

## HAWKS ATHLETIC CLUB 2019 - 2020 PLAYER RECOGNITION AWARD

## ARDA GURBUZ

The NW285 Hawks are pleased to choose *Arda Gurbuz* for the 2019/2020 season's Player Recognition Award. Some of the qualities that the coaches were asked to consider when choosing the recipient for this award include fair play, dedication, team work, perseverance, respect, leadership, sportsmanship, and athleticism. Arda easily exhibited all of these, making the choice an easy one.

Arda is a natural defenceman that quickly learned where to be on the ice and how to be a good defensive partner. He worked hard with the coaches over the course of the season to develop his slap shot. He took many unsuccessful shots but never got discouraged and always came back the next game ready to try again. His hard work finally paid off at the end of the season when he started scoring from the point, using that big slap shot.

This was Arda's first year playing organized hockey, which really came as a surprise in light of how easily he fit into the team and how quickly he learned his position. He came to us with such an enthusiasm for the game and was incredibly positive and coachable right from the start of the season. It was evident from the beginning of the year that Arda really wanted to learn. He was always ready to get out on the ice early, worked hard and never complained during practice, arriving and leaving with a big smile, showing his love of the game. Arda is very respectful to the coaches and his fellow teammates, with his remarkably good manners, kind words and joyful spirit.

Congratulations Arda!

Atom - NW285 Hawks Trevor Gouchee - Head Coach