



Elmira Jr. Sugar Kings Major Midgets

Proposal



- Woolwich Minor Hockey & The Elmira Sugar Kings propose a 3 year trial partnership with our Major Midget A team to become ***The Elmira Jr. Sugar Kings***
- Woolwich Minor Hockey & The Elmira Sugar Kings have identified a gap in the last 10 years of players graduating to play for the Sugar Kings
- The Elmira Jr. Sugar Kings Major Midget team would be a destination team for our players in our association (and outside our association) to want to play for.
- Integrating with the Kings will give midget age players more exposure and opportunity to practice, AP and eventually play for the Sugar Kings.
- We want to give players a local viable option in Major Midget to play at the next level.
- The Elmira Sugar Kings involvement with our program will improve coaching resources, leverage partnership & assist in the recruitment of coaches.



Program Objective



Elmira Sugar Kings Objective:

The Elmira Sugar Kings are dedicated to provide, with integrity, an opportunity for young hockey players to advance their skills, sportsmanship, and education while providing the citizens of Elmira and its supporting communities with a highly competitive hockey club each and every year while contending for a Sutherland Cup All Ontario Championship every year.

Woolwich Minor Hockey Objective:

Woolwich Minor Hockey Association is dedicated to creating a competitive midget program for 17 & 18 year old players. We want to provide a positive environment to foster skill development to prepare players for next level opportunities in hockey and in life.



Partnering With A Winning Tradition



6 Sutherland Cup Appearances

- 1997 Elmira Sugar Kings Defeated St. Catharines Falcons (4-games-3)
- 1998 Niagara Falls Canucks Defeated Elmira Sugar Kings (4-games-3)
- 2001 Elmira Sugar Kings Defeated Thorold Black Hawks (4 games -2)
- 2002 Sarnia Blast Defeated Elmira Sugar Kings (4 games -3)
- 2008 Tecumseh Chiefs Defeated Elmira Sugar Kings (4 games -0)
- 2011 Elmira Sugar Kings Defeat Niagara Falls Canucks – (4 games-1)

10 Cherrey Cup Appearances

- 6 Cherrey Cup Championships in last 15 years –

1973-74 1986-87 1987-88 1994-95 1996-97 1997-98 2001-02 2006-07 2007-08 2010-11

Player Success

- 17 Players drafted to the NHL
 - 65 Players drafted to the OHL
 - 43 Players NCAA committed.
 - 46 Players played professionally in AHL, ECHL, CHL, SPHL
 - 64 Players –Canadian University OUA-CIS
 - 19 Players played in professionally in Europe
 - 13 Professional coaches
- 8 Players played in the NHL
41 Players played in the OHL



Over 200 Woolwich Minor Hockey Players & Coaches Have Graduated to the Sugar Kings



1971/72: Eric Brubacher, Bill Daub, Chuck Drexler, Paul Fletcher, Richard Frede, Steve Harnoch, Larry Huras, Dennis Kraemer, Bruce Martin, Mike Reger, Graham Snyder, Paul Brezynskie, Tim Melitzer, Dave Reid

1972/73: Larry Farr, Paul Molson, Ric Seiling

1973/74: Kevin Durst, Dan Kraemer, Ken Martin, Richard Martin, Bob Clark, Richard Rank

1974/75: Tim Sittler, Ted Bryndza, Mark King

1975/76: Perry Miller, Richard Trapp, Steve Uberig, Rob Shantz

1976/77: Dale Martin, Doug Martin, Peter Clement, Steve Schlitt, Rod Sittler, Mark Weber

1977/78: Brian Martin, Peter Musselman

1978/79: Dave Matthews, Malcolm Ortelli, Ted Read

1979/80: Jeff Snyder, Dave Watson

1980/81: Don Bauman, Maurice Bauman, Brad Lichty, Brent Matthews, Jeff Bauman, Stuart Bauman, Mike Bishop, Peter Boyne, Brent Buehler, Tom Dolmage, Dan Magwood

1981/82: Merlyn Bauman, Roger Buehler, Jody Durst, Jeff Martin, Craig Weiss, Brad Baechler, Richard Brick, Brent Brohman, Steve Ertel, Rod Martin, Brad Pearce, Jeff Shantz, Mike Trapp

1982/83: Brad Altman, Ray Brick, Brian Lichty, Kevin Bloch,

1983/84: Roger Ellis, Jon Fuller, Dave Weiss

1984/85: Jeff Ballantyne, Mike Hewer, Rod Townsend, Todd Uhrig

1985/86: Chuck Dietrich

1986/87: Paul Kleinknecht, Mike Parson, Randy Pearce

1987/88: Jamie Israel, Kelly Katorji, Al Peppler, Rob Waters

1988/89: Jeff Bauman, Rod Bauman, Jeff Bowman, Doug Hewer, Steve Parson, Cam Stewart

1989/90: Shane Ballantyne, Ryan Black, Lance Brezynskie, Tom Chapman, Steve Hanley, Scott Hanley, Duane Gowing, Chris Kraemer, Scott Stevens

1990/91: Derek Austin, Jeff Bloch, Chad Brezynskie, Peter Weiss

1991/92: Murray Altman, Brandon Alviano, Fraser Cumming, Darren Farr, Jamie Wright

1992/93: Wes Snell, Darren Wideman

1993/94: Kyle Grundy, Scott Seiling

1994/95: Dallas Cressman, Dan Snyder, Scott Stewart

1995/96: Derek Hahn, Brent Shantz

1996/97: Ian McAdam, Ryan Stover

1997/98: Dave Forbes, Dale Wideman

1998/99: Chris Drexler, Chris Osborne, Dennis Wideman

1999/00: Rod Bauman, Adam Hogg, Andrew Lackner, Nick Leblanc, Brent Walton

2000/01: Ken Dunn, Mike Heckendorn, Kyle Rank

2001/02: no new ones

2001/03: Mike Floto, Travis Martin

2003/04: Zach Bauman

2004/05: Josh Ahier, Tyler Brenner, Brock Zinken

2005/06: John Lunney, Richard Shantz

2006/07: Brent Freeman, Chad Hepburn, Dan Rhame, Jeff Zippel

2007/08: Garrett Rank, Patrick Shantz

2008/09: Jarred Parent

2009/10: Lukas Baleshta

2010/11: Cass Frey, Devon Wagner

2011/12: Andrew Brubacher

2012/13: Adam Brubacher, Matt Schiek

Opportunity For Woolwich Minor Hockey



There are many options available once a player graduates from their Minor Midget year.

Partnering with the Elmira Sugar Kings and making Major Midget in our Association a “Destination Team” will provide great development opportunities.

Opportunities:

1. Playing on a team with a minimum of two practices a week that are mandatory.
2. Develop a Coaching Mentorship Program with Sugar Kings Coaching Staff-monthly meetings to leverage Sugar Kings coaching resources.
3. Synergies of sharing the same facility: Opportunity to increase exposure of our Midget players to the Sugar King program with a vested interest in our program.
4. Increased opportunities for Woolwich players to practice & gain exposure to the Sugar Kings with a vested interest in our program



Coaching Mentorship Program



- Leverage relationship with the Sugar Kings to establish a coaching mentorship program to develop coaches in our Association
- Monthly meetings to discuss coaching philosophy, practice plans and situational analysis
- Mentorship program established to give coaches another resource to enhance their coaching experience.

Head Coach- Jeff Flanagan

2013 Mid Western Conference Coach of the Year

- Head Coach – Listowel Cyclones
- Head Coach - Johnstown Chiefs, ECHL affiliate of the NHL Minnesota Wild & AHL Houston Aeros
- Head Coach – Pro HC Gardena, LIHG, Italy
- Associate Coach - University of Guelph Varsity Hockey, CIS
- Assistant Coach - Reading Royals, ECHL affiliate of the NHL LA Kings & AHL Manchester Monarchs

Assistant Coach – Jeff Snyder (Former WMHA Player)

- Assistant Coach –Cambridge Winterhawks
- Head Coach – Head Coach Kitchenr Rangers OHL
- Head Coach – Elmira Sugar Kings Jr. B

Assistant Coach – Trent Brown

Assistant Coach – Bryan Fitzgerald

Video Coach Coach -Brad Nickel (Former WMHA Coach)

Goaltending Coach & Consultant – Mike Parson (Former WMHA Player)

- Guelph Storm - Ontario Hockey League – 11 seasons
- Guelph Platers - 3 seasons as player
- 2nd round selection- Boston Bruins
- 8 year pro career ECHL , AHL
- Calder Cup- Portland Pirates- American Hockey League
- CIAU Canadian Championship- Guelph Gryphons
- Elmira Sugar King Alumni



Program Details



Program

- Jr Sugar King Program will be a 3 year trial.
- Annual report at WMHA AGM to review program success/opportunities
- **Player Costs:**
- Registration fees \$592 (same as 2014)
- Rep fees \$420 (same as 2014)
- Team fees: To be determined by coaching staff

Practices:

- (2) 1hr practices/week TBD
- Practice ice set up to accommodate ESK practices

Games:

- 24 league games
- Home games Sunday before/after Sugar King

Dressing Room:

- Potential for a dressing room for the Elmira Jr. Sugar King Major Midget team

Equipment:

- Team to provide players with the use of the following equipment: Green Gloves, Green Helmet, Green Pant Covers, Sugar King Jerseys (Home & Away) & Socks (Home & Away)
- No incremental cost to player: Sponsorship

Shared Facilities: (TBD)

- Team staff to have access to Sugar Kings facilities (skate sharpening, Washer/Dryer, Medical)

Coaching:

- The Elmira Sugar King Coaching & Management to provide feedback to WMHA coaching selection committee to assist with the coaching selection of the Major Midget team
- The Sugar Kings will commit to participating in the recruitment of coaches for not only our Major Midget team, but for coaches in our association
- Woolwich Minor Hockey Association & The Elmira Sugar Kings to develop a coaching mentorship program to provide resources to coaches and coaching development opportunities



Dan Snyder Foundation: A Perfect Partner



- The Dan Snyder Foundation is a perfect fit with this program based on the path that Dan chose to follow in hockey.
- Dan had opportunities to play outside the Woolwich system however chose to stay in our association & recognized the opportunity to practice and get called up with the Sugar Kings
- This is exactly the opportunities that we want to provide for our Major Midget players.
- We are looking to create a destination program where all Woolwich Minor Hockey players want to play for which in turn will help keep good hockey players in our system
- The Elmira Sugar Kings have a long history of Woolwich Minor Hockey players graduating to the Sugar Kings. Some of the best teams in Sugar King history had a core group from WMHA.
- We have an opportunity to improve the graduation rate of our players to the Sugar Kings with integrating the two associations.
- The Elmira Sugar Kings involvement with WMHA is designed to provide opportunities not only for our players but also our coaches.

