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Cossack Kup - 11th edition

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THE GOLDEN KNIGHTS WIN THE 2017 COSSACK KUP!



Westside Rec, AB - They finished first overall in the league capturing the Commish Kup, and tonight they proved why they finished first. The Golden Knights, led by captain Mark Ewanchyna, beat the second place Kubie Cossacks 7-1 in the 2017 Cossack Kup game.

Neil Horbachewski, Nathan Woynarski and Steven Ewanchyna each scored twice in the lop-sided victory by the Knights. Greg Bulych tallied one to complete the victory. And, ironically, it was Michael Ewanchyna scoring the only goal for the Kubie's

In front of a record crowd in attendance, the National Anthem was belted out by the St. Stephen's Choir with conviction.

Congratulations to Ewanchyna and his Golden Knight teammates for winning the coveted Cossack Kup.



STUNNED KUBIE'S COULDN'T SCORE IN THE BIG GAME

Westside Rec, AB – Nobody saw this coming. The second highest scoring team in the UHL couldn't find the back of the net in Sunday's collapse against the league leading Golden Knights.

Peter Ewanchyna, Kubie's captain, was shell shocked and in complete dismay as he did everything possible to motivate his crew to get back into the game. However, his efforts went on deaf ears as they lost 7-1 in the big game.

Ewanchyna has since stepped down as the captain for the Kubie's citing potential tampering by the Knights with league policies and procedures.

UHL Enforcement Officials are doing a study into these allegations.

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ST. STEPHEN'S CHOIR HIT THE RIGHT NOTE!

Westside viewing area— As tension grew, and anticipation of the big game just moments away, it was the St. Stephen's Choir, led by Greg Yuzwa, that put all nerves at ease.

The choir, known for their impactful Ukrainian melodies, belted out the Canadian National Anthem with authority. Over 18 members of the Choir attended the Cossack Kup game all dressed in bright Red (to also honor Canada Day) to launch the Cossack Kup game in classy form.

Also, during the anthem, young Horbachewski was circling the ice hoisting the Ukrainian flag while Cossack veteran Greg Bobyn waved the Canadian Flag at center ice. 40 players all in full uniform lined up on the blue lines to honor the Canadian Anthem and sing along. It was a 'movement' as a first for the UHL as it gets closer to its 20th anniversary.

Father Mark also attended and sang with the choir, however it was noticeable that the Calgary Flames Jersey he wore raised a few eyebrows!

TRUMPET-MAN KEEPS THE FANS IN THE STANDS



Westhills, AB – We all know when you go to those other hockey games in that old building that can't support anything from the roof, that you'll hear music, cheering and trumpets.

We, on Sunday afternoon there was the UHL trumpet player pushing the limits of his pipes to help motivate the fans and players in their quest for the Kup.

Special thanks to Brett Bernakevich for entertaining the crowd with the traditional trumpet sounds (just like the big leagues!).

Bernakevich has since requested to be placed on UHL salary for 2018 as their lone trumpet player. Negotiations will begin in spring 2018.

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COSSACK KUP CHAMPIONSHIP T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE FOR \$14.38

Calgary – Following the big game, the Commish was handing out new UHL 2017 COSSACK KUP CHAMPION shirts to the Golden Knight Cossacks. Players were stunned at the high-tech performance of the league and the UHL memorabilia being handed out.

Should you like your own UHL CHAMPIONSHIP t-shirt, please contact the Commish. If you were on the winning team and did not receive yours, or lost yours in the bar that night while celebrating with fans, please let the Commish know to arrange to get yours.



UHL VOLUNTEER COACHES LOOKED SHARP IN THEIR DEBUT

UHL bench bosses looked like they were ready for battle in the Cossack Kup game. Greg Bobyn (left) and Adrian Sakundiak (right) took to the benches dressed for success in motivating their teams to victory.

Bobyn, swinging his cowbell, and Sakundiak talking strategy to his players, were vocal and motivating to the players on Sunday's tilt.

Moore's Clothiers have since offered each captain a complimentary \$18 certificate to upgrade their attire for next season.

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WOYNARSKI AND BABICHUK ARE A LETHAL TANDEM



PLAYER PROFILE– When coach Ewanchyna (Mark) made his draft selections at the 2017 expansion draft, he knew what he was doing when choosing key players, and this tandem was no accident.

Wojnarski notched two goals at Sundays victory over the Kubie's. Wojnarski's second goal of the game came from the slot when Babichuk made a deak move on the blueline to shoot, when he made a slap-pass to Wojnarski in the slot and Wojnarski hit the twine top-shelf.

Wojnarski tied for second overall in the scoring race with 21 goals on the season. Babichuk was primarily the play setter on many Golden Knight goals this season, however Babichuk also scored 6 goals for his team, just three goals shy of the younger Babichuk (Alex) who notched 9 goals for his team the Cadillac Cossacks.

Sam the Fan honored at finale



YOUNG SAKUNDIAK STEPS UP HIS GAME

Joe Sakundiak, son of UHL legend Darren Sakundiak made his mark this 2017 season racking up 10 goals (finished 8th overall in scoring) for his team the Kubie Cossacks. Team Captain Peter Ewanchyna was ecstatic to see his young guns performing as they did. **"We expect this and much more next year"** said Ewanchyna.

Sakundiak was not prepared to talk after the game as he wanted to known as "the silent killer" for next year.



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'58 CADDY FOR SALE



JACK CARTER GM UNPAID FREE ADVERTISEMENT - This beautiful 1958 Cadillac was presented at the UHL Cossack Kup game by Cadillac captain Corey Taillon.

Taillon was on a mission to grease the palms of the other teams by offering them a chance to sit in this convertible classic in order to let his team win in the bronze medal game against the Fightin' Cossacks. To Taillon's surprise, nobody took him up on his bribe as the Fightin' and Cadillacs battled to a 8-8 tie.

Special thanks to Corey for bringing in this beauty to make the day just that much more memorable for the fans and players.

If you are interested in the Cadillac Convertible, please contact Corey Taillon at Jack Carter GM for details.

Mike Siroishka and Christian Taillon are NOT included in the purchase, however, batteries are included.

HORBACHEWSKI HOISTS THE COSSACK KUP



UHL Magazine – When UHL Veteran Neil Horbachewski was sent down for training, he was not a happy guy. However, upon his return from his two-year training camp in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, he was driven and determined to hoist the coveted Cossack Kup. That he did.

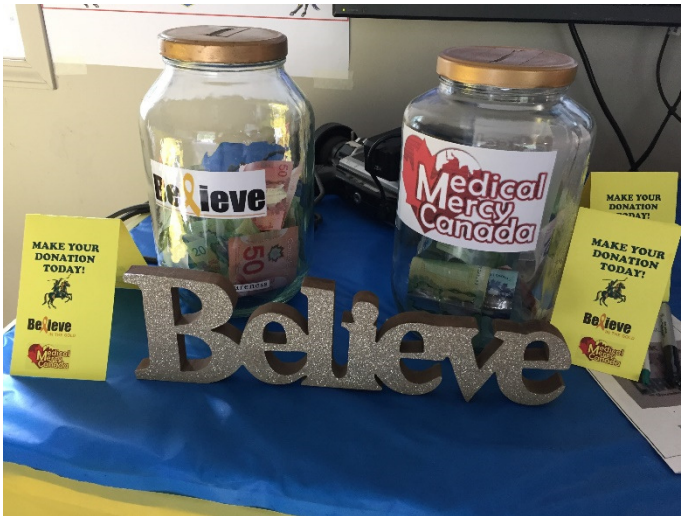
Horbachewski notched 2 goals in the Cossack Kup game to help his team go on to win the game 7-1 over the Kubie Cossacks. He finished with 3 goals overall.

When Horbachewski was originally drafted to the UHL in 2010, turning right was tough. Stopping without the use of the boards was tricky, and raising the puck off the ice was unheard of. Today, after 2 years of intense training, he can do all that and more. Horbachewski raised the bar for his draft ability significantly this season by playing as a tough, gritty truculent goal-scorer for the Golden Knights.

We are glad to see Horbachewski back in a UHL uniform, and we look forward to what he has up his sleeve next season to out-shine his opponents.

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Charities win thanks to UHL



Special thanks to all those that contributed to the UHL and their goal to raise money for Charity.

This year the Team Captains chose to donate to Medical Mercy Canada and to Believe in the Gold. Combined the UHL raised almost \$1,500 for the charities. Thank you!!!

Medical Mercy is a local charity that helps children and families in third-world countries with not only medical needs, but needs like hospitals, schools, and various other structures that they are lacking. The primary goal is to ensure no person goes untreated with their medical needs.

Believe in the Gold is another local charity that is 100% volunteer ran that strives for childhood cancer awareness and research into putting an end to childhood cancer. They also help families that are impacted by the high cost of medial bills associated to tackling this horrible disease by paying for their medication, treatment and other related costs of fighting this disease.

EWANCHYNA WINS THE ROCKIT RICHARDSKI AWARD AS TOP SCORER



UHL Hockey Hall of Fame – Congratulations to Michael, not Peter, nor Stephen or Mark, in winning the first ever awarded Rockit Richardski Award by scoring 28 goals this season to lead all other players in the league.

Michael, known as a speedy winger, just like his brothers Peter and Stephen, received the award at the closing ceremony. Ewanchyna was happy to win this award, and agreed to ensure that his Silver Stick Award goes into the UHL Hockey Hall of Fame when Mark Ochitwa wins the award in 2026.

Ochitwa was not available for comment as the Tim Hortons drive thru line up was short, so he made the dash for his extra large double-double.

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3 Generations of Demchuk's Lace up for Finals



Ed Demchuk was a proud father and grandfather on Sunday at the Cossack Kup game. He was eagerly (waiting with his skates on) to hit the ice for a once in a lifetime photo with his boys (Mark, Greg and Jerry) and his grandkids Katy, Andy, Nick, Mathew and Daniel).

It was back in 2003-2007 when Ed played for the UHL against his boys and never thought it would be possible to play against or with a grandchild. That happened in his last season in the UHL when Andy Josephs and Alex Demchuk (not available for the Cossack Kup) laced them up in the one and only 3-generations game.

Congratulations to the many Demchuks and Josephs families in raising many talented hockey players and allowing them all to play in the 'elite' league, the UHL.

UHL NEW-COMER SHOWS HIS STUFF



See photo above.

UHL new-comer Richard Horbachewski was all smiles on Sunday winning a (not real) award as awarded by his captain Corey Taillon.

As illustrated above, Horbachewski is dedicated and committed to partake in summer conditioning to ensure this (not real) award is "not" issued again in the UHL.

Thanks to Horbachewski for a fun, entertaining and tail-bone bruising season, and we look forward to seeing him back in the line-up in 2018.

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UHL REMINDER

A friendly reminder to those players that 'borrowed' UHL jerseys and socks to return them to the Commish at your earliest convenience.

Should you choose to ignore this simple request, the UHL infractions department will release Vinny & Gino into the public to hunt you down and retrieve these items.



Special THANK YOU to Linda Buck (see above left) for hosting the annual UHL BBQ on Sunday. This was a perfect day and way to close off the 2017 season. Linda and Chris Buck opened their home for all 77 that were in attendance at the BBQ, and pulled together a fantastic day full of beverages, burgers, smokies, and other great stuff.

Please note, the matching dresses seen above are not official UHL apparel.



Fightin' & Knights line up for anthem



Kubie's & Caddies line up for anthem



Official Flag Bearer during National Anthem

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UHL MEDIA FRENZY



CENTER ICE – UHL Media was all the buzz on Sunday as the UHL Weekly interviewed many players, fans and coaches during the final game.

Thanks to Jonny Buck (see above left) for his dedicated interviews and entertaining coverage of the big game. Due to a technical malfunction, replay of this media coverage was not available for viewing, however this has since been rectified, and a UHL viewing will be scheduled at a future date.

No animals were injured or used for any media coverage. Just a simple Whisk and Wire were sacrificed during this coverage. Global Media was a no-show.



ANATAPI LANE SW – Like many UHL players, there are many with the same name on the ice. This is no different with the Patrician family. They have 4 players in the UHL, and mom (seen above right) couldn't be happier.

Mark Patrician, dad to Ryan, Evan and Jenna, was unavailable for this photo as he was last seen cracking a Pilsner out of pride for his fabulous kids. Well done Patricians!



Thanks from the Commish to ALL players, captains and volunteers to help make the 2017 season the BEST SO FAR! Bring on 2018!!!