

# Squads capture medals

An entire winter of hard work resulted in a pair of medals for two Moose Jaw teams at the recent Saskatchewan Special Olympics 1995 Floor Hockey Tournament in Prince Albert.

Moose Jaw sent two squads to represent Zone 3 at the provincial derby, which is the most important event of the year for local Special Olympic floor hockey players.

The teams did the city and the zone proud by bringing home one silver medal and one bronze medal.

"This is the highlight of their year," said Mark Lebere, the coach of the Zone 3 Bruins who won a bronze medal in the 'A' Division.

"They train all year long and play every Tuesday night from September until April. Normally we have just one team but this year we had so many players we decided to send two. The teams did very well."

The Bruins got strong scoring power from Scott Peterson and excellent goaltending from Kurt Maloney while winning one game and losing two at this year's tournament.

The Bruins lost 9-3 to the Zone 2 Vipers, beat the Zone 1 Dragons 6-5 and lost 7-2 to the Zone 8 Hawks. The Vipers ended up winning the provincial championship and earned a spot in the national tournament.

Meanwhile the B-team — known as the Zone 3 Magic — earned a silver medal after winning two out of three games.

The Magic, led by team captain Melvin Ostrom as well as Randy Luzny, Colin Maichot and Roy Alton, beat Zone 8 8-3 and Zone 6 11-8 and lost 10-0 to the eventual champion Zone 2 Razors.

"For these guys it's not just playing the games, it's the whole tournament," says Lebere, who coached the Bruins along with Mark Gilliland, while Joe Klyne and Richard Adams handled the Magic.

"There's a big banquet and dance and for them hanging out together and staying in a hotel is a big deal."