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The question that I have been asked to write about is why did I play junior hockey? Well, for me the path was not as clear as some players have it. I did not know much about junior hockey when I entered it just a year ago. I was not even sure if I wanted to go to school or play hockey for a few more years. I was accepted into my first-choice university to major in chemical engineering and minor in nuclear engineering. It was a difficult thing to pass on, the certainty of going to college. So I guess the question that I should answer is why did I choose junior hockey over going to college. Why did I not take the safe, easy path that would surely lead me on to a well paying job. The answer to that question is the dream that was formed when I first started playing. Playing with my friends and family. Learning to love the ups and downs that come with the game was one of the most rewarding things I have ever experienced. And I simply was not ready to give that up. I was not ready to settle into the safe and certain path of going to college and joining the workforce. I wanted to live two more years of hockey, making friends and continuing to chase the dream of playing at a higher level for as long as I could. For me, junior hockey is a way to stay connected with the little kid that started playing hockey at just three years old. The little kid who was just dreaming when he was introduced to the game that became his entire life.