



2019-20 Nick dePeuter Award Nominee

They say a goalie is “The one brave player willing to have pucks shot at their face. All in the name of hockey, and ENJOY it”!!

They also say “you don’t have to be crazy to be a goalie, but it helps”.

Both of these quotes sum up our Midget Local League tandem of Daria Sollman and Mason Quesnel.

“Twice as nice”, “Double or nothing”, “Dynamic Duo”, “Two heads are better than one”. Take your pick as they all apply and we could not have survived or succeeded as we did as a team without our 1-2 punch of Daria and Mason.

Having coached Daria in the past and watched her grow as a goalie and as a young adult, I knew what we were getting. We were getting a polite and smiley young lady that was technically sound in net and was pretty darn good at stopping pucks.

Having never coached Mason, I had NO idea what we were getting. What it turns out we were getting was Dominick Hasek Jr., a polite and smiley young man that would throw any body part possible in front of a shot and was pretty darn good at stopping pucks.

Coming into the season the talk amongst coaches was that we envisioned our goaltending tandem as a #1 and a #2. Daria, the “seasoned vet” would be our reliable “go-to” and Mason, in his first year of playing net I would be our trusted back-up while he learned the position. Almost by Halloween we were delighted to find that forget #1 and #2, we clearly had two trusted #1’s!!

No matter the game, no matter the opponent, each goalie showed up every single night and put on a performance. Mason, wildly exceeded our expectations and Daria played what I think was the best hockey (and she’s played some great hockey in the past) of her career. While Daria shut-out our first opponent of the year and bested some of southern Ontario’s better teams at our December tournament in Brantford, Mason led us to wins over the leagues first place team each time he faced them and almost backstopped us to a championship win in the final game of the year.

They are as alike as apples and oranges, bagpipes and country music or Danny Devito and Arnold Schwarzenegger, but they have big two things in common. They are both great goaltenders and both great people!!

For these reasons, I really hope you all consider our Daria/Mason combo for the 2019-20 Nick dePeuter award.

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