

BULLDOG BANTER

This is the last Jr A Bulldog newsletter for the 07-08 season and could very likely be the last Newsletter for the Junior A Bulldogs. Completing its 40th year of operation and arguably its first or second worse year the Bulldogs will only have one game remaining next week, which will be on Tuesday and a Newsletter will not be available at that time. Interesting enough the Bulldogs are still for sale and the most interested party right now is not in one of the Maritime Provinces and permission will be required from the Hockey Branches in order for them to play, it happens to be a town called New Richmond, which is just north of Campbellton. With permission from the League and approval of its arena and with the Restigouche Tigers allowing their entry, because of a veto possibility, the Dogs could send the Franchise to New Richmond.

At this time the Dogs would like to thank those loyal fans who have seen the highs and lows of the Dogs over the last number of years here in the MJHL. Interesting enough from 1993 to 2001 the Dogs were literally the envy of the League, winning 3 championships and losing a 4th in the 7th game of a 7 game series against Charlottetown and in that particular year the Dogs did advance to the Fred Page Cup which was hosted in Charlottetown. But those were the glory days; those were the days when there were sellouts here at the Antigonish arena where the average crown was about 1,000 people per game, with crowds peeking at 3,300. Those were the years where success was an absolute given with 3 championships the Dogs, at that time, won more than any other organization including the Halifax organization, but things have taken a turn with the building of the MC and the lack of funds to support a Junior A Program, the Dogs are obviously up for sale for arguably their last time.

There are 12 teams in the MJHL. There are 8 teams that run full-time Programs meaning full-time front office staff dedicated as their sole employment coaches, general manager, marketing people, etc. The other 4 Clubs are arguably for sale, the Moncton Beavers, have advertised their program, obviously Antigonish theirs, and the Charlottetown Abbies and the Halifax Wolverines are rumored to be for sale as well. Those 4 programs are run by volunteers and part-time front office staff who find their major employment in other fields. It has always been said by General Manager Danny Berry that Junior A Hockey is a fragile business, one would like to hope and think that not only the Bulldogs but the other organizations as well will prevail, as has been the case over the years, time will certainly play out on that one. With the MJHL expanding it has become big business, with budgets averaging probably in the range of \$400,000 it has become a multi-million dollar business when you take into consideration all the teams.

So on behalf of the Bulldog Organization, its players and coaching staff we thank you the loyal fan for being with us during the good times and the bad. A note worth stating, the dedication of 1 fan, John MacPherson, who sits in the green section across from the Bulldog bench, he has not missed a single game of Junior A Bulldog Hockey in the Arena. Since the Dogs went Jr. A in 85-86 John MacPherson has attended every single game - to you John we tip our hat, just a prime example of "Bulldog Pride"

BULLDOG HOCKEY

February 26th, 2008



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TONIGHT'S LINEUPS

ANTIGONISH BULLDOGS			PICTOU CRUSHERS		
1	ANDREW McRAE	G OCN	3	Patrick LeBlanc	D
31	JUSTIN COLLIER	G South SH AAA	4	Andrew Joudrey	R
2	KODIE HEMMONS	D BC Jr A	5	Anthony Pisano	D
4	KYLE RITCHIE	D	7	Jordan Knox	R
5	KJ MacNEIL	F	8	Coady Roach	F
6	COLE ANDERSON	D Weeks AAA	10	Scott McManaman	C
7	JAMIE CARRON	D Monct Jr A	11	Jason Rinzler	C
8	DJ HERR	F USA	12	Ryan Stoddard	C
9	KEVIN TOMALTY	F Neepan Jr	14	Scott Lavigne	D
10	JOHN MacLELLAN	F Weeks AAA	15	Jamie Blom	F
11	JORDAN LANDRY	F NB High Sc	16	Tyler Noseworthy	C
15	CURTIS MacDONALD	D Ant. Jr A	17	Geoff Hum	L
17	TRAVIS McCARRON	F Ant. Jr A	18	Geoff MacNaughton	D
18	MATT SODE	F NB High Sc	19	Andrew Paquet	R
19	JUSTIN BENNETT	D Ant. Jr A	21	Shawn O'Donnell	L
21	NICK JOHNSON	F BC	22	Donnie Grant	L
22	MIKE THOMAS	F Rest Jr A	24	Jevin MacLellan	D
23	ANDRE MORELL	F St. Croix	26	Kyle MacLennan	D
24	BRANDON MULLINS	F Ant. Jr A	27	Kevin MacLean	L
27	JASON PACHECO	F USA Jr.	28	Tyson Cameron	C
BERNIE CHEVERIE - COACH			31	Nicholas Barriere	G
DUSTIN MacINNIS - AST COACH			31	Max Pelzner	G
DANNY BERRY - GM			44	Luc Melanson	C
HEIDI CONNORS - TRAINER			TROY RYAN - Coach & GM		
GEORGE LANDRY - EQUIP MGR			CLARY MELANSON - AST CO		
JOHN CONNORS - AST EQUIP MGR			MATT MACGILLIVRAY - AST C		
ANDREW O'CONNER - AST EQUIP MGR					
RYAN KEARNEY - AST GM					

BULLDOG BARK & BITE

Up to date information on the Bulldogs and around the league

TEAM LEADERS:*

ANTIGONISH BULLDOGS		PICTOU CRUSHERS	
Brandon Mullis	7	GOALS	T. Cameron 30
John MacLellan	10	ASSISTS	Stoddard / Knox 41
John MacLellan	16	POINTS	Stoddard / Knox 70
Andre Morrell	148	PIMs	K. MacLean 249
Justin Collier	.876	SV%	N. Barriere .894
Justin Collier	5.36	GAA	M. Pelzner 3.14

REMAINING SCHEDULE

Date	Away	Home	Time
Thu, Feb 21st	Antigonish	Weeks	7:30 PM
Fri, Feb 22nd	Weeks	Antigonish	7:30 PM
Sun, Feb 24th	Restigouche	Antigonish	7:30 PM
Tue, Feb 26th	Weeks	Antigonish	7:30 PM

MAURICE BENT DIVISION STANDINGS*

Team Name	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	P10	PCT
Yarmouth	54	40	10	3	1	84	7-2-1-0	0.778
Truro	54	35	10	5	4	79	8-0-1-1	0.731
Weeks	53	31	20	1	1	64	7-3-0-0	0.604
Amherst	54	28	21	1	4	61	5-4-0-1	0.565
Halifax	55	17	31	5	2	41	3-6-1-0	0.373
Antigonish	54	5	45	2	2	14	0-10-0-0	0.130

ROGER MEEK DIVISION STANDINGS*

Team Name	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	P10	PCT
Miramichi	56	40	13	1	2	83	7-2-0-1	0.741
Woodstock	55	37	12	4	2	80	4-5-1-0	0.727
Moncton	54	28	21	1	4	61	4-5-1-0	0.565
Charlottetown	54	27	23	1	3	58	7-3-0-0	0.537
Summerside	53	21	28	1	3	46	6-4-0-0	0.434
Restigouche	54	16	33	2	3	37	1-8-0-1	0.343

*Before games—Feb 21st

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