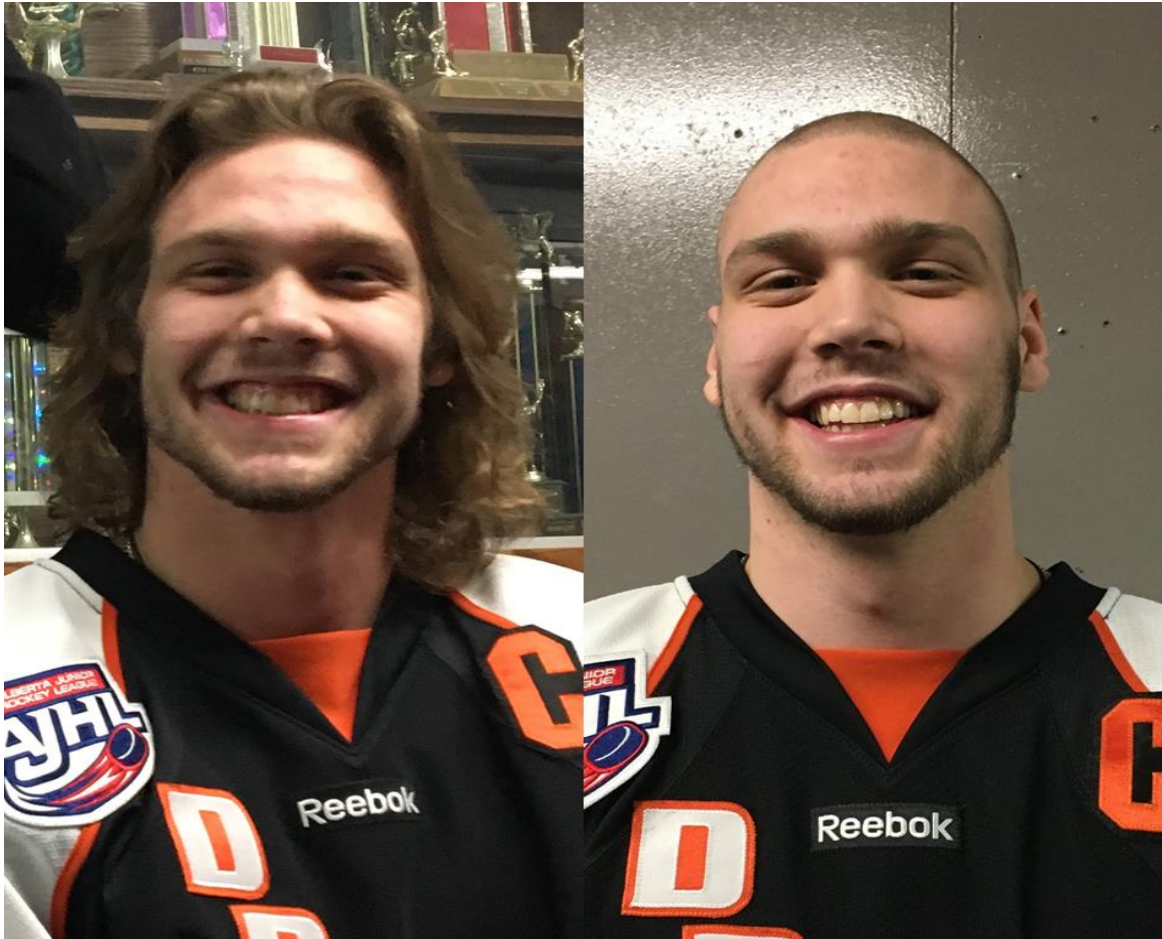




# JOURNAL Monthly Newsletter

Keeping you informed about your home town team



*Stefan Wood, former Drumheller Dragon team Captain*

## Go Bald or Go Home

On Tuesday, January 3rd, Drumheller Dragons fans sat back and watched #19, former Dragons Captain Stefan Wood shave his hair that he has been growing out for a while. Hairdresser Kat Hunter got the honor of shaving Wood's locks.

The Dragons raised a total of \$823.00 for the Big Country Victims Association in Drumheller. Shortly after going bald, Stefan was traded to the Fort McMurray Oil Barons on the January 11<sup>th</sup> trade deadline. ■

# 2017: a fresh Start for the Dragons

The 2016-2017 season marks the final year of Head Coach and GM Brian Curran's contract with the Drumheller Dragon's organization. Brian is a former AJHL Coach of the year, and in the 2013-2014 season he coached the Dragons to an AJHL South Division Championship.

"The mark of a good coach is leaving the team in a better place than you found it," said Dragons co-owner and Chairman, Blair Christenson. The Drumheller Dragons organization would like to thank Brian for his service to the team and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Stepping into the position of interim Head Coach is Darryl "Oly" Olsen. Oly came to us from Utah at the beginning of the season as Assistant Coach, and his main objective stepping into this position, at this point of the season is to focus on empowering our players and staff to perform to the best of their ability. Coach Oly advises that "We have a big month, and a lot to accomplish as a team. I look forward to leading these boys through these challenges, and taking part in making sure to get onto a positive path."

Stepping into the position of

Assistant Coaches are Coach Oly's son's, Dylan and Dalton Olsen. Dylan has been coaching with his father for the past 15 years in camps, clinics, and power skating sessions.

Dylan has experience playing in many different areas of hockey, including the AJHL, NCAA Division 1, AHL, and NHL. "I am most looking forward to helping with the personal development of the players" says Dylan, who also believes that coming in at this point of the season is tough, but he intends to do whatever he can to make the remaining games a positive experience for the boys, and he intends to be the kind of coach they can come to and talk to if they have questions or concerns.

Dalton has been coaching for most of his life, in camps, clinics, and as a skills coach. Dalton also played 4 years in the AJHL, and also at the college level. "I would like us to develop a winning mentality," says Dalton. In order to do that he wants to make himself available to the boys to help them improve, and succeed on and off the ice as a team and as individuals. ■

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## February Birthdays

February 14 – #36 Yauheni "Geno" Astrouski

February 22 – #11 Troy Dudley

# Feature Sponsor

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This month, the Drumheller Dragons would like to thank our friends at ATB Financial for their support of the Dragons this season. ATB provides us with a volunteer for every game to work in the ticket booth. We certainly couldn't operate without our dedicated and loyal sponsors like you.

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## Team Statistics

As of February 15, 2017

	In February	Overall
Games Played	5	53
Wins	1	21
Losses	5	28
Overtime Losses	0	4
Points	2	46
Goals scored	9	153
Goals against	31	205

Dragons Top Scorers				
Player	GP	G	A	PTS
#39 Chad Hurtubise	50	15	30	45
#14 Jordan Taupert	52	17	25	41
#24 Cody Young	47	18	16	34
#28 Bradley Stonnell	52	12	18	30
#18 Joren Patenaude	43	10	16	26
#17 Slater Dykema	32	8	16	24

SOUTH DIVISION						NORTH DIVISION					
Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Brooks Bandits	51	43	4	4	90	Fort McMurray Oil Barons	51	38	10	3	79
Calgary Canucks	53	33	16	4	70	Whitecourt Wolverines	52	35	11	6	76
Okotoks Oilers	53	32	16	5	69	Spruce Grove Saints	53	35	16	2	72
Canmore Eagles	53	30	17	6	66	Bonnyville Pontiacs	53	32	17	4	68
Camrose Kodiaks	54	30	21	3	63	Sherwood Park Crusaders	50	29	20	1	59
Drumheller Dragons	54	21	28	5	47	Drayton Valley Thunder	51	13	34	4	30
Olds Grizzlys	52	15	31	6	36	Grande Prairie Storm	53	12	35	6	30
Calgary Mustangs	52	8	42	2	18	Lloydminster Bobcats	53	13	37	3	29



## Feature Dragon

#2 Josh Bishop

Early in the new year, the Dragons acquired Josh Bishop in a trade with the Whitecourt Wolverines. As of February 14, the Dragons defenseman had 1 goal, and 13 assists.

We caught up with Bishop to find out more about the lighter side of the Strathmore native.

**DJ:** Do you have any pregame rituals?

**JB:** I have a lot of pregame rituals, but one is, I always re-tape my stick before a game

**DJ:** If you were a crayon, what color would you be and why?

**JB:** Blue because it is my favorite color

**DJ:** If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?

**JB:** A dog, because they are pretty cool and always get a lot of attention

**DJ:** What is your theme song?

**JB:** Eye of the Tiger

**DJ:** What is your favorite flavor of skittle?

**JB:** The red ones

**DJ:** Who is your favourite Disney princess?

**JB:** Cinderella, because she is a really good dancer and she is good looking

## February Events

Fri, Feb 3	Game vs. Bandits @ 7:00pm	
Sun, Feb 5	Game vs. Crusaders @ 2:15pm	
Tue, Feb 7	Game vs. Grizzlies @ 7:00pm	
Fri, Feb 10	Game vs. Bandits v@ 7:30pm <i>Pack the House for Charity Night</i>	
Sat, Feb 11	Game vs. Bandits @ 7:00pm	
Tue, Feb 14	Game vs. Canucks@ 7:00pm	
Fri, Feb 17	Game vs. Eagles @ 7:30pm <i>Dudley's Birthday Celebration</i>	
Sat, Feb 18	Game vs. Eagles @ 7:00pm	
<b>Mon, Feb 20</b>	<b>Family Day</b>	
Thu, Feb 23	Tim Hortons Hockey Day in Drum 10:00am -1:00pm	
Fri, Feb 24	Game vs. Oilers@ 7:00pm	
Sat, Feb 25	Game vs. Oilers@ 7:30pm <i>Billet Appreciation Night</i>	
Sun, Feb 26	Meet. Greet, & Play 12:00pm – 2:00pm	
Home Game	Away Game	Stat Holiday

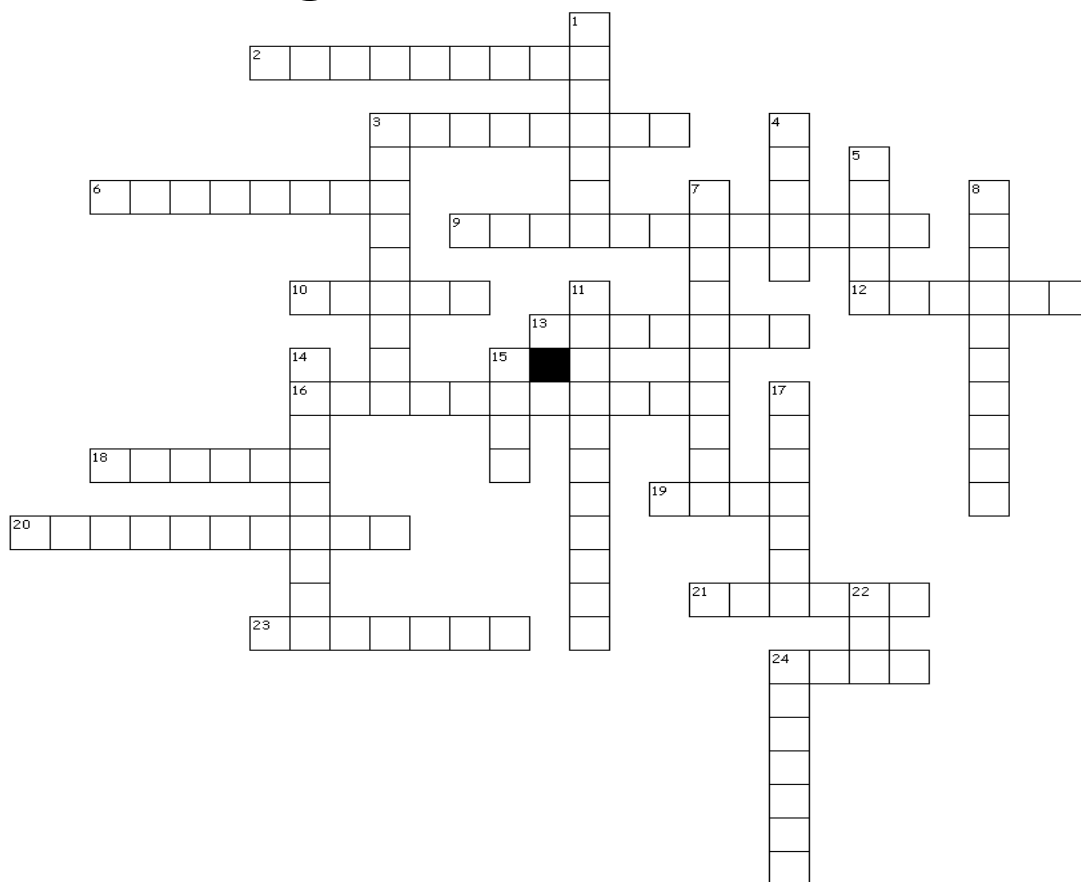
## Dragons Welcome New Business Manager

The Drumheller Dragons introduced a new Business Manager on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Nicky Faye took over from Amanda Stahl, who has moved into an executive project coordination role with Canalta. Amanda is not stepping away from the Dragons completely, and will still play a small business advisory role. "I've definitely enjoyed being the business manager, but am grateful for the opportunity to advance" said Amanda. "Nicky has already proven her value as the new Dragons Business Manager, and I know she will do great things for the organization."

Nicky comes to us from The Co-operators, Drumheller Agency, bringing with her sales experience, professionalism, and organization skills. "I am looking forward to my future with the Dragons," says Nicky. "And also to be part of such a great organization." ■



# Dragons Crossword Puzzle



## Across

2. Now wears the "C"
3. Player of the month for November
6. Dudley is turning this old in February
9. You can take your vehicle to get fixed by this Dragons Sponsor
10. This Dragon wants to go into Business Accounting
12. Currently a favorite vacation spot of 4 Dragons players
13. Currently the Dragons top scorer
16. Brayden Nicholetts is from this Northern Alberta city
18. Dragons new Business Manager is from this small town
19. Assistant Coach Dalton Olsen recently played for this College team
20. Most recent Pack the House for Charity receiver
21. The newest Drumheller Dragon
23. This is the type of "look" we were going for with the new Jerseys
24. The last name of the new Business Manager

## Down

1. Featured sponsor in the November Newsletter
3. #28 Bradley Stonnell is from this coastal city
4. The Dragons sit in \_\_\_\_\_ place in the Southern Division right now
5. The playoffs start in this month
7. This is Josh Bishop's favorite Disney Princess
8. Josh Bishop is from this close by Alberta Town
11. Assistant Captain Gage Misskey's favorite movie
14. Has a Valentine's Day Birthday
15. #38 Jeffrey Fasegha's nickname
17. We play them in our last regular season game
22. Interim Head Coach Darryl Olsen's nickname
24. Currently the favorite hobby of 7 Dragons Players

*(answers on next page)*



## Player of the month

January 2017

#24 Cody Young – Left Wing

In the month of January, Young recorded 2 goals and 3 assists, totaling 5 points in 12 games. He also played a key role in several huge wins for the Dragons. Congratulations, Cody!!

## Ask the Dragons

You asked on social media, and they answered!



bnicholetts\_ what is @tdudley\_11 favorite color?

**Troy:** Blue



nosaj\_edej What is Brayden Nicholetts favorite song ?

**Brayden:** I don't' want to live forever – ZAYN & Taylor Swift

## Crossword Puzzle Answers

### Across

2. Hurtubise
3. Virostek
6. Fourteen
9. Fountain Tire
10. Young
12. Hawaii
13. Taupert
16. Spruce Grove
18. Hussar
19. SAIT
20. Grace House
21. Bishop
23. Vintage
24. Faye

### Down

1. Western
3. Vancouver
4. Sixth
5. March
7. Cinderella
8. Strathmore
11. Harry Potter
14. Astrouski
15. Segs
17. Okotoks
22. Oly
24. Fishing

## Would you like the Dragons to attend your event, school, or function?

The Dragons love hanging out in the community and getting to know the people that support them! They have gone to the seniors lodges to have coffee and baked goodies with the residents, to the Pioneer Trail Society to play pool with the seniors, to Minor Hockey practices to help young players develop their skills, to the schools to help kids learn, etc.



*Above photo: Dragons Andrew Kartusch, Slater Dykema and Jordan Taupert attended the Encana Novice Raptors practice on December 19. For more photos of the Dragons in the community, visit our website and click on the "Community" tab., then "Dragons In The Community".*

If you would like the Dragons to come to your school, practice, lodge or event, contact Nicky at the Dragons office at 403-823-2022.

# Billet Appreciation Night Approaches

On Saturday February 25, during the last game of the regular season, join us as we celebrate our wonderful Billet Parents! Without amazing billet's like ours, junior hockey would not be possible here in Drumheller.

Come help us thank our boys' billets for creating their home away from home as we hold a special recognition ceremony! ■

## *Billet Appreciation Night*



***Saturday February 25***

***Puck drop at 7:30pm***

*Join us in saying  
"Thank you" to some of  
our biggest Dragons  
fans!*

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