

MDHA U15 Report – 2023/24 House League Season

The U15 group included 55 registered and rostered players. We ran a four team, four game, sort-out where each player played twice. Due to late competitive cuts and injuries, we rotated 3 goalies through the 3 of the 4 games. Goalies were evaluated during game play but also during dedicated skills evaluation sessions. The sort-out games were extremely fast and lively. It was a challenge ensuring each player was seen and evaluated with only two games. An additional game per player will be contemplated for the 24-25 season.

When the dust settled, we iced four teams this year: the U15A team with 14 players, the U15B1 team with 13 players, U15B2 team with 14 players, and the U15B3 team with 14 players. We were blessed with 4 registered goalies for four teams this year.

On the ice our U15 group was outstanding!

Regular Season

U15A

Our U15A team topped their division from start to finish, wrapping up their regular season 1st of 10 teams with a record of 20W – 2L – 2T. Of their 20 wins, 6 were shutouts.

In addition to a tremendously successful regular season, the U15A team was also successful in claiming 2 tournament banners!

Note: Our U15A team was Major heavy this year with only 3 minors (1G, 1F, 1D). As such, next year the U15A team will almost certainly be entirely different.

U15B1

Our U15B1 team finished the regular season 1st of 12 teams with a record of 17W – 3L – 4T. Of their 17 wins, 6 were shutouts! The U15B1 team ended the season with the third fewest goals against, the second most goals for, and correspondingly, the second highest goals for percentage.

In addition to their standout regular season, the U15B1 team was also successful in claiming 1 tournament banner and 1 tournament B-side championship.

U15B2

Our U15B2 team finished the regular season 3rd of 12 teams with a record of 13W – 4L – 7T. Of their 11 wins, 8 were shutouts! The U15B2 team also ended the season with the fewest

goals against, the third highest goals for, and correspondingly, the highest goals for percentage.

In addition to their excellent regular season, the U15B2 team was also successful in claiming 1 tournament banner and 1 tournament B-side championship.

U15B3

Our U15B3 team finished the regular season 4th of 12 teams with a record of 11W – 7L – 6T. Of their 11 wins and 6 ties, 1 was a shutout (happened to come in the form of a 0-0 tie)!

Playoffs

For the playoffs, the U15A team finished the round-robin with a perfect 3W – 0L – 0T record. With a bye into the semi-finals, the U15A team managed a come from behind 4-2 win against Cumberland U15A3 to book their ticket to the finals. In the finals, what started as a closely contested game ended up in a 4-1 win for the Jets over the A1 team out of Blackburn!

In the B group, the U15B1 team finished the round-robin with a record of 1W – 1L – 1T. The U15B2 team finished the round-robin with a record of 2W – 1L -0T. The U15B3 team also finished the round robin with a record of 2W – 1L -0T. All three B teams made and won their quarter-final matchups (U15B2 enjoyed another shutout) setting up semi-finals where 3 of 4 teams were from Metcalfe! U15B1 (winning with another shutout) and U15B2 (winning with yet another shutout) ended up booking their tickets to the finals. The Final went down to the wire. With the game tied and a little less than 3 minutes on the clock, the U15B2 team took the lead. The U15B1 team countered with some furious action down the stretch but the U15B2 team was ultimately victorious with a 2-1 win.

It can't be stressed enough, that with all three U15B teams playing in the Semi-finals, and successfully bringing home both the A and B banners, Metcalfe as an organization played the MAXIMUM POSSIBLE NUMBER OF GAMES this season.

Closing Thoughts

Our coaches and volunteers did a great job again this year. We saw numerous players affiliated and those affiliates made significant contributions when called upon (including providing much needed support for playoff wins).

I look forward to continuing to watch these players develop.

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