

#ForJack

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For some, hockey is more than just a game. While the intensity on the ice displays the great skill and athleticism associated with our sport, sometimes it is the gestures off the ice that create the biggest impact. For the St. Albert Peewee A's, their biggest victory this season, was adding an incredible new team member.

While on a trip to the Tournament of Champions in Brandon, Manitoba, the team decided to take in a Wheat Kings game one evening. At the game, the group noticed a young boy with special needs named Jack, who would immediately become one of the most important members of their team. Jack was immediately welcomed in as “one of the boys” and became a source of inspiration for the rest of the tournament, and season. He was invited to the remainder of the games in Brandon and given a team jersey with the symbolic “C” on the chest. For all his contributions, Jack was named MVP after the final game, and the team all autographed the stick that was awarded to him.

After the team returned home, they made sure that Jack would still be an active member of the team. They speak to Jack on the phone before each game, who still provides his signature pre-game speeches. To keep Jack with them on the ice all the time, the team now wears helmet stickers that say #ForJack.

Most recently, Jack made the trip to Edmonton where he got to watch his team in action and attend a Wheat Kings vs. Oil Kings game. To cap it all off, the team invited Jack out on the ice to join his new friends for a fun game. After the weekend was over, the team presented Jack with his own set of equipment and a plaque displaying all the players' hockey cards.

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