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Fillies enjoy quite a ride claiming back to back titles

■ Daniel Bushman

With a stable filled with local area talent to defend their provincial championship, it was a season to remember for the U18 East Central Fillies girls hockey team. Not only did they stampede out of the gates but after finishing first, the girls advanced to the provincial final where they collected a second straight title following a marathon in game two.

“There is a lot of pressure to repeat, a feat which is very rare,” shared Fillies Head Coach Murray Ehlert. “The whole coaching staff was very proud of the team and all that they accomplished.”

With the Fillies comprised of a number of local area players and players who have ties to the region, the quest for a second provincial title for the U18 girls team commenced with a solid 17 game winning streak. The group then lost to the Saskatoon Comet Destroyers in game 18 before tying the Saskatoon Comet Rush a contest later. Despite the loss and tie, the Fillies got back on track, collecting a 5-4 victory over the Rush to wrap up its regular season at 18-1-1. During the 20 game campaign in which the team collected top spot in the league, the Fillies tallied 104 goals while surrendering just 25. Aided by strong play in front of her, net-minder Allie Edwards registered an amazing nine shutouts during that stretch including four in a row between Jan. 21 and Feb. 11.

Finishing 10 points ahead of the Saskatoon Comet Rush for first in the North Division, East Central advanced to the playoffs where it faced the Comet Destroyers. Not deterred from its lone loss against the Destroyers earlier in the year, the Fillies won 5-1 and 3-1 to move on to meet the Comet Sting in the North Division final. With a pair of 2-0 victories, the Fillies defeated the Sting and collected the North Division title. Punching its ticket to the U18 girls provincial A final, East Central matched up against a familiar opponent out of Milestone.

Facing the same team they defeated last year, this time around, it would be the South Division champion Flyers who held home ice advantage. Welcoming the Fillies to town Mar. 24 for game one of the best of three series, East Central got on the board first during the opening frame.

With the assist to Marissa Holcomb, Payton Crone made it 1-0 Fillies early on before Milestone replied in period two to tie things up. Deadlocked at one, both clubs were unable to register a goal through the remainder of regulation so overtime was needed. In the extra frame, with both netminders keeping shooters at bay, as time ticked down, Fillies captain Meikka Ehlert would find a way and scored with 1:37 left. Receiving a pass by teammate Tyler Wasylen-



Provincial Champs

Following eight periods of hockey in game two of the U18A female provincial final, the East Central Fillies were all smiles as they collected a second consecutive provincial title (above). After an overtime win against Milestone in game one, both the Fillies and Flyers headed for extra time in game two. In that contest in LeRoy, it took until the fifth overtime when Lanigan's Bryer Renwick scored (left) to give the Fillies a 3-2 win on home ice. With a number of local area players on the Fillies roster, at the end of the game, the shots were 59-40 in favour of East Central.

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left photo by Jana Fisher

ka, Ehlert made no mistake and sent the team home with the series lead.

“Last year we had no luck in their rink, losing both games,” explained the head coach. “Going into game one this year, that was in the back of everyone’s mind. We came out decent to start the game but for two and a half periods after that, our goalie Allie Edwards had to keep us in it. To see her play that well in a game, a game where we were out-

shot for one of the first times ever, she did really well and stole us that one.”

With a huge win to open the U18 girls A provincial final, the focus shifted back to LeRoy for game two. Looking for a repeat performance, as the Mar. 26 home contest got underway, teams traded markers in period one - assistant captain Jayda Braun for the Fillies with 11:08 remaining and (see back page: **FILLIES**)

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SHA facilities returning to routine infection prevention protocols

■ media release

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) has moved back to routine infection prevention and control protocols effective Apr. 4 and masking will no longer be required for patients/residents, staff or visitors. Masking will be optional in all SHA facilities including administrative offices, hospitals, clinics and long-term care facilities. These changes are supported by Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) that may

include masks, gowns or gloves, will still be required for staff and visitors during outbreaks or in specific high-risk clinical areas as per SHA infection control policies.

Masks will continue to be made available to health care staff, patients/residents and visitors who wish to wear a mask.

Physical distancing measures will also end. There will no longer be restrictions on food sharing and food donations.

Privately-run physician's offices, clinics and other non-SHA facilities set their own policies regarding infection

prevention and control, including policies requiring masking on-site.

Public health orders requiring proof of vaccination or a negative test for access to businesses, workplaces and other venues ended on Feb. 14, 2022. Many jurisdictions around the world, including Canada, have ended proof of vaccination entry requirements for international travellers.

As the need for proof of vaccination has declined considerably, eHealth Saskatchewan is decommissioning the SK Vax Wallet mobile device

application. Beginning Apr. 17, 2023, the app will no longer accept updates. Effective Apr. 30, the app will no longer be available in app stores.

COVID-19 vaccination records are still available on your MySaskHealthRecord (MSHR) account and can be

printed or saved and viewed on your mobile device. The QR code is also still available on vaccination records through MSHR.

COVID-19 vaccine continues to be available including a second bivalent booster for residents 18 years

of age and older in long-term care facilities, personal care homes and assisted living facilities; persons over 80 years of age; persons 65-79 years of age who have not had COVID; and those who are 18 years of age and older who are immune suppressed.

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- Culvert and sign installation and maintenance
- Equipment maintenance and repair

- Duties as directed by the Foreman and Council
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- Provide hands-on leadership by establishing clear expectations
- Demonstrate high standards of work practices
- Co-ordination of day-to-day operations of the municipality
- Schedule workloads to maximize productivity and efficiency and quality of work
- Lead by positive example and encourage improvement in shop operations and practices
- Manage training needs, performance evaluations and guidance sessions
- Time card management
- Promote and participate in workplace safety and best practices

The candidate must possess:

- A valid class 5 driver's licence, Class 1A would be an asset
- Mechanical skills - heavy duty mechanic experience would be an asset
- Knowledge of and ability to operate graders, scrapers, tractors and other light, medium and heavy equipment

- Self-motivation and the ability to manage multiple projects over the construction season
- Leadership, supervisory, organizational, communication and record-keeping skills

Applicants are invited to submit a resume including:

- Past and present work experience
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- Current driver's abstract
- Three references

Applicants are invited to submit a resume **prior to 4 p.m. on April 14, 2023** to:

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Lanigan Legion Branch No. 143 President Jim Hatcher presented a cheque for \$2,910 from the local Poppy Fund to local Cadet Squadron 797. The Poppy Fund is used to support Veteran programs and local Cadets but cannot be used for building expenses. Meanwhile, a cheque for the same amount was presented to Provincial Command

which Hatcher noted went to a program called, Leave The Streets Behind. "This is a program that relocates homeless Veterans and improves their standard of living." Hatcher greatly appreciated everyone who supported the local Poppy Fund over this past year. "Our community will benefit from your support." - photo submitted

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RCMP Report

ATVs stolen near Lanigan

In mid January 2023, two ATVs were stolen from a farmyard near Lanigan. One was a black and orange Polaris 1000 two seat side by side. The other was a red Suzuki 750 quad.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Humboldt/Lanigan RCMP at 306-682-2535 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



- photos submitted by RCMP

Wintry blast creates collisions

It may be April, but much of southeast Saskatchewan experienced a wintry blast over the first weekend of the month. Road conditions, particularly on portions of Hwy. 1 were extremely icy.

Saskatchewan RCMP's Division Operational Communication Centre received 35 weather-related calls for service on Apr. 2.

This includes calls about a multi-vehicle collision on Hwy. 1 eastbound lanes between Chaplin and Morse. Investigation determined six vehicles were involved: two semis collided, causing three passenger vehicles and a semi off the road and into the ditch. No serious injuries were reported to police. The eastbound lanes of Hwy. 1 were blocked while emergency services responded.

None of the collisions Saskatchewan RCMP investigated involved fatalities.

Armed robbery in Meadow Lake

At approximately 3:30 p.m., Mar. 27, Meadow Lake RCMP received a report of an armed robbery at a residence on 3rd Street West in Meadow Lake.

Investigation determined three males approached the residence, threatened an occupant with a firearm and robbed

them. No injuries were reported to police. Meadow Lake RCMP officers immediately responded and located one of the males nearby. He attempted to flee on foot but was soon arrested by officers without incident.

As a result of further investigation, Meadow Lake RCMP and Saskatchewan RCMP's Meadow Lake Crime Reduction Team identified the two other males. They were arrested at a residence in Meadow Lake Mar. 28.

As a result of further investigation, 32-year-old Shawn Martin, 19-year-old Kenton Bouvier and 21-year-old Brendan McKay, all from Meadow Lake, are each charged with: one count, robbery with firearm, Section 344, Criminal Code; one count, break, enter and committing an indictable offence, Section 348(1)(b), Criminal Code; one count, theft under \$5,000, Section 334(b), Criminal Code; one count, possession of a firearm knowing possession was unauthorized, Section 92(3)(a), Criminal Code; one count, uttering threats, Section 264.1(1), Criminal Code; one count, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code; and one count, careless use of a firearm, Section 86(1), Criminal Code.

In addition, Kenton Bouvier is charged with: one count, weapons possession contrary to order, Section 117.01(3), Criminal Code; one count, pointing a firearm, Section 87(2), Criminal Code; and two counts, fail to comply with probation order, Section 733.1(1), Criminal Code. Brendan McKay is also charged with one count, wear disguise with intent to commit offence, Section 351(2), Criminal Code.

Robbery in Melfort

At approximately 11:20 p.m. Mar. 31, Melfort RCMP received a report of a robbery at a gas station on Saskatchewan Avenue in Melfort. Investigation determined a male, who was armed with a knife, entered the business, threatened an employee, then left with a sum of cash and cigarettes. No injuries were reported to police. The male fled on foot, heading east on Saskatchewan Avenue.

Officers immediately responded and began looking for the suspect, with the assistance of Saskatchewan RCMP Police Dog Services.

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Jansen

Louise Shannon

The cabbage roll, perogie supper was a big success. I hope the Easter dance was too.

Easter Sunday arrived. The Easter Bunny was good to the little kiddies and church was held. My father (Easter Bunny) used to hide our baskets everywhere in the house.

Condolences to the family of Llewellyn Wildeman who passed away recently. Llewellyn was born and lived in Esk.

Tanber Hamilton got fifth place in the provincial target shooting contest. It is not over yet.

Happy anniversary to Barry and Donna Krause. Happy birthday to Micah Bosch who is one year old. Happy birthday to Curtis Wacker, Doug Ewen, Kash Elke and Nicole Kinzel.

Get well to everyone who is ill and have been in the hospital.

Viscount

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Ross Reynolds from Agriculture in the Classroom SK talked to Mrs. Kozuska's 5/6 classroom and Mrs. Ortman's 7/8 science class. He taught about the importance of the land and shared stories of his life on the farm.

Viscount Archery Club JOP tournament was held in Viscount. Congratulations to all!

It is exciting to hear that Zellers has opened in Saskatoon at the Midtown Plaza. I have not had the chance to go yet, but hopefully soon.

Easter break from school is upon us. I hope everyone has a safe and happy spring break.

Book Club has a last book for the season called The Beautiful Mystery by Louise Penny. It is a Chief Inspector Gamache novel based in Quebec. Louise Penny is a Canadian author who has won numerous awards and has been on bestseller lists.

Four ladies met at the Viscount library Monday, Apr. 3 to work on blankets. We are still going gung-ho throughout the month of April. Do check with us though in case there may be any changes (Evelina 306-281-8196). The Plunkett ladies designed six more blankets for us to work on so that should keep us busy until the end of April. Again, we very much appreciate all who have allowed Blankets for Canada to be so successful in providing these much needed blankets to Saskatoon and area.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week.

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uncomplIcATed - "Autumn arrives in early morning, but spring at the close of a winter day." — Elizabeth Bowen



by Arlene Martin

Sitting in my chair in the quiet of our farm home, a cup of Orange & Cinnamon Spice Tea near me, I am thinking of this winter. Oh, it has been a long dreary cold one on the Canadian prairie. From October to now, the cold has kept everyone captive and somewhat 'cheerless.' Replacing heaters and heat lamps in both our two cat sheds it's been a hard season to keep our outdoor cats warm and safe. What I call THE PROMISE OF SPRING tells me that any day now Mother Nature will finally release her icy grip. It's fun to see these motley creatures emerge outside catching some rare rays. My spirit sinks when I note the long-hair cats are suffering from a condition simply called "Matting." Their soft silky fur is knotted creating a scruffy disheveled appearance. A mat is a tangled clump of hair that forms in a long-hair cat's coat. Matting is a serious condition that includes the longer, outer fur of the cat, as well as the soft undercoat, twisting and tangling. Mats are painful as they sit tight to the skin and pull their fur with every movement. Matting is an especially tricky grooming issue to deal with. This wouldn't happen if those stubborn help-resistant felines would let us willingly brush them.

Many prairie people are saying how we missed Spring, it sidestepped us with lingering winter stormy winds, throwing everything that resembled January. But it is officially SPRING and time to get out of the cold mode: physically, emotionally and spiritually.

It is time for me to shed the things that get under my skin; the things that mat and knot my nerves. With this delayed spring the fields and streams are also waiting for the bright annual sunshine wake-up call. Soon we will hear the deafening rush of water gushing eastward flowing with its huge icy chunks under the highway bridge, over and onto its swollen bank in its rage to empty into the already swollen Quill Lakes. When the winds finally warm, I stand at its shore and I attempt to identify the negative things that have been wintering in my soul. I

want to toss in and get rid of my frosty, contemptuous complaining spirit. Especially when I am tired, I am a great host for throwing myself an egotistical PITY PARTY. Instead of being thankful, it's easier for me to reflect on the tiring drawn-out recovery from my stroke. It's been hard work pulling together words and sentences trying not to sound like I am inebriated. With a grin, my son says I just sound like I had dental work! But I am impatient. This clot that traveled to the left side of my brain has left me weak, weary and worn-out and especially susceptible to arthritis and other maladies.

My yummy cup of orange tea has become cold and that's my cue to call it a day. The rest of these words will be finished in the light of day when the world and life always looks different. Better. Getting ready for bed suddenly I find myself humming the words to an old song that had become buried inside my cold sulky spirit. I knew it wasn't coincidence and the words played in my head as I fell asleep: "Never settle for the path of least resistance, living might mean taking chances but they're worth taking . . . Don't let some hellbent heart leave you bitter. When you come close to selling out, reconsider. Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance and when you get the choice to sit it out or dance - I hope you dance . ." *

My mental self-check was long overdue and with new clarity and insight - I am thankful. REALLY thankful with a heart so full of gratitude and I vow to end my pity parties. I remember in Intensive Care being asked if it should come to it, do I want to be resuscitated. My spirit soars and defies the dark and cold of winter - the answer will always be a buoyant YES!!

Wishing you a blessed, happy and peaceful Easter, my friends. If you find yourself trudging through a dark Friday, bear in mind Easter SUNDAY is laying in wait - when your spirit and heart are ready.

And this night, I say a prayer for the outdoor cats and am grateful for them reminding me that negativity can mat and twist my thinking. I don't want to enter spring with a scruffy and dishevelled attitude. Even if I have to wear my rubber boots and arthritis makes me resemble anything but agile and graceful - I choose to dance!

*(I Hope You Dance, 2000: written by Mark D, Sanders and Tia Sillers, recorded by country singer LeeAnn Womack with Sons of the Desert.)



Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Pizza Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 can tomato soup
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- ½ tsp. onion powder
- ½ tsp. oregano
- ½ tsp. ground black pepper
- 1-340 gram bag of wide noodles
- ¾ cup grated cheddar cheese
- ¼ cup Parmesan cheese

Directions:

Brown ground beef, add tomato soup and seasonings. Simmer 15 minutes. I usually sauté a clove of garlic and about ¼ cup onion with the ground beef instead of using garlic and onion powder. Cook the noodles according to the package instructions. Place half the noodles in a greased casserole, top with half the beef mixture, then the remaining noodles and last the meat sauce. Sprinkle the cheese on top. Bake at 400°F until the cheese is melted. Serve with garlic toast and salad.

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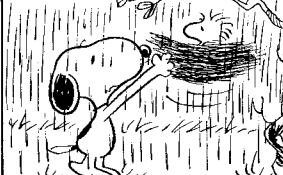
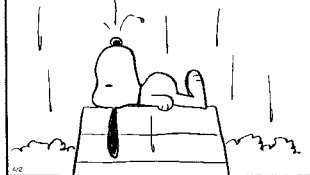
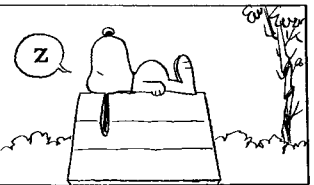
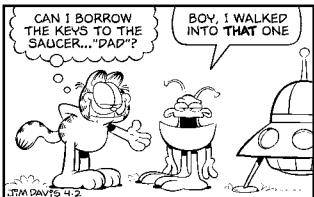
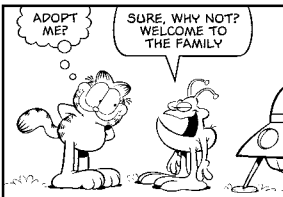
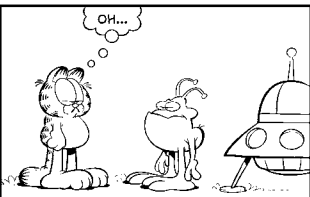
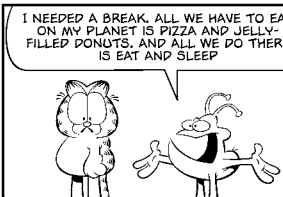
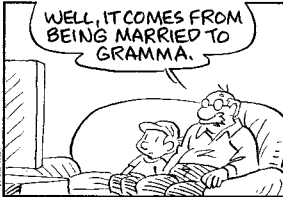
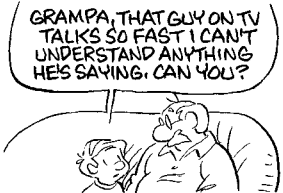
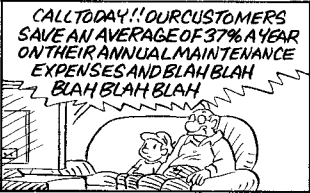
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ACROSS
1 Monopoly token with a seat
4 Thick carpet variety
8 Ballpark figures?
13 Feel bad about
14 Sounds from happy cats
16 Nintendo character originally named Jumpman
17 Pop-ups, e.g.
18 Possible crossword clue for "Release"?
20 Devices that might sit on pads
22 Whatsoever
23 "Breaking Bad" agcy.
24 Possible crossword clue for "Toll"?
28 Swelled heads
29 Relinquished
33 "This matters to me how?"
35 Old record player setups
39 Japanese electronics brand
40 Possible crossword clue for "Refrigerate"?
44 Takeout order
45 "All Eyez on Me" rapper
46 Approx. fig.
47 Marching harmoniously
50 Voting alliance
52 Possible crossword clue for "Sting"?
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10 Bone-dry
11 Lose steam
12 Vending machine purchase
15 Defunct Swedish automaker
19 Whole bunch
21 HS class with book reports
25 2022 FIFA World Cup city
26 Unchanged
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30 Impromptu mood assessments
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33 First part of a play
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37 Hosp. area
38 "How's it goin'?"
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Huskie Athletics celebrates major award winners

■ media release

Huskie Athletics is proud to announce the winners of the 2022-23 Major 7 Awards. The awards were handed out at the Huskie Salute presented by The Wireless Age on Friday, Mar. 31 at TCU Place.

The Major 7 Awards are given to student-athletes and coaches who have had outstanding seasons for the green and white. The student-athletes made major contributions on their field of play, in the classroom, and in the community as a Huskie. Huskie Athletics also honoured Canada West All-Stars and Major Award Winners, U SPORTS All-Canadians and Major Award Winners, Trainer of the Year, and graduating Huskie student-athletes.

Rusty MacDonald Cup - Presented to the All-Round Male Athlete

Presented to an upper-year male athlete who during his entire career best combined the qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, academic ability, and athletic prowess.

Dylan Mortensen - Men's Volleyball

Dylan was a five-time U SPORTS Academic All-Canadian and a four-time U SPORTS Academic

All-Canadian. Dylan had a huge final season with the Huskies, breaking two Canada West All-Time Record in career kills and career points. He was the U SPORTS leader in kills in the 2022-23 season and will land in the U SPORTS record books in second place for all-time kills in a season.

Nominees: Evan Fiala - Men's Hockey, Aaron Hidalgo-Mazzei - Men's Soccer, Dylan Mortensen - Men's Volleyball, and Mason Nyhus - Football
Valerie Girsberger Trophy - Presented to the All-Round Female Athlete

Presented to an upper-year female athlete who during her entire career best combined the qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, academic ability, and athletic prowess.

Kendra Farmer - Women's Track and Field

Over the course of her career, fifth-year Kendra Farmer took home 13 Canada West and 11 U SPORTS medals, while being a four-time U SPORTS Academic All-Canadian. Kendra is also a two-time Canada West Student-Athlete Community Service Award Winner and was named the 2022-23 Canada West Female Track Athlete of the Year.

Nominees: Carly Ahlstrom - Women's Basketball, Averie Allard - Women's Volleyball, Kendra Farmer - Women's Track and Field, and SueAnne Harms - Women's Wrestling.

E. Kent Phillips Trophy - Presented to the Male Athlete of the Year

Mason Nyhus - Football
Fifth-year quarterback Mason Nyhus played 51 games for the Huskie football team and was a four-time U SPORTS and Huskie Athletics Academic All-Canadian. In the 2022 season, threw for 3,820 passing yards and 25 touchdowns. Mason etched his name in the Huskie record book for the most passing yards in a regular season, leading the Huskies to back-to-back Vanier Cup appearances.

Nominees: Michael Akintunde - Men's Track and Field, Drake Buechler - Men's Wrestling, Connor Hobbs - Men's Hockey, Dylan Mortensen - Men's Volleyball, and Mason Nyhus - Football.

Mary Ethel Cartwright Trophy - Presented to the Female Athlete of the Year

Carly Ahlstrom - Women's Basketball

Carly is a four-time U SPORTS Academic All-Canadian, three-time



Kendra Farmer, who has ties to the local area not only had a tremendous year at the University of Saskatchewan but for her efforts, was recognized with the Valerie Girsberger Trophy

which was presented to the All-Round Female Athlete. Farmer who competed in women's track and field was also a finalist for the Mary Ethel Cartwright Trophy for Female Athlete of the Year.

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Canada West Champion, and a U SPORTS Women's Basketball Champion. Averaging 20.6 points per game during the 2022-23 regular season, Carly was

named the Canada West Player of the Year.

Nominees: Carly Ahlstrom - Women's Basketball, Kendra Farmer - Women's Track and Field, SueAnne Harms - Women's Wrestling, and Jenna McFadyen - Women's Track and Field.

Howard Nixon Trophy - Presented to the Male Rookie of the Year

Jack Warrack - Football
From Strathmore, Alta., Jack was a key component to the Huskie offensive line. In his first year with the Huskies, he started every game, helping the team become Canada West and Uteck Bowl Champions, earning second place in the Vanier Cup. He was named the 2022 Canada West Rookie of the Year, an incredible accomplishment for an offensive lineman.

Nominees: Liam Keeler - Men's Hockey, Jaron Slopinski - Men's Soccer, Ethan Smith - Men's Volleyball, and Jack Warrack - Football.

Patricia Lawson Trophy - Presented to the Female Rookie of the Year

Logan Reider - Women's Basketball

Canada West's Rookie of the Year started every game of the 2022-23 season, averaging 10.9 points per game. She had 87 rebounds and 2,022 points in her first season and was named to

the 2022-23 U SPORTS All-Rookie team.

Nominees: Rachel Albertson - Women's Track and Field, Myah Phillips - Women's Wrestling, Logan Reider - Women's Basketball, and Taylor Wilkinson - Women's Hockey.

Colb McEown Trophy - Presented to the Coach of the Year

Sean McKay - Men's Volleyball

In his fifth year as head coach of the Huskie men's volleyball team, Sean guided his team to a 17-7 regular season record, and a Canada West Bronze Medal. Under his guidance, the team headed to the U SPORTS Men's Volleyball Championship, placing seventh in the nation in the 2022-23 season.

Nominees: Scott Flory - Football, Sean McKay - Men's Volleyball, Daniel Olver - Wrestling, and Jason Reindl - Track and Field.

Dr. Walter Hader Award - Student Trainer of the Year

Presented to a student involved in the Huskie Athletics Student Trainer Program who displays dedicated volunteer service and shows promise in the pursuit of athletic or physical therapy as a profession.

Teegan Krieger - Women's Hockey



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Top 10 Weather events in 2022

■ compiled by Environment and Climate Change Canada's David Phillips

When it comes to the weather, exceptional has become the ordinary. Around the world, once in a lifetime storms are now happening back-to-back. In some cases, weather systems are moving slower than before, leaving more time to wreak havoc. When it rains, it often rains much harder. The weather we have come to expect does not occur as regularly anymore. In Canada, this means shorter skating seasons, increased frost-free days, longer growing seasons and more severe, extended wildfires; these and other changes are reshaping the entire climate landscape into an image many of us are finding hard to recognize.

As Canadians continue to experience additional climate warming, the wild weather in 2022 may simply be called “normal” decades from now. Not something distant or futuristic, but playing out in our backyards, in our communities and in our country. It's real and it's here now.

The weather in 2022 was much less dramatic compared to the weather the year before as 2021 was the most expensive, disruptive, and destructive years for weather in Canadian history. Was 2022 tame? Try convincing residents in Atlantic Canada who faced the wrath of furious Fiona - the most intense, largest and likely the most expensive hurricane ever to enter Canada. Try telling those in southern Ontario and Québec who lost millions of large shade trees on a Saturday afternoon when a derecho – a wind storm they probably had never heard of before - devastated the region. It was the year's deadliest and costliest weather event. Or, try explaining to Manitoban farmers and growers that the average precipitation over the past three years was “normal”.

Storm flooding across the Prairies also came from juicy July thunderstorms that fired off huge supercells featuring large hail (a record size hailstone for Canada, and one of the largest in the world) and blinding rainfalls.

Across Canada, the first 10 months of 2022 averaged almost a degree warmer than normal, making it 18 consecutive years of warmer than normal temperatures. The previous longest consecutive string of above-average temperatures was between 1983 and 1991. Canada was especially warm in the summer months of 2022, the third warmest season in 75 years. Only 2012 and 1998 had warmer summers.

At the end of 2021 and start of 2022, Canadians in the West and Northwest proved their mettle as winter people by

enduring one of the coldest holiday periods ever. Arctic air sat stubbornly in place, with wind chills dipping as low as -55.

In 2022, based on preliminary estimates compiled by Catastrophe Indices and Quantification Inc. (CatIQ), there were 13 major weather events, each with insured cost-losses of at least \$30 million and with an aggregate loss approaching \$3 billion. It will be months before the Insurance Bureau of Canada tallies final figures, but it will be only a fraction of the actual cost to properties, businesses and infrastructure.

From a list of at least 100 significant weather happenings across Canada in 2022, 10 events have been ranked from one to 10 based on factors that included the degree to which Canada and Canadians were impacted, the extent of the area affected, economic and environmental effects and the event's longevity as a top news story.

Overall, the Top 10 Weather events of 2022 were: Furious Fiona strikes Eastern Canada; Billion-dollar derecho rakes across Ontario and Quebec; Manitoba's drenching spring; Return to hot and dry weather under the dome; Wildfires on two coasts; A wintery spring in British Columbia (without the flood); Super storms track across the Prairies in July; Montreal swamped by humongous rain system; Record breaking cold in time for the holidays; and Three weekend January storms stress Atlantic Canada.

Below are events and information specifically related to Saskatchewan but for the full article by Phillips on the Top 10 Weather events of 2022, visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/top-ten-weather-stories/2022.html>

4. Return to hot and dry weather under the dome

Summer 2022 was the third warmest Canadian summer on record, eclipsed only by 2012 and 1998. Across the country it was consistently warm – almost 1.6°C above normal. In many places, the summer-like weather stretched over five or six months– from May into October in some, and from July to November in others.

In 2021, it was May to July warmth for Western Canada under the infamous heat dome. This year the blocking dome returned to the West from late August to October. In the East, a stationary high pressure kept summer going until mid-November. Many weather sites in the West broke century-long records for the warmest August to October period on record. Because of the abnormally cool, wet spring, farmers were especially grateful for the incredible harvest weather beyond Thanksgiving that helped balance what had been a

record late start to the growing season.

With temperatures hitting 38°C in the southern part of Alberta and Saskatchewan, August was one of the hottest months on record for the province. The warmth carried over into September, where Medicine Hat recorded a high of 38.3°C on Sept. 3 – the community's hottest September day in the books. Nearby in Swift Current, the temperature soared to 36.4°C, smashing another monthly record. After the third warmest summer in 75 years, Alberta's fall was dry and smoky. Albertans used to cooler and snowier falls would be likely to think the weather felt much more like June than October.

It wasn't just hot; it was record dry too. From July 19 to Oct. 19, British Columbia was North America's dry spot. In Vancouver, only 13 mm of rain fell. This was in contrast to the normal total of 176 mm and 2021's total of 294 mm for the same timespan. The situation was worse in Victoria, where there was less than 2 mm of rain compared to the normal 120 mm. This made it the driest period for the city since records began in 1898.

7. Super storms track across the Prairies in July

For the Prairies, June was a month of rain, but July was stormy. At least four powerful and dangerous July thunderstorms raked the region from the Alberta foothills to eastern Manitoba. The storms brought heavy rain, large hail, damaging wind gusts and tornadoes, inflicting millions of dollars in property damages.

The rain was good news for farmers and ranchers suffering through years of drought, but it also brought punishing weather that hurt maturing crops. While heat and high humidity brought ideal growing conditions, at the same time they fuelled fierce storms that darkened the skies, worrying rural and city folk alike. For much of late June, all of July, and some of August, a long-lived atmospheric ridge of high pressure over the middle of the United States pumped heat into the Prairies.

On the afternoon of July 7, the first severe super thunderstorm developed over central and southern Alberta. An EF-2 tornado with wind speeds between 180 and 190 km/h emerged and touched down in Bergen, before pounding parts of Calgary with heavy rain, marble-sized hail and heavy wind gusts. The twister damaged or destroyed several homes west of Olds, but inflicted no fatalities or injuries. Wooded areas around homes were levelled and several outbuildings were destroyed. The next day brought a repeat performance to much of the same region with golf-ball size hail and four tornadoes in parts of Saskatchewan near Paynton and Blaine Lake on July 8, followed on July 9 by a small, non-destructive tornado near Argyle, Man.

The second storm system developed on July 15 across the Alberta foothills. It dropped large hailstones between Calgary and Edmonton and along the Queen Elizabeth II highway, inflicting significant losses on property and crops before entering Saskatchewan the next day. Large hail punched holes in siding and shattered windows and screens. In Ponoka, hailstones drifted into piles of ice balls, clogging sewer grates and causing street flooding. Large hail damaged cars and roofs and shredded trees in Avonhurst. Strong wind gusts over 90 km/h wreaked havoc in Grenfell, crunching grain bins and flipping tractor trailers. The roof of the local ice rink ripped off, as did the top of a large commercial grain terminal bin.

A third storm complex started in Alberta on July 18. A particularly violent cell passed just west of Medicine Hat, triggering an EF-2 tornado with maximum wind speeds of 190 km/h. Plough winds peaked between 100 and 115 km/h, leaving thousands of residents without power for several days. Rainfall totals ranged from 60 mm in Brooks to 90 mm in Patricia and caused localized flooding over many areas across Alberta and Saskatchewan before tracking toward Manitoba. One observing site east of Regina recorded over 100 mm of rain and 60 km/h winds.

(see page nine: **TOP 10**)

ASSESSMENT NOTICE VILLAGE OF JANSEN

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Village of Jansen for the year of 2023 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor at **123 Main St., Jansen, SK., April 5 to May 5, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

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Dated this 3rd day of April, 2023.
Lorrie Champ, Assessor

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Dated at Guernsey, SK., this 7th day of April, 2023.
Lanette Morrow, Assessor

NOTICES AND CLASSIFIEDS

OBITUARY



WILDEMAN, Ruth
May 12, 1927 - January 23, 2023

Ruth Hilda Wildeman (nee Rockel) was born May 12, 1927, at Drake, Sask., the oldest child of Henry and Helene (nee Stephan) Rockel. The Rockels remained living on the farm nine miles west of Drake until 1939 when they moved to the Conrad Rockel farm one mile south of Lanigan, and now owned by Ruth's granddaughter, Holly and Jeff Srochenski. Ruth attended school grades 1-5 in Bloomfield and then grades 6-12 in Lanigan. Training as a Lab and X-ray Technician was completed in 1964-65 in Saskatoon. In 1946, she married Robert Alfred Wildeman, and they took over the Rockel family farm. In 1994, Alfred and Ruth exchanged residences with Fay and George Shiloff and moved into Lanigan. On September 23, 2017, Ruth moved into Saskatoon Luther Riverside Terrace living there until June 2021 when she moved to the Luther Special Care Home.

Ruth was predeceased by her husband, R. Alfred Wildeman on February 24, 2016, her parents Henry and Helene Rockel, sisters Eva McPherson and husband John, Ella Clark and husband Jim, sons-in-law Robert Tkach and George Shiloff, and niece Kerry Pierce. Ruth was also predeceased by Alfred's parents Robert and Olga Wildeman, their baby in infancy Elsie Rose, sisters-in-law Pearl Wildeman, Violet Fick, Velma Elliot, Evelyn Wright, brothers-in-law Albert Fick, Don Elliott, George Wildeman, Ken Wachs, and Danny Wildeman.

Ruth is survived by daughter Fern (Vernon) Keil and their children Rob (Isabelle) Keil, great-grandchildren Zakary, Samantha, and Thomas; Curtis Keil; Colin Keil (Hannah Keil-O'Dowd); her great-grandchildren, Taylor Castoro (Jimmy), Savannah, Rion, Hailey, Carter and Lily; Trudy Keil (Greg Lendrum) and great-grandchildren Connor, Aleena, Bailey and Brayden; daughter Fay Shiloff (Doug Woodrow) and her children Holly (Jeff) Srochenski and great-grandchildren Trinity and Quinn, Cory (Kelsey) Shiloff and great-grandchildren Alexis, Klay and Colton; Jason Shiloff and great-grandchild Harper; daughter Sylvia Tkach (Gregory Dubetz) and her children Darren Tkach, great-grandchildren Brinley and Bexley, Clinton (Lindsay) Tkach and great-grandchildren, Cadence and Hudson; Chad (Crystal) Wyton and great-grandchildren Diezel and Shelby; Crystal Tkach and great-grandchild Meadow. Ruth is also survived by sister Reta Rockel, brother Ed Rockel (Hallie), sister-in-law Lily Wachs and Marjorie Wildeman, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ruth loved and was an accomplished curler making it to women's playdowns several times. She continued to curl into her retirement and enjoyed attending curling events. Later in life she watched curling on TV, this passion she shared with her sister Reta and her daughters. Reta always called to inform Ruth of the curling schedules on TV and Fern always ensured the schedules and times were available for Sylvia to post and enable her to watch in the Special Care Home. Ruth loved to travel, and with Alfred they travelled to Arizona in their motorhome for winters, went on a Panama Canal and Alaska cruises, visited Germany, attended expo and the Olympics, and travelled coast to coast within Canada. Ruth and Alfred took every opportunity to watch the grandchildren and great-grandchildren in their activities. Even after she moved to Saskatoon her answer was "yes I want to go" with every invitation to travel regardless of weather, roads, or distance. Ruth loved fishing, and as a couple, Ruth and Alfred enjoyed many fishing trips often surrounded by their children and grandchildren. It was common to be fishing in Nipawin for the May long weekend as the snow softly fell on the boat and camping units. Ruth also loved ice cream! She always had a gallon or two in her freezer and was happy to share with very lucky grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Farming was a part of her very full life. Many of her nieces and nephews have shared their wonderful memories of her on the farm. Ruth enjoyed the time she worked in Lab and X-ray at the Lanigan Union Hospital. She involved herself with volunteerism with the church and the Heritage Association. Ruth loved to garden and had a garden plot at the Luther Riverside Terrace that she tended. Ruth also loved watching the Rose Bowl parade. It was a highlight of every year and in 2014 she was finally able to attend at Pasadena, California with Vern, Fern, Fay, and George. Ruth loved her family. It was important to her to have her family gathered at holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, and the spring and fall sausage making event. She would always call for a nose count to ensure everyone was able to come home and attend. She welcomed each new addition to the family by ensuring each spouse, grandchild, and great-grandchild had one of her beautiful hand-knitted Christmas stockings.

Our family was blessed to have her for her 95 years and her presence, wisdom, and love is deeply missed by all who loved and knew her. A funeral service for Ruth will be held on Friday, April 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. from Trinity Lutheran Church, Lanigan, Sask., officiated by Pastor George Hind. A private family interment will take place in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Memorial donations in Ruth's memory may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church (Box 672, Lanigan, Sask. S0K 2M0) or Lanigan Heritage Center (cheques must be payable to Town of Lanigan, Box 280, Lanigan, Sask. S0K 2M0). Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Malinoski & Danyluik Funeral Home & Crematorium, Humboldt, 306-682-1622.

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At a popular country music festival in Craven, 50 mm of rain produced a sea of mud requiring a lengthy clean up. Barbecues flew off decks and siding was ripped away from dwellings. Ditches were filled to the brim and three-quarters of the basements in Teulon were flooded after receiving 168 mm of rain in 24 hours. The town of Libau was hardest hit in Manitoba with 140 mm of rain.

Storm number four ended July on a stormy note, with ever-present heat and humidity. In Alberta, 25 high maximum temperature records were set by July 30, with temperatures reaching as high as 35°C. Between July 29 to 31, the weather featured clusters of severe thunderstorms, including a couple of tornadoes, strong rotating or straight-line

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winds and flooding rains. Near Markerville, a massive hailstone weighing in at more than 292 grams broke the previous Canadian record of 290 grams, set in 1973.

Hailstones were as large as hen eggs in Alberta and baseball sized in Saskatchewan. Powerful winds at the Big Valley Jamboree in Camrose exceeded 80 km/h, strong enough to rip tents and awnings. A tornado touched down in Coronation on July 31. Later, another weak, non-destructive tornado struck between Kindersley and Swift Current, with the usual storm damage of torn roofs, tossed backyard objects and downed trees and power lines. Street flooding was widespread. According to Western University's Northern Tornado Project,

nearly half the tornadoes on the Prairies this year occurred in July, with 11 in Saskatchewan, six in Alberta and one in Manitoba. Saskatchewan had one of the busiest tornado seasons on record with 25 tornadoes in total, including seven twisters on July 29 alone.

Following the four major July storms, some farmers were left picking up the pieces of their crops and homes while others were feeling lucky, having been spared. Winds overturned and smashed farm equipment and silos of grains, including massive grain barrels containing 100,000 bushels of crop. The storms also killed numerous livestock, destroyed crops and ripped one farmer's barn off the ground. A tragic incident occurred on a farm near

Mankota on July 8, when lightning struck and killed 28 cattle.

Property insurance damage in July, not counting crop losses, was nearly a quarter of a billion dollars across the Prairies, with Alberta suffering the majority of the loss.

9. Record breaking cold in time for the holidays

With such a mild fall in 2021, Western Canadians were not prepared for one of the coldest Christmas-New Year's holiday periods going into the new year of 2022. Late in December 2021, an extremely cold air mass from Siberia descended across most of Northern and Western Canada. On Christmas Eve, Deadmen Valley in the Northwest Territories recorded a brutal low of -45°C. The only place

in the world colder at that time was Yakutsk, Russia, at -48°C.

Across the prairies, daytime highs barely reached the upper -20s and -30s. At times, everywhere from British Columbia to Northern Ontario was under an extreme cold weather warning, with wind chills ranging between -40 and -55.

Across British Columbia, an arctic outflow warning was in effect for most of the province, including Metro Vancouver and the Interior. Severe wind chills dipped to -20 and lower in Vancouver, the Fraser Valley and Whistler. Power outages affected thousands of customers along the south coast. Vancouver International Airport

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experienced flight delays and cancellations. BC Ferries cancelled numerous sailings due to frozen water pipes and unsafe conditions on the vehicle decks.

On Dec. 26 in Saskatchewan, Val Marie was the warmest spot at -21°C, (wind chill -33), while Key Lake was the coldest, recording -42.1°C (-50 wind chill). On Dec. 28, temperatures in Regina fell to -38.6°C, beating the previous record set in 1884 (-37.2°C) by more than a full degree. The prolonged cold killed car batteries, with reports of 40-hour waits for battery boosts and 70-hours for towing.

In Alberta, Edmontonians awoke to an unbearably low temperature of -42.1°C on Dec. 28. This broke the daily record of -38.6°C set in 1880. Three of the last five days of December had minimum temperatures below -40°C, with eight hours

of wind chills at or below -50. Countless outdoor events were cancelled, including an annual pond hockey tournament and holiday activities at the Calgary Zoo and Canada Olympic Park.

As the holiday deep freeze pushed demand for electricity near or above record highs, many cities in Western Canada were forced to keep shelters and warming places open throughout the holidays. Thanks to the lengthy cold snap, several businesses returned after New Year's to burst pipes and flood damage.

The breathtaking cold only got colder in early January 2022, as the blast of Arctic air remained stubbornly in place for days. Some of the world's coldest air was parked over the Canadian Northwest at the end of 2021 and at the beginning of the new year. There was no escaping the dangerous and enduring cold,

especially in the Northwest Territories. Between Jan. 5 and 7, the temperature in Whitehorse plummeted to -44.8°C, the coldest temperature in almost 17 years. At Watson Lake on Jan. 6, the temperature bottomed out at a record -52.2°C.

As a result of these chilling temperatures, both the Whitehorse Cross-Country Ski Club and Yukon Wildlife Preserve were closed for two days. Businesses didn't open. All school buses throughout the territory were cancelled for the first time in most people's memory. Thick ice fog blanketed the city for a week or longer, making the downtown eerily claustrophobic.

Having experienced the mild fall of 2021, Canadians in the north and west of the country were no doubt unpleasantly surprised by one of the coldest holiday seasons ever recorded.

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Cara Faris for the Flyers with 7:44 left on the clock. Tied at one through one, it would be Milestone who took an early second period lead to put the pressure on the Fillies.

Unable to reply in the middle stanza and down one through 40 minutes, the East Central contingent continued to press, utilizing three solid lines. With that constant pressure, as the third period arrived, Ehlert felt the momentum shifted. “We took over the game but their goaltender was really good and kept them in it. We outshot and outchanced them and Allie made the saves when we needed them.”

Looking to get the equalizer and force extra time, East Central remained patient and then with just over one minute left, Jayda Braun tallied her second of the contest to make it 2-2. That would be it for scoring in period three and as the buzzer sounded, overtime was once again needed.

Headed to the extra period, Ehlert felt good about his team’s chances but did not expect to see them play out five periods later. Following the first overtime frame, then the second, third and fourth, Ehlert reminded his club to stick with it. Then once overtime period five arrived, the patience paid off.

“They kept us to the outside and limited quality opportunities during the overtime portion. Between periods I just said to the girls, “We are outplaying them and we will get our chances, I promise. They will come.” I just didn’t think it would take five periods of overtime but facing a hot goaltender at the other end, you never know how long it will go for.”

Essentially playing two and a half games,

as period eight began, the Fillies and Flyers were aiming for a conclusion. With players tired and the shots 58-40 in favour of the home team, the next opportunity would determine the victor. Gaining possession of the puck, the Fillies entered the Flyers’ zone and Lanigan’s Bryer Renwick received a pass, and in the slot, was able to notch the winner with 14:12 left on the clock. The goal gave the Fillies a 3-2 victory and the provincial championship.

Lasting over four and a half hours until the final goal was registered, while the game was not the longest ever in Saskatchewan Minor Hockey (Ehlert said in 2014 there was a game lasting eight overtime periods), the head coach was excited Bryer was finally able to end it. “She worked hard and was deserving of that goal. We were happy the puck went in and all of the sudden you realize that we just won back to back titles. It is really really awesome and words can’t describe it because it is so rare to win two provincial titles in a row like that.”

Grateful to everyone who stayed and cheered on the team through the eight periods of game two, Ehlert added the officials who came out from Saskatoon also did an admirable job. “They ended up essentially doing two and a half games. They were excited to be a part of it but they were tired too. They deserve credit for being there for the whole thing.”

With a season plan of keeping the game simple, skating lots and staying in shape, reflecting on the year, Ehlert said the team remained dedicated and those results paid off. The head coach also noted a tournament in

Calgary earlier in the season in which the games did not quite go the Fillies way was also a turning point. “I think that really helped set us up for the rest of the season as the girls came together and bonded. Then when the World Junior final game was on, we had practice that night and in between intermissions of that game we would skate. When the intermissions were over and the game was back on, the girls put on their skate guards to watch it on TV in the lobby. They got together to do things like that during the season and those off ice things really spoke about the group uniting together.”

With all of the Fillies players residing within the boundaries of the East Central Minor Hockey League, Ehlert said the tremendous talent brought together speaks to how strong the league is. “They all started out playing against each other in U9 and U11 and are now able to compete on the same team. They have really come together and heading into the year as U18 players, we wanted to have the best record during the regular season and then to go and win the division was special. It took dedication to win every night and we only lost one game during the year. That is pretty special.”

Only losing one player due to age while gaining others for this season’s run, as the current group was able to celebrate a second consecutive provincial title, come next season, five kids will age out including Ehlert’s daughter. The head coach said for those five to win it all in their last year was a great way to go out. “My daughter Meikka was upset this was the end of her hockey but winning the title made it sting a little less.”

Sharing that the year’s success was a team effort, Ehlert added there was an awesome group of parents supporting them along the way. “They have been really good with helping out whenever something is needed. They know what has to be done and when someone is not able to make it, it is really nice someone else is able to fill in. It is my favourite team to be a part of.”

With no real expectations of winning during the team’s inaugural year, Ehlert explained that all changed heading into this season and is something that will spill over into 2023-’24. “In the back of your mind you know that teams do not repeat so while we did set expectations at the start of the year, we did not know if we could reach them. But then we were able to repeat so it was pretty awesome. We went in with the same attitude, to skate hard and have fun and came away with another provincial title. Heading into next season, we expect to either win or else have a whole lot of fun trying.”

On this year’s East Central Fillies U18 team included: Allie Edwards (1), Ava Politeski (2), Jayda Braun (3), Ella MacMurchy (4), Payton Crone (5), Marissa Holcomb (7), Nicole Hackl (8), Abbigail Martin (9), Paige Haskey (10), Tyler Wasylenska (11), Bryer Renwick (12), Jayda Sandercock (14), Kaistyn Ehlert (16), Ava Dorish (17), Meikka Ehlert (18), Emma Mann (19), Quinn Olson (27), Hadley Braun (44) and affiliates Shelby Barnes and Kaycee Davies. The head coach is Murray Ehlert, assistant coaches Danielle Miller, Bryan Politeski, and Murray Braun, trainer Derek Holcomb and manager Rhoda Ehlert.



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