



Woodstock Navy Vets

Navy Vets to start season with old name, new management, young team

submitted by Jim Taylor

In August 2010 there was a major overhaul of the Woodstock Navy Vets, who had been playing as the Renegades for the past three seasons.

New ownership emerged and brought in new management, a new coaching staff, and announced that the team was being renamed back to their traditional Navy Vets.

The new President, GM & Head Coach is Jeff Morrison who was an Assistant GM last season with the St. Thomas Stars of the Greater Ontario Hockey League.

Dean Vollmershausen returns to the team as the Assistant Manager after a few absent years, and the Assistant Coaches will be former Navy Vets John Calic and Ed Cook.

Players gone from the team are last year's over-agers, captain and leading scorer Cole Maher, tough forward Dan Phillips, and six-year veteran Justin Pottruff who played 204 regular season and playoff games at forward and on defence during his long career with the team.

Also gone are goalie Alex Gegeny and three-year veteran forward Craig Thomson, who both were sent to the Simcoe Storm in the summer.

Last season's Western Division Rookie of the Year forward Jordan Minello is a big eligible returnee but he may get looks from higher level teams and is an uncertainty to return.

Travis Horvath is back for his third full season with the club and will be counted on to help make up for some of the lost offensive output along with returning winger Christian Babb.



They also hope to have back forwards Brandon Zimmerman and Spencer Sweazey, both of whom are attending Junior B camps.

Newcomers to the team graduating from the Woodstock Midgets are Dylan Lazarus, Chase Thornton, Kyle Robertson, Brynn Shultz, and Derek Cowing.

Forward Chance Hasenbacher has been signed from the Brantford Midgets.

The Navy Vets should have a veteran defense with returnees Devon Young, Andy Fallowfield and, hopefully, Calvin Thomson who is also attending a Junior B camp.

Backup goalie Neil Pittock is likely to be back.

That leaves a number of spots for young players to crack the lineup, which will give the new coaching staff a young squad to try to turn into a contender in the Western Division that can compete with perennial powerhouses, Norwich Merchants and Simcoe Storm.

The regular season opens September 17 at the Southwood Arena against Paris.

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2010-11 Home Game Schedule All games at 7:45pm

Sept. 17	Paris
Sept. 25	New Hamburg
Oct. 2	Norwich
Oct. 9	Dunnville
Oct. 15	Paris
Oct. 30	Grimsby
Nov. 12	Aylmer
Nov. 26	Simcoe
Nov. 27	Caledonia
Dec. 3	Paris
Dec. 10	Aylmer
Dec. 11	Norwich
Dec. 18	Simcoe
Dec. 28	New Hamburg
Jan. 11	Aylmer
Jan. 14	Norwich
Jan. 21	New Hamburg
Jan. 28	Simcoe