

CLIPPER SPORTS

ESS Barons girls optimistic in 2024/25

By Tony Zerucha

The École Edward Schreyer Barons girls enter their second season with plenty of optimism. Coach Stephanie Pituley said that for the first time, everyone knows what to expect.

"This year, we have a template to play off of," Pituley said. "We're taking what we learned last year and putting things together better."

One year ago, everything was new. Some players didn't know each other. Many had never played hockey before; some played ringette, one was a figure skater, and others had no experience on the ice.

In 2024-25, they know what to expect in practices and games. The veterans can help the rookies along. Coaches are also more comfortable. Only two weeks in, Pituley sees a huge difference.

That familiarity is helped by a roster that re-

turns mostly intact, along with a few key additions. Goalie Gabby Wozney comes over from Springfield. Having a regular goalie brings benefits beyond the crease.

"It's hard to work as a team with a new goalie every game," Pituley said. "You are constantly figuring each other out. Gabby's excited to play and we're excited to have her."

Pituley also looks forward to Jordan Clark's contributions. She played with the Barons' boys team in 2023-24.

Fans should mark Dec. 19 on their calendars. The two Barons teams will play league games back-to-back. Students will be bused to what promises to be a loud arena.

"It's going to be a packed house and so exciting," Pituley said. "To have an audience like that for the girls to be exposed to is really cool."



File photo
Jordan Clark will play with the Barons girls this year.

Comets dump La Broquerie Habs

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The Beausejour Comets topped the La Broquerie Habs 5-2 at the Beausejour Sportsplex on Oct. 4 behind a three-point effort from newcomer Cash Clarkson.

Sniper Clint Thomas gave the Comets an early lead with his third of the season 99 seconds into the game. Nikolas Bear and Braden Clarke earned the helpers. Former Eastman

Select Colton Pakoo tied the game at 2:57, with former Select teammate Mario Gagnon providing the help.

The Comets regained the lead on Clarkson's second of the campaign at 16:14 on passes from Jace Ticknor and Evan Leeson. That 2-1 score held until 3:34 of the final frame when Jarvis Ewasko cashed in his first. Clarkson and Cohen Kemball were awarded assists.

After the Habs made it 3-2 at 8:09, Scott Fiebelkorn and Clarkson potted

insurance goals to make the final 5-2.

Ewasko and Kemball had two-point evenings for the Comets, who outshot Les Habs 47-26. Dylan Liske earned the win. Comet penalty killers stopped all four power plays. The Habs were not penalized.

Beausejour hits the road for a rematch in La Broquerie on Oct. 11 before visiting the Arborg Ice Dawgs on Oct. 12. They host the Selkirk Fisherman Oct. 18 at 8 p.m.

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