



20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

THE MANITOBA WOMEN'S JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE (18-22 years old)

2004-2024

POST EVENT COMMENTS by Kirk Koppers

The Celebration was to showcase the MWJHL players past and present, to re-join prior teammates and socialize with other team players, coaches, managers and others. You did it in “spades” and there was one permanent look on faces all weekend- SMILES.....

Scanning the rosters and looking at the first 10 years we had the following players skating for their old teams; Amber (Sullivan) Haliuk 2004-05 (Year 1) of the Predators; 2006-07 players Karlee Heide, Mallory (Wray) Fafard, 2007-08 Courtney Lofto, Joyelle (Bergen) Erb followed by Karlene Manitowich, Nicole Webster of year 2008-09. In Year 2010 along came Diana Houle (injured list), now a Dr., and Allison (Moore) Woroniuk; Years 2011 -12 Kelsey Johnson, Chantal Hebert, Traci (Orr) McKean, Danika (Jones) Falloon, Angie Cerilli & Ashley Officer and in 2012-13 Maggie Gerard & Janelle Chartrand. Years 2013-14 players new to the league were Allyson Donnelly, Kelsey Conrad, Paige Lindell; Kathryn Houston, Josee Desrosiers, Vaneesa (Klimpke) Fehr, Breanna Murner, Madison Dreger, Sam Payette and Natasha Esquivel. From 2014-15 the league added Kelsey Bowerman, Brooke-Lyn Riley, Alanna Mendes, Hailey Cromie, Krista Timmerman and Christine Sheppard.....

Players from 2014-2015 ON filled out the rosters and were a pleasure to see.

THE RESULT, A WONDERFUL WEEKEND OF ALUMNI PLAYERS. FROM MINNEAPOLIS came (KARLENE MANITOWICH), STEPHANIE MILLER FROM BC.,, KATHRYN HOUSTON FROM CALGARY AND MANY FROM OUT OF TOWN ALONG WITH FAMILIES....RETURNING COACHES were; LORNE YURIEWICH, CURTIS SMITH, JIM WEBSTER, RICK GACEK, DOUG ORCHARD, DOUG FEHR, KEVIN MONKMAN, HAILEY (FORMER PLAYER) CROMIE, CHANTAL HEBERT, DALE AND JACINTA BEAR AND DAVE BENEDICKTSON.....THANK YOU ALL. OFFICIALS DID A GREAT JOB AS WELL. THANKS JESSE BLACKMAN (RIC). Based on most game sheets these were some scoring leaders:

PREDATORS: ALANNA MENDES, BAILEY GRANTHAM,, KRISTEN SEMENKO AND AITLIN REICHARDT;

STARS: JOSEE DESROSIER, KEANNA THOMPSON, ANGIE CERILLI, DANIKA FALLOON, JOYELLE ERB,

BLAZE: HANNAH PALES, # 9 , BREANNA MCLENNAN, ABBY NEALE,

OWLS: STEFANIE BYRON, KEIRA CHRISTENSEN, TAYLOR WURCH COOMBS, RAYLEY GOETZ, SYDNEY SHEAD.

ICE: CHRISTINE SHEPPHERD, KRISTIN TIMMERMAN, KEANNA CLARK, ASHLEY SEITZ, KELSEY JOHNSON, HALEY BOUND, CHANTEL HEBERT, MADISON DREGER.

BLIZZARD: SERENJOCELYN, KATHRYN HOUSTON, JILLIAN HENRY, MADI JOPLING, LOGAN MASK, STEFANIE LESLIE, BECKY THEVNOT;

SILVERTIPS: KARLEE HEIDE, KARLENE MANITOWICH, ALIX TOSH;

FROST: ABIGAIL POTT, SYDNEE KORCHAK, HOPE NERBAS, MCKENNA BATEMAN....

THANKS TO ASHTON LISKIE, (PRES.MWJHL), LINDA BENSON, other EXECUTIVE MEMBERS MICHAEL GERL, TRACY BENEDICKTSON, RIC ESQUIVEL AND TANNIS ESQUIVEL (volunteer) & DAN SILVAGGIO (volunteer). .

Another bonus was seeing Alumni parents and grandparents again!

Rumour has it for future Alumni to be ready 5 years from

now.....ANNIVERSARY (25TH) Lastly, CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MANITOBA BLIZZARD ON THE 1st ever Alumni 20th Anniversary win. WELL DONE...

If ANY OMISSIONS OR ERRORS I APOLOGIZE.