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UHL PICKS UP FREE AGENT in OFF-SEASON



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This 25-year-old, 6'2" framed, 220-pound D-Man can also play forward. His right-handed shot is needed to complete any UHL team roster. Currently, Dovggy is not married, but does have a long-term beauty by his side. No, not Greg Uchacz, her name is Hayley. With proper UHL-style training, it won't take long for this young man to get married, have 6 kids, a minivan (with VHS tape capabilities) and the drive to want to bring home-made authentic Ukrainian cuisine to the dressing room of the team that drafts him every game.

Calgary, AB. – It comes with great pleasure that the UHL picked up a highly sought after Free Agent in the off-season.

The Commish announced Friday that **Nykola Dovggy** of the CMHL (Canadian Medical Hockey League). Nykola's parents still reside in Ukraine, but that didn't stop the solid player from signing a 9-way open-ended contract with the League.

Dovggy's Agent, Greg Uchacz, issued this statement *"Nykola is excited to get back on the ice to play with other Ukrainians. He knows this will be a fun league to play in, so his excitement is over the moon,* said Uchacz.

Dovggy brings his size, relatively good looks (depending on who is judging), and medical background to the UHL.

Former World Junior Silver Medalist returns to the UHL as a Browning

Waterloo Bar & Grill - UHL female sniper Katy Josephs has announced her return to the UHL after taking some time off to get married and start a family. Josephs, a former U18 World Junior player for Team Canada, and 4-year veteran for the Wisconsin Badgers, and long time UHL sniper with an ear-to-ear smile is happy to return to her roots.

While her numbers (see below) speak for themselves, the UHL is pleased to hear she will be returning to the league. Josephs made a request to the UHL uniform division to change her Jersey name from "Josephs" to "Browning-Josephs", however the UHL was unable to make the change due to **not wanting to**. This matter is now in the hands of the UHL legal division whereby Josephs is representing both sides as she is at Lawyer at Burnet-Duckworth Palmer LLP. The Commish, Ron Bobyn, is confident the League will lose this lawsuit with Josephs.

LEAGUE ▲	YEARS	GP	G	A	TP	PPG	PIM	+/-
 UHL (Mixed)	8	71	52	66	118	1.34	44	37
 NCAA (W)	4	153	33	40	73	0.48	28	45
 WJC-18 (W)	1	5	2	2	4	0.80	2	3



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UHL invited to a North American Tournament in Minneapolis Hosted by the Ukrainian Sport Federation of America and Canada

New Jersey, USA – USCAK is Ukrainian Sport Federation of America and Canada and has been around since 1955. They are holding their 5th USCAK North American Ukrainian Hockey Championship and were wondering if The UHL is interested in sending a team to represent Calgary. They have confirmed teams from New York, New Jersey, Toronto, Montreal, Edmonton and Minnesota.

The tournament will be the weekend of 5/17-5/18 2025 and will be at the Parade Ice Arena, North Rink in Minneapolis. (Link below) As of now, depending on Number of teams, games will be all day Saturday and Sunday, ending by 1 pm.

This arena is less than 10 minutes from the center of the Ukrainian community, shops and churches. There are multiple options for hotels both in downtown Minneapolis or near the MSP airport. They will also be looking for a hotel for group rates for visiting teams.

The local community is gearing up for some events in conjunction with the tournament. Other local events include Target field, where the Minnesota Twins play baseball is less than 5 minutes from arena, Mall of America right near the airport, and if the Minnesota Wild do well this year, it's about a 20 minute drive the Xcel Center for possible playoff game.



Consider this the “LAST CALL” for the UHL to send 15 players to this Tournament



Last year, Edmonton (photo to the left), won the **ALEXANDER CUP** of the tournament, shown above.

Given the Edmonton/Calgary rivalry, the Commish would be honored to send 15 of our UHL best players to this Tournament to put us on the International map.

So far, only 5-6 players expressed interest to go and represent the UHL. Contact the Commish for more information if you are interested.

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UHL SECURES PREMIUM ICE TIMES FOR THE 2025 SEASON

UHL WORLD HEADQUARTERS – The Commish is pleased to announce that after 21 years of playing at the Westside Rec. Centre, we were able to secure ice times on Sunday nights to better suite the overall UHL playing experience.

This year, all games will start at **6:00pm, and 7:30pm** for the early and late games. All games were also increased from 1 hour to 1.25 hours. Please check out the website for these new ice times. www.uhlhockey.net/schedule.

UHLPA Requests Salary Kap Review Once Again

UHL WORLD HEADQUARTERS – After playing 26 seasons, the UHLPA has submitted a formal request to the Office of the Commish to change and increase the players Salary Kaps.

Currently, the Salary Kap is at 3 dozen perogies, 2 rings of Kolbassa, 500ml of 14% Sour Crème, a large bowl of Borscht, and in 2020, Cabbage Rolls were added to the Kap, as was a “blob” of Sour Crème was also added for the Borscht.

Now, the UHLPA has requested that Sauerkraut and fried Onion Butter be added to the Kap. The Commish and his Bored of Direckters are reviewing this unprecedented request behind closed doors. While we don’t think the UHLPA will go on strike in 2025, the League is taking this request seriously, and this outlandish request will be announced at the upcoming 2025 Draft.



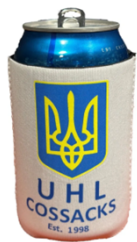
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UHL Releases New Merchandise only Available on the UHL Website

World Wide Web (dial-up) - The Commish has been working hard in a dark, poorly lit room creating ideas and manufacturing products for sale on the UHL Website.

We encourage all players, Kaptains, Direckters, Fans, and even Christian, the UHL DJ, to visit the site and purchase some products that are almost all One-Of-A-Kind. Below is just a small sample of item available on the site:



Koozie



Blue Ball Cap



Reversible Bucket Hat



Decorative Front License Plate
(6 styles to choose from)



Car Window Decals
(7 choices of style)



Trendy Key Chains



Original Ball Cap



Water Bottle



(Front)



Grey Hoodie (Back)

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FUN is the Name of the UHL Game

Calgary, Alberta – The UHL Suggestion Box was near full following the 2024 Season. This is rare as the UHL has been running like a fine-tuned Chevy Citation since 1998, so the Commish sat down with a nice bag-in-a-box of Bodacious Red wine to read them.

The 3 most common suggestions were:

- **Newer players take it too seriously!!**
- **Newer players don't pass, they only break in and try to score.**
- **Less FUN this year!**
- **Nobody hangs out after the games anymore. Why?**

As the Commish takes feedback from the players seriously, this won't go unaddressed. Therefore, prior to this start of this season, Kaptains and the Commish will be talking to a number of players regarding some of this feedback. Could it be you? Maybe. But if you are pulled aside by the Commish or Kaptain, please listen, and follow UHL standards.

Jokes and Questions of the Day: (answers below)

- 1) How do you spell UHL in Calgary?
- 2) What is Rule #44?
- 3) What do you call a pony with a cough?
- 4) What do you all a woman with only one leg?
- 5) What year was the UHL created?
- 6) Why did the frog take the Bus?
- 7) Did you hear about the two people that stole a calendar?
- 8) Why don't the Circus Loins eat the Clowns?

- F U N**
1) 2) 3) 4) 5) 6) 7) 8)
- No slapshots.**
A little horse
Eileen
1998
His car got toad away.
They each got 6 months.
They taste funny!



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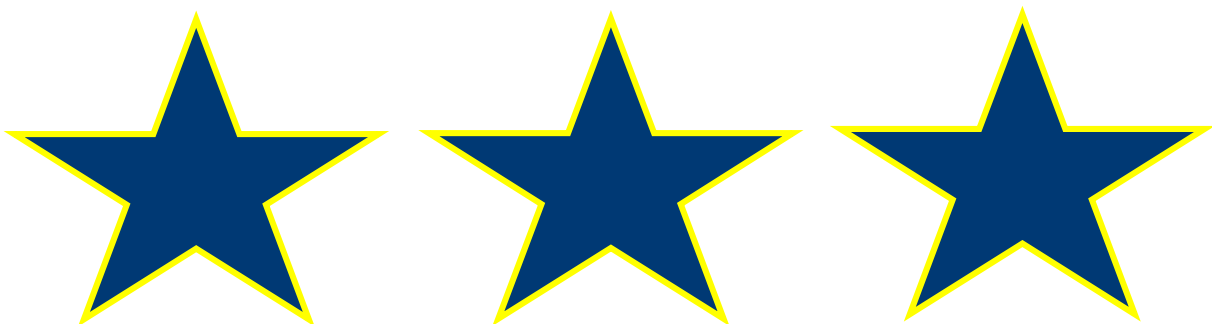


Westside Recreation Centre – The UHL is considering bringing back the UHL All-Star Game in 2025. Same as last year with Old vs. Old, and Young vs. Young.

This highlight game may be back for 2025 as the Old Players (40+) play against each other to try and win the “**Patriarch Kup**”, and the Young Players (under 39) play against each other to try and win the “**Emergent Kup**”.

This game was a fan favorite as they were able to watch the youngsters play at their full capacity, which is **NOT** allowed during regular season UHL Games. It also allows the fans that choose to watch the Patriarch Kup game, to work on Crossword Puzzles and play Sudoku while their favorite player tries to skate from one end to the other, sometimes with the puck!

More details to come should this Fan Favorite Game be scheduled into the League’s Ice Time Calendar. Stay tuned....



UHL NEWS TODAY

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TRUMP SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER TO TARRIFF UKRAINIAN PLAYERS



The White House – The President of the United States has done it again. Donald J. Trump has signed an Executive Order to apply a 68.7% Tariff on any UHL Player that attempts to cross the Canadian Border into the United States to play hockey.

Trump, who is known for his orange, carrot-like colored face, and for doing dumb things signed the order without contacting the UHL Commish or the UHLPA. As soon as this new broke, the Commish went to the Blue and Yellow house in Calgary to meet with its Direkters and discuss the ramification this may have on the UHL should the UHL send a team to Minneapolis to play in the Alexander Cup Tournament in May.

The Commish, who chose to remain anonymous, contacted the white to get additional information on this proposed Tarriff. Only Mickey Mouse and Cinderella were available for comment on behalf of Mr. Trump. Therefore, the UHL immediately sent a “With Prejudice” facsimile to the President citing “you can’t do that, don’t be a scum-bag”. The Order is now in the capable hands of Congress whereby the Commish is confident that this Order will be overturned in days to come.

Did we mention that the UHL was invited to send a team to Minneapolis to play in an all-Ukrainian Hockey Tournament? Yes. They even sent an email out to all the Participating teams that Calgary may be sending one of their teams (either the Cabbage Rollers, The Perogy Pounders, the Kubie Krushers or the Borscht Boilers) to this tournament. That email was serious and kind of made the Commish proud of what we have created with the UHL.

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Actual Email Send from the Ukrainian Sport Federation of America and Canada to the UHL Commish

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Date: Wed, 15 Jan 2025 12:33:45 -0500

Subject: Re: 5th North American UKRAINIAN HOCKEY USCAK Tournament MAY 17 & 18, 2025

Hello to all,
Happy New Year!

Nick has been doing a fantastic job organizing this the 5th North American USCAK Hockey Championships for the Alexander Cup, his Minneapolis community and the Midwest Ukrainian Hockey team!

The overwhelming support from the community is fantastic ! Thank you Nick!

Confirmed teams are Edmonton, Toronto, Montreal, New York Cossacks and a Midwest team (Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan. Others invited and not finalized yet include New Jersey, Winnipeg, and Calgary UHL Cossacks 4 teams `` The Perogy(Varennyky) Pounders, The Kubie(Kovbasa) Krushers, The Borscht Boilers and The Cabbage (Holubtsi) Rollers.``

Costs are an important part of the event as in some cases we have to pay for or place rink deposits, refs, trophies etc.

The entry fee per team is projected to be \$1,300.00 USD per team.

Please forward a \$500.00 deposit fee no later than February 15, 2025 with the balance due at the tournament.

Thank you,

Myron



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UHL MAY HOST FIRST ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



UHL CHARITY GOLF

The UHL was approached by a Ukrainian Charity based out of Manitoba to partner with in Calgary to host a Charity Golf Tournament this summer.

The Commish met with NHL Legend Wayne Babych (St. Louis Blues) on January 15th to discuss this unique opportunity. After a few whiskeys, the Commish and Babych agreed to try and pull this together. Babych, along with his brother Dave Babych (Winnipeg Jets) would arrange for various NHL Alumni to join the tournament as long as the UHL can provide the Golf Course and organization of the tournament.

Funds raised at this tournament would help fund hockey equipment for kids in Ukraine that cannot afford equipment or cannot get equipment in Ukraine.

**LOOKING FOR 5 VOLUNTEERS TO
HEAD UP THIS GREAT CAUSE AND
1st ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Please contact Ron Bobyn ASAP if you can help

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2025 Captain Update



UHL World Headquarters - Special thanks to the returning captains this year and the great job they are doing to bring the UHL to the next level.

Please keep your emails open as you will start to receive many emails from the UHL Hockey Operations and/or the Commish

Thanks guys!!! Great job!

RON BURGUNDY NEWS

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UNTIL NEXT TIME UHLers....

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