ICE HOCKEY CLUB (TYPHOONS) 2016/2017

The St. Andrews Typhoons have finished off another very successful year. The wealth of new talent obtained at the start of the season combined with a host of skilled veterans ensured not only an impressive finish in our division, but also an extremely strong performance in the National Championship. Additionally, in its incredibly popular annual varsity game against the Edinburgh Eagles, in front of a crowd of over 1000 fans, the Typhoons put together one of its most impressive performances to date, to win the game for the fifth consecutive time.

Never before have the Typhoons had so much depth and skill in a single line-up, in all positions on the team. The new additions to the line-up provided the perfect balance of speed, finesse and strength. These new talents complemented the already stellar squad of the previous year, giving Captain Stuart Hindmarch a lot to work with in terms of lines and playing styles. As such, the team became a force to be reckoned with as the season progressed.
The stellar line-up showed its strength in the regular season almost immediately. A painful 5-2 loss to Edinburgh woke the team up from its stupor, propelling the Typhoons to victories in nearly every other regular season game. However, the Typhoons saved their best performance for when the crowds were watching, rallying back from behind to win 7-5 against Edinburgh in the Wookey game in front of a full arena. The atmosphere was fantastic, and the experience was never to be forgotten by players and spectators alike.

Finally, to finish the season off, the Typhoons headed to Sheffield to play in the National Championship with another Wookey game victory and a successful Division 1 performance, topping the table with a 6-0-2 record. Their performance in the Championship further exemplified how impressive the team really was. The depth of the squad propelled them to an undefeated record all the way to the National final, even getting the chance to crush Edinburgh once again in the semi-final, adding salt to the wounds following the varsity game. While they lost to Southampton in a tense shootout in the final, their composure throughout the game and during the tournament proved this was one of the strongest, deepest squads to date.
Overall, the St. Andrews Typhoons have had a great year. A strong performance in their Division, a win in the varsity game and making the final of the National Championship shows the strength of the team, and just how fast the club has grown since its conception 5 years ago. As we go from stride to stride we look forward to the coming year, and what new heights we can reach in the seasons to come.