OCN BLIZZARD

MJHL JUNIOR A HOCKEY

To our future Blizzard...

Our goal is to provide you with the opportunity to develop as a player and a person while striving to attain your goals in

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Pride of the North

Where opportunity meets preparedness!

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A Message from our Head Coach
Jason Smith

The future goal of the OCN Blizzard is to re-establish the Blizzard as the hardest working, most disciplined, and most talented hockey team in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League. We would like nothing more than for you to be a part of our future as we strive to put a winning team on the ice every season and we expect our players to use our team as a launching pad to start their professional hockey careers.

We are committed to giving our players every opportunity to succeed both on and off the ice.

Our hockey development facilities including our dressing room, team bus, game video analysis software and off-ice training resources are all state of the art.

Our community is very fortunate to have the University College of the North located within our town limits making it easy for our players to get a head start on their degrees before leaving OCN.

We have close connections with the local high schools and demand that all of our players graduate high school with the success they need to be able to continue their education as they so choose.

Whether your goal is to play NCAA, Canadian University or to go straight to professional hockey, we can help you get there.

We think you can help us achieve our goals as an organization at the same time we help you achieve yours.

Our commitment is to your success.

OCN Blizzard has established a scholarship fund that is very rare in Junior A Hockey, modeled after the Canadian Hockey League Education program.

DEVELOPING YOUR GAME

This season our club will play a 62 game schedule plus exhibition and playoffs. We will practice on a daily basis and expect to have over 100 practices session on ice as well as developmental time off-ice to further develop individual and team skills. In addition, we also have access to a complete weight and training facility in our arena available for our players conditioning training and strength building.

We are very fortunate to have a full-time coach and assistant who work closely with our players to ensure their success. The focus of our staff is not only team and player development, but also on player advancements. In addition to our top quality staff, the blizzard also have a dedicated trainer and office manager.

Our club will be responsible for room and board, outer equipment, and all educational costs while playing for the OCN Blizzard, as well as all Team travel. Additionally, we have budgeted an individual player allocation for team sportswear.

We are very proud to have established a college scholarship fund for every graduating player.

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Your Educational Needs

For a junior hockey player, the community of The Pas and area offers many educational opportunities second to none in Western Canada. Players currently enrolled in high school may complete their studies by attending either Oscar Lathlin Collegiate or Margaret Barbour Collegiate Institute.

The highly renowned University College of the North offers many post secondary programs specializing in technical and occupational course loads. The University also offers many courses in first year University course curriculum.

- Accredited University locally
- $1500 for every year played as per contract
- 2 courses per year paid based on passing grades
- SAT site within community

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BLIZZARD HISTORY

Founded in 1996 by the Opaskwayak Cree Nation; the OCN recreation department spent many months prior persuading community members to get on board with the idea of a new local Junior A Hockey team. The Blizzard team was named and the jersey was styled after the Utica Blizzard of the Colonial Hockey League. It was through a Blizzard like snow storm that the new directors of the team made it to Winnipeg to announce the new team. During the press conference the directors decided to call the team the Opaskwayak Blizzard. Founding directors were James Smith, the late Chief Frances Flett, the late Gordon Lathlin, Gilbert Lathlin, Nathan McGillivray and Recreation Director/Director of Hockey Boh Kubrakovich.

From the 1998-99 season until 2002-03, the OCN Blizzard became the second team in the MJHL history, and the first team in over sixty years to win the Turnbull Cup 5 straight years running as MJHL Playoff Champions. In the Anavet Cup Regional title, in succession, the OCN Blizzard lost to the SJHL's Estevan Bruins in 1999, lost to the Battlefords North Stars in 2000, the Weyburn Red Wings in 2001, defeated the Red Wings the next year and then lost in 2003 to the Humboldt Broncos When they won the Anavet Cup in 2002, it earned them the right to compete in the Royal Bank Cup 2002. The Blizzard finished the National Championship round robin with a 2-2 record. In the semi-final the Blizzard defeated the BCHL's Chilliwack Chiefs 4-3, then lost in the National Final to Halifax Exports 3-1.

- **TURNBULL CUP CHAMPIONS—1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 & 2003**
- **ANAVET CUP CHAMPIONS—2001**
- **ROYAL BANK CUP FINALISTS—2001**

Season	GP	W	L	T	OTL	GF	GA	Points	Finish	Playoffs
1996-97	55	32	18	4	1	274	228	69	2nd MJHL	Lost Final
1997-98	61	42	18	1	0	285	202	85	2nd MJHL	Lost Semi-Final
1998-99	62	53	7	1	1	401	149	108	1stMJHL	Won League
1999-00	64	44	16	-	4	305	194	92	1st MJHL	Won League
2000-01	64	50	10	-	4	334	192	104	1st MJHL	Won League
2001-02	64	56	6	-	3	379	149	115	1st MJHL	WON AC
2002-03	63	54	8	-	1	380	160	109	1st MJHL	Won League
2003-04	64	46	10	-	8	355	177	100	1st MJHL	Lost QTR Final
2004-05	63	29	22	-	1	222	122	170	5th MJHL	Lost QTR Final
2005-06	63	37	17	-	9	232	181	83	2nd MJHL	Lost Final
2006-07	63	16	35	-	12	223	281	44	10th MJHL	DNQ
2007-08	62	22	36	-	4	204	272	48	9th MJHL	DNQ
2008-09	62	32	22	-	8	214	211	72	5th MJHL	Lost QTR Final
2009-10	62	24	30	-	8	181	202	56	9th MJHL	DNQ
2010-11	62	34	18	-	10	182	164	78	5th MJHL	Lost QTR Final
2011-12	61	31	23	-	7	176	183	69	7th MJHL	Lost Semi-Final
2012-13	60	39	16	-	5	226	193	83	3rd MJHL	Lost Semi-Final
2013-14	60	21	34	-	5	171	235	47	8th MJHL	Lost QTR Final
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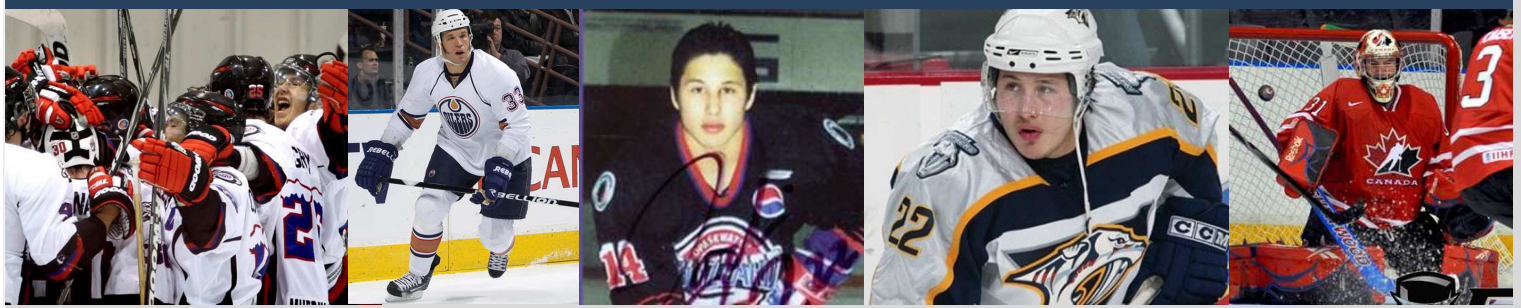
OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

The Blizzard will be recruiting top quality players who are committed to excellence. We want to continue to present ourselves as a very hard working and enthusiastic club. In return, we will treat our players as well as any junior team in Canada!

*First OCN Blizzard player to be drafted to the NHL while playing with the team.

OUR ALUMNI



PROFESSIONAL—

Jordin Tootoo—Nashville Predators
Steve MacIntyre—Edmonton Oilers
Konrad Mckay—Philadelphia Phantoms AHL
Ryan Constant—Hartford Wolfpack AHL
Jon Mirasity—Syracuse Crunch AHL
Tobias Hall—IK Pantern Division 1 Sweden
Derek Ernest—Wheeling Nailers ECHL
Wally Wuttunee—Wheeling Nailers ECHL
Terrence Tootoo—Roanoke ECHL
Matt Summers—Laredo Bucks CHL
Justin Williams—Fort Worth Brahmas CHL
Darcy Johnson—Port Huron UHL
Aaron Porter—Muskegon Fury UHL
Ryan Person—Jacksonville Barracudas SPHL
Donald Melnyk—Winston Salem Cyclones SPHL
Jamie Muswagon—Orlando Seals ACHL
Roger Tagoona—Dayton Demons
Matthew Krahn—Olympic Team Canada

UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE—

Kevin Wilson—Lake Superior State
Shawn Rose—Northern Michigan
Preston McKay—Fairbanks Alaska
*Russell Spence—Fairbanks Alaska
Justin Tetrault—Fairbanks Alaska
Justin Williams—Norfolk West Virginia
Louis Chabot—Cornell
Barrett Labossiere—Univ of Manitoba
Ryan Belbas—Univ of Manitoba
Darren Kirk—Univ of Manitoba
Jamie Vossen—Univ of Manitoba
Michael Young—Univ of Manitoba
Jared Lang—Univ of Manitoba
Eric Froystad—Univ of Manitoba
Jeff Brown—Univ of Manitoba
Larry Willerton—Univ of Manitoba
Jeff Granfield—Brandon University
John McCusker—Univ New Brunswick
Justin McDonald—Lakehead University
Nathan Bruyere—Lakehead University
Jeff Cutting—Univ of Saskatchewan
David Splawinski—St Mary's Winnipeg
Tyler Scofield—Bemidji State
Ryan Adams—Bemidji State
Kirk Zieffie—Minot State
Shane Emmons—Minot State
Trevor Len—University of Regina
Andy Coates—SAIT
Tyler Milford—St. Lawrence
Mark Wallman—St. Lawrence
Paul Wallman—St. Lawrence
David Victor—Acadia
Michael Gooch—St. Norbert Div.3
Lem Randall—University of Main
Pierre Olivier Lemieux—Manhattanville
Mitch Olson—Wisconsin Stout
Michael Dizgun—Saint Michaels
Derek Fontain—Utah State
Brad Swampy—Utah State