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For 30 years, my family owned and operated the Ontario Hockey League Sudbury Wolves up until August of 2016. As a MBA Program graduate of the University of Western Ontario, I took over the reins of the hockey club from my father, Mr. Ken Burgess, in 1995. My family has a rich hockey heritage in the community, having being very active and supportive in minor hockey for many years.

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".

Sincerely,

Mark W. Burgess Owner/President Sudbury Cubs Jr. A Hockey Club







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### **Chitaroni Brothers Carry on Greater Sudbury Hockey Tradition**

Published by: Andrew Stuetz

In the heart of Greater Sudbury, a story of brotherhood continues to unfold as Hudson and Mason Chitaroni, bonded by blood and a shared love for the game of hockey, take to the ice for the Greater Sudbury Cubs this season, marking the first time the brothers have played together. After years of honing their skills in separate journeys, fate has finally aligned their paths, uniting them in pursuit of a common goal: winning the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League Copeland Cup – McNamara Trophy. Rookie sensation Hudson is on pace to finish first in rookie scoring across the entire league with older brother Mason on pace to finish the season with his highest point total of his junior career, something the 19 year old credits to playing with his younger brother.

"We definitely never thought that would happen, because we're three years apart, but the opportunity came," Mason Chitaroni said in an October interview with Sudbury Star reporter Ben Leeson. "This is his first year away from home and I can't believe how well he's taking it.

"We have been looking [forward to] it and we know we have a connection, so it's amazing that we get to put it onto an actual ice surface. "The Chitaroni duo's seamless integration into the Cubs' lineup has sparked newfound excitement amongst teammates and fans, as they witness the undeniable chemistry between these talented siblings. Their synergy has been nothing short of remarkable, contributing significantly to the success of the Greater Sudbury Cubs this season as the team continues to battle the Blind River Beavers for first place in the West Division.

The Chitaroni name has been a long-standing fixture in the Greater Sudbury hockey scene with the pair's father, Terry Chitaroni, playing four OHL seasons with the Wolves from 1988 to 1992 as a hard-nosed forward who scored 97 goals and racked up 567 penalty minutes. He was picked by Sudbury in the second round of the 1988 OHL draft from the New Liskeard Cubs.



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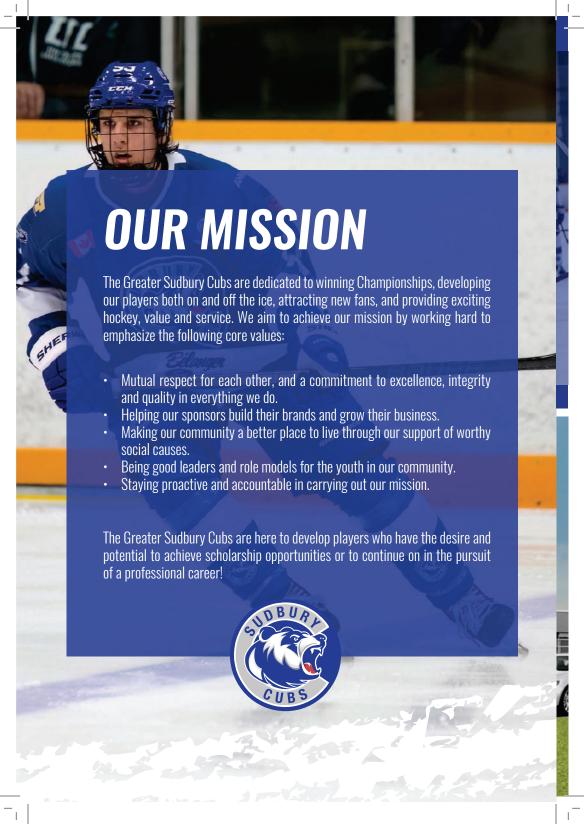
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The Chitaroni brothers story continued...

Hudson followed in his father's footsteps being selected by the Sudbury Wolves in the third round of the 2023 Ontario Hockey League priority selections draft after leading the first place U18 Jr. Greyhounds in scoring during the 2022-23 regular season. He finished second in the Great North with 48 points, including 22 goals, in 28 league games and then lit it up with six goals, eight assists, 14 points in five playoff games for the Jr. Greyhounds, who lost to the North Bay U18 Trappers in the Great North championship game.

And Mason is having the best offensive season of his junior career, as he split his time among the QMJHL, OHL, and NOJHL over the last two seasons. The 19 year old had two points in three games with the Sudbury Wolves earlier this season and had three points in 34 games with the Acadie-Bathurst Titans (QMJHL) during the 2022-23 season. We have a close knit group of guys here all working towards one goal.









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### **Cubs add trio before deadline**

Published by: Andrew Stuetz

With hopes of chasing their first NOJHL championship since the 1990/91 season when they were the original Sudbury Cubs, General Manager Dave Clancy and the Greater Sudbury Cubs announced that a pair of familiar faces and one new one was added to the roster ahead of the January 10<sup>th</sup> roster deadline.

All three moves were made official ahead of Thursday's 5-3 Cubs' victory over the Powassan Voodoos with the team announcing the return of Sudbury sophomore superstar Nolan Newton, former Sudbury Wolves forward Ethan Larmand, and goaltender Matthew Vahramian who was acquired from the Elliot Lake Vikings for a Player Development Fee.



Newton exploded offensively for the Cubs this season accumulating 39 points (19 G, 20 A – 39 points) in just 17 games played before taking his talents to the Ontario Hockey League's Barrie Colts, where the 17 year old played 13 games, scoring a goal during that span. The French River native returns to the lineup fourth in team scoring behind the trio of forwards Samuel Assinewai, rookie Hudson Chitaroni, and 20 year old Oliver Smith.

"We are excited that Nolan has agreed to return to the Cubs where he will continue from where he left off as one of the premiere offensive players in the NOJHL and CJHL," Clancy said to Sudbury Star's Ben Leeson prior to the weekend. "Nolan has clearly demonstrated that his skill set is off the charts at this level, and we are fortunate that the Barrie Colts' organization has recognized the benefit of returning Nolan to us and assisting us in leading the Cubs to a championship season."

Expecting to arrive in the city on Monday, Larmand began his overage season with the Sudbury Wolves (OHL) before signing in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League with the Halifax Mooseheads back in November, where the 20 year old had a goal and two assists through 16 games played.

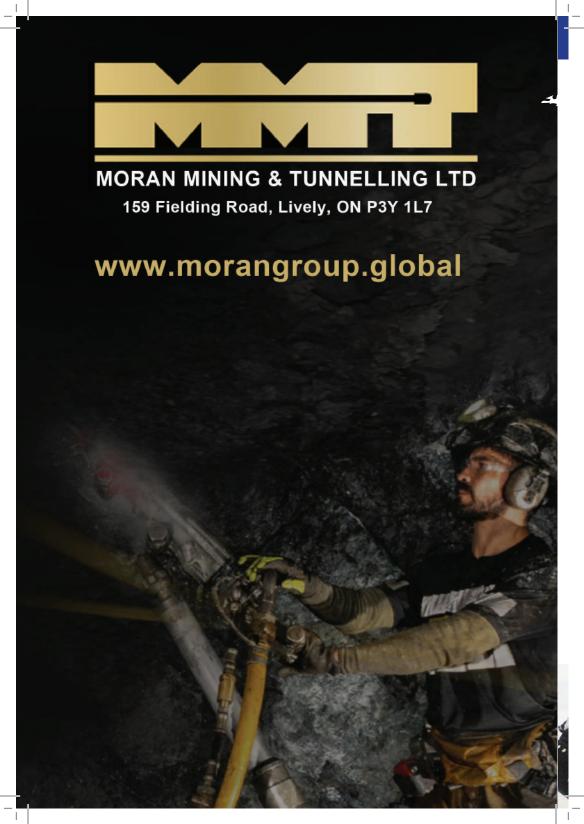
Cubs trio story continued...

The veteran forward couldn't help but express his excitement to join the boys on the ice. "It is great feeling to return to Sudbury and conclude my junior hockey career with the Cubs" Larmand said in the team release.

"I look forward to returning to my second home and doing whatever I can do to help the Cubs earn a championship for the great hockey fans of Sudbury. I really enjoyed playing for Coach Moxam for three seasons in the OHL and I look forward to playing for him once again and contributing to the success of the Cubs team."

The Cubs also bring in 17 year old Matthew Vahramian to shore up the team's goal tending depth. The 5-foot-11, 155 pounder has played in 18 games for the Vikings with a 4.70 goals against average and .885 save percentage in that span.





# The 200 club: Oliver Smith and Cameron Walker

Published by: Andrew Stuetz

The Greater Sudbury Cubs would like to recognize co-captains Oliver Smith (03-F) and Cameron Walker (03-F) on reaching the 200-point mark (Smith) and the 200-game mark (Walker). The forwards reached these milestones during the team's stretch of games between January 27<sup>th</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup>. Smith, a Lively Ontario native, successfully reached the 200 point mark of his NOJHL career after scoring a shorthanded goal before assisting on a Nolan Newton power-play goal in Sudbury's 5-3 win over the Powassan Voodoos on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

This was the 20 year old's  $23^{rd}$  multi-point game of the season and marked his  $16^{th}$  consecutive game with at least one point. The forward is projected to finish the season with over 100 points and is also projected to pass former Rayside-Balfour Canadians' powerhouse winger Jasmin Breton (226) on the Greater Sudbury Cubs all-time regular season point leader board for sole possession of seventh place after successfully passing former forward Todd Vaillancourt (201) for  $10^{th}$  place earlier this season.

Sudbury Ontario native, Walker reached the 200 game mark on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in a scrappy 5-4 shootout victory over the French River Rapids that went seven rounds before Cubs' defenceman Chris Innes beat Rapids' goalie Brady Dyer with a slick move.

The 20 year old is projected to pass Will Frustaglio (203), Caleb Serre (210), and Brian McGarry (211) in games played by the end of the season. This would put him in sole possession of eighth all-time in NOJHL career games played with 213 if the forward can reach that milestone.

Incidentally, through these 200 games, Walker accumulated 63 goals and 73 assists for 136 points.



# Smith and Assinewai leading by example

Published by: Andrew Stuetz

Greater Sudbury Cubs' forwards Oliver Smith (O3-F) and Samuel Assinewai (O4-F) wasted no time picking up where they left off before the holiday break, scoring a combined seven points in the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League team's first two games of the new year.

Both forwards proved to be offensive juggernauts leading up to the break with Smith logging 19 points in his previous 10 games before the holiday, while Assinewai logged 17 points in that same stretch. While the two are seeing similar success on the ice, their seasons have played out differently to this point.

### Oliver Smith (03-F)

Smith (29 G, 36 A - 65 points) currently leads the team in goals, assists, and points, and is also one of only three Cubs to play in all 37 games this season. Having already broken his previous season high in goals (28), the 20 year old is 10 assists away from tying his career high (46) and only four points shy of tying last year's point total of 69 - which is also his NOJHL career high in points in a season.

Currently on a 10 game point streak, if Smith can continue to keep scoring at this pace, the forward is expected to eclipse the 100 point mark for the first time in his NOJHL career. Smith has played in 60 Ontario Hockey League games with the Barrie Colts split between the 2019-20 and 2021-22 seasons, where the forward has registered 21 points (11 G, 10 A - 21 points) over those two seasons.



Smith and Assinewai story continued...

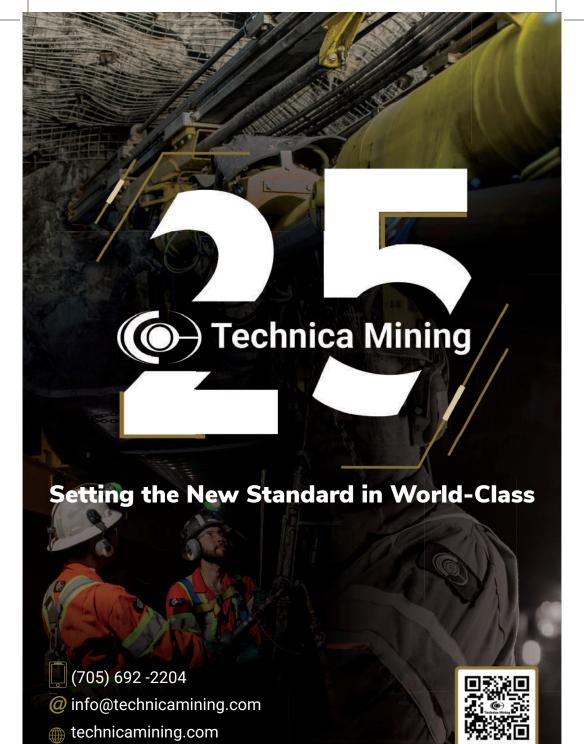
### Samuel Assinewai (04-F)

Assinewai (14 G, 24 Å - 38 points) has made the most of his opportunities this season and is now third in team active skater scoring with 38 points through 23 games played. The forward is only two goals shy of his NOJHL career high (16), five assists away from his career total (29), and only eight points shy of setting a new career high (45) in total points.

Now on a three game point streak the Little Current, Ontario, native has nine points in that span and has proved to be instrumental alongside linemates Smith and rookie forward Hudson Chitaroni, despite only playing in 23 of the teams 37 games to this point. He's averaging 1.65 points per game which is good for second amongst active Cubs behind only Smith (1.76).

Assinewai has also spent time in the OHL, playing a combined 46 games with the Flint Firebirds during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons and totalling 16 points in those games.





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## PLAYER PROFILES





### **#1 NOAH BEAULNE**

Birthdate: 2004-06-20 Hometown: Hanmer, ON

Height: 6' 2" Weight: 188 lbs Position: Goalie Catches: L



### **#4 JUSTIN SEGUIN**

Birthdate: 2005-06-10 Hometown: Ottawa, ON

Height: 6' 3" Weight: 201 lbs Position: Defence

Shoots: R



### **#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"

Height: 6' 3" Weight: 198 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: R



### **CAMERON WALKER**

Birthdate: 2003-03-07

Hometown: Sudbury, ON Height: 5' 10" Weight: 170 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: L



### **BEN LACROIX**

Birthdate: 2003-07-06

Hometown: Sudbury, ON Height: 5' 10" Weight: 170 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: R



### **#10 SAMUEL ASSINEWAI**

Birthdate: 2004-04-16 Hometown: Little Current, ON

Height: 5' 10" Weight: 154 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: L





### **#11 BRADY BOUCHARD**

Birthdate: 2005-09-11 Hometown: Sudbury, ON

Height: 6' 0" Weight: 171 lbs Position: Defence

Shoots: R



### **#13 LUCAS ANTONIONI**

Birthdate: 2006-04-25 Hometown: Sudbury, ON

Height: 5' 8" Weight: 155 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: L



### **#14 MARSHALL MCCHARLES**

Birthdate: 2006-11-23 Hometown: North Bay, ON

Height: 6' 1" Weight: 173 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: L



### **#15 RYAN RUBIC**

Birthdate: 2004-04-01 Hometown: Lively, ON

Height: 6' 1" Weight: 170 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: L

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### **BEN HARRIS**

Birthdate: 2004-01-27

Hometown: Sudbury, ON Height: 6' 0" Weight: 185 lbs Position: Forward Shoots: R



### **NOAH KOHAN**

Birthdate: 2005-08-08 Hometown: Hanmer, ON

Height: 5' 10" Weight: 178 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: L



### **HUDSON MARTIN**

Birthdate: 2007-06-20 Hometown: Midhurst, ON

Height: 5' 10" Weight: 162 lbs Position: Defence

Shoots: L



### **BROCK HOUSER**

Birthdate: 2005-06-30 Hometown: Dunnville, ON

Height: 5' 11" Weight: 174 lbs Position: Defence

Shoots: L



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### **#20 ETHAN LARMAND**

Birthdate: 2003-11-12 Hometown: Midland, ON

Height: 6' 0" Weight: 183 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: L



### **#21 MATEO SIGNORETTI**

Birthdate: 2006-06-05 Hometown: Sudbury, ON

Height: 5' 10" Weight: 156 lbs Position: Forward Shoots: R



### **#24 NOLAN NEWTON**

Birthdate: 2006-01-27 Hometown: French River, ON

Height: 5' 10" Weight: 173 lbs Position: Forward Shoots: R

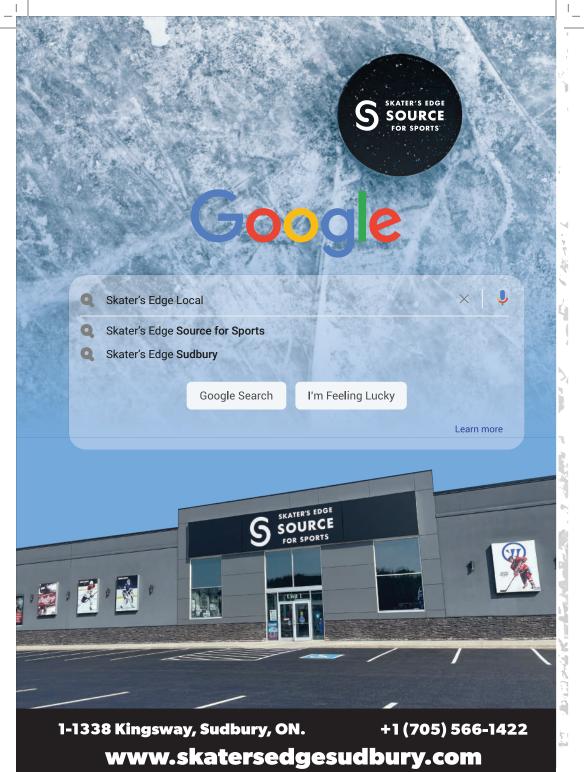


### **#27 CHRIS INNES**

Birthdate: 2003-05-27 Hometown: Sudbury, ON

Height: 6' 0" Weight: 185 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: L





### **MATTHEW VAHRAMIAN**

Birthdate: 2006-03-07 Hometown: Owen Sound, ON

Height: 5' 11" Weight: 155 lbs Position: Goalie Shoots: L



### **NOAH METIVIER**

Birthdate: 2004-01-28

Hometown: Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Height: 5' 11" Weight: 175 lbs Position: Goalie Catches: L



### **OLIVER SMITH**

Birthdate: 2003-03-02

Hometown: Lively, ON Height: 6' 1" Weight: 196 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: L



### **MASON CHITARONI**

Birthdate: 2004-10-02 Hometown: Marathon, ON

Height: 6' 0" Weight: 180 lbs Position: Defence

Shoots: L



### **#92 JOSH KAVANAGH**

Birthdate: 2003-05-06 Hometown: Hanmer, ON

Height: 6' 0" Weight: 180 lbs Position: Defence

Shoots: R



### **#93 HUDSON CHITARONI**

Birthdate: 2007-08-22

Hometown: Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Height: 5' 10" Weight: 168 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: L



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# CUBS FEATURE A SECOND SET OF BROTHERS THIS SEASON!

One of the coolest things that happens in hockey occurs when brothers get to play on the same team, especially when they are a few years apart in age! The Chitaroni Family experienced that this season with Hudson (16) and Mason Chitaroni playing together for the first time. Hudson was a  $3^{\rm rd}$  round OHL draft selection in 2023 while Mason was a  $5^{\rm th}$  round OHL draft selection in 2020. On February 15th 2024, a second set of brothers enjoyed the opportunity to play together for the very first time at the junior level. Cameron Walker, 20, is completing his sixth and final season of NOJHL junior hockey with the Sudbury Cubs and serves as one of the team captains.

"Walks" as Cameron is referred to by his teammates, is the consummate leader and brother. Mason, 15, is in the process of completing the 2023-24 season with the Sudbury U16 AAA team. Mason was called-up to play in his first Junior hockey game when the Cubs hosted the French River Rapids on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The Cubs went on to win the contest and both player's names appeared on the scoresheet.

Cameron recorded an assist while Mason picked up a penalty. "It was great playing on the same junior team as my younger brother" notes older brother Cameron. "Mason has great wheels and has a great shot and he fit right in with the team. It was an amazing experience to play a junior game with him in front of our family and friends."

The younger Walker was equally impressed, "Cam has been a great mentor for me and continues to offer me tips as my minor hockey career progresses. It was fun to play at the junior level for the first time and experience the difference from the Great North league. Having my big brother on the bench beside me made the experience that much sweeter." Cameron was drafted by the Kingston Frontenacs in the 2019 OHL Priority Selection. He has played in over 200 games and is among the top 10 players in league history games played.

Last season, Cameron set a career high in points with 19 goals and 24 assists.

Second set of brothers story continued...

He also led the Cubs in the play-offs with five goals in ten play-off games. Mason, 15, is a star forward with the Sudbury U16 AAA team and is among the scoring leaders in the Great North U18 League. Mason is eligible for the upcoming OHL Priority Selection and will be playing for Team NOHA in the OHL Cup event at the end of March.

Sudbury Cubs Managing Director Blaine Smith has watched Mason play all season in his role with OHL Central Scouting. "Mason is easily one of the top players in the North" notes Smith. "Mason has outstanding offensive skills and terrific speed and quickness. He is defensively responsible and sees the ice very well. Mason has a high level of compete and plays with intensity. There is no doubt in my mind that the OHL team that selects him is going to be extremely pleased."

Smith's observations are supported by the fact that Mason has scored 27 goals and added 23 assists for 50 points in his first 32 league games and recently scored five goals in one game. Mason also has a November birthdate which means that he will not be eligible for the NHL draft until 2027. That gives the youngest Walker brother a lot of time to develop his game at the junior level.

The Sudbury Cubs organization prides itself in giving local hockey players an opportunity to play Junior hockey and develop their skills at the Junior 'A' level. The Cubs also look for players that are dedicated, skilled, hard-workers and possess outstanding character and leadership qualities. When it comes to Cameron and Mason Walker – these young brothers and local star players check all of the boxes.





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