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Monthly Newsletter

Keeping you informed about your home town team

2017-18 Season Kicks off with a Bang!

The Drumheller Dragons kicked off their pre-season games in Camrose with a win against Whitecourt Wolverines on August 30! We went on to play the Camrose Kodiaks, and the Spruce Grove Saints, winning both games.

We began our at home pre-season on Wednesday September 6, with a 5-2 win against the Olds Grizzlys.

On September 14, we announced who would wear the C, and A's. Announced as Captain is #3 Andrew Kartusch, who is in his third season with the Dragons, playing 101 games in a Dragons jersey at the time he received his C. Alternate Captains are #14 Jordan Taupert who is in his second season with the Dragons, and has over 180 games played at the time he received his A. And, #37 Markus Boguslavsky, who is also in his second season with the Dragons has 100 games played at the time of receiving his A.

Our Season Home Opener was on September 15, taking an unfortunate loss to the Camrose Kodiaks.

Since then, the Dragons have taken off and are sitting in third place in the South Division Standings with 19 Wins, and 16 losses in 37 games played, for a total of 40 points.



2017-2018 Season News



With a new season, comes new beginnings! The Drumheller Dragons have had a lot of changes this season, and it seems to be a good move. We started with hiring Head Coach Kevin Hasselberg, who started on June 1, 2017. Kevin came to us from the Pensacola Flyers, where he was the Head Coach and General Manager.

In June, we announced the addition of Brayden Klimosko as Assistant Coach. Brayden comes to us from Humboldt, SK, where he has spent his entire career with the Minor Hockey Program there, and holds certification as a power skating coach with Skate Canada, and certification with Hockey Canada's High Performance Program.

In July, we announced the addition of Tyler Hofmann as the Athletic Therapist. Tyler came to us from the University of Calgary, where he graduated with Distinction, with a Bachelor of Kinesiology, majoring in Athletic Therapy. Tyler also holds his certification in First Aid Level C, Alberta Red Cross First Aid HCP/CPR, and is an Unregistered Emergency Medical Responder. ■

January Birthdays

January 4th - #1 Dane Dow
January 21st - Tyler Hofmann - Athletic Therapist

Feature Sponsor



This month, the Drumheller Dragons would like to thank our friends at Hi-Way 9 for their support of the Dragons this season. We certainly couldn't operate without our dedicated and loyal sponsors like you.

Regular Season Team Statistics

As of December 30, 2017

	In December	Overall
Games Played	9	37
Wins	3	19
Losses	6	16
Overtime Losses	1	2
Points	6	40
Goals scored	28	122
Goals against	35	115

Dragons Top Scorers				
Player	GP	G	A	PTS
#14 Jordan Taupert	35	16	29	45
#28 Brett Edwards	33	16	16	32
#36 Tyson Scott	34	6	20	26
#10 Tyler Kreklewich	37	11	13	24
#37 Markus Boguslavsky	32	14	8	22
#3 Andrew Kartusch	34	6	13	19

SOUTH DIVISION						NORTH DIVISION					
Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Okotoks Oilers	37	29	6	2	60	Spruce Grove Saints	37	27	7	3	57
Brooks Bandits	38	27	10	1	55	Fort McMurray Oil Barons	35	26	6	3	55
Drumheller Dragons	37	19	16	2	40	Whitecourt Wolverines	37	22	10	5	49
Calgary Mustangs	39	18	17	4	40	Grande Prairie Storm	37	17	17	3	37
Canmore Eagles	38	17	19	2	36	Sherwood Park Crusaders	37	17	18	2	36
Camrose Kodiaks	37	13	16	8	34	Bonnyville Pontiacs	37	13	17	7	33
Calgary Canucks	38	16	21	1	33	Lloydminster Bobcats	38	14	22	2	30
Olds Grizzlys	38	15	22	1	31	Drayton Valley Thunder	38	9	28	1	19



Feature Dragon

#28 Brett Edwards

Brett, or better known as “Eddie” came to the Dragons in the off season from the Fort McMurray Oil Barons. As of December 30, the Dragons 19 year old had 32 games played with 16 goals, 16 assists, and 32 points.

We caught up with “Eddie” to find out more about the lighter side of the Grande Prairie native.

DJ: Do you have any pregame rituals?

BE: PB and J sandwich hot, before the game, and I get dressed left to right

DJ: Who is your favorite Disney character and why?

BE: Chewbacca, because I like Star Wars.

DJ: If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?

BE: A Lion, because I would be the king of the jungle

DJ: What is your pump up song?

BE: Pump it, by Black Eyed Peas

DJ: What is your favourite summer hobby?

BE: Water Sports

Jordan Taupert named Canalta AJHL Player of the Week

Jordan Taupert, 19, was the AJHL Player of the Week for the week of September 18th – 24th, 2017. In three games played that week, Taupert scored 6 goals and 3 assists, including 3 powerplay goals and a game winner.

Taupert was selected as the Viterra Star of the Game in all three contests that week. On September 19th, he recorded his first AJHL hat trick with a 5-point game and scored the game winning goal in a 5-1 victory over Canmore.

The four-year AJHL veteran from Medicine Hat, AB played his 200th AJHL game on October 15th, and is in a tight cluster in the top three of the AJHL scoring race with 15 goals, and 29 assists for a total of 44 points in 34 games played. ■



Dragons Crossword Puzzle



Across

3. Our Feature Dragon Brett's nickname
4. Feature Dragons Eddie came to us from this team
7. We played this team in our Home Opener
8. Assistant Coach Brayden is from this Saskatchewan town
9. Dragons top scorer
11. Head Coach Kevin Hasselberg came to us from this town
12. His birthday is January 4th

Down

1. We are in _____ in the South Division
2. Taupert is a native of this city
4. His Birthday is January 4th
5. We helped rebuild this outdoor rink
6. The first name of the Dragons Athletic Therapist
10. Assistant Coach Brayden's last name

(answers on next page)



Dragons show their support in the Community

In September the Players were found out and about at all sorts of events around the community.

We helped with the demolition and rebuilding of the Nacmine Outdoor Rink, we were also found at both Greentree, and St. Anthony's Schools giving away tickets to our upcoming games.

The players can be found regularly having coffee, and playing crib at Manor II with some of the seniors there.

On October 2nd some of them even went to Bold Efxxx Hair Shop & Spa to shave their heads for Cancer.

#10 Tyler Kreklewich, of the Dragons had this to say about the players in the community, "It is unbelievable what can be achieved when you get together as a community. Whenever there is an opportunity to give back, the Dragons are more than willing to help out the community that gives us a hockey team."

Crossword Puzzle Answers

Across

3. Eddie
4. Oil Barons
7. Kodiaks
8. Humboldt
9. Taupert
11. Pensacola
12. Dow

Down

1. Third
2. Medicine Hat
5. Nacmine
6. Tyler
10. Klimosko



Would you like the Dragons to attend your event, school, or function?

The Dragons love hanging out in the community and getting to know the people that support them! We have gone to the seniors lodges to have coffee and baked goodies with the residents, to the Pioneer Trail Society to play pool with the seniors, to Minor Hockey practices to help young players develop their skills, to the schools to help kids learn, etc.



Above photo: Dragons Andrew Kartusch, Slater Dykema and Jordan Taupert attended the Encana Novice Raptors practice on December 19. For more photos of the Dragons in the community, visit our website and click on the "Community" tab., then "Dragons In The Community".

If you would like the Dragons to come to your school, practice, lodge or event, contact the Dragons office at 403-823-2022.