

35th Anniversary

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The Boys are Back in Town

The Dukes welcome Alumni past and present!

Please help us welcome and thank our past and present players, staff and volunteers who have played a significant role in making the Wellington Dukes one of the Crown Jewels of Canadian Junior Hockey.

This Game is in Honour & Memory of Garry Lavender

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The walls in the Wellington Dukes dressing room read: Passion, Pride, Tradition. All are evident on game night as Lehigh Arena is the place to be in Prince Edward County.

The Dukes have long been an integral part of this community. Whether you were in the cozy confines of the old Duke Dome with characters like Foster Bailey, the Whiskey Corner crew, and the ever-present Garry Lavender or in this beautiful new building, you could look forward to puck drop on Friday and know that you were a part of something special. That presence carried over to places like C.M.L. Snider School or the Legion Villa, and events like Pumpkinfest and Canada Day too.

Following their climb to the Junior A ranks 35 years ago, the Dukes have given us much to cheer about, including league championships and Dudley Hewitt Cups as Central Canadian champions in 2003, 2011, and 2018. Those seasons would culminate in runs for the national title in Summerside, PEI, Camrose, AB, and Chilliwack, B.C. that put The County on the map. In 2014, the Dukes were also able to bring the country's best here as they hosted the RBC Cup tournament.

Through the years we've been entertained by future NHLers (like original Dukes star Bryan Helmer, 2004 Calder Trophy winner Andrew Raycroft, and 2009 Stanley Cup champion Matt Cooke), Ontario Junior A players of the year (Ryan Woodward, Chris Auger, and Luc Brown), and a host of other high-character young men who have suited up in the red, yellow, blue, and white. Many contributed both on and off the ice while they were here and are still making a difference to others through sport or their chosen profession today. They serve as inspiration to younger generations of County hockey players.

Players and teams succeed because of their talent and their will to succeed, but few get there alone. Wellington has always been known for the rampant support of its boosters and fans, who ensure the Dukes remain more than simply a hockey team. That unwavering dedication will provide a huge assist to the ensemble Coach Kent Lewis and General Manager Todd Diminie have assembled this year.

On behalf of the Province of Ontario, I'd like to congratulate the Wellington Dukes organization and their devoted fans on reaching the 35-year milestone and offer my best wishes for continued success.

Please enjoy tonight's game and take the opportunity to visit local businesses and sponsors. Like the Dukes, they strive to provide outstanding experiences time and again.

Sincerely,

Todd Smith



WELCOME FROM KEN CLEMENT OWNER/GOVERNOR Wellington Dukes

Welcome to the Duke's home opener celebrating the 35th anniversary of our proud organization.

My regrets that I could not be in attendance tonight to celebrate this great milestone of the Dukes franchise with you due to health issues that prevent me from flying but

will be watching from afar. I would like to thank my daughter Tealah for graciously representing our family tonight.

I want to start with thanking each and every one of you for your years of dedication in supporting your team.

Join me in welcoming Coach Lewis and the new hockey staff who have done an amazing job with very tight timelines on building an exiting, hard working team for the 23-24 season.

I want to especially thank our volunteers and booster club members. Many have been here supporting the team for most of the 35 year history of the Dukes. Tonight as part of the celebration we are honoured to also welcome back many of your favourite Dukes to help cheer on the boys tonight and reminiscence on the great days of our franchise history!

Go Dukes Go Ken Clement



On behalf of the Council for the County of Prince Edward, I want to congratulate the Wellington Dukes' owners, coaching staff, management, and players on 35 exciting years of thrilling junior hockey.

Throughout the years, we have come together as a community to cheer on the Dukes, celebrating the team's many outstanding wins and accomplishments during that time.

It's no exaggeration to say that the Dukes have helped put Wellington and Prince Edward County on the map in this country. Our small town has garnered

much attention as home to one of the exemplar franchises in the Canadian Junior Hockey League. Coaches, staff, and management over the years have built an incredible legacy that continues to this day. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of hundreds of Dukes fans. Their passion and fervor year in and year out give the Dukes a home-ice advantage that's the envy of many franchises across the league.

In turn these young men give back to their community each year. They attend community events and support the next generation of young athletes that look up to them. The players shine both on and off the ice, and that's what makes this hockey team special for so many.

I wish the Wellington Dukes continued success this year and in the many seasons to come.

Steve Ferguson Mayor, County of Prince Edward



Welcome to tonight's game in celebration of the Wellington Dukes 35th Anniversary season.

With Special musical guests "The Rickartons" featuring our Own "Voice of the Dukes" from 99.3 County FM, Craig Foster.

Please welcome to centre ice, Wellington Dukes C.O.O Tealah Clement, also please welcome Prince Edward County Mayor Steve Ferguson, also please welcome from the Ontario Hockey Association OHA's General Manager Operations, Communications and Marketing, Chris McCleary and Wellington Dukes General Manager Todd Diminie.

Garry Lavender and the Lavender family have played an important role in the history of hockey in Wellington.

The name Wellington Dukes has been around for years dating back to the 1970s. In the late 80s Garry Lavender had a vision of bringing higher level hockey to the area and purchased the junior B Belleville Bobcats which would become the Wellington Dukes of today. For 35 years fans have been entertained with great hockey and many, many memories have been made and many great stars like Bryan Helmer, Sean Brown, Matt Cooke and Andrew Raycroft got their start right here in Wellington.

As numerous players, volunteers, staff and fans have passed through the organization, Garry's own son Tod played for the Dukes and even spent time behind the bench as an assistant and head coach. Unfortunately Garry left us too soon but it was his dream and vision that has given us 35 years of memories. On behalf of all of us, Thank you.

Please welcome to Centre ice Garry's son, Dukes Alumni 88-92 player #46 Tod Lavender & Dukes volunteers, Garry Lavenders brother Bob and Bobs son Joey Lavender as we dedicate and retire Jersey #46 in honour of the Lavender Family.

Now please turn to **page 6** of your program for a list of those in attendance and help us welcome some special guests tonight, the Alumni of your Wellington Dukes.



The Wellington Dukes are honoured to retire 1988 teammate Tod Lavenders #46 Jersey tonight in memory of Garry Lavender and in recognition of the Lavender family for their years of dedication and committment to the Dukes franchise.



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TONIGHT'S DUKES LINE-UP

#	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN
2	Whelton, William	D	6.00	195	Mar 16-03	Whitby, ON
3	Whelton, Matt	D	5.10	175	Jun 12-05	Whitby, ON
4	Lucas, Llam	F	5.10	185	Mar 20-03	Pointe-Claire-QC
7	Hunt, Connor	F	6.02	176	May 11-04	Madoc, ON
8	Tzaferis, Dimitri	D	6.00	185	Sep 12-03	Montreal, QC
9	Mitchell, Will	F	5.10	180	Jun 12-05	Kingston, ON
11	Latrellle, Zander	F	5.09	162	Jun 1-04	Windsor, ON
12	Goodwin, Logan	D	5.10	155	Aug 5-05	Penticton, BC
14	Plmm, Hayden	F	5.11	185	Jun 24-04	Kamloops BC
16	DIPaolo, Nick	F	5.09	145	Aug 15-06	Burlington, ON
17	Smith, Colin	D	6.00	205	Feb 17-04	Etobicoke, ON
18	Jewitt, Cory	F	5.10	165	Sep 1-04	Clinton, ON
19	Loerzel, Connor	D	6.02	220	Oct 31-03	Gadshill, ON
20	Montgomery-Parsons, Austin	F	5.11	183	Apr 20-04	Courtenay BC
21	Vreugdenhll, Ben	F	6.04	220	Feb 14-06	Frankford, ON
22	Carrier, Zack	F	6.00	173	Jan 18-07	Odessa, ON
24	Goodfellow, Mason	F	6.01	190	May 11-07	Yarker, ON
27	Trudel, Sacha	F	5.10	170	Sep 1-05	Montreal, QC
30	Lisson, Jack	G	6.01	180	Mar 31-06	Oakville, ON
33	Lane, Nolan	G	6.01	165	May 1-04	Wellington, ON

DUKES HOCKEY STAFF

Head Coach/ Director Hockey Operations

KENT LEWIS

Assistant Coach

(Interim) PHIL GROENEVELD

General Manager - TODD DIMINIE

Sport Physiotherapist

CAITLIN MCCUAIG MScPT Sport Dip

Goalie Coach - PHIL GROENEVELD

Strength & Conditioning Coach

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Head Scout

BRENT HEUSINKVELD

Dukes Scouts

*ALLAN ETMANSKI *IAN MCNEIL *RHONDA BARTLIFF *GERAID O'KANE



TONIGHT'S CANADIENS LINE-UP

#	PLAYER	POS.	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN
77	Kofman, Borls	F	5-10	180	12/6/2004	Moskva Russia
17	Mamedov, Gabriel	F	5-10	174	6/7/2004	Moskva Russia
93	Malkhasslan, Luc	F	5-11	177	5/18/2005	Toronto ON
88	Malkhasslan, Evan	F	5-8	165	8/29/2007	Toronto ON
25	Karafile, Jordan	F	5-11	185	7/17/2003	Maple ON
26	Van Weelle, Connor	F	5-11	195	4/19/2003	Hopeville ON
16	Cerqua, Antonio	F	5-7	158	1/16/2006	Sutton ON
21	Feldberg, Jay	F	5-11	175	2/21/2006	Toronto ON
94	Catalano, Nathan	F	5-9	185	5/29/2006	Mississauga ON
19	Dean, Jack	F	5-10	185	3/28/2006	Greenbank ON
12	Stanojevic, Lucas	F	6-1	205	10/23/2003	Pickering ON
71	Anderson, Brenden	F	6-6	210	3/4/2003	Ohsweken ON
-23	Soares, Chris	F	5-11	170	3/23/2006	Milton ON
14	McFarland, Ethan	D	6-0	178	8/26/2003	Toronto ON
7	Graziano, Luka	D	5-10	160	10/24/2007	Toronto ON
55	Wilson, Darren	D	6-0	200	6/10/2005	Toronto ON
11	Bly, Dylan	D	5-10	172	6/5/2005	Toronto ON
8	Finch, Graydon	D	6-2	195	6/9/2006	Toronto ON
26	Littlejohn, Carson	D	6-0	209	4/27/2006	Newmarket ON
9	Luddington, Izayah	D	6-2	170	10/14/2005	North York ON
29	Branton, Josh	G	6-0	195	1/14/2005	Woodbridge ON
30	Kowatsch, Ethan	G	6-1	185	5/25/2005	Mississauga ON



Head Coach/GM - Dave DeMarinis Assistant Coach - Jordan Bailey Assistant Coach - Mike Alexiou

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Wellington @ Buffalo
Caledon @ Wellington
Toronto @ Wellington
Wellington @ Trenton
Wellington @ Markham

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Cobourg Community Ctr
Lecom Harborcenter 2:30 pm
Lehigh Arena Wellington 7:00 pm
Lecom Harborcenter 7:30 pm
Lecom Harborcenter 7:30 pm
Lecom Harborcenter 7:30 pm
Markham Community Ctr 7:30 pm

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Some HISTORY of the Wellington Dukes



Please join us in Welcoming Tonight's **ALUMNI**

1995 - 1999

1989 - 1991

1990 - 1991

2000 - 2006 (Staff)

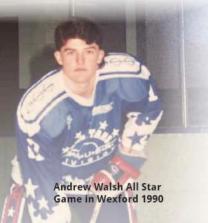
Today is a very special day for the Wellington Dukes as we celebrate a great milestone in the history of our Dukes franchise as we welcome you to the 2023-24, 35th season of the Dukes.

We are in the South-East Division of the Ontario Junior Hockey League and used to be a part of the Metro Junior A Hockey League. Originally a Junior C team in the 1970's and 1980's, the Dukes merged with the neighbouring Jr. B Belleville Bobcats and took their place in the Metro League. The Dukes have won the Dudley Hewitt Cup as Central Canadian Junior A Champions twice (2003, 2011). The Dukes won the Buckland Cup on April 22, 2018.

In the 1970's and early 1980s, the Wellington Dukes were members of the Quinte-St. Lawrence Junior C Hockey League. The league folded in 1986. The Dukes joined the Central Junior C Hockey League that year. They moved up to Metro "B" in 1989 when they took over the Belleville Bobcats franchise, and moved up to Junior "A" in 1991.

The franchise scoring record was set by Howie Dowdle in 1988-89 scoring 51 goals, and 73 assists in 39 games played. This feat won Howie the Elleanor Gilliam Memorial Trophy as the Central Ontario Jr. "C" Scoring Champion.

Most regular season games ever played by a Wellington Duke was set last 2022-23 season by team Captain Jacob Vreugdenhil with 232 games played.





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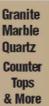
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1.	Chris Auger (C)	2005-2006	18	OPJHL	47	41	51	92	A N	
2.	Brent Varty (LW)	2003-2004	20	OPJHL	48	47	44	91	(0)	200
3.	Luc Brown (RW)	2015-2016	19	OJHL	51	42	49	91	6	
4.	Brayden Stortz (F)	2016-2017	20	OJHL	54	37	53	90	A V	Temps 1
5.	Ryan Woodward (RW)	2002-2003	20	OPJHL	48	38	51	89	~ ~	
6.	Bryan Helmer (D)	1992-1993	20	MetJAH	57	25	62	87	La Similar	Kie
7.	Darcy Murphy (LW)	2011-2012	19	OJHL	48	52	34	86	THE PERSON NAMED IN	1
8.	Chris Brown (F)	2008-2009	20	OJHL	52	24	57	81		M/
9.	Emmett Pierce (RW)	2021-2022	20	OJHL	54	44	36	80		
10.	Warren Cooper (C)	2004-2005	20	OPIHL	43	41	39	80		
11.	Mark Rupnow (LW)	1989-1990	19	MetJAHL	43	34	46	80		4
12.	Mike Senior (RW)	1993-1994	18	MetJAHL	49	39	40	79		
13.	Joe Hall (C)	2006-2007	20	OPIHL	49	46	31	77		
14.	Brian Synott (F)	1995-1996	15-5	MetJAHL	51	34	43	77		
15.	Peter Magagna (LW)	2004-2005	20	OPIHL	46	26	51	77		
16.	Nicolas Mucci (F)	2016-2017	19	OJHL	50	29	47	76	100	
17.	Brent Varty (LW)	2002-2003	19	OPJHL	48	37	38	75		
18.	Paul Rosebush (LW)	1994-1995	19	MetJAHL	50	29	46	75		
19.	Ryan Woodward (RW)	2000-2001	18	OPIHL	49	28	47	75		
20.	Mike Senior (RW)	1994-1995	19	MetJAHL	47	36	38	74	Allen I	+
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	SIAN	LEHIERO								

1972 Bryan Helmer (D) 1976 Sean Brown (D) 1978 Matt Cooke (F) 1980 Andrew Raycroft (G)

FRANCHISE ALL-TIME POINTS					FRANCHISE ALL-TIME GOALS							
Regular Season •					Regular Season							
# PLAYER	GP	6	A	TP	# PLAYER	GP	G	À	TP			
1. Ryan Woodward (F)	181	116	155	271	Ryan Woodward (F)	181	116	155	271			
2. Peter Magagna (F)	222	80	180	260	Z. 😝 Jeremy Franklin (F)	163	102	54	166			
3. [4] Tyler Longo (F)	165	100	120	220	3. Tyler Longe (F)	165	100	120	220			
4. Miku Senior (F)	157	100	109	209	4. Hike Santor (F)	157	100	109	209			
5. Adam Rivers (F)	198	100	100	200	5: Adam Rivers (F)	198	100	100	200			









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