



HOCKEY

DEPARTMENT

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

This month brought welcomed news for The Rinks & Great Park Ice. Although our programs were paused and limited during the last year, we are excited to welcome you back and return to play within our rinks. We are committed to your health and continue to work behind the scenes to keep our programming safe, and ensure top-notch service. This past week, our inline adult leagues hit the floor with their first games and some exciting action. Both inline and ice youth programs are open for registration and will begin their respective programs next week for Rec League, Hockey Initiation, Little Ducks, and All-World Hockey Institute Summer Camps.

Additionally, more information is coming soon regarding adult ice hockey leagues!

Thank you for your patience during this challenging time, see you soon at The Rinks & Great Park Ice.

- Rick Hutchinson

Director of Hockey, The Rinks & Great Park Ice

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

INTEGRITY - TEAMWORK - SPORTSMANSHIP

The Rinks & Great Park Ice offer a variety of youth ice hockey programs for participants of all ages and skill levels. We are home to thousands of youth hockey players, from those new to the sport and looking to play hockey for the first time to those who have been playing for several years and looking for a AAA travel hockey program. The Rinks has a program for everyone.

Programs include Anaheim Ducks Learn to Play Hockey and Little Ducks, designed for first time skaters and players to kick-start their hockey journeys. Hockey Initiation, In-House Recreation Leagues, camps and travel hockey are also available to continue every player's skill development.

The Rinks & Great Park Ice are recognized as a Model Club Association through USA Hockey and are dedicated to age-appropriate, age-specific skill development, in accordance with USA Hockey's American Development Model.



Our philosophy is simple, develop great people through hockey and build an environment that reflects fun, pride, teamwork, sportsmanship and integrity. Hockey develops skills on the ice that build foundations for a lifetime. In addition to athletic prowess, hockey promotes confidence, pride, focus and responsibility. With an emphasis on fun, hockey is a game to be played and enjoyed for life.

Starting with the bonds created in the locker room to the relationships formed on ice, hockey creates life-long friendships. This camaraderie shared on and off the ice encourages teamwork and the natural development of leadership skills.

CUSTOMER SPOTLIGHT

HOCKEY IS FAMILY!

It's often said that the hockey world is like family and the Corona family would certainly agree! Steve, who is currently with Event Security at Honda Center, recently joined our Adult Learn to Play program and skills clinics. Take it from this author, he is doing great, progressing really fast, and a joy to have on the ice!

Speaking of a joy to have with us in our programs, his son, Sean, shows his love of hockey every time he's on the ice. He may still have the edge on his dad too, Sean started playing hockey in our Youth Learn to Play Program and quickly moved over to Top Flight on Ice. He plans to explore our youth rec leagues next and even now plays Tuesday night pick-up with his

dad. Steve says that both his and Seans' experience with The Rinks is nothing but positive, including praise for the coaching staff, "It's a great program because of the coaches and their passion." Steve also commended the Samueli family for their "awesome ownership and investment in the community." We certainly appreciate his positive feedback!

So, the hockey world is indeed like family and we're very glad to have the Corona family among ours and thank them for all their support!

-By Coach Dave Batson-



LADY DUCKS

FORMER LADY DUCK CAYLA BARNES NAMED TO WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

USA Hockey announced its 25-player U.S. Women's National Team that will compete in the 2021 International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship. The event is currently postponed.

Among the 25 is Eastvale native Cayla Barnes, who recently completed her junior season at NCAA Division I Boston College. This past season, Barnes collected four goals and 10 points in 19 games, while also serving as the Eagles' captain.

During her youth career, Barnes played for the Anaheim Jr. Ducks, Anaheim Lady Ducks and Los Angeles Jr. Kings.

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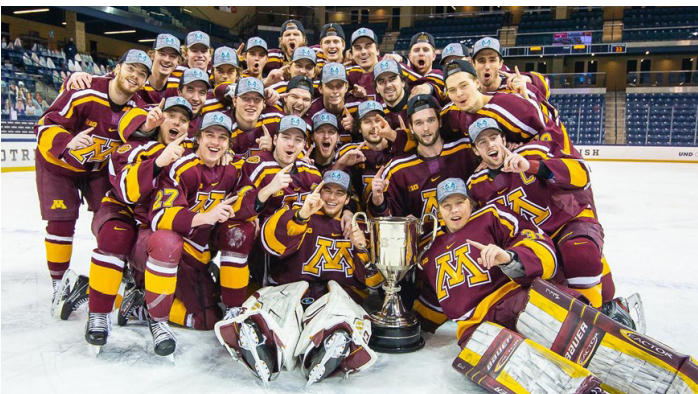
CAM YORK NAMED BIG10 DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Big Ten Conference and Big Ten Network recently announced the hockey All-Big Ten teams and individual award winners, as selected by the conference’s coaches and a media panel. Michigan’s Cam York was tabbed the Defensive Player of the Year, which is awarded to a defenseman or forward.



RYAN JOHNSON, MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS, CAPTURE BIG10 CHAMPIONSHIP

For the second time in program history, the Golden Gophers are Big Ten Tournament champions as No. 4 Minnesota beat No. 5 Wisconsin 6-4 at Notre Dame’s Compton Family Ice Arena. Congrats to Jr. Ducks alumni, Ryan Johnson, and the Golden Gophers!



CUSTOMER SPOTLIGHT

THE FUNG FAMILY

The Fung family were right at home at Anaheim ICE this winter, taking part in the facility’s Young Guns clinics. Kingston and Kaitlyn, who started in Youth Learn to Play in Lakewood two year ago, have been having a blast on the ice. It was a first-time hockey endeavor for their father, Jason, who says he is very pleased with both past and current youth hockey programming at The Rinks, appreciating all the COVID safety protocols in place.

He noted that the clinics have been a savior for the family during these challenging times, as hockey has given both Kaitlyn and Kingston the ability to stay active and refine their hockey skills. The family plans to continue with our 6U programs in the future and as Kaitlyn told us, “Hockey is one of my first sports and I love it!” That’s what we love to hear! Thanks to the Fung family for all their support!

-By Coach Dave Batson-



RETURNING PROGRAMS

LEARN TO SKATE CLASSES

New Learn to Skate sessions begin May 1, with registration opening on April 26. Space is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



HOCKEY INITIATION

Hockey Initiation is a skills development program designed to introduce young players to the fundamentals of ice hockey. Sessions are eight weeks long; basic skating skills are required.



YOUTH LEAGUES

As we return to league play, we are introducing a shortened season and a hybrid format. Our youth programs are recognized as a Model Club Association through USA Hockey.



SUMMER CAMPS

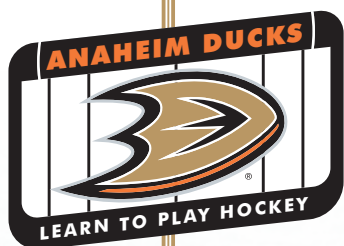
We are excited to get back to the rink for our 27th year of All World Hockey Institute Summer Camp Programs. Our programs emphasize skill development, proper technique, game knowledge and sportsmanship.



ADULT LEAGUES

Adult leagues will return soon! In the meantime, if you are interested in returning, are looking to start playing for the first time, or have specific questions regarding leagues, then fill out our [Adult League Interest Form](#) today and one of our Hockey Managers will contact you!

NOTE: Adult Leagues have fully returned at Irvine Inline!



The Rinks Try Skating for Free program offers first-time skaters the chance to get on the rink and learn how to skate for free! The three-week mini-Learn to Skate session will introduce skaters to the basics of skating - how to sit & stand up on the ice, marching & gliding - and to our professional skating staff.

The Anaheim Ducks Learn to Play Hockey program offers first-time hockey players the chance to get on the rink in full hockey equipment for free. They will receive four weeks of instruction on the basics of hockey. Equipment sizes are recommended for children ages 4 to 12. Basic skating skills strongly recommended.

Little Ducks is a paid, six-week program that will provide new players with on-ice sessions with professional coaches and Anaheim Ducks alumni! The Little Ducks program was developed as part of the National Hockey League's Learn to Play initiative, the joint effort by the NHL & NHL Players' Association (NHLPA) to make hockey more accessible. Basic skating skills required.

Hockey Initiation is a hockey skills development course designed to build upon Little Ducks and introduce participants to the fundamentals of hockey, as well as basic hockey concepts. Basic skating skills required.

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JR. DUCKS

ANAHEIM NATIVE, JR. DUCKS GRAD YORK ONE STEP CLOSER TO NHL, SIGNS CONTRACT WITH PHILADELPHIA

Longtime Anaheim Jr. Ducks defenseman Cam York has signed a three-year contract with the NHL's Philadelphia Flyers. York, who helped Team USA capture a gold medal at the World Junior Championship in January with fellow Jr. Ducks alum Ryan Johnson, recently completed his sophomore season at the University of Michigan.

In June 2019, the Flyers selected York 14th overall in the first round of the NHL Entry Draft. That pick made him the highest drafted California-born and -trained player.

The Flyers have assigned York to their American Hockey League affiliate at Lehigh Valley. There is a chance the franchise might call him up before the end of the regular season, Flyers President of Hockey Operations and General Manager Chuck Fletcher said this week.

York's signing came after Michigan had qualified for the NCAA Tournament but was unable to participate due to positive Covid-19 tests. York had a lot to do with the Wolverines' success, piling up 20 points in 24 games this past season and being selected the Big Ten Defenseman of the Year. He scored 16 points, which also led the Big Ten, as a freshman, when he was named to the league's all-rookie team and was a finalist for rookie of the year.

This season, he also was a nominee for the Hobey Baker Award, which is presented annually to the top men's player in NCAA hockey.

"Thank you to the University of Michigan for the opportunity to play hockey for such an amazing institution," York told the school's official website. "I couldn't be more excited to join (the Flyers)."

The two-year run was enough to convince the Flyers that the time was right for York to move on to pro hockey.

"We are pleased with Cam's development and believe he is ready to take the next step with our organization," Fletcher told the team's official website. "He was one of the top collegiate defensemen at the University of Michigan and was instrumental in helping lead the United States to the gold medal at this year's World Junior Championships."

York is one of 31 players with ties to the Jr. Ducks who made Division I hockey commitments in the past seven years. Nine of those are from the 2001 birth year, a list that in addition to York includes Johnson (Minnesota), Josh Groll (Michigan), Nick Kent (Quinnipiac), Jackson Niedermayer (Arizona State), Jonathan Panisa (Massachusetts), Jerrett Overland (Air Force), Dominique Petrie (Harvard) and Ethan Wolthers (Massachusetts).

In addition to his World Junior gold medal, York was part of the 2020 U.S. National Team and won silver and bronze medals at the U18 World Junior Championships and another gold at the U17 level in 2018.

Speaking to NBC Sports Philadelphia this week, York said, "I felt like I was ready for the next challenge. ... I really want to challenge myself, and the AHL and the NHL are both really good leagues and they've got a lot of really good players in them. I'm just looking forward to the challenge now."

-By Chris Bayee-

