

WMHA WAIVER WIRE

PLAYER PROFILE NOLAN PATRICK

Nolan Patrick

Age: **11**

School: **WMES**

Favorite pre-game meal: **Pasta with deer venison**

Favorite movie: **The Fugitive**

Other sports: **Lacrosse, golf**

Team: **AA Minor Peeewe St. James Canadians**

Last team: **AA Minor Peeewe St. James Canadians**

The St. James Canadians of the AA Minor Peeewe division finished second place in the regular season standings and have tasted success early in the 2010 playoffs. Their leading scorer is Nolan Patrick; a highly skilled and crafty forward, Patrick has been a big contributor to his teams winning play this year. Having the opportunity to play with the same team last year as an age advanced player combined with the blessing of having two helpful resources of hockey knowledge in his family (Nolan's dad Stephen, and uncle James both played in the NHL), Nolan Patrick has been ready and up to any challenge on the ice so far this year. Despite finishing the regular season with a staggering (and balanced) 81 pts(41 goals, 40 assists), in 28 games Patrick will define his season as a success with a championship attached to that stat line. Recently WMHA was able to catch up with Nolan Patrick and ask him a few questions about himself and his hockey past present and future:



Nolan and his St. James Canadian team-mates are looking to win the Minor Peeewe AA Championship this season

WMHA: You guys are heading to the semi-finals to play against the Twins. Is there anything you need to key in on in order to win?

Nolan Patrick: We have to win battles in their end and control the puck down low. We also have to be able to move quickly out of our own end by passing quickly.



Patrick and the Canadians faceoff against the Twins March 6th in Selkirk in the first game of a best of five semi final

WMHA: What are your strengths as a player?

NP: I think my strengths are stickhandling and passing. I practice my stickhandling, puck control and passing.

WMHA: What areas of your game do you need to improve on?

NP: I need to work on my shot more. Its not really on-ice but I need to make sure I work on my schoolwork. My mom helps me make sure I pay just as much attention to my school as hockey.

WMHA: Well it sounds like you and your mom have set good priorities. Who has been a big influence for your hockey career?

NP: My dad and my uncle have helped me a lot. I train with my uncle James who played in the NHL in Buffalo, at Falcon lake in the summer. My dad who played in the NHL too, always helps me practice shoot pucks in the garage.

WMHA: What are your short-term goals for hockey?

NP: I want to win the championship this year and get the Canadians our first championship in a long time [Minor Peeewe division].

WMHA: What are your long-term hockey goals?

NP: The most obvious one is to make the NHL one day. I also want to play for the UND Fighting Sioux. I had the chance to go to the dressing room at their arena and it was a cool experience. I want to be playing there some day.

WMHA: Thanks for talking with us and best of luck in your next series.

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