeating the North York Rangers by a 2-1 score and advancing to the quarter-finals on Sunday morning. Richmond Hill got the day started off on the right foot with an exciting 1-0 win over the Waterloo Wolves and then defeated ETA rival North Central predators by a 4-2 score in the semi-finals. Facing a strong Mississauga Reps team in the Championship final, the Coyotes produced another defensive gem, handing the Reps

their first loss of the season and clinching the Championship trophy behind a 3-1 victory.

Less than a month later, the Coyotes travelled east to attend the Ottawa Senators Midget Showcase in the nation's capital, facing a 35 team field in their second tournament of the season. Starting off by again facing the Rebels, the Coyotes won their opening game 4-2 and followed that up by defeating the Gloucester Rangers 4-1 later that day. Saturday saw the Coyotes handed their first loss of the tournament schedule, losing 2-0 to the Smith Falls Bears before rebounding with a 4-0 shutout of the Kapuskasing Flyers. Heading in to the playoff round once again, the Coyotes took down the Don Mills Flyers 2-1 in the quarter-finals and the North York Rangers 5-2 in the semi-finals to advance to the Championship against the Brockville Braves. The stifling defence proved to be too much for the Braves as the Coyotes skated off with a 5-1 victory and another Championship trophy.

The Coyotes will be looking to continue their run of tournament success when they travel to Sudbury for the Big Nickel Tournament in the first week of November.

## Minor Coyotes Update

### NOVICE

The Novice Coyotes enter November holding on to 2nd place in the reformed 9 team Novice loop with a record of 7-3-2 after their opening 12 games. Collecting wins against Peterborough (3-1, 6-5, 2-0), Oshawa (5-4), Whitby (5-0, 1-0), and Ajax-Pickering (4-3), the Coyotes also earned points with ties against Oshawa (2-2) and Whitby (4-4) to stay in the four-way battle for top of the standings.

On the tournament front, the Novice Coyotes performed well in two tournaments during the pre-season finishing with an overall record of 7-2 playing at a Canlan Ice Sports showdown in Toronto and the Pat Larock Tournament in Peterborough.

### MINOR ATOM

The Minor Atom Coyotes started the year by entering the Toronto Marlboros Friendship Tournament in early September, gathering a 2-2 record with victories over the Toronto Nationals (6-3) and Hamilton Jr Bulldogs (2-0).

Having played 12 regular season games, the Minor Atoms have a 4-5-3 record including wins over Central Ontario (6-3, 9-2), Clarington (8-7), and Whitby (6-1). Their best showing of the early season may have been in their 1-1 tie against the then unbeaten Barrie Jr Colts.

### ATOM

Much like the Novices, our Atom Coyotes head in to November sporting a 7-3-2 record after 12 regular season games. Their two ties have come against Barrie (0-0) and Ajax-Pickering (3-3) while they have collected wins against Kingston (5-4), North Central (7-3), Ajax-Pickering (4-1), Clarington (4-3), Peterborough (2-1), Oshawa (4-0) and Central Ontario (3-2).

Outside of ETA play, the Atoms have already played in two tournaments, defeating the Mississauga Rebels in the Toronto Marlboros Friendship Tournament in September and West Seneca in the Toronto Junior Canadiens Cup in October.

# MINOR COYOTES

## Minor Coyote Month Ahead

### Novice

It is a busy month ahead for the Novices who host 5 home games including November 8th, 14th, 15th, 24th and 29th among their 7 ETA games. The Novices then open the month of December by attending the Hamilton Bulldogs tournament December 3rd to 6th.

### Minor Atom

Kicking off their month with a trip to Chicago for the Bauer Invitational between November 6th to 8th, the Minor Atoms host four ETA games through the rest of the month on November 14th, 15th, 21st and 28th. They will then join the Novices at the Hamilton Bulldogs in early December.

### Atom

Staying close to home to play in the Shanahan International from November 6th to 8th, the Atoms then play 5 ETA Games in the month including home dates on November 10th and 21st.



Novice Coyotes

Photo by: Novice Coyotes





## Junior Coyotes Update

### MINOR PEEWEE

The Minor Peewee Coyotes got their season started with an appearance at the Toronto Marlboros Friendship Tournament earning victories over Victory Honda and the Toronto Nationals to finish with a 2-2 record. Entering the Toronto Junior Canadiens Cup in October and advancing to the playoff round, they were defeated by the host Junior Canadiens team who went on to win the tournament.

In ETA play, the Minor Peewees enter November in a heated battle for top spot in the Division sporting a 6-2-2 record after recording wins against North Central (6-2), Markham (2-0, 4-1), Peterborough (5-1), Ajax-Pickering (4-1) and Oshawa (3-1) in their opening 10 games.

### PEEWEE

The Peewee Coyotes are off to a strong start this season and enter November sitting in first place with a 8-1-3 record thanks to victories over Kingston (4-1), Markham (3-0, 4-0), Ajax-Pickering (5-1), Central Ontario (9-0), Whitby (4-1), Quinte (3-0), North Central (4-2) and Barrie (2-1, 4-2).

The team has competed in one tournament so far this season, the Toronto Junior Canadiens Cup. There, the Peewee Coyotes defeated the highly ranked Toronto Young Nationals in the quarter-finals before being halted in the semi-finals by Colorado.

### MINOR BANTAM

The Minor Bantam Coyotes travelled to Ottawa in September to start their season by attending the Ottawa Senators Sensplex AAA Shootout where they defeated Upper Canada and Huron-Perth on their way to a 2-1-1 record. They recorded the same record in their second tournament, at the Peterborough Icefest Tournament in October, where they recorded wins over Wheatfield and Halton.

In regular season play, the Minor Bantams currently sit with a 4-5-1 record after 10 games. Along the way, the Minor Bantams have earned victories over Ajax-Pickering (2-0, 3-1), Oshawa (6-2), and Whitby (5-3). Their lone tie came against Central Ontario (3-3) to give them a 4-2-1 record in their last 7 games.



Photo by: Novice Coyotes

Novice Coyotes sporting Coyote gear

## JUNIOR COYOTES

### Junior Coyote Month Ahead

#### Minor Peewee

November opens with an appearance at the Shanahan International Tournament in Mississauga and then continues for the Minor Peewees with 5 ETA games including home dates on November 14th, 27th and 28th.

#### Peewee

The Peewee team opens the month by attending the Mississauga Reps' Shanahan International Tournament from November 6th to 8th, then returns to ETA play and hosts home games on November 14th, 22nd and 28th.

#### Minor Bantam

After heading to the Kitchener Blueline Tournament from November 6th to 8th, the Minor Bantams will face off against their ETA foes a total of 5 times in November including 4 straight times at home, November 15th, 21st, 22nd, and 28th.

## Senior Coyotes Update

### BANTAM

After winning their first regular season game against Central Ontario (2-1), the Bantam Coyotes have since put together a 5-4-3 record after their opening 12 ETA regular season games. The Bantams have defeated York Simcoe twice (4-1, 3-2) including in a game which was broadcast by Rogers TV York Region channel. The Bantams were able to pull off a tie against Barrie (3-3), the only undefeated team in their league, while also earning wins over North Central (2-1, 3-0) and ties against Markham (1-1) and Oshawa (1-1).

Entering two tournaments thus far, the Bantams advanced all the way to the finals of the Markham Majors Fall Classic, defeating the host Majors in triple OT in the semi-finals, before losing to the Toronto Junior Canadiens in a 3-1 game sealed with a last minute empty net goal by Toronto.

### MINOR MIDGET

It has been a busy start to the season for the Minor Midget Coyotes after taking part in the Toronto Titans Showcase (September), and Hamilton Huskies Tim Hortons Invitational (October) tournaments in the early going. The Minor Midgets came back from those events having picked up wins over Oakville and Amherst and earning a tie against North York.

In ETA regular season action, the Minor Midgets head in to the month of November with a 4-8 record after 12 games played. The Minor Midgets have earned two victories against Ajax-Pickering (6-4, 7-6) and then had a two game winning streak beating Quinte (7-2) and Oshawa (3-0) on back to back days in late October.

### MIDGET

The Midget Coyotes are 9-1-0 so far in league play upping their overall record to 25-2-2 overall. After dropping their first regular season game, the Midgets have been on a roll winning 9 straight including victories over Peterborough (5-0), Kingston (5-2), York Simcoe (6-0), Quinte (4-1), North Central (3-1), Ajax-Pickering (5-2), Markham (2-1), Central Ontario (3-0) and Whitby (5-2).

The Midget Coyotes have already brought home Championship trophies from both tournaments they have entered (see page 1) going 13-1-1 along the way.

The Midget team also features this season's Coyotes Senior Class of 1998 born players led by long time Coyotes and members of the 2013 All Ontario Bantam Silver Medalist squad, Darius Dimitriadis, Sheldon Nolan, and Ryan Franz. Rounding out the 2016 Senior Class are Pat Servideo, Andrew Badali, Dante Spagnuolo, Mathew Tyndall, Cole Thiessen, and Ryan Bazzana.

## SENIOR COYOTES

### Senior Coyote Month Ahead

#### Bantam

Heading to Chicago for the second straight year, the Coyotes are entered in the Elite AAA Division this time around. Home dates include November 10th vs Clarington, November 21st vs Central Ontario and November 28th vs Whitby.

#### Minor Midget

The Minor Midgets will host ETA games on November 18th vs North Central, November 22nd vs Peterborough and November 28th vs Markham while also competing in the Brantford 99ers Showcase tournament November 13th to 15th.

#### Midget

The Midget Coyotes are headed up to Sudbury to participate in the Big Nickel Tournament November 6th to 8th before returning home to host ETA games on November 14th vs Barrie, November 22nd vs Ajax-Pickering, November 25th vs Barrie and November 28th vs Quinte.



Midget Coyotes celebrate their Titans Tournament victory

Photo by: Midget Coyotes



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Coyote Alum Getting Closer to Realizing NHL Dream

Former Coyotes '97 Team Captain Marcus Crawford continues to dazzle teammates, opponents and scouts alike with his offensive talents, becoming the most recent Coyote Alum to attend an NHL training camp when he suited up for the Ottawa Senators this past September.

A skilled right handed defenceman, Crawford played a number of years in a Coyotes uniform culminating with his Minor Midget season when he was the first Coyote selected in the 2013 OHL Priority Selection Draft. An elite offensive talent, Crawford was selected by the Saginaw Spirit 44th overall and has continued to progress, and impress, ever since.

Suiting up for his hometown Whitby Fury in the 2013-2014

season, Crawford racked up 9 goals and 16 assists as a 16 year old rookie in his one season in the OJHL making the jump full time to Saginaw the following year.

The 2014-2015 season was another strong rookie campaign for Crawford as he recorded 3 assists in his second OHL game on his way to being Saginaw's second highest point getter among defencemen finishing with 2 goals and 21 assists on the year. His incredible vision and top notch hockey IQ garnered the attention of NHL scouts as the year went on and Crawford found his name listed on the NHL Central Scouting list by the end of the season.



Going undrafted in his first year of eligibility did not hold Crawford back as he earned a Free Agent invitation to join the Senators Rookie Tournament squad. A strong showing at the tournament in London led to Crawford being invited to continue on to the Senators' main training camp later that month.

Crawford is off to another strong start in 2015-2016, already recording 9 points in his opening 16 games in his second season with the Saginaw Spirit.

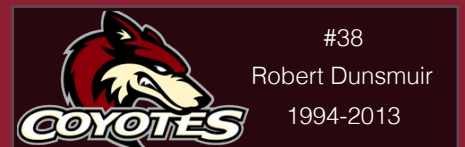
### ROBERT DUNSMUIR MEMORIAL GOALTENDING AWARD

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 November 6, 2015:

1. Pee wee - 1.36
2. Midget - 1.40
3. Minor Pee wee - 1.90



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