

2023-24 MERCYHURST HOCKEY

5 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES | 6 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES

Mercyhurst Lakers

VS

Notre Dame



Oct. 26

Compton Family Ice Arena | Notre Dame, IN
7:30 p.m.

0-1-2 Overall
0-0-2 AHA

2-3-0 Overall
0-0-0 BIG 10



2023-24 MERCYHURST SCHEDULE

October

7 vs Ohio State	L 4-3
14 vs Robert Morris*	T 3-3
21 at Niagara*	T 3-3
26 at Notre Dame	7:30 PM
27 at Notre Dame	7:30 PM

November

3 at Bowling Green	7:07 PM
4 at Bowling Green	7:07 PM
10 at RIT*	7:05 PM
11 at RIT*	5:05 PM
18 vs Air Force*	7:00 PM
19 vs Air Force*	4:00 PM
24 at Miami (OH)	7:05 PM
26 vs Miami (OH)	4:00 PM

December

1 vs Canisius*	7:00 PM
2 at Canisius*	7:00 PM
8 vs Army*	7:00 PM
9 vs Army*	7:00 PM
30 at Ohio State	5:00 PM

January

5 at Sacred Heart*	7:00 PM
6 at Sacred Heart*	3:00 PM

February

11 at Canisius*	7:00 PM
13 vs Niagara*	7:00 PM
19 at Bentley*	7:05 PM
20 at Bentley*	4:05 PM
26 vs Holy Cross*	7:00 PM
27 vs Holy Cross*	5:00 PM

February

2 vs Robert Morris*	7:00 PM
3 at Robert Morris*	7:00 PM
9 vs RIT*	7:00 PM
10 vs RIT*	4:00 PM
16 at AIC*	4:35 PM
17 at AIC*	7:00 PM
23 at Niagara*	7:00 PM
24 vs Niagara*	7:00 PM

Home Games BOLD

* Atlantic Hockey Contests

BY THE NUMBERS

Lakers	Stat Category	Buckeyes
0-0-2	Record (Conf.)	0-0-0
Marko Reifenberger (2)	Goals Leaders	Landon Slaggert (3)
Dustin Geregach (2)	Assist Leaders	Grant Silianoff (3)
Philip Waugh (4)	Points Leaders	Ryan Siedem (3)
3.0	Goals/Game	2.0
3.3	Goals Allowed/Game	3.0
25.7	Shots on Goal/Game	28.8
18.2%	Power Play %	13.6%
72.7%	Penalty Kill %	89.5%
92.0%	Save %	90.9%
45.5%	Faceoff Win %	52.6%

AT A GLANCE

Matchup History

The Lakers don't tend to see the Fighting Irish too much historically, seeing each other five times in the past. This is primed to be the first meeting between the teams since 2018; the contest ended in a 6-6 scoring frenzy, with Notre Dame securing the win in a 1-0 shootout. The only previous two game series came back in 1990. Mercyhurst is still looking its first ever victory against the Fighting Irish after being on the verge last time out.

Recap

The Lakers hit the road for the first time this past weekend, heading to Niagara University, seeing their second straight shootout win. Mercyhurst managed to put a dent into the scoreboard first with Dustin Geregach finding the back of the net on a power play midway through the second period. Niagara evened up the score in the 10th minute at even strength while able to do so again in the 15th minute to give the Purple Eagles the advantage. The Lakers were able to flip the script in the third period and score a pair of goals. The first from Steven Agriogianis and the second was scored by Boris Skalos for his first ever career goal. Niagara pulled one back in the 19th minute of the final period to send it to overtime. It went all the way to a shootout with nobody scoring until Mickey Burns on the Lakers third attempt before Owen Say came up with the save to secure the win.

Stats Leaders

Philip Waugh leads the team in points on the season so far with four (2G, 2A). Owen Say leads the team in saves with 116 and a .920 save percentage.

A Look at the Notre Dame

The Fighting Irish are led by Jeff Jackson, who enters his nineteenth season as Notre Dame's head coach. They added 10 fresh faces this season, including of eight freshman and two transfer students. Forward Patrick Moynihan joins the Irish from Providence, previously accumulating 37 goals and 34 assists over 123 games, and defenseman Ryan Siedem from Harvard tallying 7 goals and 51 assists in his three years there. Senior Landon Slaggert leads them in goals with 3, as well as points along with three others in Siedem (1G, 2A), Grant Silianoff (3A), and Maddox Fleming (3A).

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LAKER STAT LEADERS



GOALS LEADERS

#24 Marko Reifenberger - 2
2023-24: 3 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS
#2 Philip Waugh - 2
2023-24: 3 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS
#21 Mickey Burns - 1
2023-24: 3 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS



ASSISTS LEADERS

#12 Dustin Geregach - 2
2023-24: 3 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS
#19 Garrett Dahm - 2
2023-24: 3 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS
#15 Tommy Bannister - 2
2023-24: 3 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS



POINTS LEADERS

#2 Philip Waugh - 4
2023-24: 3 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS
#24 Marko Reifenberger - 3
2023-24: 3 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS
#12 Dustin Geregach - 3
2023-24: 3 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS



GOALTENDING LEADERS (GAA)

#31 Owen Say - 3.18
2023-24: 3 GP, 0-1-3, 3.18 GAA, .920 SV%
#44 Simon Bucheler - 0.00
2023-24: 0 GP, 0-0-0, 0.00 GAA, .000 SV%
#1 Matt Lenz - 0.00
2023-24: 0 GP, 0-0-0, 0.00 GAA, .00 SV%



GOALTENDING LEADERS (SV%)

#31 Owen Say - .920
2023-24: 3 GP, 0-1-2, 3.18 GAA, .920 SV%
#44 Simon Bucheler - 0.00
2023-24: 0 GP, 0-0-0, 0.00 GAA, .000 SV%
#1 Matt Lenz - 0.00
2023-24: 0 GP, 0-0-0, 0.00 GAA, .00 SV%

2023-24 NUMERICAL ROSTER

#	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Shoots	Hometown/Prev. Team
1	Matt Lenz	Jr.	G	5-11	L	Grapevine, Texas/Steinbach (MJHL)
2	Philip Waugh	Sr.	D	6-4	L	McLean, Va./Brooks (AJHL)
3	Jake Beaune	Jr.	D	6-3	R	Livonia, Mich./Lincoln (USHL)
4	Jaryd Sych	Fr.	D	6-2	L	Riceton, Sask./Notre Dame (SJHL)
5	Jackson McCarthy	Fr.	D	6-1	R	Buffalo, N.Y./Northeast (NAHL)
6	Trent Sambrook	Fr.	D	5-9	L	Medora, Man./Winkler (MJHL)
7	Tyler DesRochers	Fr.	D	6-0	R	Howell, N.J./Johnstown (NAHL)
8	Tyler Gaulin	So.	F	6-0	L	Kingston, N.H./Maine Nordiques (NAHL)
9	Sean James	Fr.	F	6-0	R	Almonte, Ont./Smith's Falls (CCHL)
10	Steven Agriogianis (A)	Sr.	F	5-9	R	East Hanover, N.J. / Northeastern (Hockey East)
11	Barrett Brooks	So.	F	5-7	R	Stevens Point, Wisc./Western Michigan (NCHC)
12	Dustin Geregach	Jr.	D	6-0	R	McKees Rocks, Pa. /Johnstown (NAHL)
14	Boris Skalos	Fr.	F	5-11	R	Clifton, N.J./ Fargo (USHL)
15	Tommy Bannister	So.	F	5-9	L	Clayton, N.Y./New Jersey (NAHL)
16	Ryan Coughlin	So.	F	6-0	R	Charlotte, N.C./New Jersey (NAHL)
18	Davis Fry	Fr.	F	6-4	L	Regina, Sask./Steinbach (MJHL)
19	Garrett Dahm	Jr.	F	6-1	R	Swansea, Ill./Austin (NAHL)
20	Keanan Stewart	Sr.	F	6-4	L	North Bay, Ont./Burlington (OJHL)
21	Mickey Burns (A)	Fr.	F	5-9	L	Wayne, N.J./Vermont (Hockey East)
22	Kyler Head	Sr.	F	6-4	L	Malone, N.Y./Robert Morris (NCAA)
23	Cameron Ricotta	Fr.	F	5-8	L	Cheektowga, N.Y./Fairbanks (NAHL)
24	Marko Reifenberger (C)	Sr.	F	6-0	L	Hastings, Minn./Minnesota (NAHL)
26	Spencer Smith	Fr.	F	5-8	L	St. Catharines, Ont./Penticton (BCHL)
27	Nicholas Kent	So.	D	5-10	R	Ladera Ranch, Calif./Vernon (BCHL)
28	Tyler Nasca	So.	D	5-10	R	Whitfield, N.Y./Lone Star (NAHL)
29	Adrien Bisson (A)	Gr.	D	6-2	L	Cornwall, Ont./Maine (Hockey East)
31	Owen Say	So.	G	6-2	L	London, Ont./Salmon Arm (BCHL)
37	Connor Pelc	Fr.	F	6-2	R	Hamburg, N.Y./Sioux Falls (USHL)
39	Will Margel	Jr.	F	5-9	L	Potomac, Md./New Hampshire (Hockey East)
44	Simon Bucheler	Fr.	G	6-2	L	Pointe-Claire, Que./Shreveport (NAHL)

ROSTER INFO

PRONUNCIATIONS

2. Philip Waugh	.....wue
3. Jake Beaune	.....BONE-ay
4. Jaryd Sych	.....Jarod sich
7. Tyler DesRochers	.....de-roe-SHAY
8. Tyler Gaulin	.....GAH-lyn
10. Steven Agriogianis	.....ag-ro-YAWN-iss
12. Dustin Geregach	.....gare-a-GOSH
14. Boris Skalos	.....skall-OSS
19. Garrett Dahmdam
29. Adrien BissonBEE-son
44. Simon Buchelerbuke-IUR

CLASS BREAKDOWN

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COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

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Canada9

STATE/PROV. BREAKDOWN

California1	Virginia1
Illinois1	Wisconsin1
Maryland	.....1	Manitoba	.....1
Michigan	.....1	Ontario	.....5
Minnesota	.....1	Quebec	.....1
New Hampshire	.....1	Saskatchewan	.....2
New Jersey	.....4		
New York	.....6		
North Carolina	.....1		
Pennsylvania	.....1		
Texas	.....1		

2023-24 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	Name	Yr.	Pos	HT	S/C	Hometown/Prev. Team
10	Steven Agriogianis (A)	Sr.	F	5-9	R	East Hanover, N.J. / Northeastern (Hockey East)
15	Tommy Bannister	So.	F	5-9	L	Clayton, N.Y. /New Jersey (NAHL)
3	Jake Beaune	Jr.	D	6-3	R	Livonia, Mich./Lincoln (USHL)
29	Adrien Bisson (A)	Gr.	D	6-2	L	Cornwall, Ont./Maine (Hockey East)
11	Barrett Brooks	So.	F	5-8	R	Stevens Point, Wisc./Western Michigan (NCHC)
44	Simon Bucheler	Fr.	G	6-2	L	Pointe-Claire, Que./Shreveport (NAHL)
21	Mickey Burns (A)	Sr.	F	5-9	L	Wayne, N.J./Vermont (Hockey East)
16	Ryan Coughlin	So.	F	6-0	R	Charlotte, N.C./New Jersey (NAHL)
19	Garrett Dahm	Jr.	F	6-1	R	Swansea, Ill./Austin (NAHL)
7	Tyler DesRochers	Fr.	D	6-0	R	Howell, N.J./Johnstown (NAHL)
18	Davis Fry	Fr.	F	6-4	L	Regina, Sask./Steinbach (MJHL)
8	Tyler Gaulin	So.	F	6-0	L	Kingston, N.H./Maine Nordiques
12	Dustin Geregach	Jr.	D	6-0	R	McKees Rocks, Pa. /Johnstown (NAHL)
22	Kyler Head	Sr.	F	6-4	L	Malone, N.Y./Robert Morris
9	Sean James	Fr.	F	5-11	R	Almonte, Ont./Smith's Falls (CCHL)
27	Nicholas Kent	So.	D	5-10	R	Ladera Ranch, Calif./Vernon (BCHL)
1	Matt Lenz	Jr.	G	5-11	L	Grapevine, Texas/Steinbach (MJHL)
39	Will Margel	Jr.	F	5-9	L	Potomac, Md./New Hampshire (Hockey East)
5	Jackson McCarthy	Fr.	D	6-1	R	Buffalo, N.Y./Northeast (NAHL)
28	Tyler Nasca	So.	D	5-10	R	Whitfield, N.Y./Lone Star (NAHL)
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24	Marko Reifenberger (C)	Sr.	C	6-0	L	Hastings, Minn./Minnesota (NAHL)
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4	Jaryd Sych	Fr.	D	6-2	L	Riceton, Sask./Notre Dame (SJHL)
2	Philip Waugh	Sr.	D	6-4	L	McLean, Va./Brooks (AJHL)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Rick Dolkin (Brookport '82) (36th Season)
Associate Head Coach: Greg Gardner (Niagara '00)
Assistant Coaches: Tom Pefall, Ryan Zapolski, Carver Watson
Director of Hockey Ops: Matt LaMalfa (Merriamack '12)
Athletic Trainer: Trisha DiMatteo (Florida International '16)
Strength and Conditioning Coach: Tyler Travis (Minnesota State-Mankato '03)

MERCYHURST FACTS

Location	..... Erie, Pennsylvania
Enrollment	..... 3,000
Founded	..... 1829
President	..... Dr. Kathleen Getz
Assistant Vice President for Athletics	..... Brad Davis
Colors	..... Navy Blue, Forest Green, White
Conference	..... Atlantic Hockey Association
Home Facility	..... Mercyhurst Ice Center
Ice Size	..... 200x65
Capacity	..... 1,800
Website	..... hurstathletics.com
Twitter	..... @HurstMensHockey
Instagram	..... @mercyhursthockey
Home Live Video	..... FullHockey.tv



2023-24 ROSTER



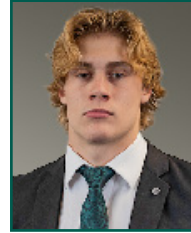
#1 Matt Lenz
23-24: 0 GP 0-0-0 | .000 SV | 0.00 GAA
Career: 9 GP 0-1-1 | .925 SV | 2.56 GAA



#2 Philip Waugh
23-24: 3 GP 2-2-4
Career: 48 GP 3-6-9



#3 Jake Beaune
23-24: 3 GP 0-0-0
Career: 66 GP 2-5-7



#4 Jaryd Sych
23-24: 1 GP 0-0-0
Career: 1 GP 0-0-0



#5 Jackson McCarthy
23-24: 0 GP 0-0-0
Career: 0 GP 0-0-0



#6 Trent Sambrook
23-24: 1 GP 0-0-0
Career: 1 GP 0-0-0



#7 Tyler DesRochers
23-24: 0 GP 0-0-0
Career: 0 GP 0-0-0



#8 Tyler Gaulin
23-24: 3 GP 0-0-0
Career: 13 GP 0-1-1



#9 Sean James
23-24: 0 GP 0-0-0
Career: 0 GP 0-0-0



#10 Steven Agrogianis
23-24: 3 GP 1-1-2
Career: 57 GP 7-20-27



#11 Barrett Brooks
23-24: 2 GP 0-0-0
Career: 2 GP 0-0-0



#12 Dustin Geregach
23-24: 3 GP 1-2-3
Career: 51 GP 4-15-19



#14 Boris Skalos
23-24: 3 GP 1-0-1
Career: 3 GP 1-0-1



#15 Tommy Bannister
23-24: 3 GP 0-2-2
Career: 19 GP 1-5-6



#16 Ryan Coughlin
23-24: 3 GP 0-0-0
Career: 20 GP 0-5-5



#18 Davis Fry
23-24: 2 GP 0-0-0
Career: 2 GP 0-0-0



#19 Garrett Dahm
23-24: 3 GP 0-2-2
Career: 57 GP 7-11-16



#20 Keanan Stewart
23-24: 3 GP 1-1-2
Career: 57 GP 9-7-16



#21 Mickey Burns
23-24: 3 GP 1-1-2
Career: 57 GP 16-16-32



#22 Kyler Head
23-24: 0 GP 0-0-0
Career: 69 GP 13-12-25



#23 Cameron Ricotta
23-24: 0 GP 0-0-0
Career: 0 GP 0-0-0



#24 Marko Reifenberger
23-24: 3 GP 2-1-3
Career: 92 GP 15-20-35



#26 Spencer Smith
23-24: 3 GP 0-1-1
Career: 3 GP 0-1-1



#27 Nicholas Kent
23-24: 2 GP 0-1-1
Career: 2 GP 0-1-1



#28 Tyler Nasca
23-24: 2 GP 0-0-0
Career: 2 GP 0-0-0



#29 Adrien Bisson
23-24: 3 GP 0-1-1
Career: 16 GP 8-18-26



#31 Owen Say
23-24: 3 GP 0-1-2 | .920 SV | 3.18 GAA
Career: 14 GP 4-7-2 | .912 SV | 3.29 GAA



#37 Connor Pelc
23-24: 2 GP 0-0-0
Career: 2 GP 0-0-0



#39 Will Margel
23-24: 3 GP 0-1-1
Career: 33 GP 1-6-7



#44 Simon Bucheler
23-24: GP 0-0-0 | .000 SV | 0.00 GAA
Career: GP 0-0-0 | .000 SV | 0.00 GAA

2023-24 ROSTER OVERVIEW

A Large Freshman Class

Mercyhurst Men's Ice Hockey welcomes its largest Freshman class in four years, with eleven freshman incoming. Jared Sych (Defense), Jackson McCarthy (Defense), Trent Sambrook (Defense), Tyler DesRochers (Defense), Sean James (Forward), Boris Skalos (Forward), Davis Fry (Forward), Cameron Ricotta (Forward), Spencer Smith (Forward), Connor Plec (Forward), Simon Bucheler (Goalie).

Two Key Transfers

Forward Will Margel joins Mercyhurst as an incoming junior, transferring from the University of New Hampshire. He appeared in 30 games for the Wildcats, scoring 1 goal with 5 assists for a total of 6 points the past two seasons. Margel won the USA National Hockey Championship and MVP at Selects Hockey Academy at South Kent School in 2019; he was also named offensive player of the year for the NAHL Johnstown Tomahawks in 2020-21 after accumulating 61 points. Barrett Brooks, another forward, comes over from Western Michigan University as a sophomore. Brooks was named All-State in Wisconsin in 2018 and 2019.

Returning to the Mercyhurst Ice Center

Two of the top five-point getters from last season return for the Lakers. Steven Agriogianis finished the season with 19 points with the second most on the Lakers while tying for the team lead in assists with 15. Mickey Burns had 18 points and scored 11 goals, which was second for the Lakers. Owen Say and Matt Lenz return in goal for the Lakers, with Say received preseason All-Atlantic Hockey team votes.

A Look at the Coaching Staff

Rick Gotkin takes the helm for his 36th season as Mercyhurst's head coach. Gotkin is joined by associate head coach Greg Gardenr, who is in his 8th season with the Lakers, and assistant coaches Tom Peffall and Vince Laise. Peffall enters his 2nd season with the team and Laise enters his 1st.

2023-24 ATLANTIC HOCKEY AWARDS

Player	Award	Week

AHA STANDINGS

Team	Points	AHA GP	AHA W-L-T	OW-DL	SW	GF-GA	Overall GP	W-L-T	GF-GA
Holy Cross	4	2	1-0-1	0-1	0	6-4	5	4-0-1	15-7
Mercyhurst	4	2	0-0-2	0-0	2	6-6	3	0-1-2	9-10
RIT	3	2	1-1-0	0-0	-	6-7	4	2-2-0	12-11
Sacred Heart	3	2	1-1-0	0-0	-	7-6	4	1-3-0	10-16
Robert Morris	3	3	0-1-2	0-0	1	7-9	5	1-2-2	10-12
Niagara	1	1	0-0-1	0-0	0	3-3	3	0-2-1	6-10
Air Force	-	0	0-0-0	0-0	-	-	6	3-3-0	20-20
AIC	-	0	0-0-0	0-0	-	-	5	1-2-0	13-23
Army West Point	-	0	0-0-0	0-0	-	-	3	0-3-0	4-16
Bentley	-	0	0-0-0	0-0	-	-	4	2-2-0	10-9
Canisius	-	0	0-0-0	0-0	-	-	4	0-4-0	0-18

2023-24 PRESEASON POLL

Team	Points (FPV)
RIT	105
Sacred Heart	89
AIC	90
Holy Cross	82
Canisius	79
Niagara	68
Army West Point	63
Air Force	47
Mercyhurst	36
Robert Morris	30
Bentley	27

ABOUT ATLANTIC HOCKEY

A new chapter in the history of college hockey was ushered into existence when the Atlantic Hockey Association (AHA) became the sixth Division I men's ice hockey conference in 2003. Now in its 21st season of existence in 2023-24, under direction of new Commissioner Michelle Morgan, Robert Morris will also be returning to the conference this season to bring the league back to 11 teams.

The nine original members - American International, Army, Bentley, Canisius, Connecticut, Holy Cross, Mercyhurst, Quinnipiac, and Sacred Heart - conceived the concept of a standalone ice hockey conference when it became apparent they needed an organization that represented specific hockey needs. Together, the teams broke away from the Metro Atlantic Athletic Association (MAAC) and started anew, creating the Atlantic Hockey Association on June 30, 2003. They installed Robert M. DeGregorio, Jr., former Commissioner of Hockey East and Director of Athletics at Merrimack College, as commissioner of the new league.

In August of 2004, Quinnipiac announced that the 2004-05 season would be their last in Atlantic Hockey as they were leaving to join ECAC Hockey. Four months later, Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) announced that their men's hockey program would be elevating to Division I status from Division III and would be joining Atlantic Hockey in 2006-07. Air Force also accepted an invitation to join Atlantic Hockey in 2006-07, bringing membership up to 10 institutions.

Membership again grew in 2010-11 to 12 schools, with Robert Morris and Niagara leaving the now-defunct College Hockey America (CHA) and joining Atlantic Hockey. The AHA remained a 12-team league until the end of the 2013-14 season when UConn left for Hockey East, bringing Atlantic Hockey to 11 teams. The league would stay at 10 teams until Robert Morris University announced it was eliminating its program following the 2020-21 to set the AHA membership at 10 programs for the 2022-21 campaign.

After Holy Cross (2006) and Air Force (2009), fall one win short of advancing to Atlantic Hockey's first Frozen Four, RIT broke through in 2010 with wins over Denver and New Hampshire to send the Tigers to Ford Field. RIT (2015), Air Force (2017 & 2018), and AIC (2019) have come close to repeating that accomplishment in recent years, losing in the regional final each time.

Since its inception, Atlantic Hockey has placed as much emphasis on off-ice achievements as they have on-ice ones. A record number 209 student-athletes were named to the Atlantic Hockey All-Academic Team in 2015-16, with 2016-17 nearly matching that with 207. In addition, Atlantic Hockey's student-athletes have put in countless hours in their respective communities, leaving lasting legacies that far exceed their abilities on the ice.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

Overtime Win.....10/21/22 at Clarkson (10T) 2-1
 Overtime Loss.....2/3/23 at Air Force (10T) 3-4
 Lakers Score 10+12/5/08 at AIC, 11-1
 Opponent Scores 10+11/15/19 vs AIC, 12-0
 Shutout 2/25/21 at Canisius, 3-0
 Opponent Shutout.....1/14/23 at RIT, 0-1
 Lakers 50+ SOG.....10/14/17 @ Holy Cross, 50
 Laker Hat Trick10/15/21, Carson Briere (4) vs Holy Cross
 Laker 4+ Goals.....10/15/21, Carson Briere (4) vs Holy Cross
 Laker with 5+ Point.....1/9/15, Daniel Bahntge (5) vs Sacred Heart
 Laker with 10+ SOG..... 12/6/14, Kyle Just (11), vs Army
 Laker with 40+ Saves.....10/14/23, Owen Say (42) vs Robert Morris
 Laker with 50+ Saves.....11/4/17, Brandon Wildung (50) vs Penn State

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

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Postgame Press Conferences

Coach Gotkin and requested players will be available to the media after a ten-minute cooling off period.

Weekly Press Conference

Coach Gotkin will be available to the media each Tuesday at location TBD.

Interview Requests

To request an interview with Coach Gotkin or players throughout the week, please contact Liam O'Hara to arrange a mutually agreed upon time for the interview.



36 SEASONS WITH COACH GOTKIN



Rick Gotkin enters his 36th season as head coach of the Mercyhurst University men's hockey team. Since coming to Erie in 1988, Gotkin has spent more than three decades instilling a winning tradition in the men's hockey program. Gotkin, the only coach in NCAA history to take a team to the NCAA Tournament at all three levels, has guided the Lakers to nearly 600 wins, six NCAA tournament appearances and five league championships. His teams have averaged 18 wins a season and have made the postseason in 33 of the 36 years he has been at Mercyhurst.

In the 2022-23 season, Gotkin recorded his 1200th game behind the bench during a 7-3 win over Army on the road. This success also established Gotkin as the longest-tenured active coach in all of NCAA Hockey.

In August of 2017, Gotkin was appointed as a member of the NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee. Where he served a four-year appointment which began on Sept. 1, 2017.

In June of 2015, Gotkin was inducted into the Erie Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

Gotkin coached the Lakers to the Atlantic Hockey regular-season championship in 2017-18. Mercyhurst finished the season with a 21-12-4 record and had non-conference wins over No. 17 Penn State and No. 9 Wisconsin.

In 2015-16, the Lakers had an overall record of 17-15-4 and a conference record of 15-9-4. They defeated non-conference Colgate and Ohio State in the process. The Lakers reached the AHA Quarterfinals, before falling to RIT. Gotkin recorded his 500th win during Atlantic Hockey play against Air Force on Saturday November 7. After the season end, three of Gotkin's players signed professional contracts, one being with the Washington Capitals of the NHL. In 2014-15, the Lakers won 19 games and defeated non-conference opponents Merrimack and Colgate in the process. Mercyhurst also played to a 2-2 overtime tie against Ohio State in early January at the Erie Insurance Arena. The Lakers reached the championship game of the Atlantic Hockey Conference playoffs before bowing to RIT. After the season, eight of Gotkin's players signed professional contracts while 18 were named to the Atlantic Hockey conference All-Academic Team.

During the 2012-13 season, Gotkin became the 26th coach in NCAA history, at any division, to record 450 career wins when the Lakers defeated Army in game two of the first round of the Atlantic Hockey Association (AHA) playoffs. He guided the Lakers to a 19-17-5 overall record and helped Mercyhurst to the AHA title game for the first time since 2009.

During his tenure, Gotkin has produced seven All Americans, four ECAC Players of the Year, three ECAC Rookies of the Year, five MAAC First-Team selections, an AHA Player-of-the-Year, 24 AHA All-Conference selections, three AHA Rookies of the Year and one AHA Defenseman of the Year. In 2001, Gotkin was also a finalist for the Spencer Penrose Award.

Gotkin has also been a featured speaker at many USA Hockey coaching clinics and symposiums. He has served on the Hobey Baker Award Committee and currently serves on four other national committees: the American Hockey Coaches Association Division I Committee, the US College Hockey Online.com National Poll Committee, the Division I East region advisory committee, and the USA Today/American Hockey Magazine College Hockey Poll.

In 1995, the varsity hockey team won the Sister Rita Panciera Award given annually to the Mercyhurst College group that "best exemplifies the values of mercy". In March of 1998, the team was honored again, this time by the Erie Achievement Center for its work with the disabled.

Gotkin is married to the former Diane Kaminski of Erie, Pa. They are the parents of two children: Lindsey Ann was born September 2, 1991, and Brandon Reed arrived April 1, 1995. Lindsey, a Mercyhurst alum and four-year member of the Laker golf team, earned her law degree at DePaul and is now an attorney in Washington, D.C., while Brandon, a former member of the Laker men's ice hockey team, is now coaching with the Youngstown Phantoms of the USHL.

CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	OVERALL	CONF.	YEAR	TEAM	OVERALL	CONF.
1988-89	Mercyhurst	11-16-1	5-12-1	2006-07	Mercyhurst	9-20-6	9-15-4
1989-90	Mercyhurst	18-8-4	16-3-2	2007-08	Mercyhurst	15-19-7	11-10-7
1990-91	Mercyhurst	19-13-1	15-3-0	2008-09	Mercyhurst	22-15-3	17-8-3
1991-92	Mercyhurst	19-12-0	13-8-0	2009-10	Mercyhurst	15-20-3	15-10-3
1992-93	Mercyhurst	18-10-0	15-3-0	2010-11	Mercyhurst	15-18-4	12-13-2
1993-94	Mercyhurst	12-13-0	6-4-0	2011-12	Mercyhurst	20-16-4	15-8-4
1994-95	Mercyhurst	23-3-2	6-1-1	2012-13	Mercyhurst	19-17-5	12-11-4
1995-96	Mercyhurst	18-7-2	5-4-0	2013-14	Mercyhurst	21-13-7	17-4-6
1996-97	Mercyhurst	16-9-2	5-5-1	2014-15	Mercyhurst	19-16-4	15-11-3
1997-98	Mercyhurst	17-9-1	4-5-1	2015-16	Mercyhurst	17-15-4	15-9-4
1998-99	Mercyhurst	16-10-2	3-4-1	2016-17	Mercyhurst	15-20-4	11-13-4
1999-00	Mercyhurst	23-10-4	19-6-2	2017-18	Mercyhurst	21-12-4	16-8-4
2000-01	Mercyhurst	22-12-2	19-6-1	2018-19	Mercyhurst	13-20-5	11-15-4
2001-02	Mercyhurst	24-10-3	21-2-3	2019-20	Mercyhurst	5-29-2	3-23-2
2002-03	Mercyhurst	22-13-2	19-8-1	2020-21	Mercyhurst	8-12-1	7-8-3
2003-04	Mercyhurst	20-14-2	16-7-1	2021-22	Mercyhurst	16-19-4	10-12-4
2004-05	Mercyhurst	18-16-4	14-7-3	2022-23	Mercyhurst	10-23-3	9-14-3
2005-06	Mercyhurst	22-13-2	19-5-2	2023-24	Mercyhurst	0-1-2	0-0-2



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