

SJHL ANNOUNCES 2010-2011 AWARD WINNERS

The Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League is proud to announce The SASKTEL SHOWCASE of AWARDS for the 2010-2011 regular season.

SJHL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

And

LEO PARKER AWARD – TOP SCORER

Travis Eggum – LaRonge Ice Wolves



Travis Eggum (La Ronge Ice Wolves) – Travis Eggum considers himself to be a grinder. He needs to find a better description for his play after registering one of the better offensive seasons the SJHL has seen in quite a while. After registering 40 points for the league champion Ice Wolves last season, Eggum exploded this season. He averaged a goal a game becoming the first SJHL player since Garrett Cameron of the Melfort Mustangs in 2002 to have a 50 goal and 100 point season. His 58 goals were the most in the league since 1999 when Kevin Marushak of the Kindersley Klippers had 63 and together with line mates Marc-Andre Carre and Doug Lindensmith, the trio were 1-2-3 in scoring which is something that hasn't happened since 1999.

The 20 year old from Saskatoon can't explain why he has had so much success this year, but he gives his line mates a lot of credit for making things easier.

"A lot of my goals have probably come from within 5 feet, but when you are with guys like Marc-Andre and Doug, they make it easier." Eggum believes. "We are such different players that everything contributes so well. My size opens room up for them and they are so quick and

skillful that they can get the puck to me if I can find an open spot and I can get some good shots.”

La Ronge head coach Bob Beatty was expecting Eggum to improve on the numbers he had last season, but he had no idea of what was to come.

“Its unbelievable!” Beatty exclaimed. “He started gathering some momentum early on and he’s found a way to maintain that momentum which is not easy. He’s a tough guy to stop because he is so strong. He’s good in the corners, he finds a way to get loose pucks, he knows where to go, he is a very smart and intelligent player and he came into camp in better shape than he was the year before. It’s paid off for him.”

Eggum says its been a very special season and its one he will tell his kids about. While some NHL players take 60, 70 or more games to hit the 50 game plateau, Eggum averaged a goal a game which is something he says is astounding.

As good a season as Eggum has had, he wants to end in the same fashion and then some.

“There would be nothing sweeter than knowing I helped bring both the RBC Cup and the Credit Union Cup to La Ronge.”

RBC JUNIOR A SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Tanner McCall-(Weyburn Red Wings) -The 20 year old from Regina has worked hard on and off the ice to achieve excellence. Tanner has been involved in the community serving on programs that read to kids to working with Weyburn Big Brothers as he mentors a 6th grader and doing what he can to help out at Weyburn Family Place as he volunteered many hours of his time.

McCall will enroll in the business program at the University of Regina in the fall of this year. He is hoping to leave there with some kind of letter in real estate.

This program is designed to provide an opportunity for Junior A players to apply for a scholarship based on their academic accomplishments and community service.

Each season RBC will provide a \$1000 scholarship to an individual within each Junior A league within Hockey Canada in addition to a \$5000 national scholarship. The recipients of these scholarships will be determined by a selection committee consisting of past and/or present members of Hockey Canada Junior Council as approved by Hockey Canada.

HAROLD L. JONES TROPHY – TOP GOALTENDER



Russell Abbott (Notre Dame Hounds) - The 19 year old Hounds goalie from Mill Bay, B.C wasn't a one man show for his team this year, but it was close. Abbott was spectacular on most nights especially in the last month when Notre Dame came close to catching Melville for the last playoff spot in the Sherwood Conference. Abbott shared the league lead in shutouts with three, led the league amongst qualifying goaltenders in goals against average at 2.56 and was in the top three when it came to minutes played (2389) and save percentage (.916)

The following award winners were nominated and selected by the league coaches who were not allowed to vote for their own player in the final balloting.

E.E HENNING MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



Marc Andre-Carre (La Ronge Ice Wolves) - The 1991 born forward from Baie Comeau, Quebec was electrifying right from night one of the regular season for the defending league champs. Carre scored 39 times while adding 67 assists with some of those 39 goals being highlight reel ones that left many a defenceman bewildered. With Travis Eggum and Doug Lindensmith, the three combined to be the first 1-2-3 scorers in the SJHL since the 1998-99 campaign.

Honourable Mention- Russell Abbott (Notre Dame)

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Honourable Mention – Charles Corsi (Melfort)

When the Melfort Mustangs acquired the 20 year old early in the season, the fortunes of the Mustangs changed for the better. Corsi quickly established himself as one of the top goalies in a goaltending-strong league and was at or near the top of many goaltending categories. He had 23 wins, a goals against average of 2.63 and a save percentage of .921 as he helped lead Melfort to a second place finish in the Bauer Conference.

SJHL TOP DEFENCEMAN



Blaine Tendler – (Yorkton Terriers) - The 20 year old product of Viceroy, Saskatchewan was a pillar of strength for the Terriers during the 2010-2011 campaign. Tendler had 27 points in 47 games for the Sherwood Conference regular season champions as he not only taught a younger group of individuals how to succeed on the ice, but off of it as well as he rose to meet the expectations of the organization.

Honourable Mention – Josh Roach (Humboldt Broncos) - The 1992 born defenceman from Saskatoon just got better and better with each shift this season. He led the team in scoring and was the top scoring defenceman in the SJHL this season with 49 points on 14 goals and 235 assists. Roach will be one of the players Dean Brockman will be counting on next season when the Broncos serve as the host team for the 2012 RBC Cup.

Honourable Mention – James Howden (Notre Dame Hounds) - The SJHL has many good 1991 born defencemen in the league, but there may be none better than the product of Edgeley, Saskatchewan. Howden helped shut down the top forwards in the SJHL on many a night while chipping in offensively as well contributing 35 points in 57 games. The fact he can come back as a 20 year old next season means nothing but good things for the Hounds program.

SJHL TOP ROOKIE



Eli Lichtenwald (Nipawin Hawks) – Many talented rookies started making their imprint on the SJHL in 2010-2011, but perhaps the biggest rookie made the biggest imprint. The 1992 born forward from Saskatoon who stands 6 foot 5 had 45 points on 21 goals and 24 assists and was one of Nipawin’s best players right from day one of the season. Despite the fact Nipawin failed to make the playoffs this year, many feel great things are ahead for the organization because of players like Lichtenwald.

Honourable Mention – Kyle Hall (Battlefords North Stars) - A solid two way player with great tremendous upside is a great way to describe the 1992 born forward from Assiniboia. Many scouts have come to watch the Stars play this year to take a look at Hall who was one of four players from the SJHL at the CJHL Top Prospects game. With 41 points in 58 games, he has given the scouts a lot to talk about. If he stays in the Battlefords, Hall will certainly be a top 10 scorer in the SJHL and perhaps be an MVP candidate before his career is over.

Honourable Mention – Zak Majkowski (Yorkton Terriers) - The 1992 born forward from Trail, B.C came to Yorkton with expectations to be a role player who would contribute here and there. Majkowski’s work ethic and talent soon made him a legitimate threat as he showed no first season jitters. Majkowski had 21 goals in his first SJHL season in 52 games which is an impressive figure for any player rookie or not.

SJHL DIRECTWEST FIRST ALL-LEAGUE TEAM

GOALTENDER – Charles Corsi (Melfort) 2209 MP, 2.63 GAA, .921 Save percentage, 2 Shutouts

DEFENCE - Blaine Tendler (Yorkton) 47 GP, 11G, 16A, 27PTS, 55 PIM

DEFENCE – Josh Roach (Humboldt) 54 GP, 14G, 35A, 49PTS, 24 PIM

FORWARD – Travis Eggum (La Ronge) 58 GP, 58G, 48A, 106 PTS, 73 PIM

FORWARD –Marc-Andre Carre (La Ronge) 55 GP, 39G, 67A, 106 PTS, 30 PIM

FORWARD – Jeremy Boyer (Yorkton) 50 GP, 42G, 45A, 87 PTS, 20 PIM

SJHL DIRECTWEST SECOND ALL-LEAGUE TEAM

GOALTENDER – Russell Abbott (Notre Dame) 2389 MP, 2.56 GAA, .916 Save percentage, 3 Shutouts

DEFENCE – Lee Christensen (Melfort) 55GP, 3G, 21A, 24PTS, 33 PIM

DEFENCE – James Howden (Notre Dame) 57GP, 13G, 22A, 35PTS, 51 PIM

FORWARD – Doug Lindemsmith (La Ronge) 55GP, 33G, 65A, 98 PTS, 50 PIM

FORWARD – Johnny Calkins (Kindersley) 57GP, 25G, 68A, 93 PTS, 114 PIM

FORWARD – Andrew Johnston 57GP, 34G, 22A, 66PTS, 61 PIM

SJHL DIRECTWEST ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

GOALTENDER – Warren Shymko (Yorkton) 1553 MP, 2.86 GAA, .910 Save percentage, 2 Shutouts

DEFENCE – Kameron Ballas (Humboldt) 41GP, 1G, 18A, 19 PTS, 8 PIM

DEFENCE – Devon McMullen (Yorkton) 49GP, 2G, 15A, 17 PTS, 51 PIM

FORWARD – Eli Lichtenwald (Nipawin) 56GP, 21G, 24A, 45 PTS, 8 PIM

FORWARD – Kyle Hall (Battlefords) 58GP, 22G, 19A, 41 PTS, 16 PIM

FORWARD – Zak Majkowski (Yorkton) 52GP, 21G, 15A, 36 PTS, 93 PIM

SHER-WOOD SJHL COACH OF THE YEAR

Their peers nominate coaches and the final selection is voted on by the media and will be announced at a future date.

Here are the three candidates.

Bob Beatty - La Ronge Ice Wolves

Bob Beatty and the La Ronge Ice Wolves may have surprised people last year when they won the Credit Union Cup, but they didn't surprise anyone this year. Beatty led the defending champions to a regular season best win-loss record of 43-12-0-5. The Ice Wolves have not only established themselves as a threat to repeat as league champs, but under Beatty's guidance have shown they have what it takes to make a second appearance at the RBC Cup.

Dean Brockman - Humboldt Broncos

Dean Brockman had a tough decision to make this season. Did he take the team he had and go as far as he could knowing his team was the host team for the 2012 RBC? Or does he blow it up to make sure his team next year is a deserving host and capable of being a national champion. Brockman did the latter even though his team was performing well and traded most of his 20 year olds. The end result was the team did not bottom out in the standings and ended up winning 12 of their final 18 finishing 3rd in a very competitive Bauer Conference with 33 wins thanks to the coaching style of one of the most respected men in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League.

Trent Cassan – Yorkton Terriers

Trent Cassan's first full year as coach of the Terriers has been nothing short of magnificent. Cassan has taken a team that some thought would finish in the middle of the pack this season and led them to a Sherwood Conference regular-season title. Under Cassan's leadership, the Terriers won 34 games and are a threat to capture the Credit Union Cup this season. His coaching style has been adopted by the players and as a result, the Terriers are once again a team to be reckoned with in the playoffs.