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Welcome to the 35th Year of Playoffs



2023/2024 WELLINGTON DUKES

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- Relay for Life Bay of Quinte
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Please help us support our final Charity Group of the season

BAY OF QUINTE RELAY FOR LIFE

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WHO IS BAY OF QUINTE RELAY FOR LIFE

The Bay of Quinte Relay For Life is an amalgamation of 4 community events previously held in PEC, Belleville, Quinte West and Brighton.

This is our 3rd year back after COVID and we are pleased that each of the four communities still support this important fundraising event for the Canadian Cancer Society. We have the support of teams, Participants of Hope (survivors) and Sponsors from all four communities. This year's event is being held on Sat. June 8th from 2 to 11 pm at Trenton High School.

Our fundraising goal is \$64,000. Funds raised through sponsorship is crucial to our event but funds raised by our teams is the bulk of the money raised. Our goal is to have 25 teams register for our event.

The event features entertainment, food trucks, kids and team activities. After the Opening Ceremonies at 2 pm, the Participants Lap of Hope begin the walk. At Dusk the Luminary Ceremony and the lighting of the Luminaries remind us of why we are raising funds.

We remember the loved ones we have lost to cancer and we celebrate our loved ones living with cancer. The Canada-wide theme of Relay for Life events is "Move and Be Moved". I can guarantee you that as you Move around the track you will be Moved.

To register a team or register a Participant of Hope, go to;

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35 STRAIGHT YEARS IN THE PLAYOFFS: WELLINGTON DUKES' HISTORIC RUN THROUGH THE CJHL RECORD BOOKS



The Wellington Dukes have had a lot to celebrate during this season – and the 34 previous seasons.
(Photo by Ed McPherson / OJHL Images)

By Ron Valentine/ OJHL

The Wellington Dukes have made the Ontario Junior Hockey League playoffs this season.

That line could have been written for every season since the Dukes' junior hockey debut 35 years ago when they merged with the Belleville Bobcats franchise and relocated to Wellington in what was then the Metro Junior Hockey League. That streak sets a Canadian Junior Hockey League record, as confirmed by the league this week.

Over the course of their 35 years the Dukes have recorded 847 wins, 49 ties, 313 regulation losses, 42 overtime losses and 33 shootout losses.

They have been Division champions nine times. The Dukes won the Dudley-Hewitt Cup, formerly vied for by the playoff champions of the OJHL, NOJHL (Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League) and SIJHL (Superior International Junior Hockey League), three times, in 2003, 2011 and 2018.

The club hosted the tournament in 2014 when they lost in the final to the Toronto Lakeshore Patriots.

In 2018, the Dukes finished runners-up at the Royal Bank Cup (now known as the Centennial Cup) national championship tournament.

Marty Abrams, currently general manager and head coach with the Central Canada Hockey League's Navan Grads, held those same positions with the Dukes for 16 seasons, from 1999-2000 to 2002-03 and from 2005-06 to 2016-17.

"Getting into the playoffs for 35 years is a tremendous accomplishment," Abrams told the OJHL. "I was fortunate enough to be behind the bench as well as general manager for the Dukes for sixteen seasons. My wife and I made our home in Wellington and have some great memories of those times. Garry Lavender was responsible for much of the team's success and his son, Tod, spent time behind the bench and along with a great working executive. The Lavender family, including Garry's wife Dianne, have been responsible for much of the success the team has had through the years."

"We had some great rivalries and battles with the Wexford Raiders (who became the Toronto Jr Canadiens in 2006) and the Aurora Tigers and then, when the Trenton Golden Hawks joined the loop in 2009, it was a natural and very heated rivalry with the clubs arenas being just 30 kilometers apart."

"With around 1,700 people living in the village of Wellington itself there has always been terrific community involvement from the surrounding areas and the team has always received great support especially in the old 'Duke-dome'. Perhaps the only junior clubs in Canada that can be ranked at about the same size are Navan and Wilcox, Saskatchewan, home of the Notre Dame Hounds."

"I still follow the team very closely."

First-year Dukes Director of Hockey opps/head coach of the club Kent Lewis, who spent 16 seasons behind the bench of the BCHL's Powell River Kings, added: "In joining the Dukes I was very much aware of their rich history. What I think makes this year special for our fans is the turmoil they faced this summer. I'm proud of our players' work this year and we look forward to the most special start of the year, the postseason."

This story and more at wellingtondukes.com



Wellington Dukes Franchise Record for Post Season Appearances on OJ Reels 2025

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Gage Butcher - F | Kaden Koutroulides - F |
| Liam Campbell - F | Jordan Laroda - F |
| Jalen Carter - F | Ronan MacFarlane - D |
| Jairus Ford - G | Rheydan McCoy - D |
| Brayden Friedrich - G | Cole Stevenson - F |
| Gerrit Kempers - F | Noah Szczurek - F |
| Noah Groeneveld - G | Keenan Wiles - F |

TODAYS DUKES LINE-UP

#	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN
1	Shane Shelest	G	6:03	190	May 5, 03	Point-Claire QC
3	Joshua Rumolo	D	6:03	195	Feb 23, 03	Whitby, ON
5	Nicholas Brady	D	6-2	200	July 17, 05	Keswick, ON
6	Logan Sitlani	D	5:11	160	Sept 15, 06	Stouffville, ON
7	Connor Hunt (A)	F	6.02	176	May 11, 04	Madoc, ON
8	Dimitri Tzaferis (C)	D	6.00	185	Sep 12, 03	Montreal, QC
9	Will Mitchell	F	5.10	180	Jun 12, 05	Kingston, ON
10	Justin Paré	D	6:00	175	Oct 19, 03	St-Lazare, QC
11	Zander Latreille	F	5.09	162	Jun 1, 04	Windsor, ON
12	Brad Barker	F	6:02	203	Feb 27, 04	Goodwood, ON
16	Nick DiPaolo	F	5.09	145	Aug 15, 06	Burlington, ON
17	Colin Smith	D	6.00	205	Feb 17, 04	Etobicoke, ON
18	Cory Jewitt (A)	F	5.10	165	Sep 1, 04	Clinton, ON
19	Connor Loerzel	D	6.02	220	Oct 31, 03	Gadshill, ON
20	Austin Montgomery-Parsons	F	5.11	183	Apr 20, 04	Courtenay BC
21	Ben Vreugdenhil	F	6.04	220	Feb 14, 06	Frankford, ON
22	Zack Carrier	F	6.00	173	Jan 18, 07	Odessa, ON
23	Ethan Quick	F	6.01	190	Jan 27, 05	Trenton, ON
24	Ryan Schaap	F	6-0	185	June 3, 04	Carlisle, ON
25	Caleb MacDonald	F	5:9	157	April 10, 05	Cardigan, PEI
26	Pana Efraimidis	F	5.11	185	May 15, 03	St-Laurent QC
27	Sacha Trudel	F	5.10	170	Sep 1, 05	Montreal, QC
30	Jack Lisson	G	6.01	180	Mar 31, 06	Oakville, ON

DUKES HOCKEY STAFF

Head Coach/ Director Hockey Operations
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#	PLAYER	POS.	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN
2	Taylor, Joel	D	5-10	170	2005-05-19	Oshawa, ON
4	McKinney, John	F	5-10	175	2005-01-12	Newcastle, ON
7	Graziano, Luka	D	5-10	160	2007-10-24	Toronto, ON
8	Lopes, Peter	D	6-2	198	2003-02-01	Toronto, ON
11	Bly, Dylan	D	5-10	172	2005-06-05	Toronto, ON
12	Lindsay, Ethan	F	5-11	183	2003-05-17	Barrie, ON
14	McFarland, Ethan	D	6-0	178	2003-08-26	Toronto, ON
16	Gourgouvelis, Will	D	5-11	165	2003-09-26	Whitby, ON
17	Del Colombo, Chase	F	5-10	163	2007-05-06	Mississauga, ON
19	Dean, Jack	F	5-10	185	2006-03-28	Greenbank ON
20	Athanasakos, Nicholas	F	5-11	175	2003-03-29	Markham, ON
21	Feldberg, Jay	F	5-11	175	2006-02-21	Toronto ON
23	Soares, Chris	F	5-11	170	2006-03-23	Milton ON
24	Connolly, Nolan	D	6-5	210	2004-07-28	Whitby, ON
25	Karafilis, Jordan	F	5-11	185	2003-07-17	Maple, ON
26	Van Weelie, Connor	F	5-11	195	2003-04-19	Hopeville ON
71	Phillips, Nathan	F	5-10	170	2005-03-13	Burlington, ON
81	Bouchard, Brett	F	6-0	172	2005-01-18	Richmond Hill, ON
88	Malkhassian, Evan	F	5-8	165	2007-08-29	Toronto ON
93	Malkhassian, Luc	F	5-11	177	2005-05-18	Toronto ON
29	Branton, Josh	G	6-0	195	2005-01-14	Woodbridge ON
31	Litvinov, Sergei	G	6-0	179	2003-10-20	St. Petersburg

CANADIENS HOCKEY STAFF

Head Coach/GM - Dave DeMarinis
 Assistant Coach - Jordan Bailey
 Assistant Coach - Mike Alexiou
 Trainer & Athletic Therapist -

Equipment Manager- Johnny "Zamboni"
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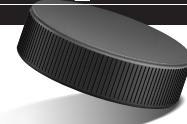
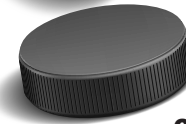
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