

NAX November Newsletter

NAX Alumni Spotlight:

This month's alumni spotlight player is Carter Savoie. Drafted in the ninth round by the Regina Pats in the 2017 Bantam WHL Draft, Carter joined the Elite 15s for the 2017-18 season and recorded 20 goals, 38 assists, and 58 points in 34 regular season games before producing another 8 points in 5 playoff games as the Elite 15s captured the CSSHL League Title. A 2018 fourth-round pick by Dubuque Fighting Saints in the USHL Futures Draft, Carter joined the Sherwood Park Crusaders of the AJHL for the 2018-19 season. The sixteen-year-old currently sits fourth in the AJHL in points (34) and goals (16), both good enough for first among all AJHL rookies. Named the AJHL Player of the Week twice this season, Carter has been invited to the 2018 World Junior A Canada West Selection Camps.



(Photo Courtesy of the AJHL/Sherwood Park Crusaders)

Around the Rink:

NAX would like to congratulate a trio of former Midget Prep players as Connor McClennon (Kootenay Ice/WHL), Kyle Crnkovic (Saskatoon Blades/WHL), and Luke Prokop (Calgary Hitmen/WHL) became the first Xtreme athletes to represent Team Canada at the international level from November 3-10 in Saint John and Quispamsis, N.B. at the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge. McClennon was named to the Tournament All-Star team after recording eight goals and three assists in five games played, while Prokop was named an assistant captain for Canada White. Crnkovic finished the tournament with four goals and one assist including a hat trick against McClennon and Prokop in their final game.

Another trio of NAX Alumni has been invited to the 2018 World Junior A Canada West Selection Camps. Defenseman Michael Benning (Sherwood Park Crusaders/AJHL) and forwards Carter Savoie (Sherwood Park Crusaders/AJHL) and Isaac Saniga (Bonnyville Pontiacs/AJHL) will attend the evaluation camp with an opportunity to represent Canada West in Bonnyville December 9-16, 2018.

3 NAX alumni scored their first career junior goals in the months of November:

- Braydon Iwaschuk (Drayton Valley Thunder/AJHL)
- Bruce MacGregor (Spruce Grove Saints/AJHL)
- Kyle Crnkovic (Saskatoon Blades/WHL)

Former NAX goaltender Jaden Little recorded his first Junior shutout for the Campbell River Storm in a 6-0 victory over the Oceanside Generals.

70 former NAX players currently find themselves on junior or university/college rosters this season with the following breakdown:

- 21 AJHL
- 12 WHL
- 10 U Sports
- 8 ACAC
- 3 KIJHL/VIJHL
- 2 BCHL/CapJHL/AJFHL/ACHA
- 1 NWJHL/MJHL/ACHA D2/NCAA I/NCAA III

Three current NAX Midget Prep players made their Junior debuts in November:

- Dylan Guenther (Edmonton Oil Kings/WHL)
- Lucas Ciona (Seattle Thunderbirds/WHL and Spruce Grove Saints/AJHL)
- Ethan Edwards (Spruce Grove Saints/AJHL)



*Lucas Ciona played his first game with the Spruce Grove Saints of the AJHL in November.
(Photo courtesy of the Spruce Grove Saints/AJHL)*

The Bantam Preps (January 17-20, 2019) and Elite 15s (February 14-17, 2019) will each host tournaments in the new year. The Western Canadian Crown – Elite Bantam Invitational, will see three pools of four compete in a minimum of four games each at the River Cree with the semi-finalists playing a total of five.

NAX Goalie Coach Allen York has continued to challenge the Xtreme goaltenders in the month of November as the goalies have focused on positioning, tracking, situational play and understanding reads, scramble scenarios and patience/calmness, as well as tracking mechanics such as head positioning and rebound control.

At the end of the month Spruce Grove Saints Head Coach Bram Stephen gave the Midget Preps and Elite 15s a presentation on social media awareness and the responsibilities that come with it.

Bantam Prep

November was a quiet month for the Bantams with the team in action just one weekend for a showcase in Victoria.

Here’s how the month of November played out for the Bantam Preps:

DATE	TIME	AWAY	HOME	LOCATION		
Fri, Nov. 23	5:00P PT	Northern Alberta	3	Okanagan	1	Charlie Purdey Arena
Sat, Nov. 24	10:30A PT	Northern Alberta	10	Pacific Coast	1	Westhills Arena
Sat, Nov. 24	8:30P PT	Northern Alberta	4	Yale	5	Westhills Arena
Sun, Nov. 25	10:30A PT	Northern Alberta	8	Pursuit	1	Charlie Purdey Arena



The Bantam Preps enjoyed a quick stop for lunch at Denny’s during their showcase weekend in Victoria.

December sees the Bantam Preps play four games, all in the Edmonton area:

DATE	TIME	AWAY	HOME	LOCATION
Sat, Dec. 1	10:45A MT	Rink	Northern Alberta	River Cree Twin Rinks
Sun, Dec. 2	8:00A MT	Rink	Northern Alberta	River Cree Twin Rinks
Sat, Dec. 8	2:15P MT	Northern Alberta	OHA Edmonton	Royal Glenora Club
Sun, Dec. 9	11:30A MT	Edge	Northern Alberta	River Cree Twin Rinks

Elite 15s:

The Elite 15s spent much of November on the road with a trip to Winnipeg, showcase in Delta, and a tournament in Kelowna. The highlight of the month for the Elite 15s was winning the 2018 Minor Midget AAA Kelowna tournament going 5-0 with wins against Sherwood Park, Red Deer, Thompson Blazers, Okanagan Rockets, and the Lethbridge Hurricanes. The team showed high levels of compete, perseverance and toughness as they battled injuries and suspensions which had forced them to play with a shortened lineup. In league play the Elite 15s went 4-4 and sit in second place with a record of 15-4-1. In practice the focus has shifted to special teams, creating offence, scoring goals from in tight, tracking, defensive zone responsibilities, and creating and finding shooting lanes from the point.



The Elite 15s beat Lethbridge 4-1 to win the 2018 Minor Midget AAA Kelowna Tournament.

Here's how the month of November played out for the Elite 15s:

DATE	TIME	AWAY	HOME	LOCATION
Fri, Nov. 2	4:00P CT	Northern Alberta	3	Rink 4 Southdale Community Centre
Sat, Nov. 3	4:00P CT	Northern Alberta	3	Rink 5 Southdale Community Centre
Fri, Nov. 9	7:15P MT	Northern Alberta	4	OHA Edmonton 5 Royal Glenora Club
Fri, Nov. 16	12:00P PT	St. George's	2	Northern Alberta 3 Planet Ice Delta
Sat, Nov. 17	8:00A PT	Northern Alberta	1	Burnaby 3 Planet Ice Delta
Sat, Nov. 17	5:00P PT	Delta	3	Northern Alberta 5 Planet Ice Delta
Sun, Nov. 18	8:00A PT	Northern Alberta	6	Pacific Coast 0 Planet Ice Delta
Fri, Nov. 30	7:15P MT	Northern Alberta	5	OHA Edmonton 1 Royal Glenora Club

After travelling much of November, the Elite 15s spend December at home, including hosting their CSSHL showcase December 14-16.

DATE	TIME	AWAY	HOME	LOCATION
Sat, Dec. 1	1:30P MT	Rink	Northern Alberta	River Cree Twin Rinks
Sun, Dec. 2	8:15A MT	Rink	Northern Alberta	River Cree Twin Rinks
Fri, Dec. 14	2:30P MT	Burnaby	Northern Alberta	River Cree Twin Rinks
Sat, Dec. 15	8:30A MT	Northern Alberta	Delta	River Cree Twin Rinks
Sat, Dec. 15	4:45P MT	Okanagan	Northern Alberta	River Cree Twin Rinks
Sun, Dec. 16	8:15A MT	Northern Alberta	Pursuit	River Cree Twin Rinks

Female Prep:

November saw the Female Preps play 10 games including showcases in Delta and Winnipeg. The team was able to close out the month with a three-game winning streak, earning points in four of their last five games.

Here's how the month of November played out for the Female Preps:

DATE	TIME	AWAY	HOME	LOCATION
Fri, Nov. 2	1:05P PT	Northern Alberta	0	Pursuit 4 Planet Ice Delta
Sat, Nov. 3	11:05A PT	Shawnigan	1	Northern Alberta 2 OT Planet Ice Delta
Sat, Nov. 3	6:05P PT	Northern Alberta	0	Delta 4 Planet Ice Delta
Sun, Nov. 4	9:00A PT	Okanagan	5	Northern Alberta 2 Planet Ice Delta
Fri, Nov. 16	8:00A CT	Delta	3	Northern Alberta 0 Bell MTS Iceplex
Fri, Nov. 16	3:30P CT	Northern Alberta	1	Okanagan 2 OT Bell MTS Iceplex
Sat, Nov. 17	3:30P CT	Pursuit	4	Northern Alberta 0 Bell MTS Iceplex
Sun, Nov. 18	10:30A CT	Northern Alberta	4	Shawnigan 0 Bell MTS Iceplex
Sat, Nov. 24	3:15P MT	Banff	1	Northern Alberta 2 River Cree Twin Rinks
Sun, Nov. 25	1:45P MT	Banff	1	Northern Alberta 7 River Cree Twin Rinks

The Females Preps play six games in December including five road games:

DATE	TIME	AWAY	HOME	LOCATION
Sat, Dec. 1	6:00P MT	St. Mary's	Northern Alberta	Edge School
Sun, Dec. 2	9:00A MT	St. Mary's	Northern Alberta	Edge School
Wed, Dec. 12	1:00P MT	Edge	Northern Alberta	River Cree Twin Rinks
Sat, Dec. 15	4:45P MT	Northern Alberta	Banff	Banff Recreation Centre
Sun, Dec. 16	3:15P MT	Northern Alberta	Banff	Banff Recreation Centre
Mon, Dec. 17	10:00A MT	Northern Alberta	Edge	Edge School

Midget Prep:

The Midget Preps won seven of their eight games in November and sit fourth in their division with a record of 15-3-2. The Preps hosted the first NAX CSSHL showcase of the season from November 23-25, winning all three of their games.



The Midget Preps were the first NAX team to host a showcase this season when they did so November 23-25.

Here's how the month of November played out for the Midget Preps:

DATE	TIME	AWAY		HOME		LOCATION
Fri, Nov. 2	7:00P CT	Northern Alberta	5	Rink	1	Southdale Community Centre
Sat, Nov. 3	7:00P CT	Northern Alberta	3OT	Rink	2	Southdale Community Centre
Sun, Nov. 4	10:15A CT	Northern Alberta	4	Rink	5	Southdale Community Centre
Sat, Nov. 10	5:00P MT	Banff	0	Northern Alberta	13	Banff Recreation Centre
Sun, Nov. 11	3:00P MT	Banff	1	Northern Alberta	11	Banff Recreation Centre
Fri, Nov. 23	2:15P MT	Okanagan White	0	Northern Alberta	10	River Cree Twin Rinks
Sat, Nov. 24	12:15P MT	Pursuit	1	Northern Alberta	5	River Cree Twin Rinks
Sun, Nov. 25	8:00A MT	Okanagan Red	2	Northern Alberta	7	River Cree Twin Rinks

The Midget Preps play five games in December including three against teams directly ahead of them in the standings, offering them the opportunity to head into Christmas sitting in second place.

DATE	TIME	AWAY		HOME		LOCATION
Sat, Dec. 1	8:00A MT	OHA Edmonton		Northern Alberta		River Cree Twin Rinks
Fri, Dec. 7	5:15P MT	Northern Alberta		IHA		WinSport
Sat, Dec. 8	4:45P MT	Northern Alberta		Banff		Banff Recreation Centre
Sat, Dec. 15	3:00P MT	Northern Alberta		Edge		Edge School
Sun, Dec. 16	10:00A MT	Northern Alberta		OHA Edmonton		Royal Glenora Club