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## Junior Thunder Sign Twins From Sweden

**(June 1st, 2016)**-The Wichita Junior Thunder are excited to announce they have signed Robert and Henrik Igel for 2016-17 Season.

The Igel twins are from Falun, Sweden, they played for Vannas HC in the U20 Elite Division during the 2015-16 season, both players are listed at 5'10 and 170lbs and are '96 birth year, entering their final year of Junior eligibility.

Robert is a left handed defenseman that played 51 games over the last two years in the U20 division, scoring 7 goals and adding 13 assists for a total of 20 points. "Robert was described to me as a smooth skating defenseman that sees the ice well and makes good outlet passes. On our Olympic ice surface Robert should be a big part of setting up our power play", - Coach Weingartner.



Henrik Igel

Henrik is a left handed forward that scored 20 goals and had 13 assists for 33 points in 49 games over the last two years at the U20 Elite Level. "Henrik who was also described as a strong skater has a goal scoring touch to go with it. With his brother setting him up and us returning a core group, I expect our power play to be amongst the top of the WSHL like it was last year", - Coach Weingartner.

With the addition of Robert and Henrik, the Junior Thunder now have 4 players under contract for the 2016-17 season, joining Alex Smith and Erik Spath who had two year agreements.

Alex Smith is a 5 year veteran of the WSHL and has amassed 79 points in 174 games since joining the WSHL as a 16 year old. Coach said, "Smitty has been with us a long time, I expect him to have a monster year on the power play and we will rely on him heavily to play in all situations".

Erik, in his first year of action in the WSHL last season, lead all goaltenders in games played (49), minutes played (45:58:30), shots against (1933), finished 3rd in wins (27) and had a .917 save percentage on the year. "I thought Erik was the best goalie in the league last year, we played in a very tough division that required him to be his best every night.

Erik has a strong work ethic and I expect an even better year out him. We will be looking to bring in a younger back up this year that will compete hard and can

handle 15-20 games at this level", - Coach Weingartner.

Coach Weingartner is on the recruiting trail next weekend, he will be at the Global Showcase in Darien, IL June 3-5, if your going to the camp be sure and stop by during the meet and greet and introduce yourself.



Robert Igel



Alex Smith



Erik Spath

