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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".

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### GREATER SUDBURY CUBS

By Everett Bona

This inaugural season has been one to remember. Shedding their skin from the prestigious Rayside Balfour Canadians, blossoming into the Greater Sudbury Cubs has been a successful transition. Led by the graduating class, Joel Rainville, Josh Boucher, Seth Coulter, Kyler Campbell and Mathieu Morin, with a combined 379 games between the five of them, have taken the wheel of this very talented, capable Cubs team, navigating them down the stretch.

Leading by example, the captain Kyler Campbell has been an absolute trailblazer in his final season of junior hockey. The captain came flying out of the gate with 22 goals and 12 assists in 24 games. Kylers team first approach & veteran mindset, has set the precedence for a young cubs team. Breaking into the NOJHL with the Kirkland Lake Goldminers in 2019, Kyler had very respectable numbers putting up 25 points in 53 games played. Joining the Sudbury Cubs in his final season, Kyler has grown to become the most respected player in the room.

His ability to set the tone, instill trust and integrity within the team, has shown through his vision and authenticity on and off the ice. "I have grown tremendously as a person through the years of playing hockey."

Hockey has taught me sacrifice, the importance of punctuality, how to deal with adversity, and the importance of working as a team to reach a higher goal. Being named captain this season has further amplified my responsibility and commitment. I would like to use all my experiences and knowledge to teach and help grow the younger players."

"A hockey dressing room is filled with people from different backgrounds. The way in which we all come together is something really special."

Kyler is hopeful after the season to further his hockey development at a top US academic school. With many offers from NCAA schools, Kyler will pursue a business or education degree and continue his hockey career.

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The most important position on the ice is goaltending. You need someone who can step up and steal you games. That someone is Joel Rainville. Currently ranked 4th overall amongst goaltenders in the NOJHL with a .920 SV% Joel has been as rock steady as they come.

Rainville has an impressive junior hockey resume, the veteran with over 6 years of experience and 94 games played. "This experience has helped me grow both on the ice and off the ice. I've faced a lot of challenges and adversity while playing Junior hockey and I had to overcome these challenges in order to better myself. These aspects of the game have definitely helped me grow as a hockey player and a person" said Joel. When asked what this last year of junior hockey means he had this to say, "It's my last shot at winning a championship and it's also my last chance to showcase my skills and work ethic in order to keep playing the game."

Joel plans to continue his studies at Laurentian University for Sports Psychology & move onto the college and university hockey ranks. "My ultimate goal is to one day play at the professional level."

The Sudbury Cubs latest addition is no stranger to Junior A hockey and the NOJHL. Former captain of the Espanola Express comes into the locker room with a win first mentality.





Greater Sudbury Cubs Story continued...

Josh Boucher has the most experience at forward, amassing a total of 92 games. Playing most of his career with the Express, Josh was acquired by the Sudbury Cubs Via trade in December of 2021. When asking Josh what this last year meant to him he stated, "This last year is the most important year, all the time and effort I've put into my career has cultivated into this season. I'm looking to end my junior career on a high note and bring home the Dudley Hewitt."

Josh has multiple offers on the table moving forward, and has hopes to continue to learn and play hockey. "My plan is to move on, attend school and continue to play hockey. My goal is to play the best that I can this season, opening up more opportunities for next year."

Seth Coulter has brought a dynamic defensive game, night in and night out. His physicality accompanied by great vision, speed, and leadership, has moulded his game into a dominating presence on the Cubs backend. No stranger to locking down defensively, Seth has been known to jump up in the rush and deliver offensively as well. The smooth skating defenseman is a true leader on and off the ice. "Playing junior hockey has been an amazing experience for me. I have gained an in-measurable amount of memories and friends I now call brothers.

I have learned how to be selfless, show up on time, work as a team, be adaptable, and be accountable. Hockey has also taught me about giving back to the community and how much it means to others."

Through 3 seasons in the NOJHL, Seth has put up impressive numbers; the veteran has 39 points in 78 career games played. However, this season taking his abilities to new heights, he leads the Cubs defense with 21 points in just 24 games. "This final year signifies to me that it's crunch time; you never know who is watching so you need to put your best foot forward. It all boils down to this last season. It's go time."

Seth looks forward to the next chapter after Junior hockey, he plans to attend a school in the United States and continue his hockey career in the NCAA or ACHA.

The final graduate of this year's class brings a player who is known for his speed, skill, and hardworking attitude. Mathieu Morin has been the utility knife for the Cubs. Adaptable, hard working, and great work ethic have been terms to describe Mathieu.





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With only a small sample size in the NOJHL Morin was able to put up 14 points in just 25 games played. When asked what playing junior hockey meant to him he had this to say, "Playing junior hockey has given me a second opportunity to continue playing the game I love. I have learned to be adaptable, time management, setting goals, and the value of sacrifice." This being the last year of junior hockey Mathieu said, "This gives me the opportunity to play my last year of competitive hockey. Taking it all in and truly enjoying this last season I am committed to battling for a championship one last time."

Moving forward from this season, Mathieu continues to finish his Bachelor in Human Kinetics at Laurentian University, followed by starting his masters.

At this time Mathieu is still considering commitment options for hockey.



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- Staying proactive and accountable in carrying out our mission.

The Greater Sudbury Cubs are here to develop players who have the desire and potential to achieve scholarship opportunities or to continue on in the pursuit of a professional career!



### PLAYER PROFILES



### JOEL RAINVILLE

Birthdate: 2001-06-27

Hometown: Sturgeon Falls, ON

Height: 6' 1" Weight: 181 lbs Position: Goalie Catches: L



### BILLY BIEDERMANN

Birthdate: 2005-06-17

Hometown: Little Current, ON

Height: 5' 10" Weight: 148 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: L



### COLE QUEVILLON

Birthdate: 2003-03-21

Hometown: Oro-Medonte, ON

Height: 6' 1" Weight: 180 lbs Position: Defence

Shoots: L



### CAMERON SHANKS

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Shoots: L



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Birthdate: 2002-05-01

Hometown: St-Catherines, ON

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

Shoots: R



### MATHIEU MORIN

Birthdate: 2001-10-20 Hometown: Hearst, ON

Height: 5' 9" Weight: 165 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: L



### JOSH HOOVER

Birthdate: 2004-02-15 Hometown: Sarnia, ON

Height: 5' 10" Weight: 198 lbs Position: Defense

Shoots: L





### JAXON BEDARD

Birthdate: 2003-02-16 Hometown: Mississauga, ON

Height: 5' 9" Weight: 155 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: R



### NICHOLAS FAUGHT

Birthdate: 2002-01-01 Hometown: Garson, ON

Height: 5' 7" Weight: 155 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: L



### BEN HARRIS

Birthdate: 2004-01-27 Hometown: Sudbury, ON

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

Shoots: R



### SETH COULTER

Birthdate: 2001-01-08

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

Shoots: L



### L'AM DOYLE

Birthdate: 2002-05-01 Hometown: Kanata, ON

Height: 5' 10" Weight: 185 lbs Position: Forward

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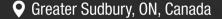
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Height: 5' 10" Weight: 187 lbs Position: Goalie Catches: L



### GRAEME SIREN

Birthdate: 2001-06-27 Hometown: Garson, ON

Height: 6' 0" Weight: 165 lbs Position: Defense

Catches: L



### JOSH BOUCHER

Birthdate: 2001-04-25 Hometown: Lively, ON

Height: 6' 0" Weight: 174 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: R





### PIERSON SOBUSH

Birthdate: 2004-06-07 Hometown: Sudbury, ON

Height: 5' 9" Weight: 170 lbs Position: Forward

Shoots: L



### NICHOLAS TOFFOL

Birthdate: 2002-05-27 Hometown: Vaughn, ON

Height: 6' 4" Weight: 190 lbs Position: Defence

Shoots: L







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### HOMEGROWN TALENT THAT STAYS CLOSE TO HOME

By Randy Pascal

Good - bad - or anywhere in between: virtually every single Canadian youngster that has ever laced up the skates has embraced NHL dreams.

For some, those dreams quickly faded, the harsh reality that comes with the knowledge that those lovely blades at the bottom of your skates might just as well have been loaded with lead, given just how uncomfortable even the simplest of strides might feel.

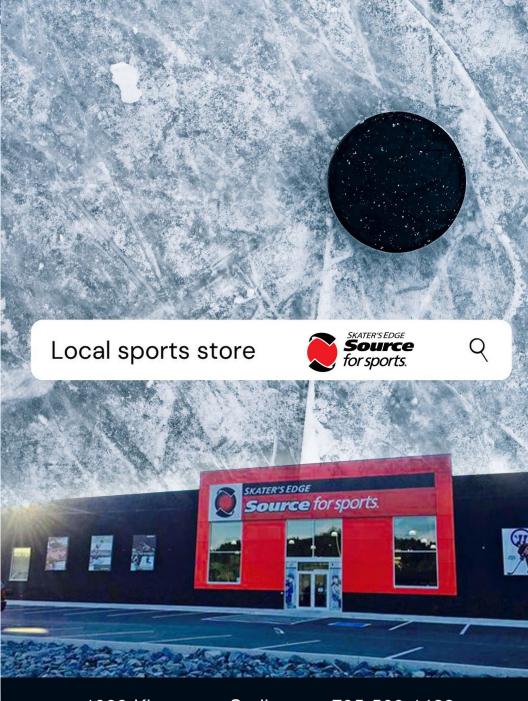
For the overwhelming majority of the remaining kids, the dream fades more gradually, a function of simple odds, thousands of prospects vying for a relative handful of coveted positions.

Thankfully, for those who fall short but still are blessed with far more talent than the norm, other options arise. The Greater Sudbury Cubs fill just such a void within the NOJHL and for many who follow the minor hockey pathway within the nickel city, they can be both a viable and attractive landing pad.

"The NOJHL just seemed like a great fit for me, especially with having a local team, being able to stay at the same school, in the comfort of my own home," suggested 17 year old Lo-Ellen Park senior and Cubs' rookie forward, Pierson Sobush.

"It's just a great feeling to throw on that jersey and represent your city," added Graeme Siren, a 19 year-old blueliner blessed with the versatility to also fill in at forward, as required. "Growing up, you want to play for your home town."

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Homegrown Talent That Stays Close to Home story continued...

Perspective is a wonderful thing, especially when the glut of minor midgets who truly believe they will be drafted into the OHL far outnumbers the 300 that will ultimately see their name appear on the screen come draft day. "You always have that dream, but as I got older and closer to my draft year, I tried not to put too much pressure on myself," said Sobush. "Not getting drafted, you're upset, because that's your dream - but I didn't take it crazy hard. I thought that I would come back the next year, work even harder, just try and get better each year and see what the future holds."

"I'm more of a late bloomer and really didn't talk to any teams," noted Siren, recalling his draft year. "It didn't really bother me too much because I knew that there were a bunch of different routes that different players can take."

Such is the opportunity the Greater Sudbury Cubs provide.

Where a select few might benefit from a direct approach, greater still are those who fully understand and embrace the basic notion that incremental improvement, each and every day, at every single stop in the journey, is equally as likely to result in success - perhaps even more likely.

"I know that some of the guys who played with Rayside (the former home of the Cubs) have moved on to the OHL, some have moved on to play university hockey," said Sobush.

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"When a good opportunity presents itself, I try to take advantage of it." Now in his third season with the team, Siren, who grew up and was first introduced to hockey in Garson, acknowledged that understanding that his hockey dreams could flow through the NOJHL really eased his mind when decision time came.

"I went to a couple of out of town tryouts, but ultimately, it was a really easy decision for me to stay at home," he said. "You have your family and friends - pretty much everything." Now, as one of the older players in the room, he looks to bring that positivity to the rink, each and every day. "I've definitely learned from some really good leaders, guys like Joel Mongeon and Brady Maltais," he said. "They taught me some valuable lessons and I try and pass those down to some of the younger guys."

"I'm not usually the most vocal guy on the team; I usually just put my head down and lead by example." Words of wisdom, for the likes of Sobush.

"My main focus in my rookie year is just trying to stay in the lineup and not be a defensive liability," said the one time member of both the Sudbury Bulldogs and Copper Cliff Redmen, prior to hitting the AAA ranks. "Through the years, I would like to get back to being my old self, more of a goal scorer, a playmaker, a top power play guy."

"Right now, it's just a grind." But it's a grind that he's tackling in his own backyard, and there's definitely something to be said for that.







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# THE CUBS: A SPRINGBOARD TO THE OHL, FOR SOME

By Randy Pascal

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Make no mistake - Greater Sudbury Cubs Jeff Forsyth is sure to thank his lucky stars when he is fortunate to be blessed with a career NOJHLer, those athletes around which a team can be built, understanding that their time in the league might well stretch into a three or four year run.

Which is not to say that Forsyth cannot also appreciate the "one and dones", young prospects who leverage a season of growth and development at the junior hockey level, making the jump to the OHL the very next year.

At the time the 2019-2020 season was halted in March due to Covid, the Rayside-Balfour Canadians (who then became the Greater Sudbury Cubs) were sitting in first place in the West Division. No less than five forwards on that team are now OHL regulars, including both Mitchell Martin and Zacharie Giroux.

"There was nothing like going on road trips and winning with those guys," said Martin, who has compiled 19 points in 31 games in his rookie campaign with the Kitchener Rangers. "I was happy with my personal success, but I was equally happy with the team's success."

"It was great to be able to do it with my childhood friends." Such is the perfect marriage, where the likes of Martin and Giroux, as well as Nick DeGrazia, Oliver Smith and Gio Biondi can be a big part of a local junior team that is making noise, before trying to duplicate those performances one level up, with their game that much more refined. Sitting sixth in the Flint Firebirds scoring parade with 22 points this year, Giroux recalled the luxury of not having to leave home to prepare for his ultimate trek south of the border. "It was great, going to school at home and being able to go right from school to the ice," said the shifty 18 year-old playmaker.



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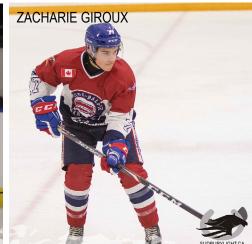
"And our coaches were so good. They really cared about us as players, wanted us to succeed and get better." The younger brother of Minnesota Wild prospect Damien Giroux, Zacharie is thankful for some help very close to home when it came to keeping the faith throughout the pandemic. "I'm very lucky to have the brother that I do," he said. "We're pretty similar, to be honest - we both hate losing a battle."

"Whenever we are on the ice together, when we lose a battle, it's down on the ice for ten pushups. We got so mad, but that's what I love about it." Like Giroux, Martin found himself realizing that it's a slightly different game as one progresses through the various echelons of hockey.

"There were definitely a lot of different parts of my game that I worked on that year (in Rayside)," stated the young man who celebrated his 19th birthday in early January. "The main one was understanding that there are just certain mistakes that you can't make at the junior level, things you can get away with in minor hockey."

"That was a valuable lesson for me." Thankfully, the NOJHL encompassed the perfect classroom for the future OHLer - and rest assured, Mitchell Martin won't be the last to enhance his learning courtesy of the local CJHL franchise.







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