

Saints set to host prestigious tournaments



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It's the most wonderful time of the year for the St. Andrew's Saints.

The athletics program announced Monday the schedule and lineups for the annual Gary West Hockey Tournament on Jan. 18 ? 20, the precursor for the prestigious MacPherson Tournament, a packed-house affair the following weekend that has been the pride of St. Andrew's College since 1984.

?The MacPherson Tournament is a great opportunity for fans to witness some of the most talented players from around the world in high school hockey,? said Headmaster Kevin McHenry. ?Many of these young athletes will go on to play at the university, junior, or professional levels. It's also a weekend for players to go up against top-quality opponents in an arena that values sportsman-like conduct and respect for others.?

Runners-up in two of the past three seasons in the MacPherson, the varsity A squad will be looking to capture gold on home ice from Jan. 25 ? 27 for the first time since 2014.

The varsity B Saints will also be looking to exact some vengeance in front of their home crowd at the Gary West, after being knocked out of the semifinals in 2018 by Vaughan's Everest Academy. St. Andrew's tome home bronze in an overtime win over CISAA rival Upper Canada College.

This year's rosters will feature three American schools, two from Ohio and one from Pennsylvania, as well as Everest, King City Secondary, Upper Canada College, and St. Charles College of Sudbury.