

# Eagles ball team to take on RCMP in ball hockey

Eric McCarthy

Published on May 05, 2014

O'LEARY -- It's for sure that many members of the very successful O'Leary Eagles men's fast pitch team are not one-sport wonders. Several of the players have had success at the elite and professional levels in the ice hockey rinks.



O'Leary mayor Stanley MacDonald drops the ball between Jamie Betts of the O'Leary Eagles men's fast pitch team and Cst. Dave Brown of the West Prince RCMP as the pair prepare to showcase their skills in advance of a charity ball hockey game. The Eagles/RCMP game will be played at the O'Leary Community Sports Centre on Wednesday, May 14, 7 p.m. Proceeds will support the Alice Duncan Intergenerational Centre.

Next week they hope to make their mark in a third sport when they take on a P.E.I. RCMP all-star team in a charity ball hockey game.

The game will be played at the O'Leary Community Sports Center on Wednesday, May 14 at 7 p.m.

Timing of the event couldn't have come at a better time, organizer Jeff Ellsworth points out. "Wednesday night is the last night for our successful youth ball hockey league that consisted of 60 young athletes from O'Leary and surrounding areas," he said. "This is a great way to wrap up the season by providing the youth an opportunity to see some of West Prince's best hockey athletes play a game that everyone loves to play."

The O'Leary Eagles fire power includes Jordan Knox just back from a pro hockey season in Hungary, Darcy Harris who has played pro with the Montreal Canadiens organization, university star Jesse MacIntyre and former junior standouts Jordan Costello, Jason Smallman and Jamie Betts. World-class fastball pitcher Mitchell Hardy will be on the team as will Team Canada fastball captain, Jeff Ellsworth. Tending goal for the Eagles will be their catcher, Troy Ellsworth who has excelled in goal in the P.E.I. Men's Senior Hockey League.

The RCMP is looking forward to the game to help introduce some of its newest members to the community. Ellsworth has also helped stock the RCMP line-up with some guest stars including Halifax Mooseheads' Darcy Ashley, Brampton Beasts sniper Mike MacIssac, Western Capitals tough guy Blake Millman and, in goal from the Kensington Major Midgets, Bradley Shea.

All proceeds from the game will support activities at O'Leary's Alice Duncan Intergenerational Centre.

"This should be an exciting game with tons of talent on the floor," said Ellsworth in encouraging fans to get out to enjoy the game and support a good cause.