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Tonight we honor active duty military members, veterans, and their families throughout the night.

WHO WE ARE

The FireWolves' brand identity reflects the organization's deep roots in the National Lacrosse League, pays tribute to lacrosse's Native American heritage, and represents the team's commitment to serving the community throughout the Albany area.

Lacrosse's history goes back 1,000s of years on the lands of the Six Nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, which spanned from the Hudson River and the Mohawk Valley north into Quebec and Ontario in the Great Lakes region. The Albany area was originally inhabited by both Mohawk (Iroquois) and Mohican (Algonquin) tribes, and the roots of lacrosse began in what is now New York State and Canada as early as 1100AD. The Haudenosaunee (Iroquois for "People of the Longhouse") believe lacrosse, which they call Dehoñtjihgwa'és (translation: "they bump hips"), was a gift from The Creator. Also known as "The Medicine Game", lacrosse is believed to have healing powers and remains a central part of Native American communities throughout the Northeast.

The FireWolves are proud to call the Capital Region home and continue our lineage in the area that dates back to the National Lacrosse League runner-up Albany Attack in 2002. A through line beginning in the early 2000s, the wolf was part of the Attack's logo, while also being part of the logo and name of the New England Black Wolves that played in Connecticut from 2015 to 2020 before the franchise moved to Albany before the 2021-22 season. Native to the Adirondacks and also one of only three repeating clans throughout the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the wolf embodies many of our organization's key values: courage, strength, loyalty and leadership. On and off the field.

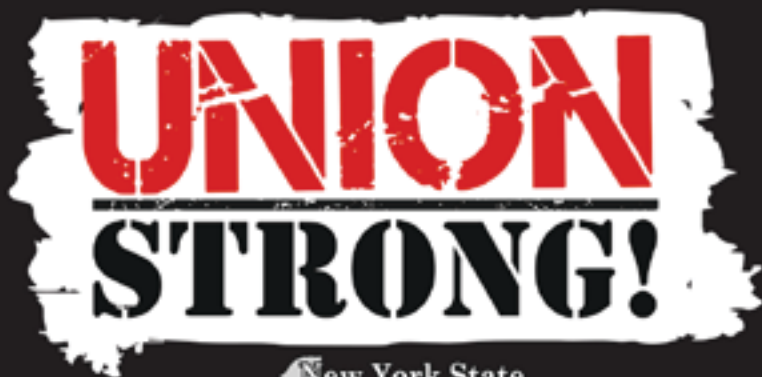
While the "FireWolf" is a mystical creature, the use of fire in the name represents the symbolism of community and gathering for ceremony. The Mohican tribes who originally inhabited the Capital Region called it Pempotowwuthut-Muhhcanneuw, meaning "the fireplace of the Mohican nation". We believe strongly in the power of sports as a common-ground meeting place for the community, and the entire FireWolves organization is excited to celebrate competition at the highest level and honor lacrosse's deep roots in the Capital Region.

In summary, the FireWolves are fierce competitors, hunt together and are loyal to the pack. The Albany FireWolves organization holds the values of teamwork, competitive desire and community focus in the highest regard as we honor the heritage of lacrosse and the National Lacrosse League teams that came before us, while working to create a positive impact throughout the Capital Region.

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Rochester	3	0	1.000	3W	41	31
Buffalo	2	1	.667	2W	39	32
Halifax	2	1	.667	1L	51	37
Albany	1	1	.500	1L	24	24
Philadelphia	1	1	.500	1W	21	30
Toronto	1	2	.333	2L	34	30
Georgia	0	2	.000	2L	23	29
New York	0	2	.000	2L	25	35
WEST	W	L	PCT	STRK	GF	GA
San Diego	3	0	1.000	3W	45	40
Saskatchewan	2	1	.667	1W	41	28
Calgary	2	1	.667	1L	39	31
Colorado	1	1	.500	1W	18	27
Panther City	2	2	.500	2L	40	37
Las Vegas	0	2	.000	2L	14	22
Vancouver	0	3	.000	3L	22	44



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2022-23 SCHEDULE

 <p>DEC 3 BUFFALO BANDITS W 11-10</p>	 <p>DEC 17 ROCHESTER KNIGHTHAWKS L 14-13</p>	 <p>JAN 7 HALIFAX THUNDERBIRDS 7:00 PM</p>	 <p>JAN 13 HALIFAX THUNDERBIRDS 6:30 PM</p>	 <p>JAN 21 NEW YORK RIPTIDE 7:00 PM</p>
 <p>FEB 4 PHILADELPHIA WINGS 7:00 PM</p>	 <p>FEB 11 NEW YORK RIPTIDE 7:00 PM</p>	 <p>FEB 18 LAS VEGAS DESERT DOGS 7:00 PM</p>	 <p>FEB 25 GEORGIA SWARM 7:00 PM</p>	 <p>MAR 4 GEORGIA SWARM 7:00 PM</p>
 <p>MAR 11 TORONTO ROCK 7:00 PM</p>	 <p>MAR 18 NEW YORK RIPTIDE 7:00 PM</p>	 <p>MAR 25 TORONTO ROCK 7:00 PM</p>	 <p>APR 1 PANTHER CITY LACROSSE CLUB 8:00 PM</p>	 <p>APR 3 ROCHESTER KNIGHTHAWKS 7:00 PM</p>
 <p>APR 15 GEORGIA SWARM 7:00 PM</p>	 <p>APR 23 PHILADELPHIA WINGS 3:00 PM</p>	 <p>APR 29 BUFFALO BANDITS 7:00 PM</p>	<p>ALL TIMES SHOWN ARE EASTERN TIME ZONE</p> <p>ROAD GAME</p> <p>HOME GAME</p>	

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GAME 3 MATCHUP PREVIEW **FIREWOLVES vs THUNDERBIRDS**

The Albany FireWolves (1-1) return home this Saturday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. against the Halifax Thunderbirds (2-1). The FireWolves are coming off consecutive bye weeks while the Thunderbirds enter the game after suffering their first loss last weekend. Albany had Halifax's number a season ago, defeating the Thunderbirds in both matchups. This weekend's game can be watched on My4 Albany or ESPN Plus.

FireWolves Players to Watch:

Hiana Thompson showed Albany fans why the team acquired him this offseason with a solid offensive performance in the team's last game. He finished with a hat trick and now leads the FireWolves with four goals in the two games played. His five total points on the season rank him fifth amongst the Wolves and he has already proven to be a key cog in the offense. The Thunderbirds have lit up the scoreboard through their first three games, posting an impressive 51 goals on the young season. The FireWolves will need plenty of firepower to keep up with the Thunderbirds in this one, so the team will rely on Thompson to find the back of the net multiple times once again.

John LaFontaine may not be a name that lights up the stat sheet, but he is a crucial component of Albany's transition game. In their last outing a couple weekends ago, LaFontaine contributed two points on a goal and an assist. His goal came in transition after a defense stand. The Thunderbirds have proven that they can score with the best of them, so LaFontaine and the transition game must be on point in this one to capitalize on solid defense leading to runout scoring opportunities.

Doug Jamieson was on his A-game the last time the FireWolves took the turf, despite losing by a goal to the Rochester Knighthawks. Jamieson has begun the 2022-23 season already showing why he is regarded as one of the best goalies in the game. The netminder followed up a 45-save effort to open the season with a 60-save outing two weeks ago. Jamieson has allowed just 24 goals in the FireWolves' two games, and the team will certainly rely on him to continue to be the backbone of a stout defense as they find ways to limit the high-scoring Thunderbirds this weekend.





Opposing Players to Watch:

Ryan Benesch should be a familiar name to FireWolves fans. Albany acquired him early in the team's debut season and he dominated for the club, finishing the season with 81 total points. This season is no different even though he is wearing a new jersey, as Benesch currently ranks fourth in the league with nine goals through three games. Benesch has been in the league since 2007 and Albany knows better than anyone how dangerous the lefty can be. The FireWolves must find a way to bottle him up this weekend to come away with a victory.

Randy Staats has had a hot start to the season for the Thunderbirds. The forward currently sits third in the league in both total points and assists with 23 and 15, respectively. Despite the team's loss a week ago, Staats had himself a night against the Buffalo Bandits. He finished with eight total points on three goals and five assists. The FireWolves will certainly have their hands full trying to contain this hot Thunderbirds offense and must find a way to slow down Staats in this one if they want to extend their win streak against the club to three games. Staats did not play last season, so this will be the first time he will face the FireWolves.

Goaltender **Warren Hill** had two solid outings against the FireWolves a season ago, despite taking the loss in each game. He limited the FireWolves to just 16 goals – eight in each game. Hill played in two of the Thunderbirds' three games so far this season and has allowed just 20 goals and recorded 54 saves. The goalie is coming off a rough performance in the team's loss a week ago, allowing 12 of the Bandits' 18 goals in the contest. Albany will need to maintain its well-balanced offensive attack, get ahead early, and keep their foot on the gas while looking to hand Halifax their second loss in as many games.



FIREWOLVES ROSTER



OFFENSE

6 Charlie Kitchen

40 Connor Kelly

57 Ethan Walker

16 Justin Scott

41 John Piatelli

66 Kieran McArdle

22 Hiana Thompson

44 Tanner Thomson

TRANSITION / DEFENSE

8 Greg Downing

18 Ty Logan

33 John LaFontaine

11 Jackson Nishimura

19 Patrick Kaschalk

73 Aaron Forster

13 Brett Manney

21 Brent Mitchell

77 Nick Chaykowsky

17 Colton Watkinson

27 Mike Byrne

GOALIES

1 Jackson Brown

76 Justin Geddie



OPPONENT ROSTER



OFFENSE

17 Ryan Benesch

33 Austin Shanks

83 Randy Staats

21 Chris Boushy

43 Eric Fannell

85 Wake:Riot BowHunter

24 Clarke Petterson

44 Colton Armstrong

88 Cody Jamieson

TRANSITION / DEFENSE

4 Graeme Hossack

22 Brayden Hill

68 Trevor Smyth

9 Max Wilson

34 Ryan Terefenko

94 Tyson Bell

15 Johnny Pearson

45 Luc Magnan

95 Keaton Thomson

18 Jake Withers

GOALIES

37 Drew Hutchison

76 Warren Hill



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Glenn Clark **General Manager / Head Coach**

Head Coach Glenn Clark brings over two decades of NLL experience as both a player and a coach with him to the Capital Region. He began his professional box lacrosse career in 1998 when he was drafted by the Ontario Raiders. One year later, the team moved to Toronto and became the Toronto Rock. Clark spent the majority of his playing career in Toronto, helping lead the Rock to five NLL championships. After the 2005 season, Clark signed with the Philadelphia Wings where he was named to the All-Star team for the third time in his career.

Clark wasted no time transitioning into coaching as he was named head coach of the Toronto Rock following the 2006 season. The Rock reached the playoffs before being defeated by the eventual champion, Rochester Knighthawks. Clark was at the helm of the Rock until the team's 2009 season.

Following his coaching stint in Toronto, Clark spent the next five years coaching at various levels including minors, Junior A Lacrosse, CLAX, and the Canadian national team. Clark returned to the NLL in 2015, being named head coach of the New England Black Wolves. In just his first season with the Black Wolves, Clark led the team to a six win improvement from the season prior, and won a playoff game. During his five seasons as head coach of the Black Wolves, the team successfully made the playoffs in each of them. The team found itself in first place in 2020 before the season came to a halt due to COVID-19.

Clark now resides in the Capital Region and is eager to start the 2022-23 season and work towards bringing Albany FireWolves fans a championship!



Clem D'Orazio **Assistant General Manager / Assistant Coach**

Coach Clem D'Orazio is no stranger to the Capital Region and looks forward to bringing professional box lacrosse to the area. Now entering his 10th year as a Lacrosse Director and Vice Principal of Everest Academy in Vaughan, Ontario, D'Orazio has traveled to the region many times for games with his teams having played at UAlbany, Union College, and other surrounding areas.

D'Orazio brings championship experience with him to Albany, having won five National Championships as a player for Brock University. Following his collegiate career, D'Orazio joined the Brock coaching staff where he helped lead the team to three more National Championships finals, winning one of them.

D'Orazio continued his coaching career within the Junior B and Senior A league's for four years before joining Coach Clark in 2015 with the Toronto Beaches in Junior A where he served as the GM for the past six years. Sticking with Clark, D'Orazio joined the staff of the New England Black Wolves that same year. After two years as Video Coordinator and Head Scout, D'Orazio was promoted to Defensive Coach. Last year, D'Orazio was named Assistant GM of the team.

D'Orazio keeps busy and wears many hats on the job, but is excited to return to the Capital Region and play in front of a packed arena at the Times Union Center!



Darryl Gibson

Assistant Coach

Now entering his fourth season with Glenn Clark, Coach Darryl Gibson might be a familiar face to some Capital Region lacrosse fans. He began his NLL career right here in Albany as a member of the expansion team Albany Attack. Gibson spent two seasons with the Attack before joining the Toronto Rock in 2002, playing alongside Coach Clark for three seasons. In his first season with the Rock, Gibson returned to Albany where he led his team to a championship over the Attack, 13-12. Gibson scored the game-tying and game-winning goals of that game, both of which were assisted by Coach Clark.

After three seasons in Toronto, Gibson bounced around between a handful of other teams before retiring in 2012. Through 12 seasons, Gibson won two NLL Championships and was named to the 2006 All-Star team.

Following his successful career as a player, Gibson got his first experience on an NLL coaching staff as an intern with the Minnesota Swarm. After coaching in CLAX and Major Series Lacrosse, Gibson got the call from Coach Clark to join the New England Black Wolves as the team's Offensive Coordinator.

Kevin Montgomery

Athletic Trainer

Kevin Montgomery, a Toronto native, is another member of the Albany staff that he been around Coach Clark and the organization for a handful of years. Playing a variety of sports through his school years, Montgomery enjoys being part of a professional team while being able to continue his passion within the medical field.

He began his journey into sports working as an athletic trainer for Canadian junior hockey teams and a private sports rehabilitation clinic. Montgomery then spent two years with the Toronto FC academy which serves as the development system of Toronto FC of the Canadian Major League Soccer club. Montgomery then transitioned into lacrosse where he teamed up with Coach Clark as a member of the Toronto Beaches in the Junior A League. Sticking with Clark, Montgomery joined the New England BlackWolves in 2016 and has been the organization's head athletic trainer ever since. Simultaneously, Montgomery also serves as the Head Therapist of the Track and Field program for York University in Toronto.

Mike McKay

Goalie Coach/Video Coordinator

Mike McKay is yet another member of the team's coaching staff with a connection to the Capital Region. As a player, McKay was drafted by the Albany Attack, though he never actually played a game for the team. McKay then signed with Anaheim where he played his lone season as a player in the NLL.

Following his playing career, McKay quickly transitioned into coaching where he joined Coach D'Orazio in the Senior A Canadian Summer League. McKay then paired up with Coach Clark shortly after, serving as the Defensive Coordinator for the Toronto Beaches in the Junior A League. McKay joined the New England BlackWolves staff in 2017 under his current title, Goalie Coach and Video Coordinator. In 2019, McKay won a gold medal as the Video Coach for Team Canada at the World Indoor Lacrosse Championship alongside Clark.

As the Video Coordinator for the team, McKay handles team scouting, video breakdowns, in-game breakdowns, and a whole lot more. The Ontario, Canada native is enthusiastic about coming to Albany and sees a lot of potential in what he called an "untapped market with good lacrosse roots."

Mike Kettle

Equipment Manager

Mike Kettell has been working hard behind the scenes in the NLL for the past 13 years and counting. A Philadelphia native, Kettell got his first work experience in sports working as a Student Manager for the Temple Owls football team.

It was with his time at Temple where he connected with the Equipment Manager of the Philadelphia Wings and began his journey in professional sports. What began as an internship in 2008, Kettell spent the next six years working with the Wings. Kettell then made the transition to Connecticut as a member of the New England BlackWolves in 2015.

Mark (Chip) Cherwony





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PLAYER STATISTICS

RUNNERS		G	A	PTS	PIM	SOG	LB	BLK	TO	CTO
6	Charlie Kitchen	1	2	3		3	8		4	
8	Greg Downing		1	1	2		6		2	1
11	Jackson Nishimura					3	11		1	1
13	Brett Manney						2	1		
16	Justin Scott	2	2	4		6	4		2	
17	Colton Watkinson	2		2		3	11			1
18	Ty Logan				5		4		2	
19	Patrick Kaschalk		2	2	5	2	10		1	
21	Brent Mitchell						2		1	
22	Jerome Thompson	4	1	5		8	9	1	6	
30	Doug Jamieson						3			1
33	John LaFontaine	1	2	3		1	12		1	3
40	Connor Kelly	3	7	10	2	10	12		9	
41	John Piatelli	1	5	6		9	8		5	
44	Tanner Thomson	3	6	9		10	9		6	
57	Ethan Walker	4	3	7	5	9	7		6	
66	Kieran McArdle	2	3	5		10	7		5	
73	Aaron Forster	1	1	2		2	7		2	
76	Justin Geddie									
77	Nick Chaykowsky		1	1	2		10		2	1
91	Joe Nardella					1	17		4	2
GOALIES		GA		SAVES		GAA		MIN		
30	Doug Jamieson	24		95		12.00		120:00		



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JACKSON BROWN



From Burlington, Ontario, Brown took his first opportunity in net while playing at the minor level when the goalie did not show up one day. He willingly hopped into goal and has been defending between the pipes ever since. After being cut from the Oakville Buzz, Brown joined the Hamilton Bengals in Jr. B. He was then picked up by the Toronto Beaches in Jr. A where he played for four years and became familiar with members of the FireWolves coaching staff. After an injury setback, Brown joined the Okotoks Raiders in Calgary and had the opportunity to compete in the Minto tournament. Brown credits that experience as one of the best in his lacrosse career.




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**MIKE
BYRNE**



Mike Byrne returns to the organization for his fourth season in the league. Though he did not appear in many games throughout his first two years, last season with the FireWolves, Byrne played in 15 games and caused 14 turnovers and recovered 68 loose balls. The defenseman also added four points to his season line on one goal and three assists.



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NICK CHAYKOWSKY



After beginning in minor lacrosse leagues, Chaykowski was drafted into the Jr. A league by the Barrie Lakeshores. After four and a half years with the Lakeshores, Chaykowski was traded to the New Westminster Salmonbellies. He then broke into the NLL and was drafted by the New England Black Wolves. Oddly enough, Chaykowski was drafted on September 17, as the 17th overall pick, in 2017... it also happened to be his birthday.

Chaykowski spent his first season on the Black Wolves' practice squad before working his way into the team's regular lineup. He appeared in 16 regular season games with the FireWolves last year, recording 85 loose balls and 10 caused turnovers.



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GREG DOWNING



Greg Downing is another mainstay of the NLL and returns to the FireWolves for his second season. Originally from not far away Auburn, NY, Downing played collegiately at Fairfield University where he was a three-time All-American. He was named to the Tewaaron Trophy watch list ahead of both his junior and senior season, while finishing his career with 141 total points on 101 goals and 40 assists.

Downing broke into the professional ranks after being drafted by the Los Angeles Riptide of the MLL in 2007. During his time in the MLL, Downing was a two-time All-Star and two-time Champion. Downing was also drafted into NLL by the Boston Blazers in the 2007 Expansion Draft. After stops in Minnesota and Colorado, Downing joined the organization in 2019 and has been a key piece of Coach Clark's defense ever since. Last year, Downing played in 14 regular season games for the FireWolves and recovered 77 loose balls, caused 18 turnovers, and added nine assists.

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Forster was drafted 15th overall in the first round of the 2019 NLL Draft and has spent each of his two seasons with the Rock. Last season, Forster compiled eight total points on three goals and five assists in six games for Toronto. The Ontario native finished his collegiate career with the New Jersey Institute of Technology as the Highlanders' all-time leader in goals (115), assists (52), and points (167).



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JUSTIN GEDDIE



Appearing in one game last season for the San Diego Seals, Geddie secured his first NLL win while recording 42 saves and allowing just 11 goals to the Saskatchewan Rush. Geddie also recorded one assist in the victory. Prior to his time in the NLL, Geddie was between the pipes for the Nanaimo Timbermen of the British Columbia Jr. A Lacrosse League from 2018-2022 where he won Rookie of the Year honors in 2019.

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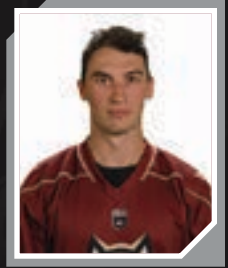
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PATRICK KASCHALK

Kaschalk was selected 16th overall in the first round of the 2021 NLL Entry Draft by the FireWolves. Kaschalk might be a name that Capital Region lacrosse fans are familiar with as he frequently played against the UAlbany Great Danes as a member of the Stony Brook Seawolves. He finished his Stony Brook career with 47 total points on 36 goals and 11 assists.

Kaschalk played a fifth year as a graduate student with Lindenwood University where he racked up 78 points on 62 goals and 16 assists. He is no stranger to the indoor game as Kaschalk played for the Windsor Clippers and the Burlington Chiefs in the Ontario Junior League during a seven-year span from 2013-2019.



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**CONNOR
KELLY**



The University of Maryland midfielder played both professional field and box lacrosse following graduation. He began his pro career playing with the Atlanta Blaze in the Major League Lacrosse. In 2019, Kelly played for the Whipsnakes in the Premier Lacrosse League, and made his NLL debut with the San Diego Seals. Kelly played the following NLL season with the New York Riptide, and each of the past three seasons outdoors with the Waterdogs. In his NLL career, Kelly has tallied 56 points on 24 goals and 32 assists in just 19 games played.

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CHARLIE KITCHEN



A New Jersey native, Charlie Kitchen played his collegiate career at the University of Delaware. A five-year player, Kitchen is one of two players in program history ranked inside of the top-10 in goals, assists, and points. The forward also currently holds the school record for consecutive games with a goal, scoring in 39-straight. Throughout his five seasons with the Blue Hens, Kitchen was a three-time all CAA honoree, one-time CAA Player of the Year, and was named Team MVP four times.

Kitchen got his first experience playing box lacrosse with the Toronto Beaches of the Ontario Junior A Lacrosse League under current FireWolves Coaches, Glenn Clark and Clem D'Orazio. In one season with the Beaches, Kitchen racked up 41 points in just 17 games. This will be Kitchen's second season with the FireWolves after logging 22 points on 14 goals and eight assists in his rookie year.

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JOHN LAFONTAINE

LaFontaine entered the league in 2010 after being drafted by the Edmonton Rush. He spent the first seven seasons of his career with the Rush, compiling 56 points and 223 loose balls in 98 career games.

LaFontaine then joined the New England Black Wolves in 2018 and has been with the organization ever since. Entering his fourth year with the franchise, now the FireWolves, the Whitby, Ontario native has played 44 games, scoring 21 points with 140 loose balls, including a career high of 61 in 2018. LaFontaine appeared in all 18 regular season games last year for the FireWolves, tallying eight points on seven assists and one goal.



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**TY
LOGAN**



Though he did not appear in a game during the FireWolves' inaugural season, Logan has been with the organization since 2019. Prior to being picked by the team, the Carleton University graduate competed for the Capital Axemen. With the Axemen he appeared in 11 games and scored one goal and recorded 13 assists. Logan has also competed for the Six Nations Arrows Junior "A" box lacrosse team and the Iroquois Men's National Team.



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BRETT MANNEY



One of the most tenured guys on the roster, Brett Manney returns to the organization where he has been since 2014. He played his collegiate lacrosse at the University of Delaware and was a captain of the Blue Hens while leading the team to two NCAA tournaments, including a visit to the Final Four during his junior year. Following his time at Delaware, Manney was drafted by the Washington Bayhawks of the MLL in 2008. Despite never playing box lacrosse before, Manney signed as an undrafted free agent to the San Jose Stealth of the NLL that same year and has been a staple in the league ever since. Manney was a member of the 2010 championship team with the Stealth before taking his talents to Philadelphia where he played through the 2013 season. The captain played in 16 regular season games for the FireWolves last year, recording 30 loose balls and causing 9 turnovers.

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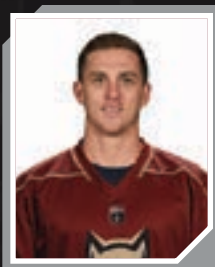


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**KIERAN
MCARDLE**



McArdle is entering his sixth season in the NLL after spending his first three with the Toronto Rock and the past two with the Riptide. In his career, McArdle has racked up 187 total points on 71 goals and 116 assists in just 76 regular season games. McArdle brings playoff experience to the Capital Region, having logged 12 total points on four goals and eight assists in five career playoff games. McArdle has had a successful career in the outdoor game as an attackman in the Premier Lacrosse League as well, winning Rookie of the Year in 2014 and has been named an All-Star three times.

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BRENT MITCHELL

Mitchell attended Walsh University where he played on the field lacrosse team for four seasons. In his senior season in 2020-21, Mitchell started 10 of the team's 12 games and logged career highs in caused turnovers (5), points (24), and assists (9). Mitchell spent 2022 playing with the Nanaimo Timberman of the Jr. A Lacrosse League where he appeared in 17 regular season games and four playoff games.



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JACKSON NISHIMURA



Drafted in the second round in the 2018 NLL Entry Draft, Jackson Nishimura has emerged into a major part of the FireWolves' defensive unit. Nishimura was selected by the Las Vegas Desert Dogs in the Expansion Draft over the summer but reacquired by Albany via trade. The defender appeared in all 18 regular season games and the team's lone playoff game last season and was a key part in the team's transition game, adding 11 points on five goals and six assists. Nishimura also scooped up 123 loose balls and caused eight turnovers last year.



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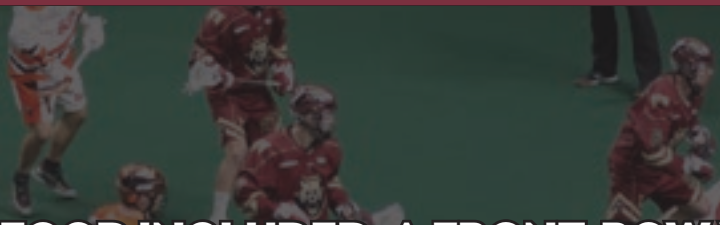
**JOHN
PIATELLI**



The FireWolves selected Piatelli with the team's third round pick in the 2022 Entry Draft. Playing four years at Cornell University, Piatelli compiled 196 points on 147 goals and 49 assists. Piatelli was First-Team All-Ivy League in 2022 and was on the Final Tewaaraton watch list in both 2020 and 2022. During his season, he led the nation in scoring with 3.56 goals per game as he racked up 66 goals in just 19 games. Piatelli is also a member of the Cannons of the Premier Lacrosse League.

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**JUSTIN
SCOTT**



An Ontario native, Scott played four seasons of field lacrosse with Hobart College where he finished his career ranked fifth in the program's history with 122 total points. He then joined the Delaware Blue Hens as a graduate student in 2021 where he played in 12 games and tallied eight points on four goals and four assists. Scott has experience in box lacrosse as well, playing four seasons with the Mimico Mountaineers of the Ontario Junior Lacrosse League. In those four years, Scott racked up 114 total points on 42 goals and 72 assists. He made his debut in the NLL during the 2021-22 season, playing in six games for the Toronto Rock and scoring six points.

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THOMPSON

A brother of UAlbany Great Danes Lyle and Miles Thompson, Hiana has been in the NLL since 2015. He began his career playing two seasons with the Buffalo Bandits. During that stint, Thompson played in 15 games and compiled 29 total points on 10 goals and 19 assists. He then joined his brother Lyle with the Georgia Swarm where he played from 2016-2019. Over that four-year stretch, Thompson appeared in 31 games and tallied 61 points on 17 goals and 44 assists. Thompson brings playoff experience to the Capital Region, racking up 37 total points in seven career playoff games with the Swarm.



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TANNER THOMSON



An acquisition made by the New England Black Wolves just before the 2020 season came to a halt, Thomson is entering his second season in the NLL. The Ontario native attended Marquette University and made a name for himself early on in his collegiate career. In his sophomore season in 2016, Thomson was named to the All-Big East Championship Team after scoring six goals in two tournament wins. During his senior season in 2019, Thomson was named All-Big East First Team and won Big East Midfielder of the Week honors twice. Thomson led the team with 26 goals and had a total of 38 points. During his rookie season with the FireWolves, Thomson appeared in nine games and recorded 10 points on four goals and six assists.



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**ETHAN
WALKER**



Walker is entering his second season in the league after debuting with the Swarm a year ago. The former first-round pick out of the University of Denver appeared in 10 games for Georgia, logging 30 total points on eight goals and 22 assists. Walker has also spent the past two seasons in the Premier Lacrosse League with the Waterdogs. Last season with the Waterdogs, Walker tallied 13 points on nine goals and four assists in nine total games.



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COLTON WATKINSON



A transition player, Watkinson developed his game at the Hill Academy in Ontario before attending Limestone University. During his stint at Limestone, Watkinson led the Saints to four National Championship game appearances, winning three of them. He earned All-Conference honors three times and was a two-time All-American. On top of that, Watkinson earned the Lt. J.G. Donald MacLaughlin Jr. award for Midfielder of the Year. Watkinson was also a member of the Chesapeake Bayhawks of the MLL, capping their final season off with a championship.

Watkinson was drafted by the New England Black Wolves ahead of the 2017 season and has spent his entire NLL career within the organization. The transition man appeared in all 18 regular season games last year and notched 17 points on four goals and 13 assists.



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GAME 1

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BUFFALO

FIREWOLVES

AT

BANDITS

DECEMBER 3RD, 2022 - KEYBANK CENTER - BUFFALO, NY

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	F
Albany FireWolves	3	2	4	2	11
Buffalo Bandits	1	3	3	3	10

FIREWOLVES OPEN UP NEW SEASON WITH A ROAD VICTORY IN BUFFALO

Albany Defeated the Bandits, 11-10, in the First Game of the 2022-23 Season

The Albany FireWolves (1-0) defeated the Buffalo Bandits (0-1), 11-10, at the KeyBank Center in Buffalo, New York on Saturday evening. The Bandits struck first in the contest, but Albany's new look offense fired back with four unanswered goals and maintained control throughout the game. Doug Jamieson remained stout in net for Albany, stopping 44 Buffalo shots on the night.

Buffalo controlled the game's opening faceoff but came up empty on their first possession as Jamieson stuffed Tehoka Nanticoke at the net. After multiple empty trips by both teams, Nanticoke opened the scoring by putting a shot just outside of Jamieson's left leg. Minutes later following a timeout, Tanner Thomson knotted the game back at one as he sniped one into the back of the net from deep. On the ensuing possession, newly acquired forward Connor Kelly dove across the crease and went over the left shoulder of Matt Vinc to give the FireWolves their first lead of the night. Wasting no time, another new member of the FireWolves, Ethan Walker, fired one into the net to grow Albany's early lead. Buffalo was unable to score in the final seconds of the quarter and Albany took a 3-1 lead into the second.

The Bandits won the initial faceoff of the new quarter and quickly had a good look on net, but Nanticoke was rejected once again by Jamieson. Following a delay of game penalty on Buffalo, Albany scored seconds later as Kelly notched his second of the contest. Less than a minute later, the Bandits were hit with another penalty, but were able to kill off the FireWolves power play. After a Josh Byrne shot bounced off Jamieson high into the air, Ian MackKay caught the rebound and shot on an open net to get one back for the Bandits. After multiple shot opportunities on the ensuing Bandits possession, Byrne bested Jamieson to close the gap to 4-3 halfway through the second period. About a minute later, Walker buried his second of the night to get one back for Albany. Coming out of a television timeout, Kyle Buchanan netted one after a nice feed from Buffalo's Dhane Smith. The FireWolves came up empty with the final possession of the second quarter but carried a 5-4 lead into the halftime break.

GAME 1

ALBANY

BUFFALO

FIREWOLVES

AT

BANDITS

DECEMBER 3RD, 2022 - KEYBANK CENTER - BUFFALO, NY

	SOG	FO	PP	PIM
Albany FireWolves	38	15-25	2-4	16
Buffalo Bandits	55	10-25	1-1	16

After two scoreless minutes to open the second half, Albany was penalized with a five-minute goalie interference major as Walker crashed into Vinc. Despite being a man down, Charlie Kitchen was able to muscle his way through two defenders and find John Piatelli for a shorthanded goal – the rookie’s first of his career. With 30 seconds left on the major penalty, Albany was hit with minor, extending Buffalo’s man-up advantage for two additional minutes. Soon after, Byrne rolled one into the net for his second goal of the night. With six minutes to play in the third quarter, Hiana Thompson soared from behind the net and squeaked in his first goal with the FireWolves. Seconds later, another Albany newcomer, Kieran McArdle, fired a sidearm shot past Vinc to extend the lead to 8-5. Keeping their foot on the gas, Thomson buried a high shot for Albany’s third goal in less than two minutes. Buffalo was finally able to stop the bleeding as Nanticoke beat Jamieson for the second time in the game on a nifty shot with a minute to go in the quarter. Thirty seconds later, Chris Cloutier went airborne and scored another for the Bandits. Albany could not get a shot on net and maintained a 9-7 lead after three quarters of play.

Three minutes into the fourth, Buchanan took a shot from the deep center of the turf that bounced into the net. Buffalo then quickly tied it at nine goals apiece as Nanticoke collided with Jamieson, but only after he completed his hat trick. Nanticoke was ejected from the game for crashing into Jamieson with 11 minutes to go, giving Albany another power play opportunity. Albany was able to capitalize on the man-up advantage as McArdle scored his second goal of the contest with over a minute remaining on the power play. Back at even strength, Colton Watkinson entered his name into the score book with a transition goal that gave Albany a two-score lead with five minutes to go. After an interference infraction on Albany, Cloutier took the ball in transition and brought Buffalo back within a goal. The FireWolves were able to run out the clock securing their first win of the young season on the road in Buffalo. The FireWolves will meet the Bandits one more time this year in the regular season finale in Albany.



GAME RECAPS

GAME 1

RUNNERS		G	A	PTS	PIM	SOG	LB	BLK	TO	CTO
6	Charlie Kitchen	0	2	2	0	1	6	1	4	0
8	Greg Downing	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	0
11	Jackson Nishimura	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	1	0
13	Brett Manney	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
16	Justin Scott	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Colton Watkinson	1	0	1	0	1	6	0	0	0
18	Ty Logan	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0
19	Patrick Kaschalk	0	0	0	10	0	4	1	0	0
21	Brent Mitchell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Jerome Thompson	1	1	2	0	2	6	0	3	0
33	John LaFontaine	0	1	1	0	0	6	0	0	0
40	Connor Kelly	2	3	5	0	4	6	1	5	0
41	John Piatelli	1	2	3	0	6	6	0	4	0
44	Tanner Thomson	2	5	7	0	6	9	0	4	0
57	Ethan Walker	2	1	3	2	4	2	0	4	0
66	Kieran McArdle	2	4	6	0	10	7	0	5	0
73	Aaron Forster	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
77	Nick Chaykowsky	0	1	1	2	0	6	1	1	0
91	Joe Nardella	0	0	0	0	1	17	0	5	2
GOALIES		DEC	GA	SAVES	MIN					
30	Doug Jamieson	1	10	45	59:56:00					

RUNNERS		G	A	PTS	PIM	SOG	LB	BLK	TO	CTO
1	Tehoka Nanticoke	3	0	3	10	8	8	0	8	0
2	Chris Cloutier	2	3	5	0	4	12	0	2	0
4	Ian MacKay	1	1	2	0	4	11	0	0	1
6	Max Adler	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	0
8	Dylan Robinson	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	1
20	Nick Weiss	0	1	1	0	2	7	0	2	2
21	Justin Martin	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
22	Josh Byrne	2	4	6	0	13	13	0	5	0
23	Steve Priolo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Matt Spanger	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	2
27	Dalton Sulver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Carter McKenzie	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
37	Ethan O'Connor	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	0
49	Marcus Minichiello	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	1	0
52	Kellen LeClair	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
73	Brandon Robinson	0	0	0	2	5	3	0	2	0
91	Kyle Buchanan	2	2	4	0	4	12	0	3	0
92	Dhane Smith	0	5	5	0	11	7	1	6	1
94	Bryce Sweeting	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
GOALIES		DEC	GA	SAVES	MIN					
48	Matt Vinc	0	11	27	59:56:00					



GAME 2

ALBANY

ROCHESTER

FIREWOLVES vs KNIGHTHAWKS

DECEMBER 17TH, 2022 - MVP ARENA - ALBANY, NY

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	F
Rochester Knighthawks	2	3	6	3	14
Albany FireWolves	4	4	3	2	13

FIREWOLVES DROP HOME OPENER TO KNIGHTHAWKS

Albany Was Defeated by Rochester, 14-13

The Albany FireWolves (1-1) were defeated by the Rochester Knighthawks (3-0), 14-13, at the MVP Arena in Albany, New York on Saturday evening. Albany controlled the game's first half, but a strong third period by Rochester swung the momentum in their favor as they held on for the win on the road.

Rochester won the game's opening faceoff but were shut down by Doug Jamieson on their first possession. After another defensive stand, Albany ran out in transition and got on the board first as John LaFontaine gave Albany an early lead. Fresh out of a television timeout, the FireWolves added to their lead as Tanner Thomson fired one in as the shot clock was expiring. With five minutes to play in the opening period, Hiana Thompson soared across the crease and scored the third goal in a row for Albany. Less than 15 seconds later, Rochester notched their first of the night as Turner Evans beat Jamieson. Wasting no time, Albany got the goal back as Justin Scott bounced one past Ryan Hartley. With under two minutes to go, the Knighthawks netted their second of the contest as Ryan Smith collected a rebound and put one past the downed Jamieson. Rochester came up empty on their final possession of the quarter as Albany held onto a 4-2 lead after the first.

The FireWolves kept their foot on the gas as Connor Kelly buried his first of the night with Albany's initial possession of the second period. Following a Rochester penalty, Albany took advantage of the power play opportunity as Ethan Walker netted his first of the contest. The Knighthawks finally stopped the bleeding as UAlbany alum Connor Fields scored his first of the night as the shot clock was winding down. Following a foul on the FireWolves, Matt Gilray took a long pass and found the back of the net to cut the Albany lead down to two goals about halfway through the second quarter. The FireWolves quickly got a goal back as Thompson scored just outside the crease after a nice feed from Kelly. With just under six minutes to go in the half, Charlie Kitchen caught a pass in transition and weaved his way through multiple defenders before burying an acrobatic shot to push the FireWolves lead to 8-4. The Knighthawks had an extended next possession thanks to multiple rebounds before Thomas Hoggarth rolled one in from deep.



GAME 2

ALBANY

ROCHESTER

FIREWOLVES VS KNIGHTHAWKS

DECEMBER 17TH, 2022 - MVP ARENA - ALBANY, NY

	SOG	FO	PP	PIM
Rochester Knighthawks	64	22-30	2-2	4
Albany FireWolves	41	7-30	1-2	4

Neither team was able to score in the remaining four minutes and the FireWolves took an 8-5 lead into the halftime break.

Rochester continued their dominance from the dot, controlling the first faceoff of the second half, and immediately scored off the stick of Holden Cattoni. The Knighthawks continued their run as Curtis Knight added another, narrowing the Albany lead to just one goal. Keeping the momentum, Rochester tied the game halfway through the third quarter as Cattoni found the back of the net for the second time in the half. Just seconds later, the Knighthawks took their first lead of the game as Smith put one past Jamieson's right foot. Despite smothering defense, Fields was able to maintain control and roll one into the net for Rochester's fifth goal in a row. Following the goal, the Knighthawks were hit with a penalty, giving Albany their second power play chance of the night. The FireWolves were unable to convert on the man-up advantage, and soon after gave Rochester a power play try on an interference penalty. Being a man down did not matter as Colton Watkinson shrugged off a defender on a runout and netted Albany's first goal of the half. The Knighthawks quickly got the goal back as Smith completed his hat trick with just a minute left in the period. The scoring continued as Albany's Aaron Forster fired one in from deep. The FireWolves then forced a turnover on their side of the floor and Thompson rocketed one past Hartley to cap of his hat trick with less than a second to go in the period to knot the game at 11 apiece.

After nearly seven full minutes of scoreless action to start the fourth quarter, Albany regained the lead as Scott fired a missile past Hartley. The Knighthawks quickly tied it up at 12 as Curtis Knight found the back of the net. Just seconds later, Fields reclaimed the lead for Rochester on his third of the contest. Keeping up the pace, Albany got the goal back after a successful challenge on a crease jumping goal by John Piatelli. Fields quickly notched his fourth of the night to sway the lead back once again in Rochester's favor, 14-13. Albany turned the ball over on their final possession and the Knighthawks were able to run out the clock, handing the FireWolves their first loss of the season.



GAME RECAPS

GAME 2

RUNNERS		G	A	PTS	PIM	SOG	SOFF	BLK	LB	TO	CT	FO
40	C.Kelly	1	4	5	2	6			6	4		
57	E.Walker	2	2	4		5			5	2		1-2
16	J.Scott	2	2	4		6			4	2		
41	J.Piatelli		3	3		3			2	1		
22	J.Thompson	3		3		6	2		3	3		1-6
44	T.Thomson	1	2	3		4			1	2		O-1
19	P.Kaschalk		2	2		2			6	1		
33	J.LaFontaine	1	1	2		1			6	1	3	1-1
73	A.Forster	1	1	2		2			4	1		3-15
8	G.Downing		1	1	2				1		1	
17	C.Watkinson	1		1		2			5		1	
6	C.Kitchen	1		1		2			2			
21	B.Mitchell								2	1		
13	B.Manney							1	1			
30	D.Jamieson								2		1	
77	N.Chaykowsky								4	1	1	
11	J.Nishimura					1			5		1	
18	T.Logan								3	1		
76	J.Geddie											
GOALIES		MIN			SOG		SV			GA		
30	D.Jamieson	60:00			64		50			14		

RUNNERS		G	A	PTS	PIM	SOG	SOFF	BLK	LB	TO	CT	FO
10	C.Fields	4	4	8		14			8	7	1	
9	C.Knight	2	3	5		8			6	2	1	1-1
18	A.Hasen		4	4	2	3	1		2	1		
19	H.Cattoni	2	2	4		16	2		9	4		
43	R.Smith	3	1	4		13	1		8	4		
5	T.Evans		3	3		4			8	4		
91	T.Hoggarth	1	2	3		4			2	2		
37	D.Coates	1	1	2		1			5		1	2-2
81	M.Gilray	1	1	2		1			10			
15	M.Bennett		1	1	2				6			
27	T.Halls		1	1				1	13			18-23
17	R.Rees		1	1					4		2	
2	P.Dawson								5		1	
6	B.Gillies							1	4	2	1	
4	E.Schott								2			
1	R.Hutchcraft											
49	R.Hartley								5	2		
67	J.Stouros								3		1	
8	M.Ogilvie								5		1	1-1
GOALIES		MIN			SOG		SV			GA		
49	R.Hartley	60:00			41		28			28		



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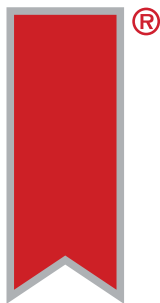


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