

# SIJHL 2018 SHOWCASE

Ice for Kids Arena—Fort Frances, Ontario  
January 30 & 31, 2018

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Commissioner Bryan Graham of the Superior International Junior Hockey League invites you to the 2018 SIJHL Showcase. The two-day event will be hosted by the Fort Frances Lakers at the Ice For Kids Arena on January 30 & 31. Fort Frances, a border town next to International Falls, Minnesota, is located 295 miles/475 kilometres from the Twin Cities, the exact same travel distance from Thief River Falls, Minnesota, the home of the 2017 League Showcase.

The SIJHL's Thief River Falls Norskies finished the 2017 portion of their schedule as the number one ranked team in the Canadian Junior Hockey League, which consists of 132 teams across Canada and clubs in the United States as well. The defending league champion Dryden GM Ice Dogs have also been a top-10 team in the rankings this season and the Ice Dogs will host the Dudley-Hewitt Cup - Central Canada Junior "A" Championship - May 1-5 at the Dryden Memorial Arena.

This year's six team SIJHL Showcase will feature three games per day with each match-up counting in the league standings as teams battle for playoff positioning in the second half of the regular season schedule.

Some of the players to watch out for this season include SIJHL leading scorer F **Parker Simonson** ('97), F **Jared Pedersen** ('97) and G **Bailey Schmitz** ('98) from Thief River Falls. The host team, the Fort Frances Lakers, feature F **Nick Lucas** ('98), F **Jaedin Ness** ('98) and D **Charlie Wilkie** ('98).

Other prospects on the scouting radar include F **Jacen Bracko** ('97), D **Tristan Knott** ('97) and D **Cory Dennis** ('97), of the Dryden GM Ice Dogs. The English River Miners feature F **Jared Janke** ('98), D **Kyle Rosolowski** ('97) and G **Michael Lenko** ('97).

The Minnesota Iron Rangers boast F **Mark Sanchez** ('97), F **Clayton Brown** ('97) and D **Bryce Litke** ('98), while the Thunder Bay North Stars top players include F **Keighan Gerrie** ('01), D **Joe Newhouse** ('97) and F **Brad Thrower** ('97).

## SHOWCASE SCHEDULE (all games CST):

All SIJHL games are broadcast live at HockeyTV.com

### Tuesday, Jan. 30

Minnesota vs. Dryden 1 p.m.  
English River vs. Thief River Falls 4:15 p.m.  
Fort Frances vs. Thunder Bay 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, Jan. 31

Thunder Bay vs. English River 1 p.m.  
Thief River Falls vs. Minnesota 4:15 p.m.  
Dryden vs. Fort Frances 7:30 p.m.

**La Place Rendezvous**  
1201 Idylwild Main  
800-544-9345  
Rate: \$114 (CDN)

**Bayview Motel**  
801 Colonization Rd E  
807-274-5347  
Rate: \$79 (CDN)

**Additional Hotels (various rates)**  
Fort Frances: Super 8 Motel,  
Copper River Inn  
International Falls: AmericInn,  
America's Best Value, Days Inn

Please RSVP to Ft. Frances GM Wayne Strachan: [wayne@fortfranceslakers.com](mailto:wayne@fortfranceslakers.com)