



NAVY VETS NEWSLETTER



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2025-26 Navy Vets Season Preview

The Vets are coming off a 27-win season and finished in 3rd place. They beat Paris in 5 games in the QF before being beaten by New Hamburg Firebirds in 5 games in the SF.

New coaching staff

Navy Vet alumni **Justin Elms** will be the new **Head Coach** after 3 seasons as an Asst Coach. His assistants feature 4 other alumni – **Chris Thompson, Chris Jensen, Chris Nauts,** and goalie coach **Keaghan Brett**.

Darren Young has become the new General Manager.

Players no longer with team

5 players graduated from the Vets following the 2024-25 season ... forwards **Lucas Balanca, Diego Sabino, and Thomas Guidolin,** as well as defencemen **Chris Coulter** and **Logan Pace-Roth**.

Vets leading scorer for the past 3 seasons **Davin Gray** was traded to Thamesford. Other potential overagers have found new homes - **Kyle Caron** with Hespeler and **Braeden Tyler** with Paris. Defenceman **Michael Vermeersch** and forward **Ethan Pearce** were traded to Aylmer. Overage forwards **Aaron Bullock** and **Riley Panagapka** will not return nor will overage goalie **Scott Rodrigue**. **Brady Carne** is going to Brock University.

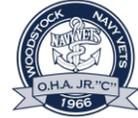
Players returning

Beachville native **Nolan Brett** led the team in assists last season and has been a perennial scoring leader with the Vets over the past 4 seasons. Hard-working **Connor Stanley** is back for his 3rd season. Other returning forwards include locals **Rhylan Warford** and **Gavin Birmingham, Brodie Kearns** from Brantford and Kitchener native **Tate McKenna**.

Charley Barnes from Ilderton was named the PJHL Doherty Division Top Defenceman last season. Captain **Jordan Thomson** and **Matthew Meyer** return to anchor the blueline.



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Tillsonburg goalie **Tyler Bouck** became the franchise career shutouts leader last season and was among the top 5 in all goaltending stats categories: 2.48 GAA, 0.929 SV%, 2 SO, and tied for the lead with 18 W.

Roster bolstered with veteran junior hockey experience

The Vets have bolstered their defence with 4 acquisitions ... Newmarket native **Michael Lee** from OJHL Oakville Blades, Ottawa native **Will McGregor** from USPHL Elmira, **Colin Shaw** from Brantford, and locals **Nathan Crane** and **Ethan Markle**.

Up front the Vets have added a lot of experienced scorers ... **Owen Ireton** from GOJHL Ayr Centennials, **Logan Yovetich** from OJHL Oakville Blades, **Cooper Vickerman** from PJHL Georgina Ice, **Liam Gorman** from PJHL Tavistock Braves, and **Dailen Fousek** from PJHL Port Hope Panthers. They have also signed local rookies **Kingston McPherson** and **Austin Doolittle**, as well as rookie **Rashaad Eichenberg**.

16-year old Woodstock native **Kobe Nadalin** has been signed as backup goalie.

New leadership group

Local veteran defencemen **Jordan Thomson** is returning as **Captain** while **Charley Barnes** and **Connor Stanley** are **Alternate Captains**.



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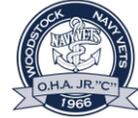
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2025-26 Navy Vets Schedule

Date	Visiting	Home	Venue	Time
Fri, Sep 12	Wellesley	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EDT
Sun, Sep 14	Norwich	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	1:45 pm EDT
Fri, Sep 19	Paris	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EDT
Sat, Sep 20	Woodstock	Wellesley	Wellesley Community Centre	7:30 pm EDT
Tue, Sep 23	Woodstock	Paris	Brant Sports Complex	7:30 pm EDT
Fri, Sep 26	Norwich	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EDT
Fri, Oct 3	Hespeler	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EDT
Sat, Oct 4	Woodstock	Dorchester	FlightExec Centre	7:30 pm EDT
Fri, Oct 10	Dorchester	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EDT
Sun, Oct 12	Woodstock	Hespeler	Hespeler Memorial Arena	3:30 pm EDT
Fri, Oct 17	Wellesley	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EDT
Sun, Oct 19	Woodstock	Norwich	NOR-DEL Arena	2:30 pm EDT
Fri, Oct 24	Paris	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EDT
Sat, Oct 25	Tavistock	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EDT
Sat, Nov 1	Woodstock	New Hamburg	Wilmot Recreation Complex	7:30 pm EDT
Sun, Nov 2	Woodstock	Wellesley	Wellesley Community Centre	7:30 pm EST
Fri, Nov 7	Dorchester	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EST
Sat, Nov 8	Tavistock	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EST
Fri, Nov 14	Woodstock	Norwich	NOR-DEL Arena	8:00 pm EST
Sun, Nov 16	Woodstock	Hespeler	Hespeler Memorial Arena	3:30 pm EST
Fri, Nov 21	New Hamburg	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EST
Fri, Nov 28	Woodstock	Tavistock	Tavistock and District Recreation Centre	7:30 pm EST
Sat, Nov 29	Woodstock	Dorchester	FlightExec Centre	7:30 pm EST
Sun, Nov 30	Norwich	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	6:45 pm EST
Fri, Dec 5	Woodstock	Tavistock	Tavistock and District Recreation Centre	7:30 pm EST
Sat, Dec 6	New Hamburg	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EST
Fri, Dec 12	Woodstock	New Hamburg	Wilmot Recreation Complex	7:30 pm EST
Sat, Dec 13	Woodstock	Paris	Brant Sports Complex	7:30 pm EST
Fri, Dec 19	Dorchester	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EST
Sat, Dec 20	Woodstock	Wellesley	Wellesley Community Centre	7:30 pm EST
Sat, Jan 3	Woodstock	Norwich	NOR-DEL Arena	7:30 pm EST
Fri, Jan 9	Woodstock	Tavistock	Tavistock and District Recreation Centre	7:30 pm EST
Sat, Jan 10	Woodstock	Dorchester	FlightExec Centre	7:30 pm EST
Fri, Jan 16	Wellesley	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EST
Sun, Jan 18	Woodstock	New Hamburg	Wilmot Recreation Complex	3:30 pm EST
Sun, Jan 25	Woodstock	Hespeler	Hespeler Memorial Arena	3:30 pm EST
Fri, Jan 30	Hespeler	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EST
Sat, Jan 31	Woodstock	Paris	Brant Sports Complex	7:30 pm EST
Fri, Feb 6	New Hamburg	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EST
Sat, Feb 7	Tavistock	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EST
Fri, Feb 13	Hespeler	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	7:45 pm EST
Mon, Feb 16	Paris	Woodstock	Woodstock District Community Complex	1:45 pm EST



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Name	Pos	Num	Birthdate	Hometown	Shoots	Height	Weight	Last Years Team	Season with Vets
Bouck	Tyler OA G	1	2004-01-12	Tillsonburg	L	6-3	195	Navy Vets	4th
Crane	Nathan R D	3	2007-04-11	Ingersoll	L	6-0	168	South Oxford U18 A	1st
Meyer	Matthew D	4	2006-04-18	Drumbo	L	6-2	170	Navy Vets	2nd
Kearns	Brodie OA F L	6	2004-04-29	Brantford	L	6-0	175	Navy Vets	4th
McGregor	Will R D	7	2007-07-07	Ottawa	R	6-3	185	Etmira USPHL	1st
McKenna	Tate F L	8	2006-12-19	Kitchener	L	6-2	185	Navy Vets	2nd
Stanley	Connor F L A	9	2005-01-31	Woodstock	L	5-7	155	Navy Vets	3rd
Eichenberg	Rashaad F	10	2007-10-10	Harare ZWE	R	5-11	157	Kitchener U18 AAA	1st
Thomson	Jordan OA D C	11	2004-03-08	Woodstock	R	6-0	175	Navy Vets	5th
Shaw	Colin R D	13	2008-06-02	Brantford	R	5-10	165	Jr Navy Vets U18 A	1st
Barnes	Charley OA D A	14	2004-07-12	Ilderton	L	6-4	220	Navy Vets	2nd
Ireton	Owen OA F L	15	2004-09-22	Cambridge	R	6-1	185	Navy Vets	1st
Yovetich	Logan F	16	2005-10-26	Beverly Hills CA	R	5-9	150	Oakville OJHL	1st
Doolittle	Austin R F L	17	2007-09-13	Woodstock	L	5-9	160	Jr Navy Vets U18 A	1st
Vickerman	Cooper F	18	2006-07-20	Queensville	L	6-5	175	Georgina PJHL	1st
Gorman	Liam F	19	2005-04-14	Cambridge	R	6-0	181	Tavistock PJHL	1st
McPherson	Kingston R F R	20	2008-11-13	Woodstock	R	5-11	160	Jr Navy Vets U18 A	1st
Birmingham	Gavin F L	21	2006-01-07	Woodstock	L	6-0	160	Navy Vets	2nd
Lee	Michael D	22	2006-05-24	Newmarket	R	6-3	212	Oakville OJHL	1st
Fousek	Dailen F	24	2006-08-28	Cobourg	R	5-11	170	Port Hope PJHL	1st
Markle	Ethan R D	26	2008-04-11	Woodstock	L	5-8	164	Kitchener U18 AAA	1st
Warford	Rhylan F R	27	2005-04-08	Ingersoll	R	5-11	170	Navy Vets	4th
Brett	Nolan F R	28	2005-05-06	Beachville	R	6-0	170	Navy Vets	5th
Nadalin	Kobe R G	31	2009-05-29	Woodstock	L	6-1	163	Kitchener U16 AAA	1st
Diefenbacher	Nyle AP D	99			L				
Dohnt	Braxton AP F	99			R				
Lofthouse	Kypton AP G	99			L				
Palmer	Braeden AP F	99			L				
Pepper	Calan AP F	99		Woodstock	R				
Rimando	Jonah AP F	99	2009-03-10	London	R	5-10	150		
Sikma	Matthew AP F	99			R				
Yallup	Ashton AP F	99	2009	Woodstock	R				

Young	Devon PR			Woodstock				Navy Vets	
Young	Darren GM			Woodstock				Navy Vets	7th
Paton	Chad AGM			Woodstock				Navy Vets	2nd
Elms	Justin HC			Woodstock				Navy Vets	5th
Thompson	Chris AC			Woodstock					1st
Jensen	Chris AC			Woodstock					1st
Nauts	Chris AC			Woodstock					1st
Brett	Keaghan GC			Beachville				Navy Vets	3rd
Agar	Vanessa TR			Kitchener				Navy Vets	4th
Wilson	Robbie EM			Woodstock				Navy Vets	3rd
Clark	Tim AEM			Woodstock				Navy Vets	12th
Bennett	Nicholas DR			Woodstock				Navy Vets	
Roode	Scott PO			Woodstock				Navy Vets	



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Pre-Season recap

The Navy Vets finished the pre-season with a 2-1-0 record

Fri Aug 22 @ PSS (St.Thomas) ... L 4-5

Fri Sep 05 vs THA ... W 5-2

Sun Sep 07 vs GRI ... W 4-0

Gavin Birmingham led the team in pre-season scoring with 3G-1A ... rookie goalie Kobe Nadalin had a 1-1 record while Tyler Bouck had a SO in his only game ...

Opening Weekend

Fri Sep 12 vs WEL at Southwood Arena @ 7:45pm – Season & Home Opener

Sun Sep 14 vs NOR at Southwood Arena @ 1:45pm

See www.woodstocknavyvets.ca for all the Navy Vets information !!!