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Jack McClelland Commits To Acadia University

(July 3rd, 2017) - The Wichita Junior Thunder would like to congratulate Jack McClelland and wish him luck on his commitment to attend Acadia University this fall.

Jack McClelland leaves the Junior Thunder organization not only a Thorne Cup Champion but he also finishes second in all major offensive categories and first in penalty minutes in Junior Thunder history. In McClelland's four year stint, he played in 167 games, scoring 87 goals and added 138 assists for 225 regular season points. He also amassed 541 penalty minutes which put him 5th All-Time in the Western States Hockey League, his 225 points ranks Jack 9th All-Time in WSHL. "Jack was the ultimate leader for our program, he worked very hard at all aspects of his game all while putting his teammates

first when it was game time. His ability to score 3 goals in under ten minutes to beat Ogden in the semi-finals was exactly the player we needed, he provided it. It was fun to see a player and ultimately an organization improve so dramatically over the past 4 years', commented Coach Weingartner. In McClelland's four years with the program his stats have improved from 25 points in his first year to 87 this past season all while maintaining his ability to protect his teammates. "He had plenty of opportunities to leave our team and play elsewhere, he showed a lot of respect and dedication to us by staying, especially considering his first season we only won 4 games all year. You don't replace a leader and player like Jack, you only compare the rest to him", stated Weingartner. McClelland's #24 will be hanging in the Wichita Ice Center for his leadership and accomplishments.



Acadia University is located in Wolfville, Nova Scotia- Canada and is a member of the Atlantic University Sport. The AUS is the regional conference representing eleven (11) universities, AUS governs, promotes, and celebrates university sport and student -athletes in Atlantic Canada. The teams are made up mostly of ex-major junior players from the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) and the Western Hockey League (WHL), these are the leagues where most NHL hockey players are drafted. This is a very competitive league where players often join the minor league upon finishing their degree. Assistant coach Sean O'Reilly who was a player for the Wichita Thunder after he attended Acadia and is the only Axmen to win CIAU Championship (which is now University Sports) in 1993 and then again in 1996. O'Reilly helped pave the way for Jack to get set up at Acadia.

