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2023-24 Navy Vets Season Preview

Vets look for rebound season

The Navy Vets look to rebound this season after suffering a bit of a down year in 2022-23 following their Doherty Division regular season pennant in 2021-22.

Despite playing their best hockey of the season in the QF they lost in OT in game #7 to Tavistock Braves.

Roster re-tooled

Only 2 players graduated from the Vets following the 2022-23 season ... forward **Griffin Sinden** who was injured most of the season and **Tommy Zufelt**.

Overage veteran goaltender **Graeme Noye** was traded to New Hamburg and overage veteran defenceman/forward **Eric Tuori** was traded to Paris for 2nd year goalie **Scott Rodrigue**.

They acquired defenceman **Chris Coulter** and forward **Owen Lukings** from the Komoka Kings of the GOJHL, overage defenceman **Mitch Penner** from the 2023 Schmalz Cup Champion Wellesley Applejacks, as well as overage defenceman **Tyler Smeda** and overage forward **Ty Crombie** from the PJHL Bloomfield Division champion Glanbrook Rangers.

Signed from the OHF U18 A Champion Woodstock Jr Navy Vets are forwards **Aiden Kindurys**, **Brady Carne**, **Connor Stanley**, and defenceman **Michael Vermeersch**.

Returning from last year's team are goalie **Tyler Bouck**, defencemen **Jordan Thomson** and **Jake Phelan**, as well as forwards **Cole Dann**, **Sam Barry**, **Nolan Brett**, **Matt Brooks**, **Rhylan Warford**, and their MVP-Rookie-Scorer Awards winner **Davin Gray**.

Other newcomers on the team are defenceman **Tim Mervyn** and **Ethan Domjan**, as well as forwards **Michael Boyle-Ricupero**, **Aaron Bullock** and **Brandon Lamb**.



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Doherty Division changes for the 2023-24 season

The Paris Mounties changed ownership and are now known as the Titans.

Some other key veteran stars (other than the Navy Vets) in the division are no longer around as well having graduated as overagers ... MVP & scoring champion Kyle Baker, Top Goalie Griffin Murphy, and Top Defenceman Luke Fanjoy. Young goalie stars Noah Bender, Blake Richard, and James Hopper moved up.





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2023-24 Roster

Woodstock Navy Vets Roster	(as of Sep.15/23)								
# PLAYER	POS	SHOOTS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B	HOMETOWN	LAST YEAR'S TEAM		
1 Bouck, Tyler	G	L	6-4	170	2004-01-12	Tillsonburg	Cambridge GOJHL/Navy Vets		
31 Rodrigue, Scott	G	L	6-0	180	2004-07-04	Whitby	Paris		
4 Mervyn, Tim	D	L	5-11	165	2005-09-28	Kitchener	Kitchener U18AA/Navy Vets (AP)	R	
11 Thomson, Jordan	D	R	6-0	175	2004-03-08	Woodstock	Navy Vets		
12 Vermeersch, Michael	D	L	6-0	155	2005-07-19	Woodstock	Woodstock U18AA	R	
16 Smeda, Tyler	D	L	6-1	175	2002-03-30	Brantford	Glanbrook	OA	
17 Phelan, Jake	D	L	6-2	175	2003-09-08	Kitchener	Navy Vets		
22 Coulter, Christopher	D	R	6-0	185	2003-05-06	London	Komoka GOJHL		
10 Penner, Mitch	D	R	6-1	180	2002-09-15	Guelph	Wellesley	OA	
7 Domjan, Ethan	D	R	5-10	170	2006-05-07	Kitchener	Kitchener U18AA	R	
2 Boyle-Ricupero, Michael	F	L	6-0	190	2005-07-20	Markham	Markham U18AAA	R	
5 Kindurys, Aiden	F	R	6-0	170	2005-05-18	Woodstock	Woodstock U18AA	R	
8 Dann, Cole	F	L	6-3	185	2003-10-18	Toronto	Cambridge GOJHL/Navy Vets		
9 Stanley, Connor	F	R	5-7	155	2005-01-31	Woodstock	Woodstock U18AA	R	
13 Crombie, Ty	F	L	5-11	180	2002-04-22	Hamilton	Glanbrook	OA	
15 Bullock, Aaron	F	L	6-2	185	2004-12-09	Woodstock	Norwich		
18 Lamb, Brandon	F	L	5-8	170	2005-07-22	Milton	Hamilton U18AAA/Navy Vets (AP)	R	
19 Gray, Davin	F	L	5-8	160	2004-05-19	Ingersoll	Navy Vets		
21 Brooks, Matt	F	L	6-2	180	2004-07-06	Burlington	Wellesley/Navy Vets		
23 Carne, Brady	F	R	5-10	165	2005-09-19	Woodstock	Woodstock U18AA	R	
24 Barry, Sam	F	L	5-11	185	2003-05-14	Guelph	Navy Vets		
26 Lukings, Owen	F	R	5-10	170	2003-01-30	London	Komoka GOJHL		
27 Warford, Rhylan	F	R	5-11	165	2005-04-08	Ingersoll	Navy Vets		
28 Brett, Nolan	F	R	6-0	170	2005-05-06	Beachville	Navy Vets		

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Pre-Season recap

The Navy Vets finished the pre-season with a 2-3-1 record

Sat Aug 19 @ MBB (Komoka) ... L 0-8

Sun Aug 20 vs MIT ... W 4-3

Fri Aug 25 vs MBB ... L 4-5 (OT)

Sat Aug 26 @ MIT (Stratford) ... W 5-1

Fri Sep 08 @ GRI ... L 2-3

Sun Sep 10 vs GRI ... L 2-4

Chris Coulter and Michael Boyle-Ricupero led the team in pre-season scoring with 1G-3A each while Sam Barry had a hattrick against Mitchell ... Tyler Bouck had a 1-1 record and 2.50 GAA while Scott Rodrigue had a W in his only start ...

Opening Weekend

Fri Sep 15 vs HES – Season & Home Opener

Sat Sep 16 @ PAR





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