The Veterans' team. Photo: Sdt Jessica Dumais

The Veterans' team is proud of its performance

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Despite a crushing defeat, the Patriotes team is proud of its accomplishments on the ice during the Canadian Forces Regional Hockey Championship (veterans) held at Base Valcartier from February 19 to 23.

"Our players have not had an easy year. They had difficulty putting together a complete team. Fortunately, six reservists came to lend a hand shortly before the championship," explains Master Corporal Alexandre Turcotte, from the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School.

He mentions that the team members learned to work together throughout the days spent in Valcartier. "A good chemistry was created between them. They played really well." However, it was not enough to win the championship. "We lost all four games played in this event. However, we gave our opponents a hard time."

MCpl Turcotte usually plays on the Patriotes junior team. Injured in one knee, he had to participate in the veterans' championship, but outside the rink. "It was disappointing to watch them play and not be able to help them on the ice. But I really enjoyed my role as an assistant on the coaching team.

The Juniors lose in the final

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The Patriotes team was defeated 5-2 in the final by the Valcartier Lions during the Canadian Forces Regional Junior Hockey Championship which took place from February 5 to 9 at Base Valcartier.

The team's coach, Sergeant Alexandre Grenier, from the 2nd Canadian Division Support Group Technical Services, ensures that the Patriotes gave excellent performances throughout the championship. He explains that it was the first match that was the most difficult for the players from the Montreal region who lost 4-0 to the Ottawa team. "During the second day, the guys competed against the Bagotville team. Our team won the game 8-0. However, in the evening, we lost 5-2 against the Valcartier Lions."

In the semifinal, The Patriotes were entitled to a great revenge against Ottawa. "We won the match 4-1."

Sgt Grenier is very satisfied with the level of play of his team. "We had quite a few new players on the team this year. Our players had to learn to play together. They took up the challenge, but the incomparable experience and talent of the Valcartier team cost us the victory. However, it's only a postponement!"

Private Paul Jr Bourbeau, of the 34 Combat Engineer Regiment, was named the player of the tournament for the Montreal region.

The Juniors' teams. Photo: Sdt Jessica Dumais

The Patriotes junior team goaltender in action. Photo: Avr Anne-Julie St-Hilaire

The Juniors' team. Back row: Sgt Alex Grenier, from the 2nd Canadian Division Support Group Technical Services (Tech Svcs), Cpl Alexandre Labbé, from the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School (CFLRS), Lt Raphael Bernier, from the 34 Combat Engineer Regiment (34 CER), Sgt Samuel Pagé, from the Tech Svcs, Sgt Charles Dupuis, from the CFLRS, Cpl Olivier Laperle, from the Tech Svcs, Cpl Phillip Labbé, from the CFLRS, Capt Frédéric Thouin, from the Operations Services of the 2nd Canadian Division Support Group, Lt Charles-Phillipe Beaulieu, from the Osside Institute, OCdt Antoine Montpellier and OCdt William Falardeau, from the Royal Military College Saint-Jean (RMC Saint-Jean). Front row: Pte Paul Bourbeau, from 34 CER, OCdt Ludovic Lehoux, from RMC Saint-Jean, Sgt Jean-Francois Bérubé, from 5 Military Police Regiment, Sgt Simon Proulx, from Tech Svcs, WO Kevin Paquet, from CFLRS, Pte Nicola Robichaud-Dubé, from 202 Workshop Depot, Sgt Charles Lemieux, from 3 Canadian Support Unit, and Cpl Rafaele Izzo, from 438 Tactical Helicopter Squadron. Missing from photo: Pte Kobe Skidders, Tech Svcs.

On page 30, the Veterans' team. Back row: Capt Simon Thériault, Royal Military College Saint-Jean, MCpl Alexandre Turcotte and WO Mathieu Desrosiers-Ouellet, from the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School (CFLRS), Sgt Jeffrey Trottier-Harrison, from The Royal Canadian Hussars (Montreal), Sgt Éric Pruneau, from the 2nd Canadian Division Support Group Technical Services (Tech Svc), Sgt Alexandre Vaudreuil, from the CFLRS, Capt Pierre-Marc Girard, from the 77th Line Regiment, MBdr Éric Godin, from the CFLRS, Sgt Curtis Drakes, from the Regional Cadet Support Unit (East), Sgt Alexandre Raymond-Larocque, from the 438 Tactical Helicopter Squadron, CWO Ken Jalbert, from the Régiment Maisonneuve, WO Nicolas Lemelin, from the Osside Institute, and Sgt Samuel Page, from the Tech Svcs. Front row: WO Johnathan Bisson, from the CFLRS, WO François Ranger, from the 34 Canadian Brigade Group headquarters, WO Kevin Paquet, from the CFLRS, WO Tom Royer, from the Tech Svcs, Sgt Yannick Fredette, from the CFLRS, Cpl Patrick Gagné, from the Tech Svcs, MWO Guy Thivierge, from the 2nd Canadian Division headquarters, and MBdr Alexandre Lalancette, from the CFLRS.