



## U18 Prep, Male National Cap Seasons with League Titles



Congratulations to our U18 Prep hockey and Male National basketball teams on capping their seasons off with league victories in March.

It marked the second straight year for both teams winning championships as the U18 Prep team was crowned Canadian Sport School Hockey League U18 Prep Western Champions, and the Male National basketball team captured the CJBL Championship.

It was a wild playoffs for the U18 Prep team, having to win a crazy semifinal game 6-5 via a shootout versus Okanagan Hockey Academy, and beating NAX 3-2 in dramatic fashion thanks to a Luke Vlooswyk overtime winner. Landon DuPont was named the U18 Prep Western Championships MVP after tying the U18 Prep Western Championships record with 16 points in five games. His 62 points in 30 regular season games set a new record for defensemen in the U18 Prep division, and has earned him the opportunity to be [granted exceptional status by the CHL](#).

The Male National team was dominate in the CJBL all season – losing one game all year (12-1 overall) as the squad marched to another CJBL crown. Kai Gibbons was awarded the 2024 CJBL Most Valuable Player. Gibbons averaged 18 PPG, 5 APG, 3 SPG & 50 3P% throughout the 2023-24 season.



# AYSL Championship Results



Congrats to our five soccer student-athletes who captured gold medals at the Alberta Youth Soccer League Championships. Georgia and Avril won gold with their U17 Foothills team while Ava, Adria and Liv brought home gold medals with their Rangers U16 squad.

Shout out to our third place finishes from Ella, Selena and Marina (U17) and Rhylee (U16) with their South West United clubs.

Earlier in March, Lillie, Anya, Tatum and Jonah were all successful with their respective teams in Calgary Minor Soccer's Challenge Cup Competition as well.

## Post-Secondary Commitments

We are thrilled to announce another two more Mountaineer post-secondary commitments:

**Mara Draper** has committed to Arizona State University. Mara played for our Female Prep program for two seasons (55 CSSHL games) and will be graduating this June.

"Mara is a kind, thoughtful, amazing teammate who always chips in to help wherever needed, especially to support her teammates," says Head Coach, Annette Jensen. "When Mara sets her sights on achieving something, there is no stopping her."

**Zack Weenk** has committed to Memorial University (engineering degree). Zack has been the perfect fit in our basketball program at Edge, and has fully taken advantage of everything we have make available to our student-athletes over the past two years. You could find him at every 7:30 a.m. workout, every skill session, and putting in the extra weight room sessions in the DPC. On top of the extra work, he is a 4.0 GPA student which is even more impressive.

**Congratulations to the two of you for working so hard to set yourselves up for this next step in your academic and athletic journeys. We wish you all the best!**



# Two Hockey Program Signings



Two Mountaineers from the hockey program also signed with clubs:

**David Byrne** signed a WHL Scholarship and Development Agreement with the Tri-City Americans. David was drafted by the Americans in the 2023 WHL Prospects Draft, 144th overall in the seventh round and appeared in three games with Tri-City before the conclusion of the WHL regular season.

“David is a solid defenseman who skates well, has good mobility and possesses good vision and puck skills,” said Tri-City General Manager, Bob Tory.

The six-foot, 170-pound Byrne collected 24 points (7-17-24) in 30 games for the U17 Prep Gold team.

**Leim Smith** signed a letter on intent with the Olds Grizzlys for the 2024-2025 AJHL season.

This season with the U18 Prep team, Leim compiled 22 points (13 G, 9 A) in 29 games. In 39 CSSHL games with U17 Prep Gold and U18 Prep last season, Leim scored 17 goals and added 11 assists (28 points) in 39 games.

Head Coach Scott Atkinson had this to say about the signing:

“Leim is a player we have been fortunate to have in or line-up several times this season and he is ready to play in this league. We believe that Leim excels in all areas of the game as evidenced by his contribution this season supplying offense to his team coupled with strong defensive play. His high compete level and his character as a team player are qualities, we highly value. As an organization we take great pride in working with players that have played their hockey in Alberta and Leim being from Rocky Mountain House is fantastic representative of Alberta developed players. We are very happy that Leim has chosen the Grizzlys to continue his hockey journey, and we welcome him and his family to the Black and Gold.”

**Kudos to both of you on great seasons, and reaching this achievement in your student-athlete journeys.**

# 17 U15 Prep Mountaineers Named to AB Cup Rosters

Congratulations to the 17 Mountaineers from our U15 Prep team named to Alberta Cup rosters:

- Aden Bouchard
- Jack Bissoon
- Declan Cardiff
- Nathan Cole
- Mirco Dufour
- Brock England
- Joaquin Geras
- Adam Halat
- Matthew Hilderman
- Luke Jamieson
- Carsten Leyerzapf
- James Matheos
- Kaden Mote
- Leif Oaten
- Kingston Sauter
- Jordin St Louis
- Reeve Waugh



The Alberta Cup provides players with an opportunity to experience elite level play in a short-term competition. Players participating in the tournament will also be evaluated to represent Team Alberta at the WHL Cup in October.

The round-robin tournament will be taking place in Red Deer at the Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre, April 24-28. Good luck to all of you.

## Hockey Program Announces Coaching Changes



Our hockey program would like to announce some head coaching changes for the 2024/25 season. Leland Mack, our current U15 head coach, will be taking over as the U15 Prep head coach. Micki DuPont, our current U15 Prep head coach, will be stepping down from his duties after this school year concludes. A search for a new U15 head coach is underway and the [position is posted here](#).

Leland has been leading the U15 team for the past two seasons. During his tenure, Leland has displayed a passion for our school's mission of helping student-athletes achieve their personal best as people, students and athletes. In addition to advancing nearly all of his graduating players to our U15 Prep and U17 programs, Leland's teams have demonstrated consistent success on-ice. Prior to coaching at Edge School, Leland spent 10 seasons coaching U15 Prep and Elite 15 (U16) hockey at BWC and NAX. He also coached U18 AAA in the greater Vancouver area for six years and has been a WHL scout since 2008. Leland has a strong understanding of the game and great ability to identify and develop talent. We are looking forward to him furthering the 3-Sphere development of our U15 Prep student-athletes.

Micki has had a very impactful four years at Edge School, providing great coaching and mentorship to our U15 (2020-2022) and U15 prep (2022-2024) student-athletes. Micki is a passionate and talented coach whose ability to hold his players to a high, daily standard of effort and execution, while maintaining their trust and respect, has been pivotal to the high level of achievement his players have obtained on and off of the ice during his tenure. In addition to being a great developmental coach, helping many of his players onto the next level of play, Micki has coached all of his teams to the highest level of the CSSHL. In three trips to the playoffs, his teams have finished 1st (2022), 2nd (2024) and lost in a semi-final match (2023).

Micki has truly left the Edge School hockey program in a better place than when he arrived. On behalf of all Mountaineers, we would like to thank Micki for his hard work and dedication to the Edge School hockey program.



**CANDANCE RESULTS  
MARCH 15-17**

**TOP 10 SENIOR SOLOS**

- 1ST RYLEN - HYMN - CARALEE
- 2ND - EMILY - BLINDSIDE RYLEE
- 3RD - VARVARA - COATLUCIE - TYLER A
- 5TH - DARK ROOM - SIA - TYLER A

**TOP 10 TEEN SOLOS**

- 1ST - GEORGIA - ROCKROSE & THISTLE - SABRINA
- 2ND - IZZY - SKIN GAME - SABRINA
- 3RD - MARIANA - KING - SABRINA
- 4TH - CAITY - VOW - TYLER A
- 6TH - SOPHIE H - LINGER IN THE SUN - SABRINA
- 7TH - ARIANNA H - THIS DIRECTION - MARY A
- 8TH - PEYTON - EMOTIONS - TYLER A
- 9TH - ZIYI - WHERE DID I GO WRONG - RYLEE

**TOP 10 JUNIOR SOLOS**

- 1ST - SIENNA - GRACE - KATIE B
- 2ND - NIKKA - MIEN - SOPHIE S
- 3RD - ELENA - WAKE ME UP - RYLEE
- 4th - ARIA - DANCING QUEEN - RYLEE
- 5TH - OLIVIA - CADISQUE VARIATION - CAITLIN
- 6TH - ELLA SM - WONDEFUL WORLD - CARALEE
- 9TH - JACOB - CHECK IT OUT - RANDALL

**TOP 10 MINI SOLOS**

- 7TH - SOPHIA - WALK OF FAME - RYLEE

**OVERALL TEEN DUET / TRIO**

- 1ST - ELLA/SOPHIE/PEYTON - AGNES - TYLER A
- 2ND - MARIANA/SOPHIE/IZZY - CHARLES ANGELS - RYLEE

**18 MISS CANDANCE**

RYLEN - HYMN - CARALEE

**18 MR CANDANCE**

CHASE - TOUGH - RYLEE

**TEEN MISS CANDANCE**

GEORGIA - ROCKROSE &

THISTLE - SABRINA

**18 MISS CANDANCE**

SIENNA - GRACE - KATIE

**18 MR CANDANCE**

JACOB - CHECK IT OUT -

RANDALL

**OVERALL JUNIOR DUET / TRIO**

- 1ST - NIKKA/SIENNA - PRETTY GIRLS - RYLEE

- 3RD - JACOB/MILLIE - DANCE AND SHOUT - STACY R

**OVERALL 18 DUET / TRIO**

- 3RD - CHASE/GIOIA - AFTER THE RAIN - CODY B



**TERPSICHORE  
EDMONTON RESULTS  
APRIL 5**

**TOP 10 SENIOR SOLOS**

1ST - LIZA - "TO BE LOVED" - RYLEE

3RD - ADDISON - "SOMEONE LIKE YOU" - CARALEE

5TH - AURORA - "THE MIND" - SABRINA

8TH - FIORA - "HEY MA" - CARALEE

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## McGinley Captures U Cup with UNB Reds



Well, that's one way to cap your 1st season of U SPORTS Hockey.

Congratulations to Edge alumnus, Sam McGinley, on winning the U SPORTS National Championship with the UNB Reds! The Reds had a historic season, going undefeated to win back-to-back U Cups. The Reds won all 30 of their regular season games, all five of their AUS playoff games, and all three University Cup games (by a combined score of 15-0 – shutting out their opponents in EVERY game).

Enjoy celebrating the victory with your teammates, Sam!



## Nicholson Wins Gold

Congratulations to Edge alumna, Sadie Nicholson, and her team, Les Supremes, on winning the ISU world synchronized skating championships in Zagreb, Croatia.

This is the third year in a row that the team has won worlds which has never been done before!



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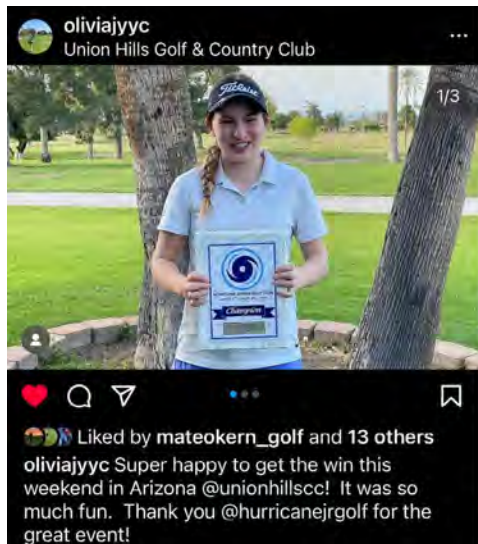


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