

ICE HOCKEY MANUAL 2019

2019 Trans-Tasman Challenge Ice Hockey Series presented by Queenstown Resort College

Dates: 5, 6, and 7 September 2018

Time: Doors Open 6.00pm, Warm Up 6.12pm, Puck Drop 7pm

Venue: Queenstown Ice Arena, Queenstown, New Zealand

Teams: New Zealand's Ice Blacks vs Australia's Mighty Roos

The New Zealand Ice Hockey Federation and Winter Games NZ in association with the Queenstown Resort College are proud to present the Trans-Tasman Challenge; a three-game test series of international ice hockey 5, 6, and 7 September 2019 in Queenstown, New Zealand.

The 2019 Trans-Tasman Challenge brings together New Zealand and Australia, two rival sporting nations, as part of the 10th Winter Games NZ. New Zealand and Australia last met at the 2017 and 2018 Winter Games NZ. Each country has won the three-game series twice, New Zealand's Ice Blacks in 2009 and 2018 and Australia's Mighty Roos in 2011 and 2017. The Mighty Roos will be out for redemption while the Ice Blacks will want to, once again, prove their superiority on home ice.

The three-game test series promises action-packed, edge of your seat excitement with all the passion you'd expect when there's Trans-Tasman pride on the line. New Zealand's Ice Blacks and Australia's Mighty Roos, international ice hockey underdogs that punch well above their weight, have both recently returned from the 2019 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A and B tournaments. New Zealand are ranked 40th and Australia are currently ranked 35th in the world of international ice hockey.

MEDIA RELEASE:

Three test Trans-Tasman Challenge Ice Hockey series between the New Zealand Ice Blacks and Australia's Mighty Roos returns to Queenstown and Winter Games NZ.

- Trans-Tasman Challenge Ice Hockey series returns to Queenstown and Winter Games NZ
- The three-test series is being presented by Queenstown Resort College
- Tickets go on sale to the public at 12noon on Friday, 19 July 2019

The New Zealand Ice Hockey Federation (NZIHF) in association with Winter Games NZ have announced the return of the Trans-Tasman Challenge; a three-test series of international ice hockey between New Zealand's Ice Blacks and Australia's Mighty Roos presented by Queenstown Resort College.

"The 2019 Trans-Tasman Challenge Ice Hockey series brings together New Zealand and Australia, two great rival sporting nations," said Andy Mills, President of the NZIHF. "We are excited to have the Trans-Tasman Challenge presented by Queenstown Resort College confirmed in the 2019 programme, and we look

forward to some great New Zealand vs Australia rivalry in the heart of Queenstown as we join together in celebrating 10 years of excellence," said Martin Toomey, Winter Games NZ CEO.

"The experience that our players have had in each of the past two series has been remarkable, not only for the competition on ice, but also for the wonderful hospitality that Queenstown is rightly famous for," said Ian Webster, Mighty Roos General Manager.

"Our hosts have ensured that this series is talked about by players and coaches as being a highlight of their ice hockey year. All of the games have been highly competitive, and a number of players selected for the Winter Games NZ have used it as a springboard to gain selection for the Mighty Roos at the following IIHF World Championships," said Mr Webster.

New Zealand and Australia last met at the 2018 Winter Games NZ with the teams previously having met at the 2009, 2011 and 2017 Winter Games NZ. Each country has won the three-test series twice, with the Ice Blacks winning in 2009 and 2018 and the Mighty Roos in 2011 and 2017.

"This year the Mighty Roos will be out for redemption while the Ice Blacks will want to maintain their superiority on home ice," said Mr Mills.

While the games are sanctioned by the IIHF, they do not count towards world rankings.

"In sports competition terms it's ice hockey's Bledisloe', said Mr Mills.

"The Trans-Tasman Challenge is a 'friendly' tournament with plenty of trans-Tasman rivalry. Since 2009 each nation has won twice which is contributing to the anticipation around the 2019 meet up," said Mr Mills.

New Zealand and Australia have recently returned from their IIHF divisional world championships. The teams are separated by only one division. New Zealand travelled to Mexico and played Iceland, North Korea, Israel, Georgia and Mexico in IIHF Division II Group B, winning a bronze medal. Ice Black Stefan Amston (Skycity Stampede) was selected as the tournament's Best Defenseman and Matthew Schneider (Skycity Stampede) was the tournament's fourth top skater by points.

Australia's world championship campaign in the IIHF Division 2 Group A in Serbia also earned them a bronze medal competing against Serbia, Croatia, Belgium, China and Spain. Mighty Roo Josef Rezek (Adelaide Adrenalin) was the tournament's eighth top skater by points.

Ahead of the series, in Southern Hemisphere ice hockey history, Australia have beaten New Zealand 17 out of 21 times. New Zealand are currently ranked 40th and Australia 35th in the world of international ice hockey.

The launch of ticket sales for the 2019 Trans-Tasman Challenge presented by Queenstown Resort College is highly anticipated in Queenstown with previous years selling out before the series began.

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New Zealand Ice Blacks September 2019

Goaltenders:

25 Csaba Kercso Magos
01 Rick Parry

Defensemen:

03 Stefan Amston
23 Nick Craig (C)
16 Mitchell Frear
15 Ben Harford
21 Oliver Hay
05 Blake Jackson
11 Kahu Joyce
15 Mason Kennedy
10 Jaxson Lane
05 Gareth McLeish

Forwards:

06 Michael Attwell
22 Jordan Challis (A)
18 Chris Eaden
19 Frazer Ellis
07 Benjamin Gavaille
08 Connor Harrison
17 Dale Harrop
13 Ondrej Kozak
12 Braden Lee
04 Matthew Schneider (A)
02 Liam Stewart
24 Ryan Strayer
12 Robin Vortanov

Head Coach: Anatoly Khorozov
Assistant Coach: Andreas Kaisser
General Manager: Graham Tappin
Team Manager: Ross Burns
Physio: Sankaran Murugan
Runner: Maz Gregory

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Australian Mighty Roos September 2019

Goaltenders

20 Charles Smart
25 Dayne Davis

Defensemen

02 Zach Boyle
05 Daniel Pataký
07 James Woodman (A)
08 Robert Malloy (A)
23 Robert Haselhurst
22 Liam Webster (C)

Forwards

12 Jonathan Bremner
09 Wehebe Darge
17 Hayden Dawes
16 Liam Manwarring
19 Austin Mc Kenzie
06 Kai Miettinen
18 Patrick Nadin
10 Tim Newmark
13 Aiden Sillato
11 Vadim Virjassov
15 Kieren Webster

Coach: Matti Luoma
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BACKGROUND: Trans-Tasman Challenge

Trans-Tasman Challenge Champion 2018: New Zealand

Game 1: New Zealand 4-2 New Zealand

Game 2: New Zealand 6-1 New Zealand

Game 3: New Zealand 6-3 Australia

Game 1 MVP New Zealand: Ryan Strayer

Game 1 MVP Australia: Vadim Virjassov

Game 2 MVP New Zealand: Alexandr Polozov

Game 2 MVP Australia: Kieran Webster

Game 3 MVP New Zealand: Stefan Amston

Game 3 MVP Australia: Jamie Woodman

Trans-Tasman Challenge Champion 2017: Australia

Game 1: New Zealand 4-1 Australia

Game 2: New Zealand 0-2 Australia

Game 3: New Zealand 3-3 Australia, 0-0 5 minutes overtime. Shootout New Zealand 0-2 Australia

Game 1 MVP New Zealand: Alexandr Polozov

Game 1 MVP Australia: Brendan McDowell

Game 2 MVP New Zealand: Daniel Lee

Game 2 MVP Australia: Nicholas Novysedlak

Game 3 MVP New Zealand: Nick Henderson

Game 3 MVP Australia: Charles Smart

Series MVP New Zealand: Alexandr Polozov

Series MVP Australia: Brendan McDowell

Background: Ice Hockey in New Zealand



Ice Hockey has been played in New Zealand for over 80 years and started in the South Island high country where farmers and farm workers played on frozen ponds and lakes. The first organised ice hockey tournament was played at Opawa, near Albury in South Canterbury in 1937 when Wyndham Barker gave a trophy called the Erewhon Cup. A meeting was held afterwards, and the New Zealand Ice Skating Association formed. The Erewhon Cup is still competed for.

In 1986 the New Zealand Ice Hockey Federation (NZIHF) was formed at a meeting at Lake Tekapo. New Zealand's international debut was at the IIHF D Pool World Championships in Perth, West Australia in 1987. The team was selected on a regional basis with the intention of spreading the experience around as much as possible. The team came away from the championships with a bronze medal finishing behind Australia and Korea.

New Zealand National Teams have competed at IIHF World Championships regularly since 1995. The Senior Men competed in 1987, 1989, 1995 and yearly since. The Senior Women, the Ice Fernz began competing in 2005, the Under-18's began in 1998, and Under-20's began in 2005. For several years New Zealand was in the hockey world wilderness with no opportunity to compete and qualification rounds out of reach because of cost. Since 1995 the New Zealand team has competed on an International level competing in the IIHF Championships or qualification rounds every year. The Ice Blacks are currently ranked 40th in the IIHF World Rankings and the New Zealand Women's team, the Ice Fernz, are ranked 25th.

In 1999 the team adopted the name the New Zealand Ice Blacks. The team for 2007 was made up of all New Zealand born players, this was a first for the team and showed the strength of the Ice Hockey Federation and the opportunities being provided for New Zealanders to compete at an international level.

The New Zealand Ice Blacks is the only ice hockey team to do the Haka which they perform on the ice before every international game.

Background: Ice Hockey in Australia



The birthplace of ice hockey in Australia was Melbourne, Victoria when an exhibition of ice hockey was held on the opening night of the Melbourne Glaciarium on 9 June 1906. The first recorded game of ice hockey in Australia was on 17 July 1906 and was between a Victorian representative team and the American sailors from the visiting American Warship the USS Baltimore.

The Australian Ice Hockey Federation, (Ice Hockey Australia (IHA)), is the official national governing body of ice hockey in Australia and is a member of the International Ice Hockey Federation. It was first established in 1908, making it one of the oldest national ice hockey associations in the world. The Goodall Cup, competed for since 1911, is one of the oldest trophies annually competed for in ice hockey.

The first inter-state ice hockey championship was held between representative teams from Victoria and New South Wales in 1909. The first inter-state women's ice hockey championship tournament was held in August 1922 and the first Junior team represented Australia in the 1983 World Junior Championships. Australia has competed in the Division II World Championships since 2001.

The official nickname of Australia's national ice hockey team is the Mighty Roos. The Australian men's national ice hockey team are currently ranked 35th in the IIHF World Rankings and the Australian Women's team are ranked 29th.

Australia previously held the distinction of holding a world record for most goals and highest winning margin in an IIHF World Championship game; they defeated New Zealand by a score of 58–0 in 1987, breaking the record held by Canada (47 goals) since 1949. This was surpassed in 2008 by the Slovakian women's team (82 goals).

IMAGES

2017 Images and VNR for Download:

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TICKETS

Game Dates & times

Thursday 5 September; doors open 6pm, warm up 6.15pm, puck drop 7.00pm

BUY TICKETS Game 1: <https://www.ticketfair.com/event/trans-tasman-challenge-2019-game-1/>

Friday 6 September; doors open 6pm, warm up 6.15pm, puck drop 7.00pm

BUY TICKETS Game 2: <https://www.ticketfair.com/event/trans-tasman-challenge-2019-game-2/>

Saturday 7 September; doors open 6pm, warm up 6.15pm, puck drop 7.00pm

BUY TICKETS Game 3: <https://www.ticketfair.com/event/trans-tasman-challenge-2019-game-3/>

Series Pass

Thursday 5, Friday 6, & Sunday 7 September Seated Single Series Pass - 3 games \$99

Thursday 5, Friday 6, & Sunday 7 September Standing Single Series Pass - 3 games \$75

Individual Game Tickets

Single Seated	- \$39.00	Seated Family pass (Four seated tickets)	- \$130.00
Single Standing	- \$29.00	Seated Family pass (Five seated tickets)	- \$160.00

New Zealand Ice Blacks Profiles

GOALTENDERS

Csaba Kersco Magos

Birthdate: 8/2/1994
Position: Goaltender
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #25
NZIHL: West Auckland Admirals
Years Playing Ice Hockey:
Ice Black Caps: 2
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 13
Ice Black Caps: 3
Ice Hockey Background: NZ U16, played in Canada at the Okotoks Bisons, played in Hungary at Dunaujvaros FTC U20,
Favourite player: Marc Andre Fleury
Favourite team: Vegas Golden Knights
Best Ice Hockey memory: Winning Birgel cup with WAA 2018.

Rick Parry

Birthdate: 02/11/1987
Position: Goaltender
Ice Black Jersey number: #1
NZIHL: West Auckland Admirals
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 16
Ice Black Caps: 31
Ice Hockey background: NZ U18 and U20 teams before moving to Canada in 2008 to play for two years. The most capped goaltender in Ice Black's history. NZ team's MVP at 2016 World Championships and best Goaltender at the 2017 World Championships. Played for French club Cergy Pontoise and in the AIHL's Adelaide Adrenalin
Favourite Player: Stefan Speck
Favourite Team: New York Rangers
Best Ice Hockey memory: 5-0 Shutout against Belgium in 2011 with Dad in the crowd.

DEFENSEMEN

Stephan Amston

Birthdate: 13/08/1993
Position: Defense
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #3
NZIHL: Skycity Stampede
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 18
Ice Black Caps: 10
Ice Hockey Background: I played most of my life in Sweden, Div 1 and 2. For the past three years I've played in New Zealand.
Favourite player: Matt Schneider
Favourite team: Fresh Choice Rangers
Best Ice Hockey memory: Winning the Birgel Cup

Mitchell Frear

Birthdate: 12/09/1993
Position: Defense
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #16
NZIHL: SKYCITY Stampede
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 20
Ice Black Caps: 15
Ice Hockey Background: NZ U18/U20 teams, NZIHL SKYCITY Stampede 2007 -2012, 2015 - 2017, NZIHL Dunedin Thunder 2013-2014, NZ Ice Blacks 2014 - 2017
Favourite Player: Erik Karlsson
Favourite Team: Pittsburgh Penguins
Best Ice Hockey Memory: NZIHL Championship 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019

Nick Craig (C)

Birthdate: 03/11/1990
Position: Defense
Ice Black Jersey number: #23
NZIHL: West Auckland Admirals
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 9
Ice Black Caps: 25
Ice Hockey background: Admirals and Ice Blacks through and through.
Favourite Player: Johnny Gaudreau
Favourite Team: Calgary Flames
Best Ice Hockey memory: Representing my country on home ice

Ben Harford

Birthdate: 13/07/1998
Position: Centre
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #15
NZIHL: Skycity Stampede
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 10
Ice Black Caps: Debut
Ice Hockey Background: NZ U16/U18/U20 teams,
Skycity Stampede 2014-2016 & 2018, Dunedin
Thunder 2019
Favourite player: Brent Burns
Favourite team: Pittsburgh Penguins
Best Ice Hockey memory: Gold medal at 2016 U18
worlds

Oliver Hay:

Birthdate: 21/05/1997
Position: Defense
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #21
NZIHL Team: Botany Swarm
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 15
Ice Blacks Caps: 15
Ice Hockey Background: NZ Juniors, CIH
Academy 2012-15 Texas Brahmas 2015-16 South
Shore Kings, Botany Swarm current.
Favourite player: Rasmus Dahlin
Favourite team: Boston Bruins
Best Ice Hockey memory: Having the privilege to
play with Jacob Ratcliffe at CIH

Blake Jackson:

Birthdate: 21/10/1990
Position: Defense/Forward
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #5
NZIHL Team: West Auckland Admirals
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 23
Ice Blacks Caps: 28
Ice Hockey Background: NZ U18, U20, Brock Bucks
(GMHL), Gnesta IK (Sweden)
Favourite Player: Drew Dougherty
Favourite Team: Winnipeg Jets
Best Ice Hockey Memory: Winning the Birgel Cup
2018 season with the West Auckland Admirals

Kahu Joyce

Birthdate: 28/03/1994
Position: Defense/Forward
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #11
AIHL: Melbourne Mustangs/NZIHL Botany Swarm
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 21

Ice Blacks Caps: 5
Ice Hockey background: I have played since the
age of 3
Favourite Player: Patrick Kane
Favourite Team: Chicago Blackhawks
Best Ice Hockey memory: Winning Gold Division 3
in Mexico

Mason Kennedy

Birthdate: 27/05/1997
Position: Defense
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #27
NZIHL: Canterbury Red Devils
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 17
Ice Blacks Caps: Debut
Ice Hockey Background: NZ Junior's (U20) Capt.,
NZ U18 Capt, NZ U16 Capt.
Favourite Player: Zack Kassian
Favourite Team: Edmonton Oilers
Best Ice Hockey Memory: Beating Iceland at 2016
U20 IIHF World Championships for bronze medal

Jaxson Lane

Birthdate: 04/08/1994
Position: Defense/Forward
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #10
NZIHL: Canterbury Red Devils
Ice Black Caps: Debut
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 16
Ice Blacks Caps: 5
Ice Hockey background: NZU18, NZU20, MAC
Nepstadion & Vasas HC Hungary
Favourite Player: Erik Karlsson
Favourite Team: New York Rangers
Best Ice Hockey memory: NZIHL 3-peat with the
Canterbury Red Devils

Gareth McLeish

Birthdate: 03/07/1988
Position: Defense/Forward
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: Ice Blacks #5
NZIHL: West Auckland Admirals
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 28
Ice Black Caps: 25
Ice Hockey Background: NZ U18, NZ U20
Favourite Player: Brendan Shanahan
Favourite Team: Toronto Maple Leafs
Best Ice Hockey Memory: Winning Gold at Div3 NZ
U20 2008, NZIHL Championship 2018

FORWARDS

Michael Atwell

Birthdate: 25/10/1991
Position: Centre
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #6
NZIHL Team: Botany Swarm
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 13
Ice Blacks Caps: 18
Ice Hockey Background: NZ U18, U20
Favourite Player: Ryan Getzlaf
Favourite Team: Anaheim Ducks
Best Ice Hockey Memory: Playing for NZ in the country I was born (South Africa). Best memory because we played the South African national team who my brother had originally played for.

Jordan Challis (A)

Birthdate: 25/03/1992
Position: Left Wing / Right Wing
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #22
NZIHL: Botany Swarm
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 21
Ice Black Caps: 48
Ice Hockey Background: Lived and played in Toronto, Canada at 14 years old for Markham Waxers AAA. NZ U16, U18, NZU20.
Favourite Player: Sidney Crosby
Favourite Team: Pittsburgh Penguins
Nickname: Lil Poppa
Best Ice Hockey Memory: Gold Medal – NZ U20 World Champs in Serbia (first time beating Australia). Four NZIHL Championships

Chris Eaden:

Birthdate: 30/08/1990
Position: Forward
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #18
NZIHL Team: Canterbury Red Devils
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 21
Ice Blacks Caps: 23
Ice Hockey Background: Ice Blacks / smallest possible
Favourite Player: Sidney Crosby
Best Ice Hockey Memory: Winning a championship when you're the underdog

Frazer Ellis

Birthdate: 29/03/1996
Position: Forward
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #19
NZIHL: West Auckland Admirals
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 15
Ice Black Caps: 20
Ice Hockey Background: Finished school and played 3 years of Junior A ice hockey in the USA. Played one year in the NA3HL for the Sugarland Imperials and two years in the Eastern Hockey League (EHL) for the Connecticut Oilers
Favourite Player: Joe Thornton
Favourite Team: New York Rangers
Best Ice Hockey Memory: Beating Bulgaria in Bulgaria with the NZ U18 team. Middle of the game and we had potatoes and subway being thrown at us and onto the ice.

Benjamin Gavoille

Birthdate: 20/12/1989
Position: Forward
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #7
AIHL: Adelaide Adrenalin/NZIHL: Dunedin Thunder
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 25
Ice Black Caps: 5
Ice Hockey Background: I played in France for 20 years. 2018 was my fourth season in NZ for the Dunedin Thunder.
Favourite Player: Gino Paris Heyd
Favourite Team: Dunedin Thunder
Best Ice Hockey Memory: Beating Stampede with 5 sec left on the clock in 2018.

Connor Harrison:

Birthdate: 11/06/1993
Position: Right Wing / Left Wing
Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #8
NZIHL: Skycity Stampede
Ice Blacks Caps: 15
Ice Hockey Background: Stampede 2008 – 2012 & 2017 Dunedin Thunder 2013 – 2016
Favourite Player: Evgeni Kuznetsov
Favourite Team: Washington Capitals
Best Ice Hockey Memory: Gold Medal at U18 World Championships in 2010 and every opportunity I've had to represent New Zealand.

Dale Harrop

Birthdate: 29/04/1989

Position: Centre

Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #17

NZIHL: West Auckland Admirals

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 26

Ice Black Caps: 48

Ice Hockey Background: 2007-2015 Canterbury

Red Devils (NZIHL), 2016 Perth Thunder (AIHL),

2017-2018, West Auckland Admirals (NZIHL)

Favourite Player: Patrice Bergeron, Dylan Larkin

Favourite Team: Detroit Red Wings

Best Ice Hockey Memory: Completing the first

3peat Championship in NZIHL history with

Canterbury Red Devils in 2014. Gold at U20

Division 3 World Championships.

Ondrej Kozak

Birthdate: 20/08/1987

Position: Forward / Defense

Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #13

NZIHL: Botany Swarm

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 27

Ice Black Caps: Debut

Ice Hockey Background: 2000-2002 Training Camp

PZ Kladno, U18 and U20 Czech 3, after I played 8

years for my hometown Team HC Rakovnik Czech

4, four seasons NZIHL for Botany Swarm

Favourite player: Alexander Ovechkin, Jaromir

Jagr

Favourite team: Washington Capitals

Best Ice Hockey memory: Training with Jakub

Voracek and Jiri Sekac, Winning Czech 4 and

played Qualification for Czech 3

Braden Lee

Birthdate: 12/12/1983

Position: Forward

Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #12

NZIHL: Skycity Stampede

Ice Black Caps: 27

Matt Schneider (A)

Birthdate: 10/07/1985

Position: Centre

Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #4

NZIHL: Skycity Stampede

Years of Playing Ice Hockey: 32

Ice Black Caps: 8

Ice Hockey Background: Played in various

leagues in Canada growing up (WHL, CIS)

Favourite Player: Steve Yzerman

Favourite Team: Edmonton Oilers

Best Ice Hockey Memory: Winning 2015, 2016,

2017 & 2019 NZIHL Championships

Liam Stewart

Birthdate: 05/09/1994

Position: Centre/Left Wing

Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #2

NZIHL: Skycity Stampede

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 15

Ice Black Caps: Debut

Ice Hockey Background: Spokane Chiefs (WHL)

2011-2015, Alaska Aces (ECHL) 2016 Coventry

Blaze (EIHL) 17-18, Guildford Flames (EIHL) 18-19

Favourite player: Chris Kreider

Favourite team: New York Rangers

Best Ice Hockey memory: Winning Gold with Team

Great Britain Division I, Group B. Winning NZIHL

championship with the Skycity Stampede

Ryan Strayer

Birthdate: 02/07/1985

Position: Forward / Defense

Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #24

NZIHL: Skycity Stampede

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 31

Ice Blacks Caps: 5

Ice Hockey background: Franklin Pierce University

(USA) Evansville Icemen (USA) Erzurum Genclik

Spor (Turkey) Tallinn Viiking Sport (Estonia) Sydney

Ice Dogs (AUS) Skycity Stampede (NZ)

Favourite Player: Matthew Swirtz

Favourite Team: Nashville Predators

Best Ice Hockey memory: Lifting the Birgel Cup

Robin Vortanov

Birthdate: 12/07/1997

Position: Right Wing

Ice Blacks Jersey Number: #12

NZIHL: Botany Swarm

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 13

Ice Black Caps: 4

Ice Hockey Background: NZ U16, U18 & U20, 4

years junior A hockey in Canada, SCS Fighting

Saints (FHL) 16-17

Favourite player: Kyle Jonsson

Favourite team: Detroit Red Wings

Best Ice Hockey memory: Beating Iceland in 2016

IIHF World Champs in Mexico City, winning bronze medal.

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Australian Mighty Roos Player Profiles

GOAL TENDERS

Dayne Davis

Birthdate: 26/03/1985

Position: Goaltender

Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #25

AIHL: Newcastle Northstars

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 31

Mighty Roos Caps: Debut

Ice Hockey Background: Played in the Ontario Hockey League for several years with the Kingston Frontenacs and then played in Europe for a couple of seasons.

Favourite player: Martin Brodeur

Favourite team: Toronto Maple Leafs

Best Ice Hockey memory: Winning 3x Goodall cups in Australia as well as setting the all-time record for GAA and Save % for junior hockey in Canada.

Charles Smart:

Birthdate: 30/05/1996

Position: Goaltender

Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #20

AIHL: Newcastle Northstars

Mighty Roos Caps: 2

DEFENSEMEN

Zachary Boyle

Birthdate: 12/05/1996

Position: Defense/Forward

Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #2

AIHL Team: Adelaide Adrenalin

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 19

Mighty Roos Caps: 5

Ice Hockey Background: AUS U18/U20, Canberra Brave

Favourite Player: Phil Kessel

Favourite Team: Toronto Maple Leafs

Best Ice Hockey Memory: Winning Gold medal in U18

Robert Malloy (Assistant)

Birthdate: 20/11/1986

Position: Defense/Forward

Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #8

AIHL: Newcastle Northstars

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 29

Mighty Roos Caps: 25

Ice Hockey Background: I grew up playing youth hockey and junior in Connecticut with Adam Blanchette, and college hockey with Lebanon Valley College

Favourite Player: Terry O'Reilly

Favourite Team: Hartford Whalers

Best Ice Hockey Memory: IIHF gold in Mexico City or raising the Goodall Cup

Robert Haselhurst

Birthdate: 27/09/1992

Position: Defense

Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #23

AIHL: Perth Thunder

Mighty Roos Caps: 10

Ice Hockey Background: Half Canadian, played inline in Australia growing up.

Favourite player: Kieren Webster

Favourite team: Montreal Canadiens

Best Ice Hockey memory: Playing for Australia for the first time.

Daniel Pataky

Birthdate: 24/01/1996

Position: Defense

Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #5

AIHL: Sydney Ice Dogs

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 15

Mighty Roos Caps: Debut

Ice Hockey Background: Australian hockey is all I know. Only travelling I've done is with the youth and junior Australian Teams.

Favourite player: Ironic, but I actually have no interest in supporting or following teams in the professional leagues. All I do is play.

Favourite team: As above

Best Ice Hockey memory: Every Aussie Team trip I've been on.

Liam Webster (C)

Birthdate: 19/02/1986

Position: Centre/Defense

Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #22

AIHL: Melbourne Ice

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 23

Mighty Roos Caps: 73

Ice Hockey Background: I started playing street hockey, then inline hockey at age 8, and ice hockey at age 10, in Melbourne. I have never stopped playing since then.

Favourite Player: Too many out there to pick one.

Favourite Team: Too many good uniforms to pick just one.

Best Ice Hockey Memory: Winning a Division 2 IIHF gold medal in my home city of Melbourne in 2011.

James Woodman (A)

Birthdate: 31/08/1994

Position: Defense

Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #7

AIHL: Perth Thunder

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 18

Mighty Roos Caps: 15

Ice Hockey Background: Started in Perth Western Australia, moved to Banff Hockey Academy in Canada at 16 played there for three and a half years in the HJHL and the CSSHL. Played in the USPHL for the Palm Beach Hawks in Florida for one year.

Favourite Player: Erik Karlsson

Favourite Team: Chicago Blackhawks

Best Ice Hockey Memory: Scoring against Iceland in Romania at the IIHF Div 2A tournament

FORWARDS

Jonathon Bremner

Birthdate: 27/09/1990

Position: Right Wing

Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #12

AIHL: Melbourne Ice

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 10

Mighty Roos Caps: Debut

Ice Hockey Background: Converted from inline hockey in 2010, playing in Perth local leagues and inaugurally for the Perth Thunder until relocating to Melbourne in 2019.

Favourite player: Jamie Benn.

Favourite team: Detroit Red Wings

Best Ice Hockey memory: Playing at Perth Arena before USA v Canada exhibition game, scoring two goals and beating Melbourne.

Hayden Dawes

Birthdate: 02/01/1994

Position: Forward/Defense

Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #17

AIHL: Canberra Brave

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 21

Mighty Roos Caps: Debut

Ice Hockey Background: Junior's in Canada. University in USA.

Favourite player: Ovechkin

Favourite team: Washington Capitals

Best Ice Hockey memory: 2018 Goodall Cup Championship

Wehebe Darge

Birthdate: 04/12/1991

Position: Left Wing/Right Wing

Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #9

AIHL: Canberra Brave

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 15

Mighty Roos Caps: 40

Ice Hockey Background: Played Juniors in North America, went to boarding school with Gino Heyd.

Favourite player: Pavel Datsyuk

Favourite team: Detroit Redwings

Best Ice Hockey memory: 2018 Goodall Cup champions

Liam Manwarring

Birthdate: 11/03/1999

Position: Forward

Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #16

AIHL: Newcastle Northstars

Years Playing Ice Hockey: 15

Mighty Roos Caps: Debut

Ice Hockey Background: Played for AIHL Northstars for 3 years.

Favourite player: Alex Ovechiken

Favourite team: Washington Capitals

Best Ice Hockey memory: Winning the Goodall Cup in 2016

Austin McKenzie

Birthdate: 16/03/1993
Position: Right Wing
Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #19
AIHL: Melbourne Ice
Mighty Roos Caps: 15

Kai Miettinen

Birthdate: 23/12/1995
Position: Forward
Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #6
AIHL: Adelaide Adrenaline
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 19
Mighty Roos Caps: 10
Ice Hockey Background: Played in Finland for Uusikaupunki Jaajotkat when I was 16 and 18.
Favourite Player: Mikael Granlund
Favourite Team: Minnesota Wild
Best Ice Hockey Memory: Winning silver with the Mighty Roos this year.

Patrick Nadin

Birthdate: 21/08/1995
Position: Forward
Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #18
AIHL: Newcastle Northstars
Mighty Roos Caps: 5
Ice Hockey Background: Notre Dame Hounds, Saskatchewan, Canada
Favourite Player: Steven Stamkos
Favourite Team: Detroit Red Wings
Best Ice Hockey Memory: Back to back national championships.

Tim Newmark

Birthdate: 11/11/1993
Position: Forward
Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #10
AIHL: Perth Thunder
Mighty Roos Caps: Debut

Aiden Sillato

Birthdate: 13/10/1999
Position: Forward
Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #13
AIHL: Sydney Ice Dogs
Mighty Roos Caps: Debut
Ice Hockey Background: Seven years playing Ice hockey in Australia and two seasons in Sweden
Favourite player: Nathan Mackinnon/Sydney Crosby
Favourite team: Pittsburgh Penguins
Best Ice Hockey memory: Playing overseas in Sweden

Vadim Virjassov

Birthdate: 26/11/1986
Position: Centre/Left Wing
Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #11
AIHL: Melbourne Mustangs
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 26
Mighty Roos Caps: 5
Ice Hockey Background: Russia/Estonia
Favourite Player: S. Federov
Favourite Team: Detroit Red Wings
Best Ice Hockey Memory: Being selected to Australian National team

Kieren Webster

Birthdate: 12/07/1997
Position: Forward
Mighty Roos Jersey Number: #15
AIHL: Perth Thunder
Years Playing Ice Hockey: 9
Mighty Roos Caps: 15
Ice Hockey Background: Started playing in Dielsdorf Switzerland in 2010, played two years of juniors in the USA for the Vermont Lumberjacks, played a year in Switzerland for EHC Arosa. Have been playing for Perth Thunder for the last six years.
Favourite Player: Sid the Kid
Favourite Team: ZSC Lions
Best Ice Hockey Memory: Winning our first ever semi-final for Perth Thunder this year (even though we didn't win the grand final) and traveling the world playing the game I love!

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