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RED DEER, Alta. — The Canadian Hockey League says it has no intentions of changing its rules when it comes to underage players being allowed to join the American Hockey League.

The NHL and CHL have an agreement in place that stipulates if a player drafted from one of the three leagues that make up the CHL doesn't join his NHL club at the beginning of a season, that he must return to the major junior team he was selected from. The AHL is not an option for CHL players until they turn 20.

CHL commissioner David Branch said the agreement was put in place for a reason and has benefits for everyone involved, including the players.

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"My view of it is when hockey people get together in an unemotional environment, without specific examples, they say the best thing to do is play in the CHL or NHL," Branch said in a recent interview. "That's not something we push at (NHL clubs), that's what hockey people have collectively agreed to."

"I still feel that the best place to play as a teenager is the Canadian Hockey League," he added. "You're playing with largely players your own age, you're still allowed to be a young guy and once that's gone, it's gone. You don't get it back. There's a lot of social values, completing high school and maybe getting their university."

London Knights forward Mitch Marner was drafted fourth overall by the Toronto Maple Leafs in 2015 and returned to the Ontario Hockey League to play the 2015-'16 season. He went on to record 116 points in 57 regular-season games as an 18-year-old, then produced 44 points in 18 post-season games to earn OHL playoff MVP honours.

Against the CHL's best teams, the Thornhill, Ont., native has produced 13 points in just three Memorial Cup games. His performance in junior this season has raised some debate regarding the CHL/NHL agreement because if Marner doesn't crack the Maple Leafs' roster next season, he would have to return to the Knights rather than join the AHL's Toronto Marlies.

Branch said that NHL clubs have not approached him for special exemptions for players in Marner's situation -- where they may be too good for junior but not ready for the top league.

"So far the National Hockey League has not expressed any viewer opinion that it should be changed," said Branch. "Now we know time to time when there's an NHL team that thinks, 'Gee I'd like to place him in our AHL franchise setting,' that always comes back into this discussion. It's only driven in a few isolated situations."

Players drafted from the NCAA or Europe do not fall under the agreement, which is why Toronto was able to add William Nylander and Kasperii Kapanen to the Marlies as 19-year-olds.

The Maple Leafs weren't the only organization to add teenagers to their AHL affiliate at the beginning of the season. Colorado's Mikko Rantanen, Nashville's Kevin Fiala and Columbus' Sonny Milano also spent this past year in the minors.



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When a player's CHL season ends, they are allowed to join an AHL club on an amateur tryout contract for the remainder of that AHL season. But when the next season begins, the player's options fall back to the NHL or CHL if he's under 20.

Marner and the Knights have already locked up a berth in Sunday's final at the Memorial Cup. They will play the winner of Friday's semifinal between the host Red Deer Rebels and the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies.

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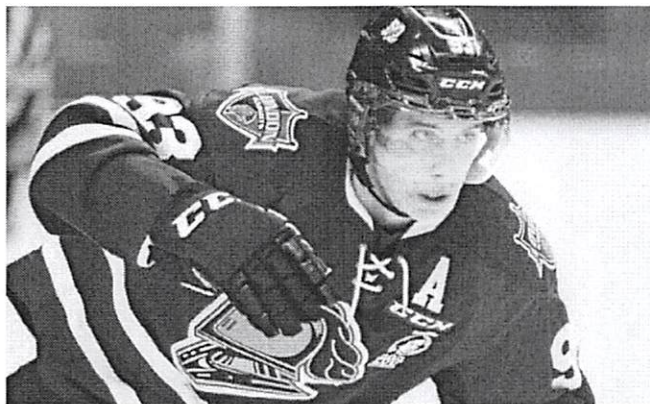
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Mitch Marner's dominant season opens up debate on NHL-CHL agreement

By Kelly Friesen
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London Knights forward Mitchell Marner was drafted third overall by the Leafs in the 2015 NHL draft. Photo by Aaron ...

The dominant season of Toronto Maple Leafs prized pick Mitch Marner has opened up the debate of the CHL-NHL agreement. More specifically, the part of the agreement that prohibits players from opting out of their 19-year-old seasons in the CHL to play pro hockey in the AHL.

Marner, who turned 19 in May, clearly has nothing left to prove in the CHL. On top of scoring 242 points throughout his last two seasons with the OHL's London Knights, he managed to net 14 points in four contests at the 2016 MasterCard Memorial Cup.

Nonetheless, Marner doesn't seem to be a lock to move onto the NHL next season. In addition to possessing a smaller 5-foot-11, 163-pound frame, he is in an organization full of hockey minds such as general manager Lou Lamoriello and head coach Mike Babcock who tend to be patient with younger players. The combination of the two could lead to the Thornhill, Ont., native spending one more season in London.

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The ideal situation for the Leafs would be if they could send Marner to the AHL if he's not ready for The Show. It would be a jump up in competition and a stronger steppingstone to help him earn a Leafs roster spot.

"There are always at least a dozen 19 year olds in the CHL who would be better suited to play in the AHL instead of the CHL," says an NHL scout of a Western Conference team. "Mitch Marner might be a great example of that depending on what he does in the offseason. There's nothing more for him to do in junior hockey. If he can't make the Leafs, he should get a chance to play for the Marlies (Toronto's AHL team) next year. It would be better for his development to play in the AHL than to score 150 points in the OHL."

The strongest argument for those in favour of the current 19-year-old rule is that there is no risk involved in playing another year of junior hockey. It's true, but at the same time, it's not always the best option for a player's long-term development.

"No one's development will be hurt by playing another year of junior," says a WHL scout of a U.S. Division team. "You might not be challenged much, but it would not set you back. What would set you back is playing in the AHL or NHL a year early because you could lose your confidence. That's why this shouldn't be a big issue; it can't hurt the player's development to play another year of junior."

In a recent interview, CHL commissioner David Branch made it clear he has no intention of opening up a discussion to change the 19-year-old rule. He believes it's basically a few "isolated" incidents, and not a main concern for the vast majority of NHL-drafted 19-year-olds in the CHL.

"So far the National Hockey League has not expressed any viewer opinion that it should be changed," Branch told the Canadian Press. "Now we know time to time when there's an NHL team that thinks, 'Gee I'd like to place him in our AHL franchise setting,' that always comes back into this discussion. It's only driven in a few isolated situations."

Ultimately, it appears dollars and cents are a major factor in the CHL's unwillingness to change the rule. The major junior league would see a drop in their on-ice product if they allowed their top 19-year-old stars to jump into the AHL. This could lead to a drop in revenue for some organizations.

"The CHL-NHL agreement won't change because of money," says the NHL scout. "The league is a development league, but it's also a business. Losing their top 19 year olds to the AHL will result in a less exciting game which will result in less tickets sold. That's why it will never happen. It comes down to the money."

It seems junior hockey won't see the day where all 19-year-olds are allowed to make the plunge into the AHL. There might be, however, room for discussion for certain 19-year-old prospects. A

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rule allowing top 10, or even top 30 picks, to move onto the AHL a year early might be open for debate in the future.

"I think the CHL would never look at allowing all 19-year-olds to play in the AHL, but there might be something that could get worked out in the future," says the WHL scout. "I think the only way the CHL would consider changing the 19-year-old rule would be if they allowed only first-round picks to play in the AHL. That's the only thing I could see happening, and the NHL would have to put a lot of pressure on the CHL for them to do that."

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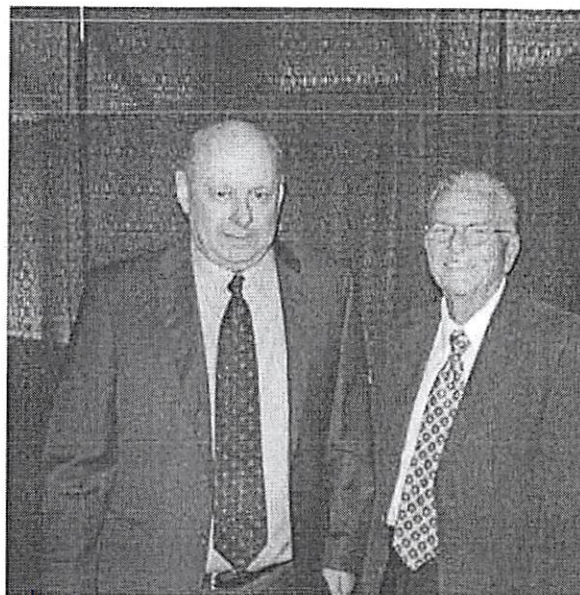
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The Tri-City Americans have been a part of the Tri-City community for 28 years. And an agreement signed Thursday will keep them at the Toyota Center until 2020.

The Western Hockey League team, the city of Kennewick and VenuWorks announced the five-year lease agreement that ensures the Americans, who began playing at Toyota Center in 1988, will continue to call the building its home.

“With this new lease, our ownership group has made a commitment to the Tri-Cities for over 15 years,” Americans general manager Bob Tory said. “The hockey team is about the community. It’s more than just a hockey game. It’s about a community place where people can come and meet their family, be with friends, have a good time and enjoy the lifestyle that we are blessed with here in the Tri-Cities.”

Kennewick Mayor Steve Young, an outspoken fan of the team, said the Americans bring more than hockey to the community.

“This is a big day for us in Kennewick. It’s also big for the Tri-Cities,” he said. “It’s really more than just a hockey team, it’s more than just a sports venue, it’s about the players. They do so much for our community. The city is proud to have the Ams as a partner.”

The agreement comes after the previous 10-year deal expired in June.

“From the day we purchased the team, it was our intent to keep the team here,” Tory said. “That was never in doubt. It just takes time to get these things done and work through issues that make sense for all parties involved. We have been working on this for almost a year. That is a long time. It takes a lot of patience, a lot of diligence, a lot of professionalism

and you work at it. No different than a hockey practice. I'm really happy we were able to get it done."

Part of the new agreement deals with general maintenance and upkeep of the building, and meeting requirements set forth by the Western Hockey League.

As an example, the visitors and the officials dressing rooms require much-needed repairs and updates.

"There is no question as a building ages it needs maintenance and capital improvement," Tory said. "Those are difficult decisions that need to be made by the city and we understand that, but at the same time, there are certain quality standards that need to be met. Some of the things our fans see and some of them they don't. We want to have a facility we are proud of, that we are proud to play in, we are proud to bring parents and recruits in. One that our fans are proud to come to games to. That has to be the goal of everyone involved."

Young remembers 10 years ago when talks with the previous owners fell apart. But when new owners stepped forward things took on a new light.

"We had reached a point where I thought the city might lose its favorite sports team," Young said. "I remember getting a call from Olie Kolzig, Stu Barnes, Bob Tory and Dennis Loman. They said we need to have a discussion. We sat down and had a discussion. That was in 2005. They came to the rescue of the Ams. The Ams have never been a better team or a better partner to our city than since the new ownership took control.

"For the city of Kennewick, and the entire metropolitan surface area, they are more than just a hockey team. This is more than just a sports venue. It's about the players. These young men come to our community from other parts of this country, from Canada and Europe. They grow up in this community, they go to school here, they make friends. Some get married here. They do so much for our community."

From charities to school visits to visiting teams and fans pouring money into the community, the Americans are fully invested in the community.

"I'm proud to say our hockey team has an economic impact in the region of over \$10 million annually," Tory said. "We provide over 2,900 hotel nights annually, our community service hours exceed 2,500 from our players and staff during the season, and charitable donations over the last 10 years is over \$2 million dollars going directly back into the Tri-City community. So, it is much more than hockey. Never once do the players complain about the things we ask them to do. I am so proud when they put on our jersey. It really means something."

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A 2010 study by Northwood University put the economic impact for each of the Loons' first three years at \$22 million to \$24 million. The figure probably has held pretty steady since then, said Loons General Manager Paul Barbeau.

The annual payroll for the Loons is \$2 million, with 30 or so full-time jobs and 250 to 300 seasonal and part-time positions.

Visitors, mostly people associated with visiting teams, contribute 2,000 hotel stays each year. Others who use the hotels are friends and families of players, Midwest League guests, and scouts and representatives from other major-league teams. Then there is the \$2 million a year that vendors make by

providing food at the stadium, repair and maintenance services, and supplies. The Loons try their best to work with local and regional vendors, Barbeau said.

The annual economic impact of the Saginaw Spirit is about \$15 million a year, said team President Craig Goslin. That includes overnight stays and spending on food, gasoline and other costs connected with visiting The Dow Event Center.

Goslin sees the Spirit and The Dow Center as players in the rejuvenation of downtown Saginaw. It's not clear if facelifts to the Eddy and Bancroft buildings would have happened if the Spirit had not come to town and The Dow Chemical Co. had not kept the center operating when it faced closure and bankruptcy. But it's all been good to see, and it all started with prominent automotive businessman Dick Garber working to make Saginaw the Spirit's home.

"He was the guy," Goslin said. "He saw the quality of the league, the potential of bringing good things to the economy."

In the same way, Barbeau does not know if the Loons' presence helped to bring the East End development to downtown Midland.

"But I think a lot of the interest in making that investment in downtown was because the (baseball) park was there."

The team and its sister organization, the Michigan Baseball Foundation, are nonprofits. The organizations have helped forge partnerships for the good of the local and downtown economy, he said.

What's in the future for both teams? Goslin is promoting the fact that this season's Spirit team is the youngest in the Ontario Hockey League, where the average age of players is 19. The average age of Spirit players is 17.

"We've got a highly skilled team, still winning hockey games," he said.

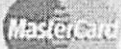
He hopes this young team will mature and shine.

"This region is hungry for a champion, and we haven't provided that yet," Goslin said. "We're potentially going to do that next year and the following year."

Barbeau believes the foundation's purchase of the former Dirk Waltz Buick dealership could brighten downtown Midland's future. If the market is strong enough, the land could become home to some kind of new development. That would improve the economy of the community and its downtown, he said.

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Brent Sutter And The Red Deer Rebels Donate One Million Dollars To Westerner Park

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RED DEER, AB - Brent Sutter, Owner/President of the Red Deer Rebels Hockey Club, announced today that he and the organization have donated one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to Westerner Park for the enhancement of the ENMAX Centrium. It was mutually agreed the donation would be used for a state of the art video score clock.

The score clock will be purchased through the assistance of Aquila Productions in Edmonton. Aquila Productions is a leading North American sports media and entertainment company that served as a consultant in this project.

Brent Sutter - This is something that I've been thinking about for some time. With the great support of our fans and corporate sponsors we wanted to enhance the fans game-night experience. Moving forward, this is another way to thank our fans and sponsors, who have been there for us through the years.

Don Metz, Aquila Productions - "Congratulations to the Red Deer Rebels Hockey Club and Westerner Park for raising the bar to a new standard for high quality video score clocks. Aquila Productions is proud to have worked with Brent Sutter and the Red Deer Rebels as the consultant to design and specify such an outstanding center-icing score clock. We were very excited to find that Brent Sutter, the Rebels' organization, and Westerner Park chose to far exceed the industry standard for this level of sport and reward Rebels fans with a score clock that meets or exceeds the video quality of most NHL arenas. Rebels fans have a score clock to be proud of for years to come."

Ed Dickin, Westerner Park - Brent Sutter approached us several months ago with the concept of making a donation to Westerner Park for the betterment of the ENMAX Centrium. Since that time, we have been working very closely with them on how their donation would be best spent. All of our discussions were always based upon what would be best for the citizens of Central Alberta and the hundreds of thousands of visitors to Westerner Park each year. The new video score clock greatly adds to the hockey fans viewing experience, and places the Red Deer Rebels and Westerner Park in a class by themselves within the Western Hockey League.

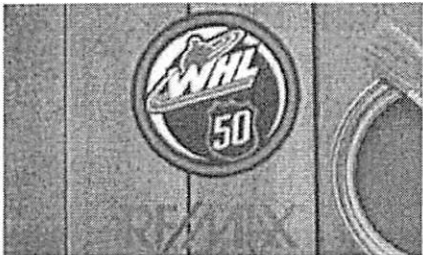
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WHL to vote on sale of Regina Pats, Prince George Cougars to new owners

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CALGARY - The Western Hockey League will vote next week on the sale of two franchises.

The Prince George Cougars and Regina Pats have both entered agreements to transfer ownership, the WHL said Wednesday in a statement.

Rick Brodsky, the Cougars' owner since 1994, intends to sell the team to a group of Prince George businessmen and former WHL players headed by Greg Pocock.

The Prince George Citizen has reported NHL defencemen and Cougar alumni [Dan Hamhuis](http://www.nhl.com/ice/player.htm?id=8469465) (<http://www.nhl.com/ice/player.htm?id=8469465>) and [Eric Brewer](http://www.nhl.com/ice/player.htm?id=8466142) (<http://www.nhl.com/ice/player.htm?id=8466142>) are part of the new ownership group which bought the team for almost \$7 million.

Russ and Diane Parker, who purchased the Pats in 1995, have agreed to sell the team to Regina businessmen including Anthony Marquart.

The sales require two-thirds of the WHL's board of governors to be in favour of the transactions. They'll vote April 30 in Calgary prior to the league's awards luncheon. If approved, the ownership transfers will be completed in May, according to the WHL.

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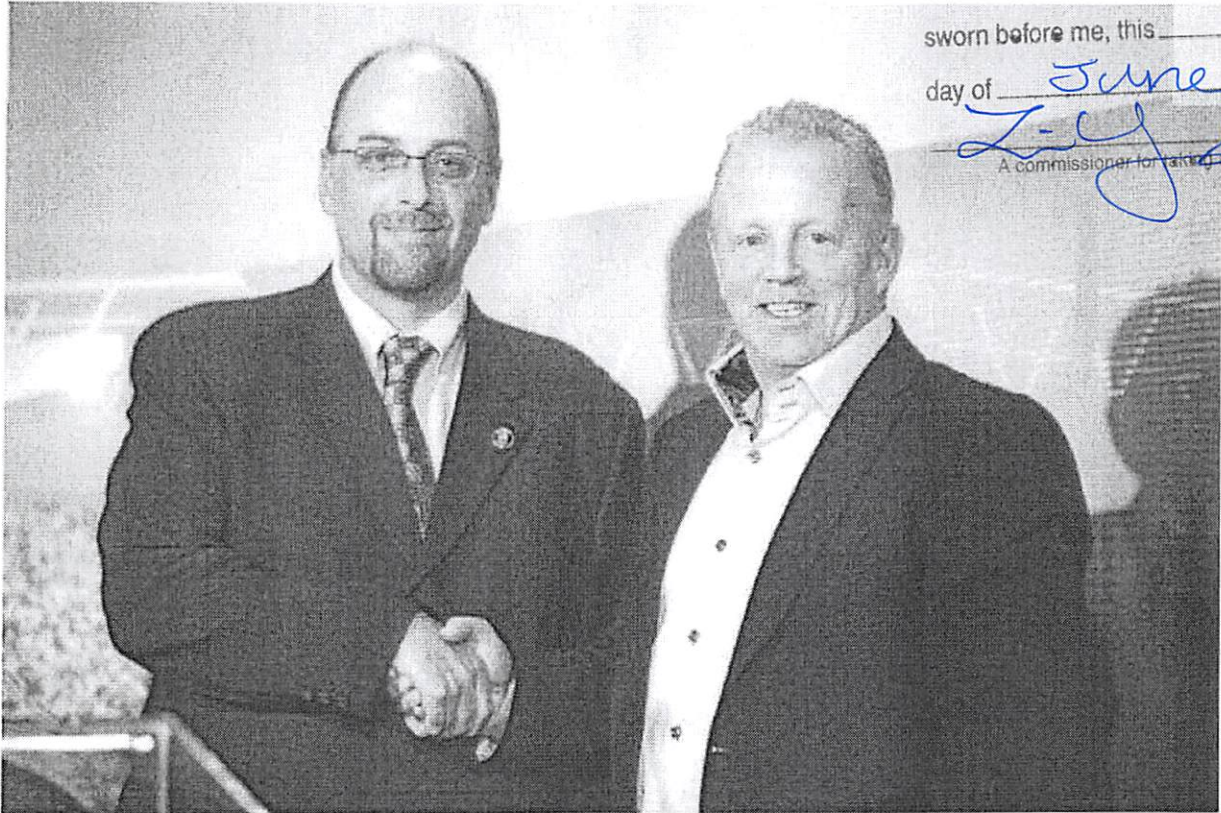


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Mark Sutcliffe: Jeff Hunt adjusting to life as part of OSEG

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Jeff Hunt, right, introduces Marcel Desjardins as the REDBLACKS' first general manager in January. With the OSEG organization, Hunt's focus is mostly on the CFL expansion franchise that is to start play in 2014. **CHRIS MIKULA / THE OTTAWA CITIZEN**

OTTAWA — Just over a year ago, Jeff Hunt was managing a tidy major-junior hockey business. Outside of the coaching staff, the Ottawa 67's had 16 employees. As sole owner of the team, Hunt attended almost every operational meeting and was in on every business decision, big or small.

Today, as a partner in the Ottawa Sports & Entertainment Group, Hunt's world is dramatically different. As OSEG prepares for the launch of two new professional sports franchises — the CFL

REDBLACKS and the NASL Fury — and the opening of a new stadium at Lansdowne Park next spring, the company employs about 60 people at two office locations, with plans for a staff of close to 150 next year.

"I'm running into people I don't even recognize," Hunt says.

The additions to the team are happening quickly. At a staff meeting a few weeks ago, 23 new people were introduced, all of them hired since the previous gathering. In the past week, Hunt says, he has met two new employees for the first time in the washroom.

"I said, 'Hi, are you new here? Welcome aboard.' And they responded, 'Thank you. Who are you?'" Hunt says. "So I told them, 'Oh, I'm one of the owners of the company and the president of the hockey and football teams.'"

The energy within OSEG is like a rapidly growing high-tech company about to take its product to market. In the company's sales and marketing department, a bell rings and staff applaud whenever a sale is closed.

Many of the new staff are working on all three of OSEG's teams. Part of the benefit of owning multiple franchises is that experienced specialists on everything from social media to game-day operations can be hired. In the small front office of the 67's, each employee pitched in wherever they were needed across the business.

But it's not just the staffing levels that have changed for Hunt. "Everything is different for me," he says. "My world has been turned upside down."

A big transition has been letting go of many parts of the business he once oversaw personally.

"I'm used to being the owner in the store, like in a mom-and-pop operation," he says. "I was intimately involved in every operational decision. Now I'm just a part of the puzzle."

As just one example, Hunt says, he recently saw a 67's ad for the first

time when he noticed it in his copy of the Citizen. Normally he would have been involved in everything from deciding on the approach to approving the copy.

"It's hard to walk by a meeting room and see something being discussed and not be a part of it," he says. "I've got to resist the temptation sometimes to stick my nose in and just let them do their jobs."

After running the 67's on his own for 15 years, and his own business before that, Hunt now has business partners — Roger Greenberg, John Ruddy, Bill Shenkman and John Pugh — for the first time in his life.

"I'm not speaking as Jeff Hunt, owner of the 67's anymore," he says. "I can't just say anything I want. I have to remember I have partners I have to talk to first."

Along with the escalating levels of staff, the dollar figures have changed as well. "We've gone from a three-and-a-half-million-dollar hockey team to a behemoth," Hunt says. "I'm seeing a lot bigger numbers than I'm used to. We will spend almost as much on one road trip for the REDBLACKS as we will for the whole season of the 67's."

For a long time, through countless delays and legal challenges, it seemed the arrival of professional soccer and football was a long way off for OSEG. For Hunt, whose focus is mostly on the REDBLACKS, the dynamic has shifted quickly.

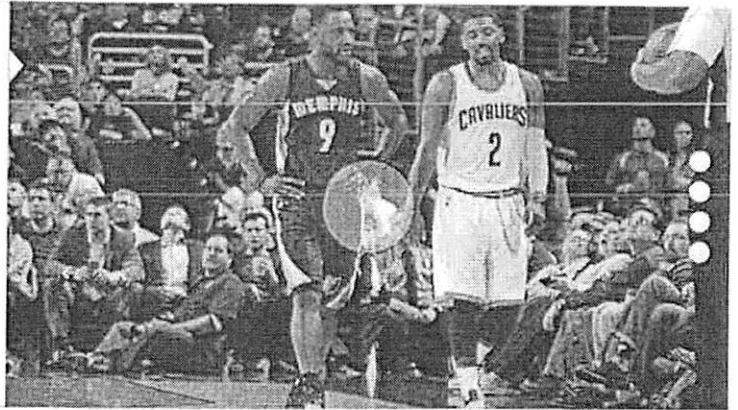
"It used to be that we didn't know when we were going to start construction, which made football seem like a long way off. I've gone from thinking we have lots of time to feeling like the deadlines are approaching very quickly."

It was only a year ago that construction started at Lansdowne Park. Nine months from now, the new stadium will be finished and two new teams will be playing, and Jeff Hunt will have met some 90 new OSEG employees, in the washroom or perhaps somewhere else in the office.

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Tony Allen has 26 points as the Grizzlies hold off the Cavaliers second-half comeback to win, 106-103.



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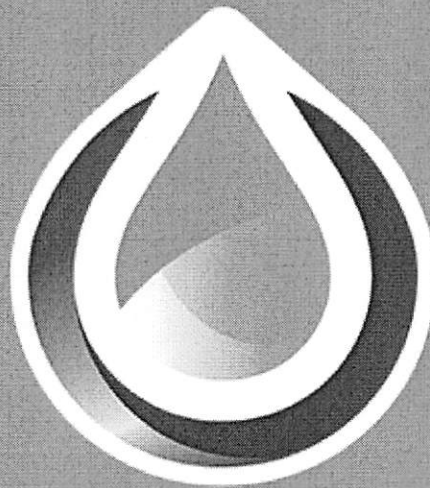
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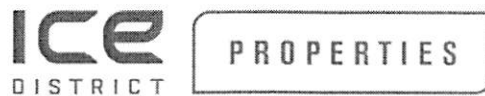
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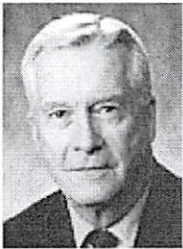
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N. Murray Edwards is chairman, director and co-owner of the Calgary Flames Hockey Club. He is also Owner and President of Edco Financial Holdings Ltd. He is a leading investor, managing director, chairman, or vice chairman of several publicly traded companies including Canadian Natural Resources Ltd., Ensign Energy Services Inc., and Magellan Aerospace Corporation. Today, these companies employ more than 15,000 people.

Mr. Edwards received a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Saskatchewan and a Bachelor of Laws with honors from the University of Toronto.

At the community level, Mr. Edwards is a member of The Council of Champions for the Calgary Children's Initiatives, a director of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives and Banff Centre, and a member of the Canada West Foundation.



The late Harley N. Hotchkiss was born in Tillsonburg, Ontario. He managed his own oil, gas, real estate and agricultural enterprises. After World War II service in the Canadian Merchant Marine, Mr. Hotchkiss graduated from Michigan State University with a B.S. in geology. He held an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Calgary and an honorary D.S. from Michigan State.

He was a member of several Canadian and American professional societies relating to petroleum and mineral exploration and served on a number of corporate boards. He is a member of the Canadian Petroleum Hall of Fame and the Calgary Business Hall of Fame. He also received the Haskayne School of Business Distinguished Leader Award and the City of Calgary Grant MacEwan Lifetime Achievement Award. He is past chairman of both the Foothills Hospital Board and the Board of Trustees of the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research. Mr. Hotchkiss was an Officer of the Order of Canada, and a member of the Alberta Order of Excellence.

He was a Director of the Hockey Hall of Fame, NHL Governor for the Calgary Flames and served six, two-year terms as Chairman of the NHL Board of Governors. He was inducted as an Honored Member of the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2006.



Alvin G. Libin is a native Calgarian with business interests in real estate, oil and gas and financial services. Mr. Libin is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Balmon Investments Ltd., a private management services and investment company. He has a strong commitment to the city of Calgary and has provided leadership in various volunteer positions.

In 2003, Mr. Libin and his wife, Mona, through the Alvin and Mona Libin Foundation, established the

Libin Cardiovascular Institute of Alberta in partnership with the University of Calgary and the Calgary Health Region. Its mission is to provide world-class cardiovascular health care, education and research for southern Alberta. He is past chairman of the Alberta Ingenuity Fund, a foundation created by the Government of Alberta to stimulate and support science and engineering research for the benefit of Albertans. He also serves as a director of several corporate and community boards.

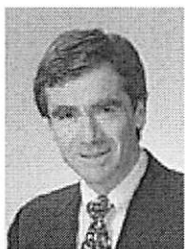
Mr. Libin is an Officer of the Order of Canada and holds an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Calgary. He was inducted into the Alberta Order of Excellence in 2004.



Allan P. Markin is Chairman of Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL), an oil and natural gas exploration, development and production company. He worked with Amoco Canada, Merland Explorations, and served as president of Poco Petroleum. In 1993, he received a Pinnacle Award of Business Excellence in Alberta, and an Oilweek Producer of the Year Award. He has been distinguished for several years by the Wall Street Journal Gold Awards for Outstanding Achievement—Canadian Oil Producers. The Mayor of the City of Calgary bestowed him with the Citizen of the Year Award in 2004.

Mr. Markin is a graduate of the University of Alberta with a B.S. in chemical engineering. In 1998, he received honorary Doctor of Law degrees from University of Calgary, University of Alberta, and University of Lethbridge. St. Mary's University College also honored him with a fellowship in 2004.

His philanthropy and personal involvement in the broader community is extensive not only in North America, but also in the U.K. and West Africa.

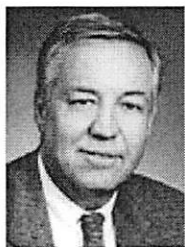


Jeffrey J. McCaig is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Trimac Transportation group of companies. Trimac is the largest provider of bulk trucking services in North America and also provides complementary logistics services, including transload facility operations, distribution management, and freight brokerage.

In addition to being a director and chairing the Boards of the Trimac group of companies, Jeff is a director of Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan and Standard Life Assurance Company of Canada. He is also a director and Chairman of Bantrel Company and a director and co-owner of the Calgary Flames Hockey Club.

Jeff is a member of several Canadian and American industry associations relating to the trucking industry and currently serves as Chairman of the National Tank Truck Carriers Association in Washington, DC.

He obtained his undergraduate degree in Economics from Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts; his law degree from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto; and his Master of Science in Management degree from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.



Clayton H. Riddell was introduced as a new member of the Calgary Flames ownership group in August 2003. He has been the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Paramount Resources Ltd., a publicly traded oil and gas company since 1978. He is also Chairman of the Board for Paramount Energy Trust, Trilogy Energy Trust, and Newalta Income Trust in addition to Chief Executive Officer of MGM Energy Corporation. Mr. Riddell is past president of the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists and past chair of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.

He graduated with honors from the University of Manitoba with a B.S. in geology. He also received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from his alma mater.

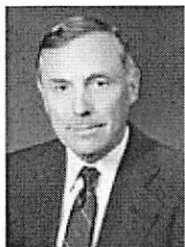
Mr. Riddell is associated with several other profit and non-profit organizations and has been a resident of Calgary for many years.



Byron J. Seaman was born in Rouleau, Saskatchewan. Mr. Seaman has over 50 years experience in various positions in the oil, gas and resource industries on a world-wide basis. He served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Bow Valley Resource Services Ltd. (subsequently Bovar Inc.) from 1976 to 1987, then as Chairman until 1990. He is a Director Emeritus of Provident Energy Trust and on the Board of Directors of Rider Resources Ltd.

He received a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Saskatchewan, and in 1945, he spent one year as an instructor there. In 1992, the university bestowed him an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Mr. Seaman served as a liaison for Canadian Federal and Provincial Governments in providing management assistance to developing countries, and was a member of the Premier's Advisory Council on Science and Technology in Alberta from 1990-92. Involved with numerous political, charitable and community organizations, he received a special award in 1987 from the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta in recognition of his outstanding contribution to society. In 1991, he was inducted into the Saskatchewan Oil & Gas Industry Hall of Fame, and was a recipient of the Governor General's Medal later in 1993. On June 1, 2007, he was inducted into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame together with his brother D.K., and Harley Hotchkiss, as builders who brought the Flames from Atlanta.



The late Daryl K. (Doc) Seaman was also born in Rouleau, Saskatchewan. Mr. Seaman passed away at the age of 86 on January 11, 2009. At the time Mr. Seaman was Chairman and President of Dox Investments Inc. He was a director of a number of public companies, and an active supporter of several local charities and community projects.

He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering. He received two honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from U of S and University of Calgary. He also received the Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellowship Award, and was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Mr. Seaman served as a RCAF World War II pilot for five years with extensive tours in England, North Africa, Sicily, and Italy.

Some of his other achievements include a Governor General's appointment to the Royal Commission on Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada, 1982-1985. He was awarded the Association of Professional Engineers Frank Spragins Award and the McGill University Management Achievement Award. In 1987, he was made a life member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Alberta. He was also inducted into the Saskatchewan Oil & Gas Industry Hall of Fame in 1989.

In 1994, he sponsored the D.K. Seaman Chair in Technical and Professional Communication at U of S. In 1997, he was inducted into the Canadian Oilmen's Hall of Fame. In 2001, he was made an honorary regent of the Athol Murray College of Notre Dame and received the Humanitarian Award. In

2004, he was inducted into the Calgary Business Hall of Fame.

Besides the Flames, Mr. Seaman's hockey experience includes; Notre Dame Hounds, Wilcox, Moose Jaw Canucks, and he was an original Governor, Hockey Canada Foundation. He was inducted into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame together with his brother B.J., and Harley Hotchkiss.

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