

THE **RICOH** BREAKAWAY

The Mac's AAA Midget Hockey Invitational Newsletter

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The Joseph Legacy Lives On

Taylor Joseph has been to Calgary twice.

The first time was to visit his father, Curtis Joseph, while he was playing in the 2008 NHL playoffs for the Calgary Flames. This time he's here for himself.

"I came to Calgary to see my dad play in the playoffs and I loved the city," says Joseph. "I'm excited to be back to see everything again and to play."

Though his father was famous for his net minding skills the younger Joseph is quickly making a name for himself as a high scoring left-winger.

This is the first season that Joseph has chosen the number 31 that his father made famous during his time in the NHL and Olympics.

"This was the first year I wore that number and when I told my dad he kinda laughed," says Joseph. "I figure I'll keep on the Joseph legacy that he started."



Joseph plays for the York Simcoe Express from Ontario, the first team from Ontario in the past three years. Despite a tough loss Joseph was upbeat and excited to be playing in the tournament.

"This is a big tournament and I'm excited for all of them but this is really my first time playing in one out west," says Joseph. "It's good to see what western hockey is."

The team hasn't had the strongest start to the season which Joseph said may have been a result of jetlag.

"We were a bit jetlagged to start and some of us didn't have our legs yet," says Joseph. "We just need to

get to playing our hockey, get aggressive and keep it in their zone."

Despite being one of the highest scorers on the team Joseph is humble and makes sure to mention the team rather than just himself. When asked what to watch for the team he is quick to point out other players on the team who have been performing well.

"Number 21, Justin Milena has been doing good, he's a great skater," says Joseph.

Joseph has been drafted by the OHL to the London Knights. When asked if his father had any advice he simply said "play hard and whatever happens, happens."

- Jeff Clemens



Taylor Joseph on the ice against the Okanagan Rockets. Photo By: Jeff Clemens

Taylor Joseph and the York Simcoe Express celebrate a goal against the Okanagan Rockets
Photo By: Jeff Clemens



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Day Three Results

MALE DIVISION

Prince Albert Mintos	8	York Simcoe Express	1
Fort Saskatchewan BP Rangers	2	Cariboo Cougars	7
Beardy's Blackhawks	7	Vancouver NW Giants	5
Valley West Hawks	4	Vancouver NE Chiefs	6
Pirati Chomutov	4	Tisdale Trojans	1
UFA Bisons	6	Edmonton SSAC BP Athletics	4
Saskatoon Blazers	4	Greater Vancouver Canadiens	2
Calgary Royals	2	St. Albert Sports Raiders	3
Severstal/Locomotiv	4	Calgary Flames	4
Okanagan Rockets	1	Leduc Chrysler Oil Kings	3

FEMALE DIVISION

Edmonton Thunder	4	Westman Wildcats	2
Lloydminster PWM Steelers	3	Saskatoon Stars	5
Calgary Bruins	4	Vancouver Fusion	1
St. Albert Kal Tire Slash	5	Prince Albert A&W Bears	1
Thompson-Okanagan Rockets	1	Medicine Hat Players Bench Tigers	2
Fraser Valley Phantom	2	Calgary Chaos	3

Standings

Pool 1	GP	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
UFA Bisons	3	2	0	1	13	7	5
Beardy's Blackhawks	3	2	0	1	12	9	5
Edmonton SSAC BP Athletics	2	1	1	0	9	10	2
Sherwood Park J. Ennis Kings	2	0	2	0	7	9	2
Vancouver NW Giants	2	0	2	0	7	13	0
Pool 2	GP	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Calgary Buffaloes	2	1	1	0	8	4	2
Leduc Chrysler Oil Kings	2	1	1	0	4	6	2
Okanagan Rockets	2	1	1	0	8	7	2
Prince Albert Mintos	3	3	0	0	16	3	6
York Simcoe Express	3	0	3	0	6	20	4
Pool 3	GP	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Calgary Royals	2	1	0	1	8	4	3
Saskatoon Contacts	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
St. Albert Sports Raiders	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
Valley West Hawks	2	0	2	0	6	12	0
Vancouver NE Chiefs	2	1	1	0	7	8	2
Pool 4	GP	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Calgary Northstars	2	2	0	0	9	1	4
Cariboo Cougars	2	1	1	0	9	6	2
Fort Saskatchewan BP Rangers	3	0	3	0	5	16	0
Pirati Chomutov	3	3	0	0	14	5	6
Tisdale Trojans	2	0	2	0	1	10	0
Pool 5	GP	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Calgary Flames	2	1	0	1	15	5	3
Greater Vancouver Canadiens	2	0	2	0	2	19	0
Red Deer Optimist Rebels	2	1	0	1	8	3	3
Saskatoon Blazers	1	0	1	0	0	5	0
Severstal/Locomotiv	3	1	0	2	15	8	4
Pool 6	GP	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Calgary Flyers	2	1	0	1	10	8	3
Medicine Hat Players Bench Tigers	3	1	0	2	8	7	2
Prince Albert A&W Bears	2	0	2	0	3	9	0
St. Albert Kal-Tire Slash	2	1	0	1	7	3	3
Thompson-Okanagan Rockets	3	1	2	0	9	10	2
Pool 7	GP	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Calgary Bruins	3	2	1	0	11	8	4
Lloydminster PWM Steelers	3	0	3	0	7	13	0
Red Deer Sutter Fund Chiefs	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
Saskatoon Stars	2	2	0	0	9	6	4
Vancouver Fusion	1	0	1	0	1	4	0
Pool 8	GP	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Calgary Chaos	3	2	1	0	11	12	4
Edmonton Thunder	2	2	0	0	12	5	4
Fraser Valley Phantom	2	0	2	0	3	6	0
Regina Rebels	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Westman Wildcats	3	0	3	0	5	11	0



The Opening Ceremonies kicked off the volunteer-run Mac's AAA Midget Tournament Photo By: Terry Andryo

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mac's AAA Midget Hockey Tournament is run exclusively by volunteers.



Mac's Midget Tournament



Left to Right: Jesse Rodin #17 skates with the puck, Carter Boes #24 protects goalie Daniel Wapple #35 and Wapple stands at the ready.
Photo By: Terry Andyro

Saskatoon Underdogs are Ready to Bite

The Saskatoon Blazers are excited to be at the tournament in the middle of a tough year in the Saskatoon Midget AAA Hockey League.

“We’ve had a challenging year due to injury and now welcome the underdog status,” says Dave Chartier, the President and General Manager of the team. “Our team is well coached, works hard and will compete in every game.”

The team has a record of 8-14-3-2 in their league but they feel they will be able to compete in the tournament to show that they belong. Having lost so much time in the regular season due to injuries, the team is almost back to full strength.

“We still are without three regulars but are really confident in our affiliate players,” says Chartier.

The team is still missing Mitchell Schwark, Connor Swystun and Robbie Cameron. Despite losing these players the team still has some standout players.

Some players to watch from the Blazers are Daniel Wapple in net and Connor Gay up front,” says Chartier.

“Each team from SMAAAHL has notable players.”

Goaltender Daniel Wapple has impressive stats in the regular season with 2.61 goals against average and a .929 save percentage. The team has embraced their underdog role and is working hard to prove their place in the tournament.

“I believe every team could be a challenge any given day,” says Chartier.

DID YOU KNOW?

There have been twelve players from the Saskatoon Blazers to make it to the NHL.

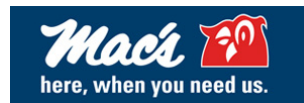


1984 - Curtis Leschyshyn	CAROLINA HURRICANES
1985 - Cam Brown	VANCOUVER CANUCKS
Jeff Odgers	COLORADO AVALANCHE
Kevin Kaminski	WASHINGTON CAPITALS
1987 - Mike Bales	OTTAWA SENATORS
1990 - Brendan Witt	WASHINGTON CAPITALS
1991 - Clark Wilm	CALGARY FLAMES
Rhett Warriner	FLORIDA PANTHERS
1994 - Dan Focht	PHOENIX COYOTES
1997 - Jarret Stoll	EDMONTON OILERS
Shane Endicott	PITTSBURGH PENGUINS



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Male Division

			VISITOR	HOME
31	09:00	MB #1	St. Albert Sports Raiders	Valley West Hawks
32	09:00	FDB	Edmonton SSAC BP Athletics	Beardy's Blackhawks
33	11:45	MB #1	Calgary Buffaloes	Leduc Chrysler Oil Kings
34	11:45	FDB	Prince Albert Mintos	Okanagan Rockets
35	14:30	MB #1	Saskatoon Contacts	Vancouver NE Chiefs
36	14:30	FDB	Calgary Flames	Red Deer Optimist Rebels
37	17:15	MB #1	Vancouver NW Giants	Sherwood Park J Ennis Kings
38	17:15	FDB	Severstal/Locomotiv	Saskatoon Blazers
39*	20:00	MB #1	Pirati Chomutov	Calgary Northstars
40	20:00	FDB	Tisdale Trojans	Cariboo Cougars

* featured game

Female Division

			VISITOR	HOME
F7	08:00	MB #2	Vancouver Fusion	Lloydminster PWM Steelers
F8	10:30	MB #2	Thomson-Okanagan Rockets	St. Albert Kal-Tire Slash
F9	13:00	MB #2	Red Deer Sutter Fund Chiefs	Saskatoon Stars
F10	15:30	MB #2	Edmonton Thunder	Regina Rebels
F11	18:00	MB #2	Westman Wildcats	Fraser Valley Phantom
F12*	20:30	MB #2	Prince Albert AW Bears	Calgary Flyers

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