



BALDY'S PUCK DROP

Weekly E-Newsletter August 22, 2024

Dear Great Falls Americans Enthusiast:

Camp has officially started - it is a great time of the year. The players and staff have been doing two-a-days plus some off-ice activities. Monday, we held a press conference and a thank you goes out to veteran players Ty O'Bey, Kaden Rhyder and Aiden Kennedy for participating with Coach Sears and myself. That was followed by a team meeting where general expectations were outlined and the players received their equipment and off-ice apparel. Tuesday's morning practice was followed by a workout at Ryan Dam with a little whiffle ball too. After the evening ice session, the players participated in a meet and greet and received dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings where they had a chance to mingle with our billet families and fans. Wednesday and Thursday included two more hard days on the ice, a chance to run the steps at Voyager Stadium and a chance to get their credentials at our workout facility, The Peak Health and Wellness, with a few team meetings intermingled to go over on-ice systems. Friday will include their pre-season physicals and baseline testing before getting to enjoy the culmination of the week with their Red vs. White Scrimmage on Saturday night. Puck drop is 7:05 PM and this special scrimmage is free to the public, so come on out and enjoy some cooler temperatures and get your first look at this year's team.

Although there is always the chance to have a few more adds, I do want to take this opportunity to introduce our team as we welcome the following to our family for the 2024-25 season (*Those highlighted in Yellow were previously announced*):

Player	Position	Birth Year	Home	2023-24 Team
Blake Komrofske	Forward	2005	Colorado Springs, CO	Great Falls Americans
Caleb Gamboa	Forward	2005	Anchorage, AK	Great Falls Americans
Garrett Driscoll	Defenseman	2004	Colorado Springs, CO	Great Falls Americans
Blake Blandon	Goalkeeper	2006	Kalispell, MT	Kalispell High School
Brody Richard	Forward	2006	Wasilla, AK	Team Alaska 18 AAA
Cole Molaski	Forward	2006	Suamico, WI	Bay Port High School
Gavin Denis	Forward	2006	Rhineland, WI	Rhineland High School
Ethan "EJ" Sanchez	Forward	2008	Great Falls, MT	Sioux Falls Power 15 AAA
Ty Brander	Defenseman	2005	Airdrie, AB	Great Falls Americans
Macen Heisler	Forward	2005	Horace, ND	Bottineau/Rugby Braves HS
Mercer Twomey	FOR/DEF	2004	Charleston, SC	Atlanta Capitals (NA3HL)
Jace Troyer	Forward	2006	Great Falls, MT	Wasatch Renegades 18 AAA
Keegen Hanson	Defenseman	2005	Fargo, ND	Colorado Springs Tigers 18 AAA
Fisher Hannesson	Defenseman	2005	West Fargo, ND	Fargo South Shanley HS
Zac Orwig	Forward	2004	Rogers, MN	Great Falls Americans
Masen Kerr	Forward	2004	Kenosha, WI	Great Falls Americans
Blayne Juszczak	Forward	2005	North Pole, AK	Team Alaska 18 AAA
Kale Witt	Goalkeeper	2006	Detroit Lakes, MN	Detroit Lakes HS
Owen Cronk	Forward	2007	Great Falls, MT	Montana Selects 16's / GFA
Easton Delcampo	Defenseman	2007	Deer Park, WA	Spokane Jr. Chiefs 17's
Carson Sears	Defenseman	2008	Great Falls, MT	Montana Selects 16's
Aiden Kennedy	Forward	2005	New York Mills, MN	Great Falls Americans



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Easton Kennedy	Forward	2007	New York Mills, MN	Detroit Lakes HS / GFA
Ty O'Bey	Forward	2005	Ashland, WI	Great Falls Americans
Cal Laggis	Forward	2004	Rhineland, WI	Great Falls Americans
Kaden Rhyder (<i>pictured</i>)	Goalkeeper	2005	Elizabethtown, PA	Great Falls Americans
Garren Narvaez	Forward	2005	Phoenix, AZ	Great Falls Americans
Sebe Perez	Forward	2004	Tucson, AZ	Great Falls Americans

As you can see it is a balanced group of young hockey players from 11 different states and one Canadian Province. We have 14 players returning from last season with the intention of finishing what they started and a good mix of veteran and younger players who have skill and an opportunity to develop. There are also a few non-rostered players participating in our camp and will be part of the Red vs. White game. These are younger players who are considered our future and are adding energy to the camp while gaining valuable experience for down the road.



Our 2nd Annual Cornhole Extravaganza was another huge success with all proceeds raised going towards covering ice/equipment costs for our Sled Hockey Program. 21 Teams participated and it gave our players a chance to get to know each other and meet many of our fans in an informal setting. A special thanks goes out to the Beacon Ice House for hosting our event and our amazing Booster Club member who put together several raffle baskets.

Here are some upcoming events I want to be sure to get on your calendar as we prepare for the season. The Newsletter will transition to a weekly edition starting next week, so more detailed information will be shared in upcoming issues:

- Saturday, August 24th 7:05 PM Red vs. White Game
- Friday, September 6th Home opener versus Sheridan 7:05 PM – stay tuned for a Special Fan giveaway – Vuvuzela's.
- Saturday, September 7th 5:00 PM The Booster Club Tailgate Party prior to our 7:05 PM game versus Sheridan. The band "After Five" will be performing live out back of the rink with the Booster Club providing food and drinks available for purchase.
- Thursday, September 12th 2:00-5:00 PM Americans Meet and Greet at Big Sky Harley-Davidson!
- Saturday, September 14th 7:05 PM versus Bozeman. Harley-Davidson Biker Night presented by Big Sky Harley. Special Booster Club raffle drawn during 2nd intermission. Raffle tickets are now available at Big Sky Harley-Davidson and from any Booster Club member. Look for more information about some special activities taking place as part of this promotion in the coming weeks.



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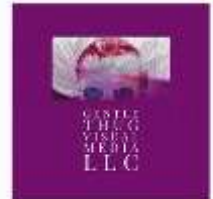
That should be enough to fill your schedule for the coming weeks and, hopefully, you can see why I am so excited to get the season started both on and off the ice.



We have officially started our new season with a brand-new fan activation through DASH. We are auctioning off authentic dressing room stalls from our dressing room with personalized nameplates. You can purchase an individual stall, or you can purchase all three. The auction will be running the next few weeks, so check it out using the QR code and look for more very special items to be available throughout the season.



Thank you to all our existing **Eagle's Nest, Diamond and Platinum Level** partners for their continued support.



Tammy Quantrill-Stubbs



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Thank you for being a part of our family and let's get this season started!

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