



Woodstock Navy Vets

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Navy Vets a candidate for promotion

Contributed by Jeff Morrison

With the success of many smaller size cities in Jr. B hockey such as St. Thomas, Sarnia and Leamington, the Ontario Hockey Association is strongly considering giving the Woodstock Navy Vets a promotion to the next level themselves. “The population of Woodstock is in line with what most Jr. B teams have and is even greater than others,” says General Manager and Head Coach Jeff Morrison. “There are a lot of local players playing for other junior teams and if we had a Jr. B team here we could support our local players better and have them play at home, which supports local hockey,” he adds.



Derek Cowing

Should the move occur, it would fall in line with the OHA’s current project of developing “the game of tomorrow” theme. It would also require an increase in community support, as Jr. B status would immediately mean a \$100,000 plus operating budget. Currently the Navy Vets

get the majority of their sponsorship dollars from Insurance Central. “They’ve provided significant support this year and are the reason we exist today,” comments Morrison.

This season has been a rebuilding year for Woodstock, with many younger players on the roster, however it hasn’t been short of impressive performances. Both Derek Cowing and Chase Thornton are averaging over a point-a-game in their rookie years, and have been getting interest from many teams around the league. Captain Devon Young is in his third year with the team, and has been a tremendous leader both on and off the ice. “I try to be a leader by setting a good example and helping my teammates,” says Young. Young also



Chase Thornton



Devon Young

sees a lot of potential with his Navy Vets teammate, which he hopes will begin to translate onto the scoresheet as the season progresses. On his thoughts on Jr. B hockey coming to Woodstock? “It would be great. I’m living my dream playing here and my heart lies in Woodstock.”

Photos submitted by Jeff Morrison

2010-11 Home Game Schedule All games at 7:45pm

Nov.12	Aylmer
Nov.26	Simcoe
Nov.27	Caledonia
Dec.3	Paris
Dec.10	Aylmer
Dec.11	Norwich
Dec.18	Simcoe
Dec.28	New Hamburg
Jan.11	Aylmer
Jan.14	Norwich
Jan.21	New Hamburg
Jan.28	Simcoe

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