



8 Seasons, 2 Numbers, 1 Journey



From Timbits to today, Tyler O'Gorman and James Butterwick have been inseparable on the ice. Entering their 8th straight season together (now with Edge U15 Prep), their journey is a rare one in hockey: teammates year after year, building friendships and racking up success along the way.

Together, they've been part of:

- Edge U15 2024/25 CSSHL Championship season, team record of 39-2
- 23/24 Youth Team Championship, team had over 30 wins
- 22/23 – Youth Team QF appearance, team record of 32-1
- Represented Team Alberta at the 2022 Brick Tournament
- 21/22 – Youth Team Championship, team record of 32-1, 3 ties

All while wearing the same jersey numbers – 4 and 13 – every step of the way.

Call it coincidence or call it destiny, but it's special...and pretty rare in sports these days.

Looking forward to seeing what they can do with the U15 Prep team this season.



CHARACTER CORNER



Congratulations to our first ever co-winners of our monthly high-five award draw, Alyan and Aydin Jiwa!

Last week, the Grade 4 student-athletes came to the office after finding \$5 in the hallway.

Instead of keeping it, they turned it in and requested that if it went unclaimed, for it be added to Kili's team box for Terry Fox fundraising.

Selfless, honest, generous, and a small gesture with a big message.

Way to go, boys!

Shoutout to Grade 12 golf student-athlete, Niya Friesen, for taking initiative and organizing a school book drive that will support the Cochrane & Area Humane Society!

Thanks to our community's generosity, Niya delivered a big haul of donated books that will be part of the CAHS Fall Book & Bake Sale on October 4 & 5 where every book purchased will go towards helping animals in need.

What an incredible way to kick off the year, Niya. Thank you for setting such a positive example for all of our Mountaineers.



This past week, our U18 Female Prep team rallied together in support of RINK Winnipeg student-athlete Payton Chornley, who is courageously battling lymphoma after the tragic loss of her mother to breast cancer earlier this year.

In a show of solidarity and compassion, the team raised just over \$1,700 for the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation, an organization that has been walking closely with Payton and her family throughout their journey.

A special thank you to Kal and Kim Paull for representing Edge at RINK's Coming Together event, which brought out more than 1,500 people and raised over \$55,000 for the cause.

Payton's strength and resilience are a true inspiration. We are proud to stand with her, her family, and all those impacted by cancer.



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Six Make Opening Night WHL Rosters

OPENING NIGHT

DALLIN ANTOS MIRCO DUFOUR BROCK ENGLAND JOAQUIN GERAS OWEN HAYDEN LEIF OATEN



From the CSSHL to the WHL.

Six of last season's U18 Prep Mountaineers made opening night rosters across the Western Hockey League on Sept. 19. Huge congrats to all of you!

- Dallin Antos, Kelowna Rockets
- Mirco Dufour, Everett Silvertips
- Brock England, Seattle Thunderbirds
- Joaquin Geras, Kamloops Blazers
- Owen Hayden, Kelowna Rockets
- Leif Oaten, Lethbridge Hurricanes

In total, 36 former Edge School Hockey student-athletes were on WHL opening night rosters for the 2025/26 season.

While some have since been reassigned to other junior teams, we're proud of our Mountaineers and wish you all a successful year ahead.

Four Sign WHL Scholarship & Development Agreements

Congratulations to student-athletes, Ryan Boyce, Luke Huska, Carsten Leyerzapf and Drew Wilkinson on signing WHL Scholarship & Development Agreements.

Boyce played on our U15 Prep and U17 Prep teams, compiling 73 points (32 G, 41 A) in 69 games played between 2022-2024 before going on to play Jr. A hockey last season. Ryan was originally selected by the Wheat Kings in the fifth round, 94th overall at the 2023 WHL Draft.

A second semester student, Ryan will be back with us in the spring to graduate at Edge.

Huska was selected by the Swift Current Broncos in the 2nd round (44th overall) of the 2025 WHL Prospects Draft.

"We are excited to sign Luke," said Broncos General Manager Chad Leslie. "He had a terrific camp with us. He has a lot of maturity in his game, his habits are outstanding and he thinks the game extremely well. He will be a terrific player for our organization down the road."

Last season with U15 Prep, Luke appeared in 34 games, scoring 14 goals and adding 27 assists for 41 points.



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Leyerzapf was originally selected by Wenatchee in the seventh round of the 2024 WHL Prospects Draft, and has played for our U15, U15 Prep and U17 Prep the last three seasons.

Carsten was limited to just three regular-season appearances last season, but posted a 3.28 goals-against average and a .925 save percentage during that time. His 3.17 goals-against average and .931 save percentage for U17 Prep in the CSSHL Western Championships also led the squad. In his 2023-24 campaign ahead of the WHL draft, he racked up 11 wins in just 14 appearances for the U15 Prep team, and helped the team to a runner-up finish at the CSSHL Western Championships that spring.

“Carsten had a difficult 15-year-old season due to an injury that kept him out of the lineup for all but a handful of games late in the year,” said Wenatchee Wild director of scouting Leigh Mendelson. “He had a great summer in the gym rehabbing his injury, and came to camp and earned this opportunity. He has very good physical tools, athleticism, and competes for every save. He will benefit greatly from his interactions with our goaltending coach Eric Williams during the season while with the Edge School, and into the future.”

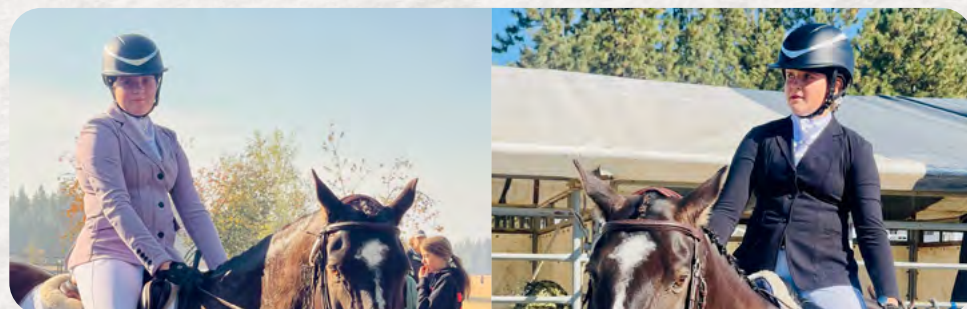
Wilkinson was the Giants’ first-round pick in the 2025 U.S. Priority Draft, selected fifth overall.

“Drew is a strong winger with an interesting mix of skill and strength,” Giants General Manager Hnat Domenichelli said. “We look forward to having him with us in Vancouver in the future.”

Last season with U15 Prep, Drew recorded 27 points (13 G, 14 A) in 34 games, and was invited to take part in USA Hockey’s Boys National 15 Player Development Camp this past summer.



Skulsky Shines at Spokane Horse Trails



Last weekend, Lauren Skulsky and her horse, Kobe, made their three-day eventing debut at the USEA Spokane Horse Trials in Washington. Competing across dressage, show jumping, and cross country, the pair delivered an outstanding performance – earning first place in the U18 Novice division. Congratulations, Lauren!



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MJT Nationals and Albatross Cup Recap



In mid-September, our golf team was in Niagara Falls, ON at the MJT National Challenge Invitational. On the female side, Olivia Johnson finished in first place (Girls 15-19 division). On the male side, Kole Myhra came in second place in the junior boys division.

Last week, the golf team travelled to Golden for the Albatross Cup, facing off against NAX Golf and RINK Golf Academy in a head-to-head showdown. Competing in a modified NCAA 5-count-4 team net format, the Mountaineers came out on top, capturing 1st place with a score of 614, followed by RINK Kelowna Golf (629) and NAX Golf (637).

The second event featured 10 pairings in an Edge vs. NAX Match Play battle, with three matches going to playoff holes. Edge Golf pulled through in clutch fashion, earning a strong 8–2 victory.

It was a great experience for all players, filled with new friendships, growing rivalries and competitive fire. The team is already looking forward to their next challenge in Cranbrook this May.



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ALWAYS A MOUNTAINEER

Four Mountaineers take next step in their Hockey Journeys

Congratulations to former student-athlete, Ryley Budd as well as class of 2025 grads, Ethan Elefante, Brennen Hoher and Adam M'Hamed, on signing with junior programs.

Ryley Budd joined the Bonnyville Pontiacs. Named U18 Prep Top Goaltender in his first CSSHL season (2023/24), Buddzy went 15-2-0, leading the division in wins (15), GAA (1.77), and SV% (.936) with three shutouts. He also went undefeated in the playoffs to backstop the team to its second straight Western Championship. Last season, he followed it up with 17 starts, posting an 11-5-1 record with a 2.29 GAA and .919 SV%.

Ethan Elefante joined the Lloydminster Bobcats after two seasons at Edge with U17 Prep and U18 Prep. In 74 CSSHL games, Ethan compiled 57 points (23G, 34A). He was recognized as the 2024 U17 Prep Most Valuable Mountaineer and also earned the school-wide Male Fitness Award for his standout performance in fitness challenges.

Brennen Hoher was a five-year Mountaineer, starting at Edge in Grade 8 with our U15 Prep team. He was selected by the Broncos in the 9th round (184th overall) of the 2022 WHL Prospects Draft. Brennen spent the past two seasons developing with the Okotoks Oilers, competing in both the AJHL and BCHL, appearing in 75 games.

Brennen's commitment in the classroom was equally impressive. Throughout his time at Edge, he consistently ranked among the top students academically, culminating in him receiving the 2025 Governor General's Academic Medal – awarded to the graduating student with the highest overall average.

Adam M'Hamed joined the Calgary Canucks. Mo spent two separate stints at Edge, with U17 Prep in 2022/23 before returning in 2024/25 for his Grade 12 season with U18 Prep. Across 73 CSSHL games, he posted 82 points (32G, 50A), finishing just outside the top 10 in U18 Prep division scoring last year.

Best of luck to Ryley, Ethan, Brennen and Adam as they continue their careers on the ice.



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25th Anniversary Commemorative Chocolate Bars

Enjoy the perfect blend of sweet and salty with these milk chocolate and pink Himalayan salt chocolate bars. Made by Master Chocolat, Bernard Callebaut, each one is now on sale for \$3.50. All proceeds support the Edge School Endowment Fund – a legacy that will provide sustainable financial funding for future student-athletes.

Order these commemorative delectables [online here](#) and you can pick up your order at Edge School.



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Save the Date Edge Charity Golf Classic

Mark your calendars for the **Edge Charity Golf Classic on May 29, 2026 at Mickelson National Golf Club.** Stay tuned for more details.



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