

HOCKEY



***2024 SENIOR DIVISIONAL
OPERATIONAL MEETING E-BINDER***

Albatross Hotel, Gander, NL

June 8, 2024



**SENIOR DIVISIONAL OPERATIONAL MEETING AGENDA
2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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Saturday, June 8, 2024 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		SALON BC
1. Welcome and Opening Remarks	Gary Gale, Chair	
2. Presentation of Credentials / Roll Call	Joe Maynard, Vice Chair	
3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest	All Attendees	
4. Agenda – Review / Approval	Gary Gale, Chair	Attached
5. Adoption of Council Executive Meeting Minutes	Gary Gale, Chair	Attached
6. Business Arising from Minutes	Gary Gale, Chair	
7. <u>Reports</u>		
a) Senior Council Chair's Report	Gary Gale, Chair	Attached
b) Avalon East Senior Hockey League Report	Jack Casey, AESHL President	Attached
c) Central West Senior Hockey League Report	Andy Brake, CWSHL President	
d) Herder Report	Joe Maynard, Vice Chair	Attached
g) Allan Cup Committee Report	Pat Rose, Secretary / Ivan Hapgood, Caribous GM	Attached
e) Herder Live Stream Report	Gary Gale, Chair	
8. New Business		
a) Setup for Upcoming Season	Gary Gale, Chair	
b) Minimum Suspension Guidelines	Gary Gale, Chair	
c) Playing Rule Changes	Ed Flood, Referee-in-Chief	
d) Notice of Motions	Gary Gale, Chair	
e) Abusive Fan Protocol	Gary Gale, Chair	
f) Allan Cup	Pat Rose / Ivan Hapgood	
g) Senior Awards	Gary Gale, Chair	
h) Territorial Boundaries	Gary Gale, Chair	
i) Herder	Gary Gale, Chair	
- Trophy Policy		
- Live Stream Contract / AOL		
- New Venue Assessment Process		
- Road to the Herder Plan		
- Accommodation Challenges		
- Marketing and Promotion		
- Herder Date		
- Venues		
- Player pick ups Central West		
9. Other Business	Gary Gale, Chair	
10. Adjournment		

Hockey NL Senior Divisional Operational Meeting



Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday June 24, 2023
Time: 8:30 am
Location: Albatross Hotel

Attendees:

Gary Gale, Chairperson

Ian Sullivan, Breakers

Jonathan Kavanagh, CB Blues

Tony Buckle, CB Royals

Mark Lawrence, PAB

Steven Simms, DL Red Wings

Joe Maynard, Vice President

Jack Casey, Avalon East Senior League

Ivan Haggood, Caribou's

Jamie Young, Senior Council

Andy Brake, President West Coast Hockey League

Art Barry Observer

Tom Bequette, Outer Cove Observer

Bob Hedges, Central Observer

Absent:

Pat Rose, Secretary

Robert Slaney, CeeBees

Jason Miller, St. John's Caps

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, Gary Gale. He welcomed all in attendance. He noted that Pat Rose will not be able to attend due to health issues, and Jamie Young will be taking minutes. It was also noted that observers will have the opportunity to speak. Gary also said it was a great year with a lot of positives, we need to have a good meeting today and move forward with the setup.

2. Roll Call

Vice President, Joe Maynard completed the roll call for all in attendance. There are 14 voting delegates out of 16 attendees. Missing; CeeBees, Caps and Pat Rose

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

Gary explained that the Governance requires us to disclose if there is any conflict of interest by any of the participants before the meeting. There was no disclosure of any conflict of interest.

4. Agenda – Review / Approval (d)

Ivan Haggood requested to add Hall of Fame Induction to the agenda.

Motion #1

Motion to accept the agenda as Amended.

Moved by: **Tony Buckle**

Seconded by: **Ivan Haggood**

In Favour: All

Against: n/a

Motion PASSED

5. Adoption of Council Executive Meeting Minutes (D)

Motion #2

**Motion to accept the following Meeting Minutes which were distributed:
September 17, 2022; January 13, 2023; February 28, 2023; March 28, 2023**

Moved by: **Ivan Hapgood**

Seconded by: **Jack Casey**

In Favour: All

Against: n/a

Motion PASSED

6. Business Arising from Minutes

No Discussion.

7. Reports (i)

a) Senior Council Chair's Report

Gary reviewed his written report, thanking everyone for all the hard work.

b) Avalon East Senior Hockey League Report

Jack Casey reviewed his written report, noting they are in a good position and fans are up.

c) West Coast Senior Hockey League

Andy Brake provided his report noting that they had great fans. Gary welcomed Wayne Russel (Life Member) and Ken Chafe, Candidate for President for Hockey NL. Also, Dr. Jared Buter.

d) Marketing and Promotion Report

Gary reported that Paul didn't make it, but the Herder Logo is done by Seamus, we just have to get it from him. The AOL live streaming had 589 live streams last year. 2120 tuned in for the amount of \$20,972.00 minus productions costs equaled \$12,700. Gary stated we should continue with the 3-5 year contract.

e) Recreation Hockey Report

Gary reported that due to illness Beth Williams had to take a leave of absence, and Jamie Young was appointed by the board. The plan was to document how many recreation players are registered in the province. Get the inventory set up with the purpose and goal to have a Provincial Tournament with registration with HNL.

f) Para Hockey Report

Chad Brinson gave an introduction to Para Hockey in the Province on behalf of Curtin Baggs and the Avalon Sled Dogs Para Hockey Team.

g) Herder Report

Joe Maynard reviewed his submitted written report. The contract for the stream is in year 3 of 5.

h) Allan Cup Committee Report

Pat Rose provided a written report. Ivan highlighted that the hospitality in Dundas was great.

i) Executive Director's Report

Craig Tulk reported that there is a task team set up with Hockey Canada to review rule changes.

- Rule change in regulation (E) Regulation with the amendment to have the deadline by Nov 15th.
- Suspension guidelines rule 11 Maltreatment. Gary said the teams have called to review them (11.4)

The West noted there is an issue with the number of games given for maltreatment infractions. Jack Casey stated that if called in the last ten minutes to add another game.

8. New Business

a) Setup for Upcoming Season

Jack Casey reported that work back from the Herder date to begin the regular season. The financial report was submitted for the Herder. Mile One may be an option next year in the East. Looking at starting March

23rd or 28th, and seek tickets early. The East will start the season early to move back to the dates. Any Brake reported that they will have three teams and they will play out of their own venue.

Motion #3

Motion for the Herder Committee to explore options for the Herder Venue and have them in place for next season.

Moved by: ?

Seconded by: ?

In Favour: All

Against: n/a

Motion PASSED

HNL usually receives 11.5% of Revenue. Gary suggested that HNL not take the cut, and everyone agreed.

b) *Minimum Suspension Guidelines*

There was a discussion on the minimum suspension guidelines.

Motion #4

Notice of Motion 11.01.E tabled by George Bursell

Moved by: **George Bursell**

Seconded by:

In Favour: n/a

Against: All

Motion DECLINED

c) *Playing Rule Changes*

Steve Orr asked if there were questions regarding the Maltreatment Guidelines and No Change Icing rules?

d) *Abusive Fan Protocol*

Jack Casey commented that the abusive fans cost money with extra security, and we need a security plan in place. It was agreed that a letter needs to be sent to the arena managers regarding security during games.

e) *Allan Cup*

General Discussion.

f) *Herder*

General Discussion

g) *Senior Awards*

Jonathan Kavanagh is receiving the Charlie McCarthy Award and Stephen Orr is receiving Ron Healy Award.

h) *Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony*

Dr. Jared Butler stated the Board will decide if it will be held at the Civic Centre in CB or the Gander AGM.

9. Other Business

No acclamation for Gary Gale, Joe Maynard, or Brandon Baird at the AGM. There will still have to be a vote.

10. Adjournment

Gary thanked all for joining. The official portion of the meeting was completed. The floor is open for discussions.

Motion #3

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: **X**

Seconded by: **X**

In Favour: All

Against: n/a

Motion PASSED

Meeting concluded at 12:12 pm



2023-2024 Senior Chair Report

Overall, the 2023-24 season was an excellent year for our Senior program. The AECSHL maintained a six-team set-up, whereas the WCSHL was restructured and became the Central West Senior Hockey League as the Grand Falls-Windsor Cataracts returned to make a four team league.

Season Highlights:

- The Skill level in both leagues increased, in particular in the East.
- Fan attendance for the regular season/play-offs/Herder and on-line for the Herder increased.
- The Herder, in spite of being a four straight game win by the Caps over the Wings, was outstanding. On the National Stage, the Southern Shore Breakers travelled to Dundas, Ontario for the Allan Cup and placed second. The Breakers, in spite of a loss in the final game, played with class and were great Ambassadors for our province. To be the second best Amateur Senior Hockey team in Canada is a significant achievement.

Our Senior program has advanced significantly since the Covid shutdown. A special Thank You to all teams that participated this season and congratulations to the St. John's Capitals on their first Herder win since 1990. Also, congratulations to our Hall of Fame inductees, in particular, Andy Brake and Ivan Hapgood in the Builder Category.

Look forward to a fantastic 2024-2025 season!

Gary Gale
Chair, Senior & Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee



REPORT TO HOCKEY NL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 7, 2024

In 2023/2024, the Avalon East Senior Hockey League ("AESHL") operated with six teams, the Clarenville Caribous, Conception Bay Blues, the Harbour Grace CeeBee Stars, the Southern Shore Senior Breakers, the St. John's Senior Caps, and the Outer Cove Marines. The league commenced play in October 2023 with a sixty-game regular season schedule that had each team playing a twenty-game schedule comprising ten home and ten away games.

The 2023/2024 season continued the trend experienced in recent years of highly competitive regular seasons followed by exciting playoffs. At the end of the regular season, the top four teams were separated by only ten points. The Clarenville Caribous held down first place from the outset followed closely by the Conception Bay Blues. The Caribous ended the season with 33 points followed closely by the Blues at 30 points. Third and fourth place were decided on the final weekend with the St. John's Senior Caps finishing ahead of the Southern Shore Senior Breakers with 26 and 23 points respectively. The Harbour Grace Ceebee Stars finished in fifth place earning 11 points, and the Outer Cove Marines finished sixth with 5 points.

Following the regular season, the top two teams received a bye to the semi-final round of the playoffs. An elimination round was scheduled over the first playoff weekend with the 3rd place Caps facing off against the 6th place Marines in a best of three series. Meanwhile, the 4th place Breakers faced off against the 5th place Ceebee Stars in an exciting three game series. The Breakers and Caps advanced from the elimination round to face the Caribous and Blues in the semi-finals.

The best of seven semi-final series with the Conception Bay Blues facing off against the St. John's Senior Capitals went six exciting games. The first weekend home ice provided no advantage with each team winning close one goal games in the other team's home rink. Games 3 and 4 were won by the Caps, with the Blues coming back with a convincing 4-1 win on home ice in Game 5, setting up an exciting Game 6 at Yetman Arena. The Senior Caps pulled out a 6-2 win in Game 6 claiming a 4-2 series win.

The second semi-final series featured the Clarenville Caribous and the Southern Shore Breakers. The first weekend involved a two-game set at the Eastlink Community Centre, with each team winning one game. With the series tied 1-1 two games were then scheduled for the Ken Williams Arena on the second weekend. The Caribous won Games 3 and 4 by identical 4-3 scores. Game 5 took place back in Clarenville with the Caribous taking a convincing 4-0 win setting up a final series between the Senior Caps and the Caribous.

The final between the St. John's Senior Caps and the Clarenville Caribous provided excellent hockey for the fans despite the convincing 4-0 win by the Caps. By the time



the Finals were scheduled the Senior Caps were on a roll winning 15 of 17 games after the Christmas break.

The St. John's Senior Caps represented the AESHL in the Herder Memorial Championship against the CWSHL Champion Deer Lake Red Wings. Once again, an East/West Herder proved to be of great interest to the senior hockey fans across the province. While the Senior Caps won the series in four games on the strength of their youth and speed, the Red Wings kept games close except for Game 4. The AESHL and its fans look forward to more Herders against their friends in the Central West.

Regular season fan attendance was down by over 2,000 in 2023/2024 compared to the previous season. In total, just over 13,000 tickets were sold for regular season games, down from 15,000 fans attending games in the 2022/2023 season. This resulted in almost \$17,000 less ticket revenue. Also, many costs were up including an additional \$3,600 in ice rental and \$1,200 in security cost. The league will have to review its financial arrangements before the start of next season to ensure the viability of all six teams.

Once again, at the end of the 2023/2024 season an opportunity arose for our league to send a representative to the Allan Cup Challenge Tournament being hosted by the Dundas Real McCoy's. The Southern Senior Shore breakers, with a small number of strengthening players, had a fantastic tournament making its way into the Championship Game before falling to the host team. The team, made up of local senior players from our league turned many heads with their performance. The players expressed many positive sentiments and would appreciate future opportunities to compete on the national stage.

In conclusion, the 2023/2024 season was a good year hockey wise for the AESHL teams with parity across most teams. There are some financial issues that will need to be addressed prior to next season. With the year ending in a Herder Championship and an excellent showing in the Allan Cup, the level of excitement generated by the calibre of hockey being played should bode well for next season.

Jack Casey,
President,
Avalon East Senior Hockey League



2024 HERDER REPORT



Report by Joe Maynard/June 8, 2024



St. John's Senior Caps – 2024 Herder Champions

This year's Herder featured the St. John's Caps and the Deer Lake Red Wings.

The series provided very entertaining hockey for the fans of both leagues, with the Caps having youth and depth on their side. The Red Wings featured a more veteran team with some youth sprinkled in to give a solid team effort.

Losing a key member of their team early in the series was a big blow but the Wings offered a solid gritty effort which worked well through most of the series.

The Caps, playing at home in front of 1400 fans, won the first game of the series 3-2. It was a fast, physical game that featured superb goaltending from Kyle Downer of the Caps and Billy Clarke of the Wings. The second game was a little more one-sided as the Caps' speed showed in recording a 7-4 victory and a 2-0 lead in the series.

The following week the series moved to Deer Lake for games 3 and 4. Friday's game was a high-scoring affair with The Caps winning 7-6 in overtime. This loss was a tough

one for the Wings, as they couldn't match Friday night's effort again on Saturday night. With goalie, Downer, leading the way, the Caps won 5-0 to capture the Herder in a series sweep.

Joel Bishop was named winner of the Cliff Gorman Memorial award as the Herder MVP.

I want to congratulate both teams on a great effort in the series. The Caps were considered the favourite entering the series and they showed why with how well they played. Deer Lake gave a great effort in this series, as they did last year but are just a step behind when it comes to matching the East Representative in the Herder play, even with the pick-ups they used. Hopefully we can come up with a way to make the Herder competition more competitive as 4-1 or 4-0 loses will do nothing to strengthen fan or player interest.

I want to thank the Management and Staff of both the CBS and Deer Lake venues for their help with this tournament. We had great crowds and little or no issues.

Allan Cup 2024 Report
Presented by: Pat Rose
June 8, 2024



History

In 1908, a split occurred in the competition of ice hockey in Canada. The top amateur teams left the [Eastern Canada Amateur Hockey Association](#), which allowed professionals, to form the new [Inter-Provincial Amateur Hockey Union \(IPAHU\)](#), a purely amateur league. The trustees of the [Stanley Cup](#) decided that the Cup would be awarded to the professional ice champion, meaning there was no corresponding trophy for the amateur championship of Canada. The Allan Cup was donated in early 1909 by Montreal businessman and Montreal Amateur Athletic Association president Sir [H. Montagu Allan](#) to be presented to the amateur champions of Canada. It was to be ruled like the Stanley Cup had, passed by champion to champion by league championship or challenge.^{[1][2]} Three trustees were named to administer the trophy: Sir Edward Clouston, President of the [Bank of Montreal](#), Dr. H. B. Yates of [McGill University](#), (donor of the [Yates Cup](#) to the Intercollegiate Rugby Union in 1898) and [Graham Drinkwater](#), four-time Stanley Cup champion.^[citation needed]

The trophy was originally presented to the [Victoria Hockey Club](#) of [Montreal](#), Quebec, members of the IPAHU, to award to the champions of the IPAHU.^[2] The first IPAHU champion, and by extension, first winner of the Cup was the [Ottawa Cliffside](#) hockey club. After the season, the Cliffside were defeated in the first-ever challenge by the [Queen's University](#) hockey club of [Kingston, Ontario](#).

**Credit to Wikipedia for the History.*

I thought I would begin this report with the History of the Allan Cup. There were conflicting stories of where and when it originated, so I figured I would give it clarification.

Team Roster

Player #	NAME	POSITION	MEMBER ORGANIZATION
4	Riley Spurrell	Defence	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
6	James O'Brien	Defence	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
8	Bobby Upshall	Forward	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
10	Brandon Pye (A)	Forward	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
11	Edward Farrell	Defence	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
12	Bradyn Brown	Defence	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
15	Kris Hodge	Forward	Conception Bay Senior Blues
16	Jeremy Nicholas (C)	Forward	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
17	Kevin Reid	Forward	Clarenville Ford Caribous
18	Andrew Paul	Forward	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
19	Ryan Dawson	Forward	Harbour Grace CeeBee Stars
22	Brandon Baird	Forward	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
25	Andrew Brennan	Forward	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
26	Brendan Houlihan	Forward	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
28	Kyle Robinson	Defence	Clarenville Ford Caribous
29	Stephen Oates (A)	Forward	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
30	Keith Dinn	Goaltender	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
31	A.J. Whiffen	Goaltender	Clarenville Ford Caribous
33	Conor McCarthy	Goaltender	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
36	Kieran O'Driscoll	Forward	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
39	Blake Dalton	Forward	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
51	Travis Randell	Defence	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
61	Keenan Kennedy	Forward	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
71	Michael Chafe (A)	Forward	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
77	Liam Best	Defence	Harbour Grace CeeBee Stars
82	Daniel Dalton	Defence	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
STAFF			
	Ivan Hapgood	General Manager	Clarenville Ford Caribous
	Josh Lunden	Head Coach	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
	Dale Sullivan	Assistant Coach	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
	Gerry Dalton	Assistant Coach	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
	Mick Cutler	Trainer/Equip. Manager	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
	Nathan Ryan	Public Relations	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
	Ian Sullivan	Team Governor	Southern Shore Puglisevich Senior Breakers
	Pat Rose	Hockey NL Rep.	Hockey Newfoundland Labrador

Canada's oldest hockey championship was competed for April 20-27, 2024, in Dundas, Ontario at J L Grightmire Arena. The 2024 Allan Cup Challenge featured the host team Dundas Real McCoys along with representatives from Newfoundland and Alberta, as well as a representative from the Ontario Hockey Association's (OHA) Allan Cup Hockey league, Stoney Creek. This Cup has been competed for since 1908 and is Canada's oldest hockey championship.

SCHEDULE

Saturday April 20th

Dundas Real McCoys vs Southern Shore Breakers

Sunday April 21st

Stoney Creek vs Alberta

Monday April 22nd

Alberta vs Dundas Real McCoys

Tuesday April 23rd

Southern Shore Breakers vs Stoney Creek

Wednesday April 24th

Southern Shore Breakers vs Alberta & Dundas Real McCoys vs Stoney Creek

Thursday April 25th

No Games

Friday April 26th

Semi Final - Southern Shore Breakers vs Alberta

Saturday April 27th

Final - Dundas Real McCoys vs Southern Shore Breakers

Once the Southern Shore Breakers decided that they were a going to participate in the 2024 Allan Cup they quickly reached out to Ivan Haggood to assist and be their General Manager. Ivan accepted without hesitation. He worked with the team staff and players and quickly pulled everything together to secure the funding to attend. With Ivan's experience and working with the Breakers, they quickly were on their way.

The skill of the team was exceptional and they all game together and jelled in a very short time period. The team had the will, determination, and debt to participate at this level. There were multiple practices prior to leaving and practices during days off while in Dundas. They were committed 100%. The Southern Shore Breakers had a slow start with the loss of their first game, but came out fighting with two consecutive wins, finishing in second place. Winning the semi-final game they advancing to the finals, unfortunately they fell short and did not secure the win.

Newfoundland sent a team comprised of players from the Southern Shore Breakers in the Avalon East Senior Hockey League to the Allan Cup along with five pickups from various teams, as listed in the team roster.

Game #1

Saturday night saw the 2024 Allan Cup Challenge tournament kickoff at the J.L. Grightmire Arena in Dundas, Ontario with the host Dundas Real McCoys facing off against the Southern Shore Breakers. It was a tightly contested contest that is likely an indication of the type of games we will see all week long.

It was the team from Newfoundland that opened the scoring when Travis Randell's shot went off Ryan Dawson and fluttered over the Dundas netminder Ryan Demelo and into the back of the net just 4:20 into the game. It remained that way until late in the first when Jake Goldberg's shot which went off A.J. Whiffen's pad and just over the goal line to tie the game at one.

The McCoys could have left the first period of play with a lead, however Whiffen was making some big saves, including a diving save keeping the puck out of the net by an inch.

In the second, Dundas took their first lead of the contest when Brad Bonello scored 10 seconds into the team's second power play of the game. Once again, the McCoys looked to have put the puck in the net, but Whiffen robbed the hosts of a goal. Southern Shore would also take advantage on their power play opportunities in the middle stanza as Kevin Reid tucked the puck into the net on a two-man advantage, evening the game at two.

It was back and forth in the third with the goalies for both squads keeping the puck out of the net. Just a minute into the third, Demelo made a big save as the Breakers came in on a 2-on-1. Later, near the midway point of the period, the McCoys' Cam Fergus had a shorthanded opportunity but was denied.

It wasn't until the 13:52 mark of the third that the deadlock was broken as Phil Brewer was sprung by Bonello on a breakaway which he converted. However, the Breakers put pressure on Dundas late in regulation as they had a man advantage with just over two minutes to go. Unfortunately for Southern Shore, they were not able to even up the game.

Demelo picked up the win, stopping 36 of 38 shots he faced in the McCoys net. At the other end of the ice, Whiffen took the loss making 35 saves on the night.

Players of the Game

Dundas Real McCoys – Phil Brewer (1G, 1A, GWG)

Southern Shore Breakers – Kris Hodge (1A)

Game #2

It was not a must win situation for the Southern Shore Breakers, but it sure felt like it as they entered Tuesday night's contest against the Stoney Creek Tigers. Knowing this, the Breakers relieved some of the pressure on them by doubling up Stoney Creek 4-2 and tie them for second place in the standings with one day of round robin games remaining.

Southern Shore struck first before the fans at the J.L. Grightmire Arena had even settled back into their seats following the anthem, scoring just 22 seconds into the game. Andrew Paul picked up the loose puck just outside the crease and potted it into the back of the net for the 1-0 lead. Then nearly five minutes later, Stephen Oates grabbed the puck in his own zone, skated around the defenders and across the crease stuffing it in the open side for a 2-0 lead.

Stoney Creek had some good chances to get on the board in the first, including a short two-on-one which was broken up just before a shot could get off. The Tigers would get on the board in the second when Dan Poliziani scored with the man-advantage cutting the Breakers lead to 2-1.

In the third, the Breakers regained their two-goal lead when Ryan Dawson stole the puck at the blue line and picked the top shelf of the Stoney Creek net at the 5:53 mark. That would turn out to be the winner, but Bobby Upshall made sure there was some insurance at 8:33 when he collected a rebound and slid it through the netminder's pads for a 4-1 lead. Dalton Riley would get one back for the Tigers with 1:49 remaining in the final stanza when he backhanded a pass by Wiffen.

Whiffen would make 37 saves on the night, helping the Breakers to the win while Daniel Svdein stopped 35 of 39 shots in the loss.

All four teams will be in action on Wednesday with a lot on the line. The day will start off at 3pm with the Innisfail Eagles and Southern Shore Breakers facing off. Innisfail would need a regulation victory and some help to remain in the tournament. Then at 7:30pm the Dundas Real McCoys do battle with the Stoney Creek Tigers. Any point in the standings for Dundas will secure the bye to the championship game on Saturday afternoon. Both games will be played at the J.L. Grightmire Arena in Dundas.

Players of the Game

Stoney Creek Tigers – Dan Polozoani (1G)

Southern Shore Breakers – Stephen Oates (1PPG)

Game #3

Round robin action at the 2024 Allan Cup Challenge came to a close on Wednesday with all four teams in action. The two games played a huge role in the final standings and which team got the extra day off, advancing to Saturday's championship game.

The opening game of the day saw the Innisfail Eagles and Southern Shore Breakers duel to stay alive in the tournament.

The teams got off to a tentative start, but each squad got a couple of quality chances to open the scoring, but neither were able to find the back of the net thanks to some stellar goaltending.

It would be the Breakers who opened the scoring just over four and a half minutes into the middle frame when Kevin Reid skated into the attacking zone and took a shot from the top of the circle which was tipped by an Eagle player and fooled goaltender Brodan Salmond. It would be Reid's second goal of the tournament. Southern Shore looked to have extended their lead eight minutes late, on a two-on-one, but Salmond stacked the pads to deny the goal and keep it a one-goal game.

Innisfail had their chances to even the score in the third, including three or four opportunities with the man advantage as well as moments after the penalty had expired, missing an open net. Then, with 2:30 left on the clock, the Eagles pulled Salmond for the extra attacker and put pressure on the Breakers. However, the team from the East Coast would seal the victory on Andrew Paul's second goal of the Allan Cup Challenge.

With the win, Southern Shore earned a spot in the playoffs but needed to wait for the outcome of the Dundas – Stoney Creek game to see when they played next.

Whiffen would pick up the shutout victory, making 41 saves in the contest while Salmond stopped 29 of 30 shots he faced, allowing just one goal.

Players of the Game

Innisfail Eagles – Ty Clay

Southern Shore Breakers – AJ Whiffen (41 save shutout)

Semi Final Game

Friday night saw the semi-final game go down at the 2024 Allan Cup Challenge tournament being held at the J.L. Grighmire Arena in Dundas, Ontario between the Southern Shore Breakers, and the Stoney Creek Tigers. The penalty filled contest saw the Breakers win 4-1 and advance to Saturday's championship against the host Dundas Real McCoys.

Much like the Breakers last game, the contest started off tentative by both teams, but it was Southern Shore who got on the scoreboard first. The power play they were on has expired seconds before Kris Hodge scored his first of the tournament, snapping a shot from the top of the circle at 8:02 of the opening period. Stoney Creek appeared to have tie the game three minutes later, however, the officials waved the goal off and ruled it had been kicked in.

Southern Shore extended their lead before the period ended when Jeremy Nichols took Brandon Pye's pass from the goal line and tapped it past the Tigers netminder for a 2-0 lead.

In the second period, it took just 48 seconds for the Breakers to go up by three when Kevin Reid scored on a penalty shot.

Stoney Creek would get on the board at the 4:10 mark of the period when Michael Ruberto stole the puck in his own end, skated down the ice and gave Paul Geiger a cross crease pass which he tapped in for a shorthanded tally. The Tigers had multiple chances to get within a goal, including a pair of short two-man advantages, but could not convert.

The Breakers effectively put the game away 2:11 into the third period when Stephen Oates tipped in a pass from Brandon Baird to make it 4-1 in their favour. Stoney Creek got a chance to get closer with 4:10 left in regulation when Southern Shore was called for a penalty and the Tigers pulled their goaltender, but they could not find the back of the net.

Neither team was able to score on the power play Friday night, a combined 0 for 15. The game would be featuring 20 infractions, 46 penalty minutes and a penalty shot.

AJ Whiffen would pick up his third win of the tournament, trying Ryan Demelo of Dundas for the lead. He would make 41 saves. For the Tigers, Daniel Svedin would stop 25 of 29 shots on the evening.

Southern Shore will get a few hours to celebrate their semi-final victory as they will be back on the ice Saturday afternoon to face the Dundas Real McCoys in the 2024 Allan Cup Challenge championship game at the J.L. Grightmire Arena starting at 3pm. The game will be shown live on CHCH TV and streamed online at <https://cable14now.com/live-streams/>.

Players of the Game

Stoney Creek Tigers – Paul Geiger (1G)

Southern Shore Breakers – Stephen Oates (1G)

Championship Game

Saturday afternoon drew a capacity crowd to the J.L. Grightmire Arena in Dundas, Ontario to see the hometown Real McCoys take on the Southern Shore Breakers in the championship game for the 2024 Allan Cup Challenge.

The same two teams opened the tournament a week ago with Dundas picking up the 3-2 victory, the only loss Southern Shore would have in the round robin. However, it was a much different game than the first time they faced each other.

It did not take long for the first puck to enter the net of the championship contest, but the Breakers goal at 1:10 was waved off due to incidental contact with the McCoys goaltender. Almost four minutes later, Dundas officially opened the scoring when Slatter Doggett's shot from the hash marks along the boards rode up the stick of AJ Wiffen and into the top of the net.

The score remained 1-0 for the hosts until the final minute of play when Jake Goldberg's snapshot from the top of the circle found a way in to double the McCoys lead.

In the second period, Dundas exploded for four goals, to take a huge 6-0 lead. Cam Fergus started the scoring parade 4:38 into the middle stanza followed by Nathan Longpre at 10:10. Igor Gongalsky and Mackenzie Wood finished off the scoring for Dundas in the frame with goals 27 second apart at 18:22 and 18:49 respectively.

Southern Shore would get a moral victory, ending Ryan DeMelo's shutout bid with 3:22 left in the third on Ryan Dawson's third goal of the tournament.

The Real McCoys would go on and get the victory and win their second Allan Cup Challenge in as many years. The last team to host the cup in back-to-back years was the Warroad Lakers who won the cup three consecutive years (1994, 1995 and 1996).

DeMelo made 33 saves on 34 shots in the championship game, while Wiffen ended the contest with 35 saves.

Players of the Game

Southern Shore Breakers – Travis Randell

Dundas Real McCoys – Mackenzie Wood (1G, 2A)

AWARDS

Following the game, the Allan Cup Committee handed out the tournament awards to the following winners.

2024 Allan Cup Challenge All-Star Team

Forwards: Phil Brewer (Dundas), Brad Bonello (Dundas), and Cordell James (Stoney Creek)

Defense: Travis Randell (Southern Shore), and Justin DaSilva (Dundas)

Goaltender: Ryan DeMelo (Dundas)

Top Defenseman – Travis Randell (Southern Shore)

Top Forward – Phil Brewer (Dundas)

Tournament MVP – Ryan DeMelo (Dundas)

With the conclusion of this year's tournament, the Dundas organizing committee hands off the tournament to the Innisfail Eagles who will host the 2025 Allan Cup Challenge tournament.

A big thank you to Ivan Hapgood, all coaching and staff and especially the players, who all put their heart and soul into this tournament and made Newfoundland and Labrador proud!

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Herder Venue Evaluation Form



Evaluator: _____ Evaluator's Role: _____

Facility: _____ Date: _____

This form is to be completed by a HNL Senior Council Representative or a designate of the HNL Senior Council. Scale is rated from 1 to 5, with 5 being the most desirable and 1 being the least desirable. Include notes to the side when you feel it is necessary for clarification. The excel version of the form is to be used to calculate the total points.

SECTION A – FACILITY

1. What is the total capacity of the venue?
 - 5 – 2000 or more
 - 4 – 1500 to 1999
 - 3 – 1000 to 1499
 - 2 – 500 to 999
 - 1 – less than 500

2. What is the spectator capacity for seating?
 - 5 – 1200 or more
 - 4 – 1000 to 1199
 - 3 – 800 to 999
 - 2 – 600 to 799
 - 1 – less than 600

3. What is the spectator capacity for standing? Do not include areas where spectator should be sitting or bar areas. This is single row standing and cannot include people standing behind one another or obstructing another fan's view.
 - 5 – 400 or more
 - 4 – 300 to 399
 - 3 – 200 to 299
 - 2 – 100 to 199
 - 1 – less than 100

4. Does the facility have individual seating for spectators?
 - 5 – Seating on all sides of the ice surface
 - 4 – Seating on three sides of the ice surface
 - 3 – Seating on two side of the ice surface
 - 2 – Seating on one side of the ice surface
 - 1 – No individual seating available, bench seating or standing room only

5. Does the facility have dedicated viewing for physically challenged spectators?
 - 5 – Viewing for 21 or more
 - 4 – Viewing for 16 to 20
 - 3 – Viewing for 11 to 15
 - 2 – Viewing for 5 to 10
 - 1 – Viewing for less than 5 or none at all

6. What percentage of ice surface is not obstructed for spectator's viewing in main seating area (not including heated sections or bar areas)? In other words how much of the ice surface is viewable?
- 5 - 95% to 100%
 - 4 - 90% to 94%
 - 3 - 85% to 89%
 - 2 - 80% to 84%
 - 1 - Less than 80%
7. Does the facility have a designated Game Viewing Section for Hockey NL Representatives?
- 5 - Yes with private access and clear view of the game
 - 4 - Yes with private access and limited view of the game
 - 3 - Yes with no private access and clear view of the game
 - 2 - Yes with no private access and no clear view of the game
 - 1 - No it does no or it is not of adequate size
8. Is the dressing rooms size suitable with players having the ability to move freely? (Limited mobility means having to jump over a number of bags to move around)
- 5 - Yes the room can accommodate all players and their gear with easy mobility
 - 4 - Yes the room can accommodate all players and their gear with limited mobility
 - 3 - Two adjoining rooms are an option with easy mobility
 - 2 - Two adjoins room are an option with limited mobility
 - 1 - The room is small and cramped with limited mobility.
9. Are the dressing rooms shower facilities suitable?
- 5 - Yes the shower(s) size can accommodate 5 or more
 - 4 - Yes the shower(s) size can accommodate 4 players
 - 3 - Yes the shower(s) size can accommodate 3 players
 - 2 - No the shower(s) size can only accommodate 2 players
 - 1 - No the shower can only accommodate 1 player or doesn't have shower facilities.
10. Are bathroom facilities for spectators suitable? In area with easy access? Multiple stalls? Accessible to people with physical disabilities?
- 5 - Yes they are easily accessible and more than adequate size
 - 4 - Yes they are easily accessible and adequate size
 - 3 - Yes they are easily accessible, but not adequate size
 - 2 - No they are not easily accessible, but adequate size
 - 1 - No they are not easily accessible or adequate size
11. Is the lobby big enough to accommodate lineups?
- 5 - Yes it can accommodate approximately 50 people or more inside
 - 4 - Yes it can accommodate approximately 30 to 49 people inside
 - 3 - Yes it can accommodate approximately 10 to 29 people inside
 - 2 - No it can only accommodate less than 10 people inside
 - 1 - No it cannot accommodate any people inside
12. Is there Canteen service and space available for lineups?
- 5 - Yes it can accommodate approximately 50 people or more in a lineup
 - 4 - Yes it can accommodate approximately 30 to 49 people in a lineup
 - 3 - Yes it can accommodate approximately 10 to 29 people in a lineup
 - 2 - Yes it can only accommodate less than 10 in a lineup
 - 1 - No canteen service available and may have vending machines

13. Is there adequate parking for spectators?
 - 5 – Yes more than 200 spaces available
 - 4 – Yes between 150 to 199 spaces available
 - 3 – Yes between 100 to 149 spaces availability
 - 2 – No only between 50 to 99 spaces available
 - 1 – No less than 50 spaces available

14. Is there sufficient access to the parking lot of the facility?
 - 5 – Yes more than two access points with limited congestion
 - 4 – Yes two access points with limited congestion
 - 3 – Yes two access points with high congestion
 - 2 – Yes one lane with limited congestion
 - 1 – No only one lane with high congestion

15. Is there assigned parking for HNL Representatives?
 - 5 – Yes up to 10 parking spots will be provided
 - 4 – Yes up to 8 parking spots will be provided
 - 3 – Yes up to 5 parking spots will be provided
 - 2 – Yes up to 3 parking spots will be provided
 - 1 – No parking will not be provided

16. Does the facility have Wifi capabilities for game streaming?
 - 5 – Yes with excellent streaming and dedicated Wifi for broadcasting
 - 4 – Yes with good streaming and dedicated Wifi for broadcasting
 - 3 – Yes with dedicated Wifi for broadcasting
 - 2 – Yes with no dedicated Wifi for broadcasting
 - 1 – No Wifi access

17. Is there a room to accommodate the hosting of a meet and greet?
 - 5 – Yes it can accommodate over 40 people
 - 4 – Yes it can accommodate 20 to 39 people
 - 3 – Yes it can accommodate 10 to 19 people
 - 2 – No it can only accommodate less than 10 people
 - 1 – No there is no area that is available

18. Is there a room to accommodate a preseries Herder and post game meetings?
 - 5 – Yes it can accommodate over 11 people
 - 4 – Yes it can accommodate 8 to 10 people
 - 3 – Yes it can accommodate 5 to 7 people
 - 2 – No it can only accommodate less than 2 to 4 people
 - 1 – No there is no area that is available

19. Does the facility have proper sound system
 - 5 – Yes professional speakers system with acoustic panels
 - 4 – Yes professional speaker system with no acoustic panels
 - 3 – Yes generic speaker system with acoustic panels
 - 2 – Yes generic speaker system with no acoustic panels
 - 1 – No the speaker system is not adequate

20. Does the facility present Canada and Newfoundland Flags?
 - 5 – Yes both flags well presented in clearly visible area
 - 4 – Yes both flags with some obstructed view of the flags
 - 3 – Yes both flags that are not clearly in view
 - 2 – Only one flag present
 - 1 – No flags present

21. Does the facility have access for centre ice presentations?
 - 5 – Yes with secure access from spectators from both sides of centre ice
 - 4 – Yes with secure access from spectators from one side of centre ice
 - 3 – Yes with unsecure access from spectators from both sides of centre ice
 - 2 – Yes with unsecure access from spectators from one side of centre ice
 - 1 – No with unsecure access from spectators and no access through centre ice

22. What are the capabilities for ticket sales?
 - 5 – Online, in person game day, presale, and assigned seating
 - 4 – Online, in person game day, presale, and no assigned seating
 - 3 – Online, In person game day, presale
 - 2 – In person game day, presale
 - 1 – In person game day only

23. Does the facility have ability to host a bar or designated bar area?
 - 5 – Yes a heated bar area is in place and capable of having designated seating area in the stands
 - 4 – Yes a heated room for a bar but no ability to have bar area in the stands
 - 3 – Yes a section can be designated with seating area
 - 2 – Yes section can be designated with standing room
 - 1 – Not capable of having a bar section

24. If there is a designated bar and/or area designated in the stands, what is the capacity?
 - 5 – Accommodations for 41 or more seating with unobstructed view
 - 4 – Accommodations for 31 to 40 seating with unobstructed view
 - 3 – Accommodations for 21 to 30 seating with unobstructed view
 - 2 – Accommodations for 11 to 20 seating with unobstructed view
 - 1 – Accommodations for 10 or less seating with unobstructed view or no bar available

25. How close is the facility to hotels?
 - 5 – less than 20 km
 - 4 – 20 km to 39 km
 - 3 – 40 km to 59 km
 - 2 – 60 km to 79 km
 - 1 – more than 80 km

SECTION B – SPECTATOR SAFETY AND SECURITY

1. Is there adequate room for spectators to move from seating areas?
 - 5 – Yes there are no limitations for movement throughout the facility
 - 4 – Yes there is with ease
 - 3 – Yes there is with some difficulty
 - 2 – Yes there is with great difficulty
 - 1 – No there is no ability for spectators to move about

2. Are spectators safe with appropriate glass height and netting? High Glass; 6'-8'/Low Glass 2'-4'
 - 5 – Yes both back and side glass is high and ice surface is fully enclosed with netting
 - 4 – Yes glass is high continuously around ice surface and netting is at both ends of the ice
 - 3 – No glass is high at the ends with netting and low around the remainder of the ice surface
 - 2 – No glass is high on ends of ice surface without netting and high around the ice surface
 - 1 – No glass is high on ends of ice surface without netting and low around ice surface

3. Based on past games, what is the likely hood of spectator confrontation and inappropriate interactions from the spectators of this facility?
 - 5 – Very Low
 - 4 – Low
 - 3 – High
 - 2 – Very High
 - 1 – Extremely High

4. Based on past games what is the security conditions?
 - 5 – Way more than enough security with ability to control situations
 - 4 – Way more than enough security with limited ability to control situations
 - 3 – Enough security with ability to control situations
 - 2 – Enough security with limited ability to control situations
 - 1 – Little to no security

5. Based on the overall venue conditions what it the likely hood that security has easy access to spectator's situations with medical issues and confrontations?
 - 5 – Extremely high
 - 4 – Very High
 - 3 – High
 - 2 – Low
 - 1 – Very low

SECTION C – GAME PLAY SAFETY AND SECURITY

1. Are the dressing room located in a secure area?
 - 5- Yes with no public access and direct access to player's box
 - 4- Yes with no public access but have to cross ice to player's box
 - 3 – No with limited public access and low risk of spectator interaction
 - 2 – No with limited public access and high risk of spectator interaction
 - 1– No with high public access and high risk of spectator interaction

- 5 Is there an appropriate medical room on site?
 - 5 – Yes easily accessible and stocked with medical supplies; stretcher/large first aid kit/splints
 - 4 – Not easily accessible and stocked with medical supplies; stretcher/large first aid kit/splints
 - 3 – Yes easily accessible and stocked with limited medical supplies
 - 2– Not easily accessible and not stocked with limited medical supplies
 - 1– No medical room on site

- 6 Is the facility in close proximity to a hospital?
 - 5 – less than 10 km with emergency room coverage during game times
 - 4 – 10 km to 20 km with emergency room coverage during game times
 - 3 – 21 km to 30 km with emergency room coverage during game times
 - 2 – 31 km to 40 km with emergency room coverage during game times
 - 1– more than 40 km with emergency room coverage during game times

- 7 Is the players box safe from spectator physical interaction?
 - 5 – Yes fully enclosed and no spectator access
 - 4 – Yes glass height more than adequate with no spectator access
 - 3 – Yes glass is high with low possibility of spectator access
 - 2 – No glass is high with high possibility of spectator access
 - 1 – No glass is low and can be accessed by spectator

- 8 Is the penalty box safe from spectator physical interaction?
 - 5 – Yes fully enclosed and no spectator access
 - 4 – Yes glass height more than adequate with no spectator access
 - 3 – Yes glass is high with low possibility of spectator access
 - 2 – No glass is high with high possibility of spectator access
 - 1 – No glass is low and can be accessed by spectator

SECTION D – GAME PLAY CONDITIONS

1. Based on the size of the ice surface, is it adequate for Herder Play?
 - 5 – Yes with NHL dimensions size ice surface
 - 4 – Yes appropriate for Senior Play at Herder level
 - 3 – Yes appropriate for Senior play at League level
 - 2 – No only appropriate for exhibition game at Senior Level
 - 1 – No not adequate for play at this level

2. How would you rate the conditions of the ice Surface for game play?
 - 5 – Extremely Good
 - 4 – Very Good
 - 3 – Good
 - 2 – Poor
 - 1 – Very poor

3. How would you rate the visibility of the lines on the ice surface for game play?
 - 5 – Extremely Good
 - 4 – Very Good
 - 3 – Good
 - 2 – Poor
 - 1 – Very poor

4. How would you rate the condition of the boards? Are they firm? Do they cause issues with game play?
 - 5 – Extremely Good (modern metal frames)
 - 4 – Very Good (modern metal frames)
 - 3 – Good
 - 2 – Poor (antiquated wooden frame)
 - 1 – Very Poor

5. How would you rate the condition of the clock?
 - 5 – Has four sides, multiple penalties display and shots on goal
 - 4 – Has multiple player penalties display and shots on goal
 - 3 – Has ability for one player per team penalty display and shots on goal
 - 2 – Has ability for one player per team penalty display and no shots on goal
 - 1 – No clock

6. Does the facility have area to store player's gear and have an assigned room for the weekend?
 - 5 – Yes there is a designated room and separate area to store player's gear and team equipment
 - 4 – Yes there is a designated room with gear storage, and separate room for equipment
 - 3 – Yes there is a designated room with gear storage, but no separate room for equipment
 - 2 – Yes there is a designated room without gear storage
 - 1 – No there is no designated room for the weekend

INPUT ALL VALUES IN THE EXCEL VERSION OF THE FORM TO GET TOTALS SUMMARY

Section A - Facility

____ Total Points
 ____ Available Points
 ____ Percentage

Section B - Safety and Security

____ Total Points
 ____ Available Points
 ____ Percentage

Section C - Game Play Safety and Security

____ Total Points
 ____ Available Points
 ____ Percentage

Section D - Game Play Conditions

____ Total Points
 ____ Available Points
 ____ Percentage

SUMMARY TOTAL

____ Total Points
 ____ Available Points
 ____ Percentage

Were post Herder evaluations completed by any other sports body? Yes No
 If yes, please include with this evaluation, and by whom? _____

Is it recommended that this facility should be a host venue for Herder Play? Yes No

Comments:
