

RIVULETTES

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From the Editor: It is hard to believe, but another hockey season has come to an end. The season has been a mixed bag of some missed opportunities and some incredible achievements. Shelby Wood, Sarah Verbeek and head coach, Geoff Haddaway, won the Gold medal at the 2016 National Women's Under-18 Championship as part of Team Ontario Red. Shelby was selected to Team Canada which won the Silver Medal at the 2017 IIHF 18U Women's World Championship in the Czech Republic.

The team, our families and our fans were great community supporters during the season. Money was raised with bake sales, 50/50 draws and cash donations for Breast Cancer Awareness and the SickKids Foundation. As well, the team visited our local food bank to help sort food donations during the Christmas season. During the year our players were mentors to young female hockey players, attending minor hockey practices, helping out with drills and answering the young players' questions.

Looking forward to next season there is the Annual Golf Tournament in August which is always a fun event. Sponsorship opportunities are available for the tournament. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole at the tournament or making a prize donation, please contact Bruce Woolner at brucewoolner@sympatico.ca.

At this time I would like to thank Head Coach, Geoff Haddaway, Assistant Coaches, Kelly Potocky, Jenni Bauer and Rob Stewart, Goalie Coach, Shayne Campbell, Manager, Bruce Woolner, Trainers, Lacey Scott and Caitlin Fegan, Equipment Manager, Ron Haddaway and Andrew Hopf and his staff at NLPT for the countless hours of time that each one of them put in for the team. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are appreciated by each one of the ladies on the team, their families and our fans. Thank you!

Lastly, the time has come to say good bye to our graduating players, captain, Shelby Wood, assistant captain, Teagan Gartley, Sarah Verbeek, Caitlin Kroetsch, Paige Rynne, Rachael Irvine and Miranda Lantz. We wish them all the best as they start their university careers.

Remember...Once a Riv, Always a Riv!

*In Memoriam...*Sadly, we lost two Rivulette family members this past season. Jen Irvine, Rachael's mom, passed away this past September and Tim Wood, Shelby's dad, passed away in February. Both were huge supporters of their daughters and of the Rivulettes. Our sincere condolences to both families.

DID YOU KNOW?

Due to the Great Depression, ice time became extremely rare, especially for women. In March 1938, the LOHA semi-final with the Preston Rivulettes and the Northern Marvels of Cobalt had to be rescheduled. The game was scheduled to be played in Preston, but the Ontario Hockey Association (men's hockey association) forced a change in venue so that a men's game could be played.



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MEET THE RIVS!



#26 Katherine Birkby

Position: **Forward**

Hometown: **Ayr**

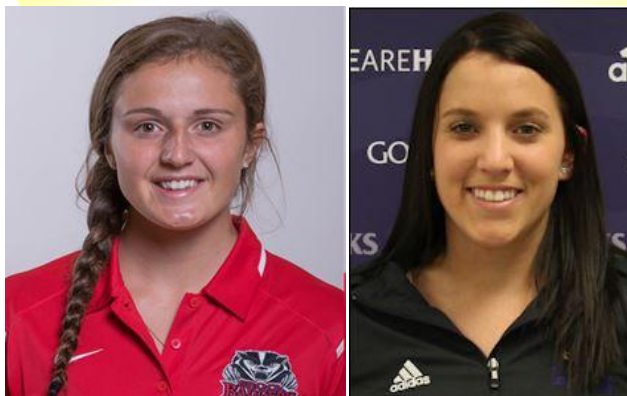
Katherine is an Ayr Ontario native who has developed into a very good player in the last couple of seasons. After only one year of playing AA hockey Katherine made the jump to the Rivs. She came off a strong year of Midget AA with Cambridge and continued her growth this past season. Birkby is an incredibly hard working player who is at her best when forechecking and causing havoc with her great speed. Her play caused many teams to turn pucks over and allowed the Rivs to go from defense to offence. Katherine's strong play has been recognized as she has accepted a position with the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees. But before taking her talents to the nation's capital she will come back for another year and look to improve of a great rookie season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- R** August 12 – Annual Rivulette Golf Tournament
- R** August 19 – Training Camp Opens
- R** September 1-3 – NAHA Tournament
- R** September 15-17 – University Showcase, Stoney Creek



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT!



Annie Berg and Emily Woodhouse

The Cambridge Rivulettes are extremely pleased that two players from our 2015-2016 team, Annie Berg with the Brock Badgers and Emily Woodhouse with the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks, have been named to the OUA all-rookie team for the 2016-2017 season! Annie was also named OUA Rookie of the Year!

Congratulations ladies!

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\$500 Raised for [SickKids Foundation](#)!

Fans and Families of the Rivulettes stepped up to the plate once again, this time in support of one of our own.

Makenna Ryder was to be a member of our 2016-2017 team, however, she was diagnosed with [Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy](#) (ARVC), which put a hold on her hockey career.

At the Rivulettes' last regular season home game, fundraising efforts, which included a bake sale and a 50/50 draw, raised \$500 which Makenna will present to the [SickKids Foundation](#).

Thank you to all of the parents and staff of the Rivulettes for your efforts in making this fundraising a success!

Sponsorship Opportunities!

At this level of Women's hockey, families pay the entire cost. Unlike Jr. Men's hockey, where the cost to the individual family is minimal (or non-existent) because of available revenue streams (gate fees, merchandise, etc).

Our organization is asking for your help to support these ladies and their families by making a cash sponsorship or donations to the team to help offset their yearly cost.

Packages of sponsorship are available from our Gold package at \$1,250, to the Silver package at \$1,000 and the Bronze package at \$900.

Also available are individual opportunities for as low as \$100.

If you have an idea or a suggestion for a sponsorship we would love to hear from you! We will work with you to create what will best work for you.

For more information or to request a sponsorship information package, please contact Rob Hedges at rob.hedges@rogers.com.

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#12 Taylor Trussler

Position: **Forward**

Hometown: **Ayr**

Taylor is the other part of the connection with Ayr Ontario along with teammate Birkby. After a phenomenal Midget season with Brantford where she was part of the Esso Cup winning team, Taylor made the jump to the Rivs. A gifted offense player, Trussler sees the ice well and is strong on the draws. She is a highly intelligent player who has really improved her defensive game this season. Taylor had a great rookie season and after completing her 2nd season with the Rivs next year, she will head to Toronto to play for the Varsity Blues. Taylor has made an immediate impact and will continue to grow into an even better player next season which is exciting news for Taylor and the Rivulettes.

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Thank you to our Families, Fans and Sponsors!

A Message from the Coach...

The last portion of the season saw the Rivulettes fall short of making the playoffs. While there is certainly some disappointment with this fact, anyone who watched the team down the stretch saw a team that had grown in so many regards. There are no excuses but it almost felt as if the Rivs ran out of time rather than not making the playoffs. The girls were motivated and played their best hockey late in the season. This stronger play was evident during the exhibition season and into provincials. The girls had convincing wins and played from a team perspective their best hockey at provincials. They upset London and fell 1 - 0 to PWHL Silver medalists Toronto Aeros and fell just short against Provincial Silver medalists Stoney Creek.

The entire staff were incredibly proud of this group right until the final buzzer. There was never any quit in the group and they came to the rink every day with the goal of getting better. The girls are to be congratulated for the way they carried themselves all season long.

Geoff

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