



## U18 – Steve Edgerton

Welcome to the Mississippi Thunder Kings (MTK) Major Midgets

I find it very difficult to put together a letter for the upcoming season, with so many unknowns. The world we are currently living in, and waiting for both the government and Hockey Canada to make decisions on what our hockey will or will not look like in the fall.

I would like to welcome all 2003 and 2004 born players trying out for the Major Midget team this year. We will be happy to see you at the tryouts and thank you for your interest in representing our community at this level of hockey.

One of the items I took most from last year's team as a head coach was how the families were impacted on their child's last year of hockey. With many leaving for post-secondary school, some finishing off minor hockey, the memories are important and emotions for both players and parents were humbling. Secondly, the importance for the players was having fun with their friends, but committing to each other to work hard and make the best of every opportunity given to them over the year. Lastly, a diverse coaching staff that brought so much hockey knowledge, and realizing that a coach at this level needs hockey knowledge, but most importantly needs to manage the bench and keep young men in the game and focused on the task at hand. The emotions on the bench are high, and this is and will be a full time occupation.

I would like to say that most of all, the players will have fun; learn new philosophies of hockey as the game is rapidly changing, strengthen their leadership, teamwork, and communication skills both on and off the ice.

Stay safe and healthy over the summer, continue to stay active, and I look forward to seeing you in September when we hopefully can start another amazing year of hockey for this group of young men.

Thank you,

Stephen Edgerton,  
Head Coach  
MTK Major Midget