



AEROS



**EDSON AEROS
JUNIOR A HOCKEY CLUB**

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ABOUT THE AEROS

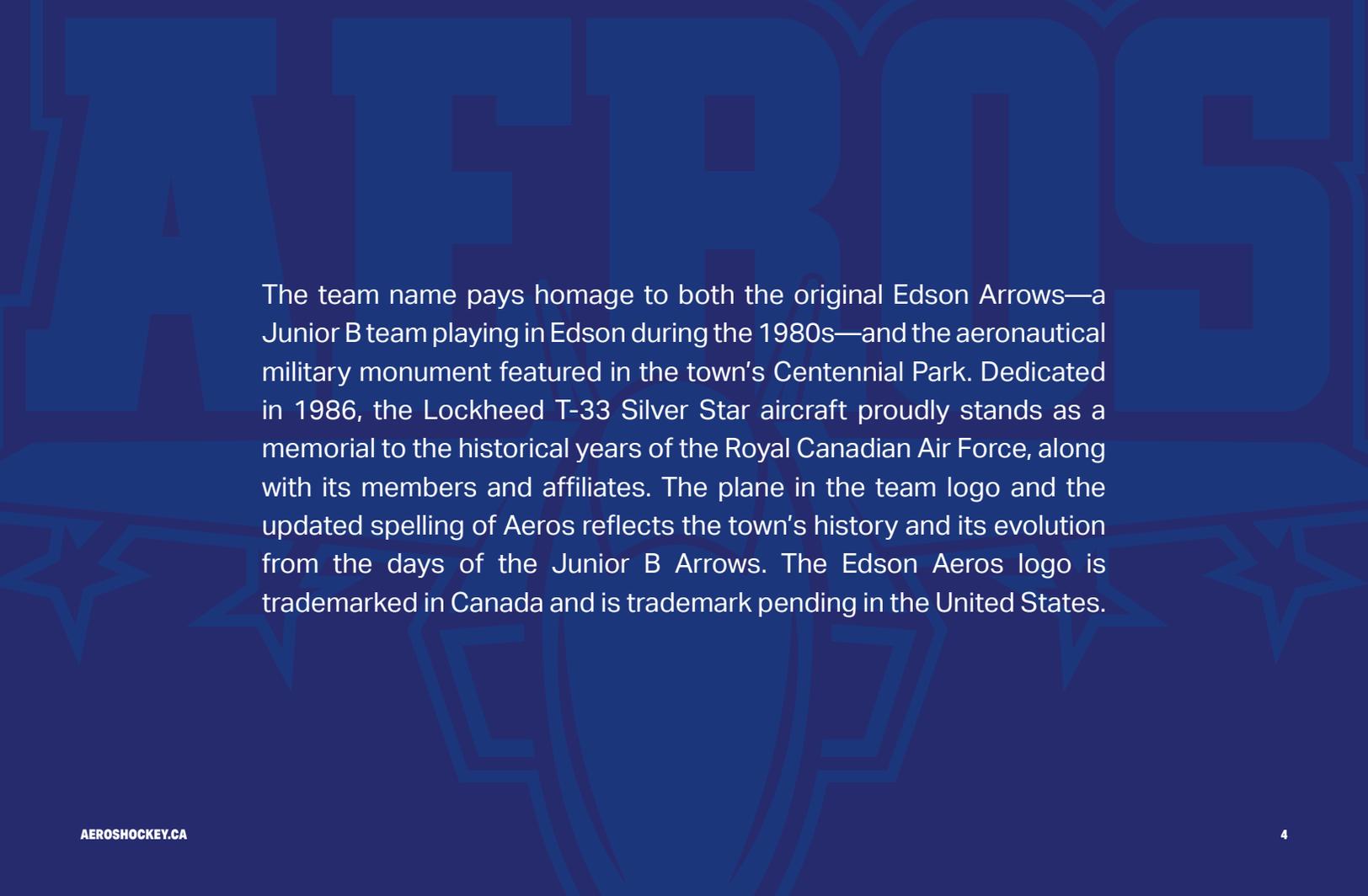
The Edson Aeros Junior A Hockey Club are a third-year team within the Provincial Division of the Western States Hockey League (WSHL). Operating since 1993, the WSHL provides an alternative to other Junior A hockey programs. Teams have players from Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia. WSHL is sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union, and therefore is not bound by the same roster limits as other junior hockey leagues. With a constantly improving quality of play, WSHL players have been receiving offers from NCAA Division I, NCAA Division III, ACHA Division 1, the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union and the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association.

This program is designed for players who want to continue playing at a high-level while seeking educational opportunities and other hockey options. At the Aeros organization, we believe education, community involvement and hockey are fundamental to building a strong program. Welcoming local and international players, the team is made up of a diverse group of people coming from Edson, across Canada and around the world.





The Edson Aeros are an excellent option for players who are capable of continuing to play at the Junior A level. In its first year of operations, the Aeros finished third in the 2018-19 season and finished first overall in the 2019-20 WSHL season.

The background of the slide features a large, stylized, blue-outlined logo for the Aeros Hockey team. The word "AEROS" is written in a bold, blocky font at the top. Below it, a stylized hockey stick is depicted horizontally, with a hockey puck in the center. The entire design is rendered in a dark blue color against a lighter blue background.

The team name pays homage to both the original Edson Arrows—a Junior B team playing in Edson during the 1980s—and the aeronautical military monument featured in the town’s Centennial Park. Dedicated in 1986, the Lockheed T-33 Silver Star aircraft proudly stands as a memorial to the historical years of the Royal Canadian Air Force, along with its members and affiliates. The plane in the team logo and the updated spelling of Aeros reflects the town’s history and its evolution from the days of the Junior B Arrows. The Edson Aeros logo is trademarked in Canada and is trademark pending in the United States.



HEAD COACH

Corey Bricknell hails from Port Perry, Ontario, recently making the move to Edson to join the team as Head Coach. As a player, Corey was Drafted 60th overall to the Newmarket Royals (now Sarnia Sting) of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) at the Toronto Maple Leaf Gardens. Corey's OHL career was split between the Royals and Niagara Falls Thunder (now the Erie Otters). Following his OHL career, he had a very successful professional career playing for seven years in North America.

In 2000, Corey retired from playing and stepped right into a very successful coaching career. He has coached at every junior level—including the OHL, as an Assistant Coach of the Barrie Colts. Corey has also served dual roles as Head Coach and General Manager of the Iroquois Falls Eskis, Elliot Lake Wildcats and French River Rapids of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League, and most recently as the Head Coach of the Meaford Knights in the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League. He's also coached professionally in Hungary in the First Division Erste LIGA, serving as Head Coach of the Dunaujvaros Steel Bulls.

Corey brings his vast knowledge of the game to our athletes, using perspective gained from years of playing, teaching and coaching. He has first-hand knowledge of what scouts at the next level are looking for in a player. With 20 years of experience, he's built a broad network, communicating and negotiating with junior, U Sports, NCAA and professional hockey clubs and their personnel.



ASSISTANT COACH

Jamahl Eakett originally hails from Orem, Utah. After completing his last eligible season as a junior hockey player in the WSHL, Jamahl was eager to continue his hockey career. Shifting his focus to coaching, he sought out the Aeros and will be starting as an Assistant Coach when the season resumes.

Jamahl finished his last year of junior hockey as the league's top scorer, amassing 123 points in just 40 regular season games. His career statistics in the WSHL total 164 goals and 183 assists.

A UNIQUE PLACE TO LIVE AND PLAY

The team resides in Edson, a tight-knit community nestled in the heart of Alberta, in Canada's rolling woodlands. Conveniently located just over two hours from Alberta's capital city of Edmonton, players benefit from a major metropolis and international airport. With just a short scenic drive, players can also enjoy the rugged beauty and outdoor adventure that awaits in the Rocky Mountains of Jasper National Park.

With just under 9,000 residents, Edson is a town invested in the vibrancy of their recreational and cultural programming and is focused on celebrating all-things local. This is demonstrated in the outstanding support at home games which regularly see between 400 and 500 fans in attendance.



A PROUD PART OF THE COMMUNITY

The Edson Aeros are an integral part of the community, not only in creating town pride as an internationally recognized team, but also through direct community involvement. Players are local sports heroes and are expected to serve as role models, representing the team in a good light at all times.

As part of the team's community outreach, players visit schools during Read-in Week and read stories to elementary students. The team fundraises for the Edson Run of Hope Foundation through the sale of pink ribbon jerseys with proceeds supporting members of the community battling cancer. The Aeros also host several fun community events throughout the year, such as a Halloween event in which kids and players team up to carve pumpkins, and the Road Hockey Rumble with the local minor hockey association.

EXCELLENCE

NOW AND FOR THE

FUTURE

The Aeros organization is passionate about developing young hockey players and places the developmental and educational needs of its players first. Team leaders are committed to creating a learning environment that will provide a positive junior hockey experience while best positioning players to continue their hockey careers.

Players still in high school can choose to continue their education with their current school system through distance learning or enrol in local schools Parkland Composite High (9-12) or Holy Redeemer High School (7-12). Distance learning is also available through The Learning Connection. While there is no minimum grade average required to maintain team status, students are supported in their learning, and participation levels are adjusted accordingly so they can focus more on their studies if grades start to slip.



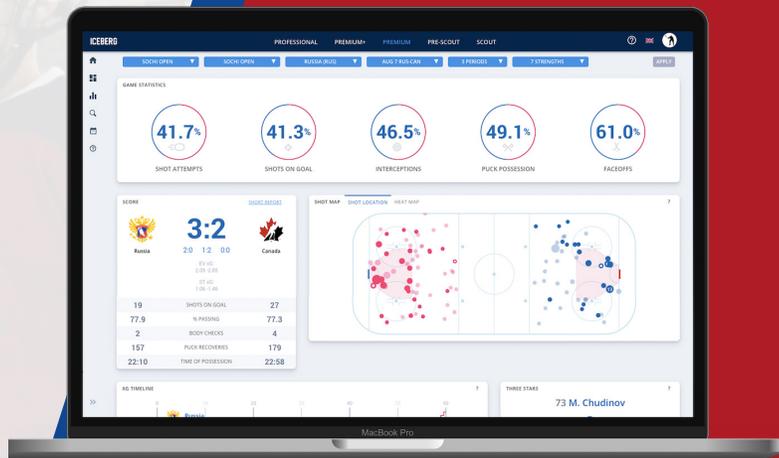
PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Players have a full schedule of games, practices and community commitments. In addition to games, the team has three to four, 75-minute practices per week, with some mandatory off-ice sessions during the evenings. A gym membership and specialized fitness training sessions are included.

The team plays at Repsol Place. The arena is conveniently located within the town and is booked through the season for mid-afternoon practices. Players enjoy a dedicated dressing room at the arena for sole use by the team.

PRO-STAR TRAINING FOR ALL-STAR RESULTS

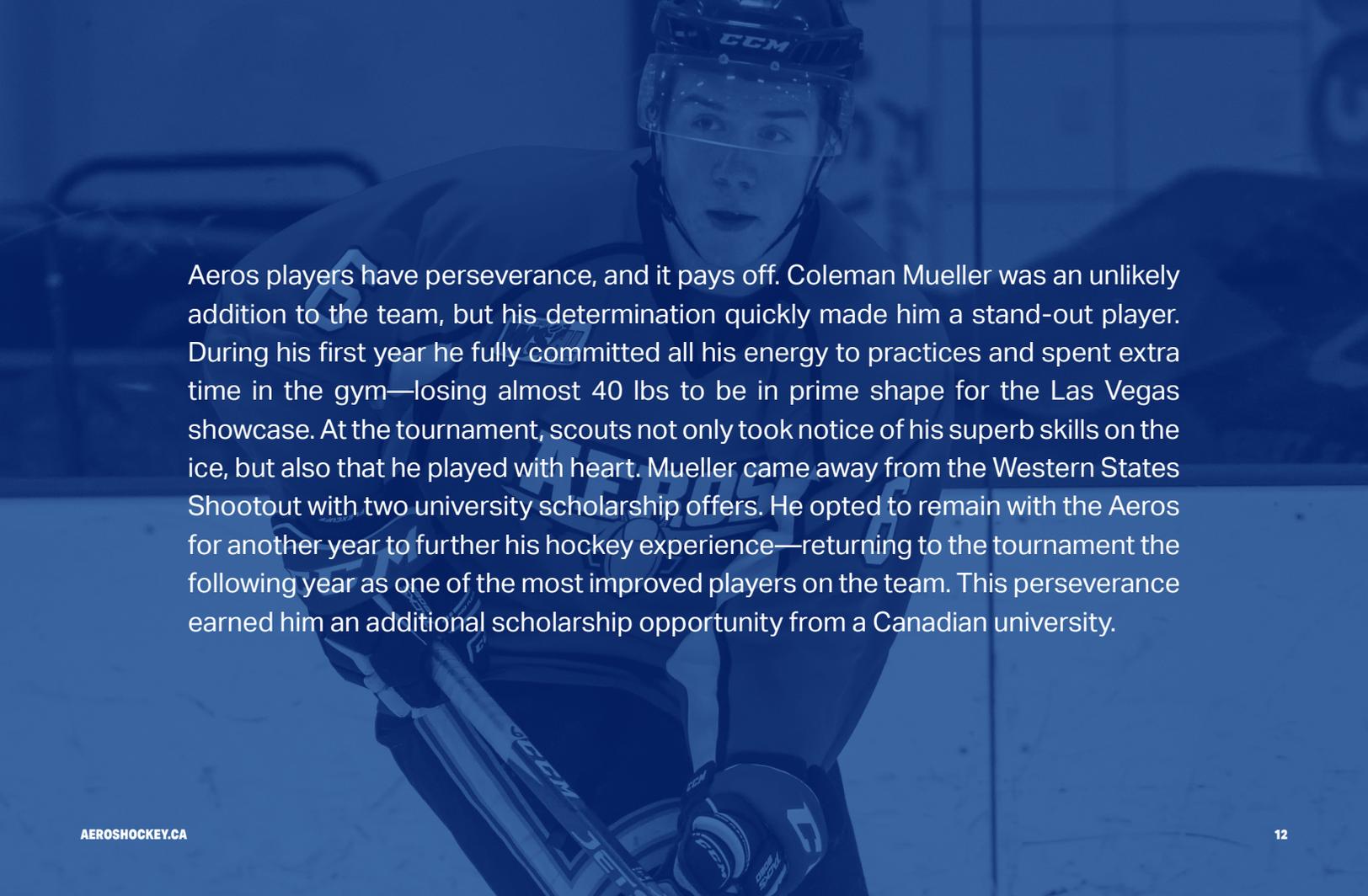
The team has partnered with ICEBERG Analytics to integrate technology into training. ICEBERG delivers its NHL-quality video breakdown and analytics to the Edson Aeros as they return to play for the 2021-22 WSHL season. The program uses over 500 metrics to capture important information such as time on ice, goals for and against, chances for and against and zone time. Coaches use these metrics to enhance player development and advancement models.



OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

One of the benefits of the Aeros playing in the WSHL is the Western States Shootout. The entire team flies to Las Vegas for the four-day round robin tournament. This Las Vegas showcase allows each player an opportunity to display his individual talents and abilities. The tournament is attended by over 100 colleges and universities, as well as European and minor pro scouts. In 2020, over 100 WSHL players were offered scholarships at the showcase and 13 of the 15 eligible Aeros players were offered multiple scholarship opportunities.





Aeros players have perseverance, and it pays off. Coleman Mueller was an unlikely addition to the team, but his determination quickly made him a stand-out player. During his first year he fully committed all his energy to practices and spent extra time in the gym—losing almost 40 lbs to be in prime shape for the Las Vegas showcase. At the tournament, scouts not only took notice of his superb skills on the ice, but also that he played with heart. Mueller came away from the Western States Shootout with two university scholarship offers. He opted to remain with the Aeros for another year to further his hockey experience—returning to the tournament the following year as one of the most improved players on the team. This perseverance earned him an additional scholarship opportunity from a Canadian university.

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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Players joining the team from afar will be living away from home—some for the first time. Edson Aeros billet families create a wholesome home away from home where players are treated like members of the family. Many of our billet families have hosted multiple times and often build lasting relationships with players.

The billet family provides balanced meals and a private bedroom. Hosts ensure players are at the arena for all practices and games and coordinate transportation as needed. They also help keep players on track, enforcing the rules and curfew set by the coach, and make sure the player is staying on top of any high school or post-secondary commitments.





DRESSED FOR SUCCESS

Players are provided with following mandatory exterior equipment in the team colours. With the exception of the pant shell, players may keep the equipment at the end of the season.

- Helmet
- Gloves
- Pant shell
- Track suit
- Exercise t-shirt and shorts
- Pair of practice socks and game socks for home and away
- Weekly ration of stick and hockey tape
- Team sticks—three for players and two for goalies

NOTE: Skates, pants, additional sticks and neck guards are not supplied.



JOIN THE AEROS

Apply to become a member of the team
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ALUMNI

The Edson Aeros have a solid track record of creating a strong foundation for continued success. Notable alumni who have taken their careers to the next level include:

NIKLAS FRODEN

FoC Farsta, Swedish Division 3 | Professional

Emil Johansson

Örnsköldsvik HF, Swedish Hockey Ettan | Professional

KEVIN LUNDIN

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