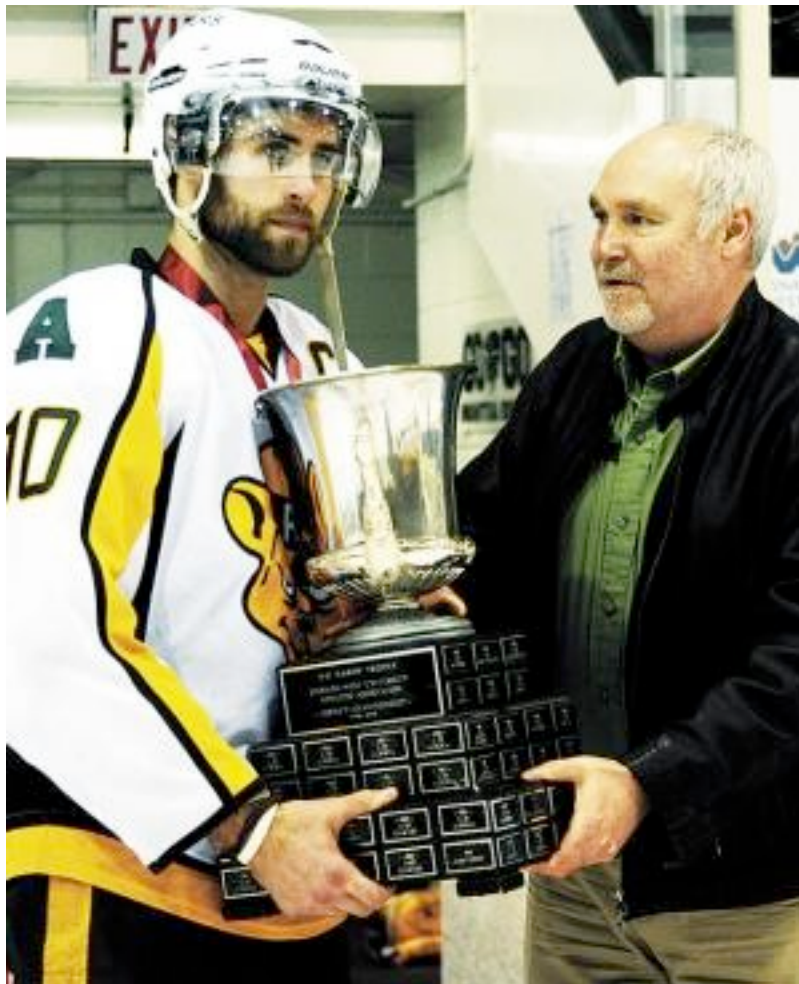


Hockey Bears' captain Tyler Metcalfe looking to go out with another title

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INTO THE SUNSET Tyler Metcalfe will be look to cap off his collegiate career on top.

Looking to lead his team to their third University Cup victory in five seasons, Bears captain Tyler Metcalfe has always had a strong passion for hockey.

Born and raised in Headingley, Manitoba, Metcalfe remembers growing up and playing hockey whenever and wherever possible.

“In the winter, all my time was spent at the outdoor rink. And in addition to practices and games with the teams I was on, I played pickup anywhere around town with all of my buddies.”

His love of the game eventually led him south of the border, where he was drafted by the WHL’s Seattle Thunderbirds. During his five seasons playing under the eye of Space Needle, Metcalfe tallied 93 goals and 249 points, but was never drafted by an NHL club.

“I always had the NHL dream. I came close coming out of junior with a couple of camp tryouts, but I think the odds [...] were I would have to spend a lot of time in the minors to get a chance. So I came to university on the grounds that I get a degree and play high level hockey for five years, but then I’d go and pursue a professional career after,” Metcalfe explained.

With his CIS eligibility set to expire after the upcoming national championship, the Physical Education & Recreation student once again has his sights set on resuming his efforts to play hockey professionally.

“I’m definitely going to play hockey somewhere next year. I don’t know exactly where yet, but I’ll worry about that after this season is done,” Metcalfe said. “There is Europe and also leagues in Asia, so there are numerous possibilities out there.”

His main goal right now, however, is to finish his tenure with the Bears in style. Metcalfe may have been a part of two previous championship teams, but the hunger to win still burns deep within.

When asked what a third title in five years would mean to him, Metcalfe responded, “It would mean the world. It’s been a very exciting year and I’ve just wanted to take in everything in my last year.

“This program and this school have been so good to me, and to have the Cup again for fun summer partying would be the icing on the cake. It would be unbelievably awesome.”

Metcalfé may not boast the offensive numbers that some of his teammates do — only 17 regular season goals in five seasons — yet this scrappy left winger has always been a versatile team player for the Bears, and his character and presence in the locker room will be sorely missed next fall.