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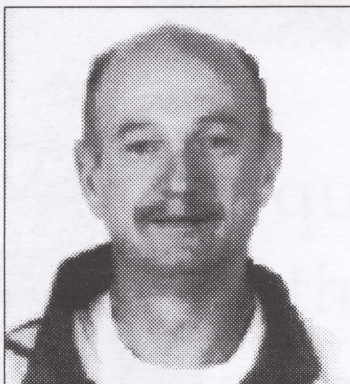
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MEET THE COACHES



**HEAD COACH
WAYNE GOWING**

Wayne enters his 24th season as Head Coach of the Wilfrid Laurier Men's Hockey team. A native of Kitchener, Wayne played his Minor Hockey locally, winding up playing both Jr. B for the Kitchener Greenshirts, and Jr. A for the Kitchener Rangers.

Wayne capped his playing career playing for the Boston University Terriers from 1967 to 71. His senior year, the Terriers won the N.C.A.A. Championship. He graduated from B.U. with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Wayne then went on to Kent State University, where he completed his M.Ed, while playing club hockey and teaching courses in their Phys. Ed. Department.

Over his career at W.L.U., Wayne has compiled a 303-157-47 record. His Golden Hawk teams have won the OUAA title in 1982-83, 88-89 and 89-90. During each of those campaigns, Wayne's team appeared in the National Championship Tournament, in addition to another appearance in 1991-92. His list of individual honours includes winning OUAA Coach of the Year four times and the CIAU Coach of the Year once in 1994.

Outside of W.L.U., Wayne has been actively involved in the National Coaches Certification Program and was Head Coach of the Ontario Under-17 team.

Wayne and his wife Heather have two sons, Darren 21 and Matthew 20 and reside in Kitchener.



**DAVE MATTHEWS
ASST. COACH**

Dave starts his 6th season as an Assistant Coach with the Golden Hawks. He started in 88-89 as part of the National Finalist team. He continued in 89-90, before taking time off to complete his Business Diploma from W.L.U., and later his Masters Degree in Phys Ed. from Ohio University. He then returned to WLU in 92 and has remained since, with the exception of taking the 94-95 season off to coach the Kitchener Midgets.

Dave's playing career began in the Woolwich Minor Hockey Association. He played Jr. B for the Elmira Sugar Kings, before playing for the Oswego State Great Lakers and the University of Windsor while completing his undergrad. Dave is single and resides in Waterloo.

LAURIER HAWKEY IS READY FOR TAKE-OFF!

By Pete Robinson

Heading into the 1996-97 season the Laurier Golden Hawks have one goal in mind; to establish themselves as legitimate contenders in the OUAA hockey loop, and at the same time earn a place in the post-season after missing the playoffs for the first time in recent memory last season.

Head Coach Wayne Gowing is banking on one simple philosophy: Hard work.

"We have to establish our reputation, like Laurier teams have done in the past," said Gowing. The way we have to do that is through our work ethic and team play."

The exhibition season has provided Gowing with some benchmarks on how to assess his team in the early going. The Hawks have enjoyed some success in the pre-season, something they should be able to build on heading into the 95-96 campaign.

A sign that the Hawks were making good progress came at the Oktoberfest tournament on Oct 10-12. Laurier beat Brock and then defeated Waterloo in the Consolation Final, after they dropped their semi-final to the eventual champion, Laurentian.

The optimism that abounds around the Mutual Group Arena is the fact that the Hawks appear ready and able to put the disaster of last season behind them.

For the unfamiliar, last season the Hawks had to make due without virtually all of their scoring punch and best defense-men from the year before. If that weren't bad enough, the few veterans that were left, for the most part did not produce. That coupled with a mediocre recruiting year meant that the Hawks found themselves in the unenviable position of holding a 5-20-1 record at season's end.

Gowing appears as though he has done his part to try and offset the damage from last year. Despite losing a couple of Ontario Hockey League grads late in the recruiting process to universities down east, the Hawks' Head Coach has brought in a recruiting class that has a couple of potential stars and many steady players, who, if they work hard, will become solid university players.

The people in question come in the form of forward Jason Janjevich and defencemen James Hoey and Bryce Kipfer. This trio is expected to make a significant contribution right away. They are joined by a solid nucleus of 8-10 players who all showed good talent and a great work ethic in the exhibition season.

"At first we were disappointed that we didn't get any OHL kids, but after a while we realized that, hey, these kids can play," said Gowing.

This group will be joined by second-year players Chad Brezynskie and Martin Kearns and third-year goalie Geoff Schnare, to form a solid, yet, inexperienced group that will lead the Laurier hockey program into their next era.

"We're young and inexperienced, so we will take it on the chin some nights, but we feel confident that this is a good group," assessed the 24-year veteran coach.

How far they go remains to be seen. In a division that seems to have one solid favorite in Waterloo (see league preview), and a dead heat between the remaining three teams, the difference between a feast-or-famine scenario is indeed small.

GOLDEN HAWK HOCKEY

Previous years' record

Year	GP	W	L	T
73-74	18	8	9	1
74-75	17	11	5	1
75-76	16	4	10	2
76-77	20	13	6	1
77-78	20	17	2	1
78-79	16	9	5	2
79-80	22	5	14	3
80-81	22	12	8	2
81-82	22	12	7	3
82-83	24	19	4	1*
83-84	24	15	3	6
84-85	24	18	2	4
85-86	24	20	3	1
86-87	24	14	6	4
87-88	26	13	9	4
88-89	26	13	10	3*
89-90	22	19	3	0*
90-91	22	13	8	1
91-92	22	13	7	2
92-93	22	16	5	1
93-94	24	20	3	1
94-95	24	14	8	2
95-96	26	5	20	1

* won Queens Cup

Cumulative Record

303-157-47



Matt Appleby
D 6'2 195lbs
Oakville, 1st year



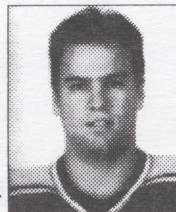
Matt comes to Laurier from the traditionally strong Oakville Blades Tier II program. The Oakville native will be counted on to shore up a defense corps that will need to improve in order to be competitive.

Dave Archer
LW 5'10 175 lbs
Burlington, 2nd year



Dave returns for his second season with the Golden Hawks. The coaching staff is counting on his gritty two-way style to provide heart and leadership on a very young squad. Played junior hockey for the Burlington Cougars of the Central Ontario Tier II league, where he was their "Unsung Hero" in 1994-95.

Chad Beaupre
C 5'7 163
St. Clements, 2nd year



A graduate of the local Jr. B Siskins program, Chad is entering his second season with the Hawks. Is sure to see plenty of action as the club's second or third line center. His performance will be a key element in the Hawks success this season.

Chad Brezynskie
RW 6' 205 lbs
Elmira, 2nd year



Chad was a bright spot last year on a team that had very little to be positive about. Was last year's Rookie of the Year, leading rookies in scoring with 18 points during the regular season. A local player, Chad is a graduate of the Waterloo Siskins Jr. B program, where he won the award for the individual contributing most on & off the ice, in 93 & 94. Provides Laurier with a physical player who can also score.

Ryan Cater
C 5'9, 165 lbs
Oakville, 2nd year
Shoots: Right



Ryan enters his second year playing for the Hawks after having some modest success his rookie year, registering 8 points during the regular season. A Communication Studies major, Ryan came to WLU from Appelby College, where he was their MVP and Appleby's Athlete of the Year his graduating year.

Kevin Cole
LW 5'9, 175 lbs
Oakville, 1st year



Another graduate of the Oakville Tier II program, Kevin enters his rookie year for the Hawks. He was the Blades MVP last year after being their rookie of the year in 94-95. An Ontario Scholar in high school, Kevin is being counted on to provide Laurier with depth upfront, offsetting the graduation losses of the past two seasons.

Chris Fiore
G 6' 221 lbs
Niagra Falls



Last year's backup goalie, Chris will add depth to the goaltending picture this year.

A graduate of the Chippawa Merchants, where he won the Randy Jackson Award as the Best Goalie. An avid St. Louis Blues fan, Chris wants to be involved in Sports Management business after attending law school.

Ryan Halladay
G 5'10 160 lbs
Elgin, 3rd year



Ryan enters his rookie year after having a successful Jr. B career for the Waterloo Siskins and Westport Rideaus. Is in a position to establish himself as the goaltender of the future if he has a strong year.

Steve Hand
LW, 5'10, 185 lbs
Toronto, 2nd year



Steve returns for his second year on the Hawks, after registering 8 points last season during his rookie year. A graduate of the esteemed Wexford Jr. B program, Steve was their Defensive Player of the Year his last year.

Jeff Hewitt
RW, 5'11, 185 lbs
London, 1st year



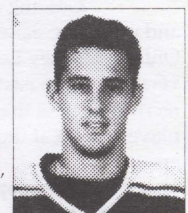
Jeff came to Laurier from the London Nationals Jr. B. He competed hard in training camp to win a spot on the squad and with the same type of competitive drive should make a name for himself this year.

James Hoey
D, 6'4 205
Simcoe, 1st year



A prototypical defenseman, James brings a solid nucleus of speed, size and skill to develop into a top defenseman at the university level. A graduate of the St. Thomas Jr. B program, James looked good in the exhibition season, establishing himself as perhaps the top rookie defenseman.

Jamie Janjevich
C, 5'11, 165
Milton, 1st year



Jamie comes to the Laurier Hockey program, after completing a stellar career in Tier II Junior hockey. His awards with the Milton Merchants included winning the league scoring title and being selected the League M.V.P. He will be counted on heavily to score this year and if he works hard, could become a leading player in the league.

Martin Kearns
D 6'2 205 lbs
Sault Ste. Marie
2nd year



Martin was having a successful rookie season last year when it ended due to an inner ear condition. Showed remarkable heart and determination by overcoming balance and skating after-effects that threatened his career. Joined the Jr. B Kitchener Dutchmen during their playoff run last season and performed well. His presence is a definite boost for the Laurier blueline corps in future seasons.

Bryan Kingdon
D 5,10 180 lbs
Lakefield, 1st year



Bryan comes to the Hawks from the Tier II Peterborough Petes organization. Not particularly big or flashy, but gives the Hawks a solid stay-at-home defenseman. With some hard work and dedication, Bryan will develop into a solid university player.

Bryce Kipfer
D 5'9, 170 lbs
Stratford, 1st year



Bryce is a graduate of the strong Stratford Cullitans Jr. B program. He won the Cullitans Best Defensman award in 93-94 and 94-95, also received the Craig Hartsburg Award Scholarship for Stratford area athletes. If he can adapt to the speed and skill of the university game, Bryce will be a solid contributor during his stay for the Hawks.

Dave Kline
C 5'9, 160 lbs
Kitchener, 1st year



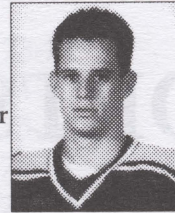
A local KMHA product, Dave played last year for the Kitchener Dutchman. He was the Midwestern league's award winner for the Best Defensive Forward last year. Dave also won the Frank Santarossa Scholarship Award upon entrance to university.

Darren Lowe
LW 5'10 170 lbs
Burlington, 1st year



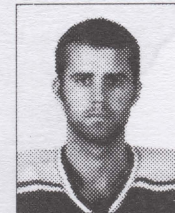
Another graduate of the local Siskins, Darren enters his innagural year with the Hawks. Will compete for playing time among a group of young forwards who will fight to establish themselves as key members of the Hawks for upcoming years.

Mark McCash
RW, 5'11 175 lbs
Cambridge, 1st year



Mark has made the big jump from high school hockey, where he played for Preston High School last season. Was the W.C.S.S.A. M.V.P. last year, averaging over two points a game for Preston. Will compete hard for playing time and has the potential to play a key role in the future of the program.

Mike McPhail
LW, 5'10 161 lbs
Milton, 1st year



Another player from Milton Tier II, Mike was the Merchants Most Improved Player and a Central league all-star in 1994. Mike plays a tough and determined style of hockey, giving him a good shot to see a lot of playing time.

Bob McQuat
D 6'2 195
Oshawa, 2nd year



Bob came to Laurier from the OHL's Oshawa Generals. He returns this year after playing in 13 games last year. A tough, physical defenseman, Bob is sure to be a big part of the Laurier blueline corps this year.

Mark Pederson
D 5'10 185 lbs
Kitchener, 2nd year



Mark is embarking on his second season of university hockey, after playing for the Hawks last season. A graduate of the Kitchener Dutchmen, Mark will add depth and experience to the defense corps and should stake his claim as one of the Golden Hawk stalwarts on defense for future years.

Geoff Schnare
G,6'3 195 lbs
London, 3 rd year



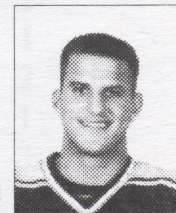
Geoff returns for his third year after being picked the club MVP last year. Came to Laurier from Owen Sound Jr. B and despite injury trouble his rookie year, established himself as one of the league's best goalies. Geoff should continue his strong play this season.

Jeff Squires
RW, 5'10 190lbs
Cambridge, 1st year



Jeff is yet another in a group of scrappy young forwards that the Hawks coaching staff hopes will establish themselves across the OUAA this year. A graduate of the Cambridge Winterhawks Jr. B program, Jeff will compete hard for playing time this season.

Lance Woods
RW 5'9 180 lbs
Simcoe, 1st year



A graduate of the Kitchener Dutchmen, Lance brings great speed to the Laurier attack up front. Was the Dutchmen's playoff M.V.P. last year. Lance seems to have adjusted to the university game and has great potential.

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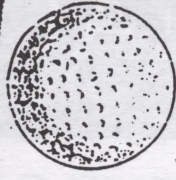
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Far West Division

Laurier	Last year's Champion:
Western	Waterloo
Windsor	Favorite: Waterloo
Waterloo	Darkhorse: Windsor

West Division

Brock	Last Year's Champion:
Laurentian	Laurentian
Ryerson	Favorite: Laurentian
York	Darkhorse: York

East Division

Guelph	Last Year's Champion:
RMC	Guelph
Queen's	Favorite: Guelph
U of T	Darkhorse: U of T

Far East Division

Concordia	Last Year's Champion:
McGill	UQTR
Ottawa	Favorite: UQTR
UQTR	Darkhorse: McGill

A quick analysis of the competition facing the Hawks this season.

By Peter Robinson

FAR-WEST

The University of Waterloo enter this season as the hands-down favorite in the Far West Division, and perhaps the entire league.

Head Coach Don McKee returns the vast majority of his personnell from last year's Queen's Cup Champion and National Finalist team. However, the graduates that McKee will have to replace are notable in the form of last year's CIAU Player of the Year, JohnWynne and fellow blueliner Brian Henry.

The Warriors in-house players include returning OUAA all-star Mark Cardiff and last year's OUAA West Rookie of the Year, Peter Brearly. They are joined by veteran forwards Steve Smith, Jeff Goldie and Chris Kraemar. If that weren't enough, the men in black and gold have two outstanding recruits in goalie Andy Adams and forward Jeff Gies.

Incidentally, Adams will join returning netminder Joe Harris to form what is undoubtedly the most well-rounded lineup in the league.

If the Warriors can keep the tremendous sense of team play and work ethic that got them to the National Final last year, they could be unstoppable.

After Waterloo, the OUAA Far West appears to be somewhat of a dead heat between Laurier, Western and Windsor for the remaining two playoff spots.

Western has built a tremendous program over the past five years, that has resulted in two National Final Four appearances in a row, until they wer upset

by the Windsor Lancers last year in the playoffs. However, they will have to deal with very significant graduation losses.

The huge player turnover has seen forwards Greg Pajor, Aaron Nagy, Owen Lessard and Perry Pappas, as well as D-man Mark Guy graduate.

Western's chances will lay in the form of defencemen Mike Shewan and Brian Grieve on the blueline and C.J. Dennome in net. If this trio can keep the puck out of their own goal, the Mustangs will score enough to win their fair share of games.

Windsor always seems to be an enigma simply because they are geographically separated from the rest of the league. 1996 OUAA West Coach of the Year Rick Cranker's team does appear as though they may be the number two team in the division with the return of forwards Sean McKengney, Dan Seman and Greg Kraemar. Former Laurier goaltender Rick Pracey is back to give the Lancers steady goaltending.

An intangible with the Lancers is how well teams play in their building after long road trips to get to the Border city, and likewise, how well they do themselves when travelling across Ontario to play road games.

MID-WEST

Laurentian answered a lot of critic's questions last year, when they showed that they could overcome a reputation as underachievers and play with the very best teams the league. The V's could make the next step this year, with the return of veterans Kevin McKay, Kiley Hill and Brad Baber up front and Corey Fletcher on the blueline.

The V's won the pre-season Oktoberfest tournament and looked good doing so; they should make an appearance in Waterloo again, this time in the post-season, as part of the Queen's Cup Final Four in March.

York underachieved somewhat last year, after making two surprise appearances in Queen's Cup play in 94 and 95. Sniper Ben Davis's splendid talent will once again lead the Yeomen. He has a capable supporting cast in forwards Matt McGuffin and Jason Pain and goalie Joe Dimaline. Still the Yeomen will have their work cut out to get out of their division.

Brock has been buoyed by an outstanding recruiting class, to go along with decent existing talent, but they still don't appear ready to be considered legitimate title contenders this season.

Ryerson has improved significantly in the past two seasons, like Brock they will win their share of games, but putting them on a level with the league elite seems premature.

MID EAST

The Guelph Gryphons, despite receiving a significant scare last year from the UofT Blues, have been the undisputed King of this division the past three seasons. This year, despite apparent improvement from UofT, should be no different.

Marlin Muyleart's squad has many talented veterans in defenseman Jason Haezle and forwards Chris Clancy and Tim Spitzig, among others. They should cruise through their schedule.

An interesting footnote to Guelph's situation is that fact that most years they tend to bring in a couple of talented players to fill holes in their lineup. It remains to be seen if the Gryphons get a similar Christmas present this year.

Toronto has improved, as coach Darren Lowe enters his second year as head coach. Jamie Coon, Dan Bellissimo, Kent Williams and Sandy Sajko make up the core of a group of 17 returners from last year.

The Blues also have Greg Van Sickle back after being since their National Final appearance four seasons ago.

Traditionally, RMC has been the proverbial weak-sister of the OUAA. However, the amalgamation of several different military schools to the RMC campus has meant a renewed sense of optimism for the Cadets. They showed that last year by posting a third place finish in their division and making the playoffs. A realistic goal would be much more of the same this year.

The Queen's Golden Gaels would like to become champions of their city this season. It is doubtful that they could extend their supremacy beyond Kingston's city limits.

FAR EAST

This division remains the ultimate unknown for Laurier. Without an interlocking schedule these teams only become a factor in the Queens Cup.

This much is known however, that UQTR will once again contend for the league title. After getting a monkey off their back and earning a berth in the National Final Four by beating Guelph in Waterloo last year in the Final Four semi-finals, the Pats appear as though they can once again secure a berth in the National Final Four.

Not if the Ottawa Gee Gees and the McGill Redmen have anything to say about it of course. The Gee Gees lost a nail biter to UQTR last year and will have revenge on their mind this time around.

The McGill Redmen have solid talent in their lineup and will always be a threat to any team they play.

The goal for Concordia would be to make the playoffs, after a disastrous season last year.

96-97 SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

2-4 Mustang Invitational
 9-11 Oktoberfest Tournament
 WED 15 7:30 @ Conestoga College
 SUN 20 3:30 @ Ryerson
 WED 23 7:30 vs. Western
 SAT 26 7:30 @ Windsor
 THUR 31 7:30 @ Western

NOVEMBER

SAT 2 7:00 vs. Windsor
 THUR 7 7:30 vs. Waterloo
 SUN 10 3:30 @ Windsor
 FRI 15 7:30 @ Queen's
 SAT 16 7:00 @ RMC
 THUR 21 7:30 vs. Toronto
 SAT 23 7:30 vs. Guelph
 THUR 28 7:30 @ Waterloo
 SAT 30 7:30 @ Brock

DECEMBER

JAN 3,4,5 Gryphon Invitational

JANUARY

SAT 11 2:00 vs. York
 SUN 12 2:00 @ Laurentian

THUR 16 7:30 vs. Waterloo
 SUN 19 2:00 @ Waterloo
 WED 22 7:30 @ Western
 SAT 25 7:00 vs. Windsor
 WED 29 7:30 vs. Western

FEBRUARY

THUR 6 7:30 vs. Brock
 SAT 8 7:00 vs. Ryerson
 THUR 13 7:30 @ York
 SAT 15 7:00 vs. Laurentian
 FRI 21 7:30 vs. Western
 SUN 23 3:30 @ Windsor
 TUES 25 TBA Division Semi-Finals
 THUR 27 TBA Division Semi-Finals

MARCH

MON 3 TBA Division Semi-Finals
 SAT 8 TBA Queens Cup*
 SUN 9 TBA Queens Cup*
 FRI 14 TBA CIAU Championship**
 MON 17 TBA CIAU Championship***

* @ Rec Complex (WLU Host)

** @ Varsity Arena

*** @ Maple Leaf Gardens

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