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During those 30 years, my family and I managed and maintained the OHL Sudbury Wolves and its operations. In 2005, the Sudbury Jr. Wolves were looking for someone to take over the financially struggling Junior "A" team. Without hesitation we purchased the team and kept the Jr. Wolves alive in Sudbury. In 2008 the Sudbury Jr. Wolves won the NOJHL title championship.

My family has also been a big contributor to the community. With great pleasure we have donated and helped many citizens and young hockey players over the years. During the last season of our ownership of the Sudbury Wolves Hockey Club, we initiated an new OHL tradition of Superhero night. We were the first team in the OHL to host this unique event and assist the Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer with a donation of \$10,000 to their charity.

Since my family and I sold the OHL Sudbury Wolves team I have missed the excitement and joy of watching players grow and learn to become great young men and hockey players. I look forward to working with the players, coaches and staff every season. Be rest assured that my ultimate goal as owner of the Cubs is to lead the franchise back to a CJHL National Championship at the Centennial Cup.

We are all passionate about hockey, community and shaping our young men of tomorrow. I welcome you and your family to our "Sudbury Cubs family".

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CUBS GRADS LOOKING TO FINISH STRONG AND MOVE UPWARDS

By Everett Bona

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door. That has been this season's mantra for the Greater Sudbury Cubs. Letting go of last season's shortcomings and building a successful on-ice product around some true tested veteran leadership. At the cornerstone of this truly spectacular season are three graduating players who have had an incredible impact on this 2022-2023 season. With a combined total of 287 games played in the NOJHL, Graeme Siren, Cole Crowder and Nicholas Toffoli have led by example and played to their true potential.

Spending his entire NOJHL career with then Rayside Balfour Canadians and now Sudbury Cubs, Graeme Siren cut his teeth with the extremely talented 2019 Rayside Balfour Canadians, playing alongside OHL standouts Zach Giroux, Mitchell Martin and Nick Degrazia. Graeme has been able to take that experience and build off of it. Amassing 129 games and counting, when asked what junior hockey meant to him Graeme had this to say "Junior hockey has been some of the best times of my life. It's given me opportunities to make lifelong friendships and grow as a person.

This experience has also taught me how to carry myself with confidence and professionalism in every setting. Boasting a 32-5-2 record Graeme also expanded on the incredible season the Cubs have had thus far. "This means a lot to us. Our goal from the start was to win a championship. When I look around the room everyone has bought in. We know this is a group that can get it done."

Looking ahead, Graeme will continue his studies at Laurentian University in his 3rd year of Health Promotion while weighing his options to continue his hockey career. Assistant Captain Cole Crowder has brought a high octane, hard-hitting style to the Cubs. All while producing over a point per game offence this season. Endearred by his teammates, this veteran comes with 67 games under his belt adding 51 points. Building off the success of his first season in the NOJHL, he's netted 37 points in 36 games.



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Graduating Players story continued...

He has been an essential piece and key contributor to the Cubs offence. Cole's physical game is not the only thing that has put other teams on notice. Furthermore, his ability for late game heroics has been on full display this season. Cole has scored three game winning goals thus far as well as being a key contributor on the power-play. His veteran leadership has not only helped on the ice but off the ice as well. Forming close relationships with the community, Cole has opened himself to help give back to community partners. Whether it's volunteering to help out on the ice with youth practice or reading at schools to help form stronger bonds within the community. His ability to transcend as a leader has been a natural transition.

When looking towards the future Cole responded saying this "I just love being at the rink. I'm really living in the moment this season. It's the best part of my day. The spirits are always high. We really have such a talented group. This will be an everlasting memory for me personally. We've created such a tight bond almost like a brotherhood here. Everyone shows up ready for work and I couldn't be more excited to help lead this group." Cole is looking forward to the next chapter. He will be weighing his options next season in hopes of furthering his hockey careers and attending school.





Graduating Players story continued...

The ability to have a defenceman that can lock it down defensively and jump in the rush to help contribute offensively is truly a lethal asset. Greater Sudbury Cubs defenceman Nicholas Toffoli has that in spades.

Going into his fourth season in the NOJHL, Nicholas has played 91 career games tallying 49 points. Coming over last season as a late addition trade to help boost the Cubs backend. This rearguard has perfected his craft as an offensive defenceman ranking him 6th overall in league scoring as a defenceman with 26 points in 35 games played.

When asked what it meant to play with such a successful group Nicholas had this to say “ It’s truly special, to be a part of a group with this calibre of players. We’ve got a close knit group of guys here all working towards one goal. This last season in the NOJHL signifies my final opportunity to win the championship and with this group I believe that the goal is attainable”. Nicholas will be weighing his options next season in hopes of furthering his hockey careers and attending school.

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FIRST HALF SUCCESS

By Braeden Watson

The Greater Sudbury Cubs first half of the season can be described as nothing short of a success. Prior to the December break, the Cubs posted a record of 27-5-2, matching their win total from the entirety of the 2021/22 season. Sitting atop the NOJHL leaderboards, the Cubs are on pace to have the best season of Jr. hockey the city of Sudbury has seen in over 20 years. Dating all the way back to the 2001/02 Rayside-Balfour Sabrecats, who finished with a record of 37-4-0 and proceeded to win the league championship.

With numerous key additions such as forwards Oliver Smith (Barrie OHL), and Samuel Assinewai (Flint OHL), along with reigning NOJHL goaltender of the year Noah Metivier (Lindsay OJHL), the Greater Sudbury Cubs are considered legitimate contenders for the NOJHL championship, followed by the rights to play for Canada's national Jr. A championship, the Centennial Cup.

The Cubs are led by top forward line Billy Bidermann, Pierson Sobush, and Oliver Smith. The three powerhouse forwards have become a force to be reckoned with around the league. Putting up a combined 53 goals, and 121 points in just a short span of 34 games. More specifically, Sudbury native Pierson Sobush heads into the break tied for the league lead in goals with 25 in 34 games. While counterpart Billy Bidermann leads the team in assists with 26 in 30 games.

Cubs co-captain and Sudbury native Cameron Walker has also been a key to such said success, exemplifying quality leadership on and off the ice. "I believe we've had a very good first half, we have a strong belief in our room that we can win on any given night against any team in the country."

The four year NOJHL veteran has played a key, two-way role on a line with 16 year old rookies Nolan Newton and Marshall McCharles. Although the Cubs have seen a great deal of success during the first half of the 2022/23 NOJHL campaign, another half remains to be played. "We haven't accomplished anything yet, and the real work is just getting started.

First Half Success story continued...

I know our squad will be ready for any challenge were presented with". Rookies Kyloe Ellis (2004), Nolan Newton (2006), and Marshall McCharles (2006) have also been critical to the teams first half success. The Cubs continue to put a heavy emphasis on development while ensuring a competitive performance on the ice.

Nolan Newton

The 2022 Barrie Colts 5th round draft choice has not disappointed thus far, putting up a respectable 21 points in 34 games. The Sudbury native earned the honours of NOJHL second star of the week in October. Newton, the former NOHA u16 player of the year has broken into the league as a playmaker with tons of speed who finds open ice on demand. In addition to his unbelievable set of hands, Newton's playmaking abilities have been utilized on the loaded Cubs roster, playing the point on the teams power play. Newton, still 16 years of age, has come to find his own game at the Jr. A level. "Playing for a championship worthy team like the Cubs has been such a great experience for my first year of junior hockey. We're treated and expected to act like professionals on and off the ice, and it's really helping me mature as a hockey player and person"





First Half Success story continued...

Kyloe Ellis

The 2004 born Brantford Ontario native has taken the league by storm. Prior to the December break, Ellis ranked second among defence in league scoring with 34 points in 34 games, trailing only Timmins Rock defenceman Kenyon Nyman. In addition, Ellis leads the league's rookie class in points, which holds more than its own considering he's a defenceman. "It's sweet coming to a team where everyone has a desire to win, the people here are top notch".

Prior to joining the Cubs, Ellis suited up for the Atlanta Mad Hatters of the USPHL, where he put up 13 points in 41 games. "Coming from the states, it's a different style of game but it's been a very easy transition for me because of all the support we get from our staff, billets, and our great fans". Ellis's 6'0, 205 lbs stature has made him vital to the Cubs ongoing success, being played in all situations on the ice.

Marshall McCharles

The North Bay native was selected by the Sudbury Wolves in the 10th round of the 2022 OHL draft. During the 2021/22 season, McCharles put up 9 goals and added 11 assists for 20 points in 23 games played with the North Bay Trappers u16 AAA. With goals to someday step foot into the OHL, McCharles chose to join the Greater Sudbury Cubs to stay close to the team that drafted him.

This season McCharles, has contributed to the Cubs success with 10 goals and 9 helpers in 34 games played before the December break.



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Position: Goalie
Catches: L



#6 COLE QUEVILLON

Birthdate: 2003-03-21
Hometown: Oro-Medonte, ON
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 180 lbs
Position: Defence
Shoots: L



#7 CAMERON SHANKS

Birthdate: 2004-02-17
Hometown: Lively, ON
Height: 6' 3"
Weight: 198 lbs
Position: Forward
Shoots: R



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Shoots: R



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Birthdate: 2005-01-30
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Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 175 lbs
Position: Defence
Shoots: R



#12 CARSON CRANE

Birthdate: 2005-03-30
Hometown: Levack, ON
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 165 lbs
Position: Defence
Shoots: R



#14 MARSHALL McCHARLES

Birthdate: 2006-11-23
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Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 173 lbs
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Weight: 200 lbs
Position: Forward
Shoots: L



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Weight: 185 lbs
Position: Forward
Shoots: R



#17 NOAH KOHAN

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Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 178 lbs
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Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 155 lbs
Position: Forward
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Hometown: Barrie, ON
Height: 6' 2"
Weight: 181 lbs
Position: Defence
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#24 NOLAN NEWTON

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Weight: 175 lbs
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Catches: L



#67 OLIVER SMITH

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Weight: 196 lbs
Position: Forward
Shoots: L



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Hometown: Sudbury, ON
Height: 5' 9"
Weight: 170 lbs
Position: Forward
Shoots: L



#92 AIDEN LANDERS

Birthdate: 2004-04-23
Hometown: Everette, ON
Height: 6' 0"
Weight: 170 lbs
Position: Forward
Shoots: R



#93 BILLY BIEDERMANN

Birthdate: 2005-06-17
Hometown: Little Current, ON
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 148 lbs
Position: Forward
Shoots: L

PIERSON SOBUSH JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER

By Randy Pascal

Through more than a decade of minor hockey involvement, 18 year-old Pierson Sobush has seldom, if ever, led his team in scoring. As recently as the 2019-2020 season, Sobush would find himself in seventh place in the point parade with the Sudbury Nickel Capital Wolves major midgets, well back of the likes of Cameron Lemcke and Skyler St Pierre but much more closely behind current Greater Sudbury Cubs' teammates Cameron Shanks and Christopher Innes. Yet as the Cubs prepare for the stretch run of the 2022-2023 campaign, there sits Sobush, fourth overall in the NOJHL (31G-17A in 39GP), showing the way for his team and leading the entire league in goals.

There is something to be said for maintaining a level of progression that simply shows no signs of slowing down. "Positivity is the biggest thing, especially for me," noted the 5'9" forward, now in his second year with the team. "It's hard playing hockey and being a small guy. But it's all about wanting to get better, having that urgency to be better; always working, working on the little things. And not being afraid to take criticism in a positive light."



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“Your coaches are there to help you and if you just listen to them and try and work on the things that they tell you, it will be huge in your next step.” Coming from a young man who has found a way to follow one step up with another, and another, always moving forward, this is pretty sound advice. Part of the 2004 local hockey age group that would see only Sudbury Cubs’ goaltender Noah Beaulne drafted to the OHL in April of 2000 – Cubs’ speedster Samuel Assinewai and blueliner Wilson Farrow were also drafted, though neither was playing locally leading up to the draft – Sobush was a typical advocate of competing in every sport imaginable.

An avid golfer in the summer, he enjoyed both track and cross-country and a multitude of other school sports – basketball, volleyball and the like. Even as he played at the top level of hockey locally, the long-term outlook could hardly forecast what we are saying today.

“Once the AAA teams amalgamated locally (SMHA and Nickel City), it was definitely a lot harder,” he confessed. “The first year (minor bantam), I would say that I barely made the team. It was the first year for hitting and I was barely 5’3” and don’t think I weighed 100 pounds yet.”

“It was a really tough year, a grind.” By-passing the option of playing with the AAA minor midgets in favour of an older major squad that was clearly much more competitive in the Great North Midget League, Sobush began to see an expansion of his skill-set, the larger ice surface at the Gerry McCrory Sports Complex not hurting him in the least.

And though the advent of Covid-19 in March of 2020 would literally derail his team’s playoff hopes right in the midst of the year-end tournament in Kapuskasing, Sobush was beginning to get noticed. Though very little game action took place in 2020-2021, the articulate and keenly aware young talent made the most of his practice opportunities.

“I skated with Rayside (the Rayside-Balfour Canadians) that Covid year,” he stated. “Since I was skating with them, I just felt more comfortable and felt I could play at that level.” Moving up the hockey ladder often requires prospects to alter their game, something that Sobush understood all too well as he cracked the Sudbury roster last year, with one year of minor hockey eligibility remaining, and proceeded to post very decent numbers for a rookie in the NOJHL: 21 goals; 16 assists; in 46 games.

Pierson Sobush story continued...

“Last year, I was more focused on just staying in the lineup. I knew that I wasn’t going to be a first or second line guy, so the goal was to be solid on the defensive side of the puck, stay in the lineup and do the best that I could.”

“I ended up having a fairly decent season as a rookie.” And confidence being what it is, Sobush simply has not slowed down one bit this year. For a young man who was never known as a natural goal scorer, his 31 tallies in 39 games is absolutely jaw-dropping – although not perhaps completely surprising, given his attention to his craft. “There was a lot of work in the summer,” he said. “Getting in the gym is huge for your strength. I was getting myself on the ice with higher caliber players, OHL players, just watching what they do, picking up things that they do.”

“You can learn a lot of things watching what a guy like Damien Giroux (Iowa Wild – Minnesota prospect – NHL) does on the ice.” In the end, it’s all about getting better and better. It sounds so simple, but few have done it better than Pierson Sobush.





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COACH MOXAM LEADS THE WAY



After stepping-down from a five-year stint as Associate Coach of the OHL Sudbury Wolves, Darryl Moxam elected to take-on the head coaching duties of the GREATER SUDBURY CUBS this season and the Cubs organization could not be more pleased with his arrival.

The Lively native was a skilled player in his day scoring 25 goals and playing 175 games in the OHL before returning to the NOJHL and recording a 100 point season as the team captain of the Rayside Balfour Canadians. Moxam was also named as the CJHL PLAYER OF THE YEAR.

The skilled forward then went on to graduate at Acadia University where he played 60 games over three seasons in the CIS.

“When you can bring-in an experienced and successful hockey coach like Darryl, who also served as a secondary school teacher and university student instructor, the bar can only be raised for our players” notes Cubs Managing Director, Blaine Smith. “Cubs owner Mark Burgess and I have known Moxam for many years and he led our team to the CJHL Regional Finals and an OHF Gold medal performance with the Jr. Wolves back in 2006. Darryl is a winner and an excellent developer of hockey talent, and we are very confident in his abilities to lead his team to a championship season.”

“Returning to the NOJHL has been very exciting for me” notes the Cubs new head coach. “The league is better, the coaching is better, and The players are better from the last time that I was involved with this league. My hat is off to the leaders of the NOJHL who have developed this league into the competitive entity and highly respected league that it has become.” The Cubs came out of the gate flying this year and have held onto first place overall in the NOJHL and first place in the West Division since late September.

On top of that, the Cubs have climbed all the way to as high as 7th place in the country in national CJHL rankings. The Cubs held onto a top 10 national ranking position until early March when the team suffered injuries to Billy Biedermann and suspensions to Cole Crowder and Nick Toffoli. The Cubs lost two games one week and the Cubs dropped down to finish 13th in the CJHL national rankings.

The Cubs will finish the season with over 90 points! One of their highest point totals in franchise history!

“The plan for this team was to bring Coach Moxam in and allow him and his coaching staff to do what they need to do in order to win a championship for the long-awaiting hockey fans of Greater Sudbury” notes Smith. “There is no question in our minds that despite being one of the youngest teams in the NOJHL this season, a championship title or two are well within this group’s reach with Coach Moxam at the helm.”

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2001-02	 Rayside-Balfour Sabrecats	NOJHL	Asst. Coach
2002-03	 Rayside-Balfour Sabrecats	NOJHL	Asst. Coach
2003-04	 Sudbury Northern Wolves	NOJHL	Asst. Coach
2004-05	 Sudbury Northern Wolves	NOJHL	Asst. Coach
2005-06	 Sudbury Northern Wolves	NOJHL	Head Coach
2006-07	 Sudbury Junior Wolves	NOJHL	Head Coach
2010-11	 Sudbury Wolves Minor Midget AAA	NDMHL	Head Coach
2012-13	 Nickel City Sons U16 AAA	NDMHL	Head Coach
2013-14	 Laurentian Univ.	CIS	Assoc. Coach
2014-15	 Laurentian Univ.	CIS	Assoc. Coach
2015-16	 Laurentian Univ.	CIS	Assoc. Coach
2016-17	 Sudbury Wolves	OHL	Asst. Coach
2017-18	 Sudbury Wolves	OHL	Asst. Coach
2018-19	 Sudbury Wolves	OHL	Assoc. Coach
2019-20	 Sudbury Wolves	OHL	Assoc. Coach
2020-21	 Sudbury Wolves	OHL	Assoc. Coach
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