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## SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Res.
10.17	@ Kansas City	L 2-3
10.18	@ Kansas City	W 5-2
10.24	WICHITA	L 0-1
10.25	WICHITA	W 5-4 (OT)
10.29	@ Allen	W 2-1 (OT)
10.31	@ Allen	L 2-3
11.01	@ Allen	L 3-6
11.05	TAHOE	L 4-5 (OT)
11.07	TAHOE	L 3-5
11.08	TAHOE	W 5-2
11.12	@ Indy	L 4-5 (OT)
11.14	@ Indy	L 0-3
11.15	@ Indy	W 2-1
11.21	KANSAS CITY	L 3-4
11.22	KANSAS CITY	L 3-6
11.26	IDAHO	W 5-4 (OT)
11.28	IDAHO	W 6-2
11.29	IDAHO	L 1-2
12.03	@ Tahoe	W 5-2
12.05	@ Tahoe	W 4-1
12.06	@ Tahoe	W 3-2 (SO)
12.11	ALLEN	W 7-3
12.12	ALLEN	L 0-4
12.13	ALLEN	L 1-5
12.17	@ Idaho	L 1-7
12.19	@ Idaho	W 4-3
12.20	@ Idaho	L 1-7
12.27	TAHOE	PPD
12.28	TAHOE	PPD
12.31	TAHOE	W 4-3 (SO)
01.02	@ Idaho	L 1-3
01.03	@ Idaho	7:10 p.m.
01.09	INDY	7:05 p.m.
01.10	INDY	7:05 p.m.
01.11	INDY	4:05 p.m.
01.16	@ Cincinnati	5:35 p.m.
01.17	@ Cincinnati	2:05 p.m.
01.23	UTAH	7:05 p.m.
01.24	UTAH	7:05 p.m.
01.25	UTAH	4:05 p.m.
01.30	@ Allen	6:10 p.m.
01.31	@ Allen	6:10 p.m.
02.01	@ Allen	1:10 p.m.
02.04	@ Wichita	6:05 p.m.
02.06	@ Wichita	6:05 p.m.
02.07	@ Wichita	6:05 p.m.
02.13	TAHOE	7:05 p.m.
02.14	TAHOE	7:05 p.m.
02.19	WORCESTER	7:05 p.m.
02.20	WORCESTER	7:05 p.m.
02.21	WORCESTER	7:05 p.m.
02.27	@ Tulsa	6:05 p.m.
02.28	@ Tulsa	6:05 p.m.
03.01	@ Tulsa	2:05 p.m.
03.04	WHEELING	7:05 p.m.
03.06	WHEELING	7:05 p.m.
03.07	WHEELING	7:05 p.m.
03.12	WICHITA	7:05 p.m.
03.13	WICHITA	7:05 p.m.
03.14	WICHITA	7:05 p.m.
03.20	@ Kalamazoo	5:00 p.m.
03.21	@ Kalamazoo	2:30 p.m.
03.22	@ Kalamazoo	1:00 p.m.
03.27	@ Tahoe	8:00 p.m.
03.28	@ Tahoe	8:00 p.m.
03.29	@ Tahoe	4:00 p.m.
04.01	TULSA	7:05 p.m.
04.03	TULSA	7:05 p.m.
04.04	TULSA	7:05 p.m.
04.08	@ Utah	7:10 p.m.
04.10	@ Utah	7:10 p.m.
04.11	@ Utah	7:10 p.m.

All times listed MT

## TONIGHT'S MATCHUP



**RAPID CITY RUSH** (13-14-2-0, 7<sup>th</sup> Mountain)  
at  
**IDAHO STEELHEADS** (19-8-3-0, 1<sup>st</sup> Mountain)



Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026  
7:10 p.m. MST  
Idaho Central Arena – Boise, Idaho

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## HEADLINES

### LAST TIME OUT

Connor Murphy played his heart out, but was met with unfortunate luck as the Rapid City Rush fell to the Idaho Steelheads, 3-1, at Idaho Central Arena on Friday. Both sides played an evenly-matched game throughout. Idaho broke the ice when Rapid City passed the puck directly in front of the net to the Steelheads' Liam Malmquist, who buried late in the first period. Idaho doubled the lead with about five minutes remaining in the third off a deflected puck from a Rush stick. **Ryan Chyzowski** broke the shutout in the final 47 seconds, but Idaho found the empty net to skate away victorious.

### CHYZ ON THE ROAD

Ryan Chyzowski scored his 12<sup>th</sup> goal of the season yesterday, tying him with Ryan Wagner for the team lead. Chyzowski has scored a goal in five of the last six road games, and has buried three times at Idaho Central Arena alone.

### LOTTA PIMS

Physicality was the name of the game over the first two periods, and tensions boiled over after the second-period buzzer. A total of eleven penalties were assessed. **Blake Bennett** and Jade Miller engaged in a fight, and both received game misconducts for fighting after the period's conclusion. It was Bennett's first career fight. The two teams combined for 17 penalties and 80 penalty minutes throughout the game.

### THE FINALE

This is the final regular-season meeting between the Rush and the Idaho Steelheads. Typically the most common matchup for Rapid City, the eight matchups this year is the fewest since the two teams started playing one another in 2015. The Rush can tie the season series with a victory tonight.

### YEAR IN REVIEW

The Rush played 70 games in the calendar year 2025 and finished with a 36-30-4 record.

## BY THE NUMBERS

RAPID CITY			IDAHO		
13-14-2-0			19-8-3-0		
6-7-1-0			11-5-0-0		
7-7-1-0			8-3-3-0		
5-5-0-0			8-1-1-0		
3-4-0-0			4-2-1-0		
86			107		
3.0 (13 <sup>th</sup> )			3.6 (3 <sup>rd</sup> )		
99			90		
3.4 (25 <sup>th</sup> )			3.0 (16 <sup>th</sup> )		
8/94	8.5%	(30 <sup>th</sup> )	PP% (Rank)	19/126	15.1% (25 <sup>th</sup> )
64/90	71.1%	(30 <sup>th</sup> )	PK% (Rank)	98/121	81.0% (20 <sup>th</sup> )

**SEASON SERIES VS. IDAHO**

Wed., November 26	@ Rapid City	W 5-4 (OT)
Fri., November 28	@ Rapid City	W 6-2
Sat., November 29	@ Rapid City	L 1-2
Wed., December 17	@ Idaho	L 1-7
Fri., December 19	@ Idaho	W 4-3
Sat., December 20	@ Idaho	L 1-7
Fri., January 2	@ Idaho	L 1-3
Sat., January 3	@ Idaho	

**MOUNTAIN DIVISION STANDINGS**

Team	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Idaho	19	8	3	0	41
Kansas City	19	7	1	1	40
Tahoe	17	11	1	2	37
Allen	14	11	3	0	31
Utah	13	13	3	0	29
Wichita	12	11	3	2	29
<b>Rapid City</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>
Tulsa	10	18	0	0	20

x – clinched playoffs    e – eliminated from playoffs  
y – clinched division  
z – clinched best record

**LAST TIME OUT VS. IDAHO****December 20, 2025 – Rapid City 1 @ Idaho 7**

The Rapid City Rush fell 7-1 to the Idaho Steelheads at Idaho Central Arena, the second such result in the series. Idaho raced out of the gates with three goals in the first eight minutes, then three more to start the second period. **Ryan Wagner** tallied the Rush's lone goal of the night, a power play strike midway through the third for his team-leading 12<sup>th</sup> of the year. **Quinn Olson** and **Blake Bennett** assisted on the play. Idaho outshot the Rush, 43-31, and led for over 58 minutes.

**ALL-TIME RECORD VS. IDAHO: 43-66-14****IDAHO STEELHEADS STAFF**

Position	Name
Head Coach	Everett Sheen
Associate Coach	Keenan Kelly
Head Athletic Trainer	Kailey Warren
Head Equipment Manager	Khris Bestel

**IDAHO MEDIA RELATIONS CONTACT**

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**QUICK HITTERS****STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE**

There is no doubt that the Rush have had a tough schedule through two-and-a-half months of the season. This is the 16<sup>th</sup> straight game the Rush are playing against a team currently ranked in the Mountain Division's top four. This will be the 11<sup>th</sup> time in the last 15 where the opponent is the top team at the time of the matchup. Amazingly, Rapid City has played just five games all season against teams currently outside the top four.

**LEADING THE WAY IN SHOTS**

The Rush put up the first six shots on goal and led for the majority of Wednesday's game, which hasn't been common: Rapid City has outshot their opponent just nine times this season. They have four wins when doing so, and three of them have come against Tahoe. The Rush's nine wins when being outshot are tied for fourth-most in the ECHL.

**A GAMER**

Dave Smith signed defenseman Brady Keeper on Monday, bringing NHL and AHL experience onto the roster. Keeper had not played a professional game since January 7, 2024, but in his ECHL debut on Wednesday, the 29-year-old was on the ice for 24 minutes and looked as though he didn't skip a beat. Keeper is the 17<sup>th</sup> man in franchise history to play an NHL game, either before or after his tenure with the Rush.

**MURPH IN THE SHOOTOUT**

Connor Murphy picked up his first shootout win as a pro on New Year's Eve. You wouldn't know it by his performance: Murphy denied three of Tahoe's four shootout attempts, and made 31 saves on 34 shots against the offense which leads the league in goals scored.

**FINDING A WAY**

The Rush own the fewest regulation wins in the division (8), but lead the Mountain with the most wins beyond regulation (5).

**100 FOR WOODY**

Briley Wood skated in his 100<sup>th</sup> ECHL game last night. Wood played all 72 games with the rival Utah Grizzlies last season, then came to Rapid City on a contract with the Calgary Wranglers. The second-year winger has picked up 15 points on the year.

**NEED TO SOLVE THIS GUY**

Idaho goaltender Jake Barczewski stole last night's game, improving his head-to-head record to 3-0 with just three goals against.

**ADDED TOUGHNESS**

The snarl quotient on the Rush's roster increased significantly in the 11 days between games. Garrett Klotz, the leading enforcer in the ECHL, signed on and made his season debut on Wednesday. Darian Pilon returned after missing six games due to injury. Brady Keeper made his ECHL debut and mixed it up right away.

**MAKING THE PPGs COUNT**

The Rush have scored just eight power play goals this season, but those victories on special teams have resulted in wins: Rapid City is 5-1-1 when scoring a power play goal and 6-5-1 when not allowing a goal on their penalty kill.

**SHIFTING SCENERY**

This is the first and only time this season the Rush are playing in two different cities in the same week, not a rarity in the ECHL but certainly one for Rapid City given the distance from divisional opponents. The team packed up their bags immediately after Wednesday's game and flew out to Idaho yesterday morning.

**RUSH SPLITS**

Home:	6-7-1-0
Away:	7-7-1-0
Leading after 1:	6-0-1-0
Trailing after 1:	2-11-1-0
Tied after 1:	5-3-0-0
Leading after 2:	7-1-2-0
Trailing after 2:	2-12-0-0
Tied after 2:	4-1-0-0
When scoring first:	9-3-1-0
When not scoring first:	4-11-1-0
When scoring PPG:	5-1-1-0
When allowing PPG:	7-9-1-0
When scoring SHG:	1-0-1-0
When allowing SHG:	0-3-0-0
In overtime:	3-2
In shootout:	2-0
Wearing black:	5-4-1-0
Wearing white:	6-5-1-0
Wearing red:	1-4-0-0
Wearing specialty:	1-1-0-0
On Sunday:	0-0-0-0
On Monday:	0-0-0-0
On Tuesday:	0-0-0-0
On Wednesday:	4-1-2-0
On Thursday:	1-0-0-0
On Friday:	3-8-0-0
On Saturday:	5-5-0-0
In Mountain Time Zone:	7-10-1-0
In Central Time Zone:	2-3-0-0
In Eastern Time Zone:	1-1-1-0
In Pacific Time Zone:	3-0-0-0
In October:	3-3-0-0
In November:	4-6-2-0
In December:	6-4-0-0
In January:	0-1-0-0
In February:	0-0-0-0
In March:	0-0-0-0
In April:	0-0-0-0
vs. Mountain division:	12-13-1-0
vs. Central division:	1-1-1-0
vs. South division:	0-0-0-0
vs. North division:	0-0-0-0
vs. Allen*:	2-4-0-0
vs. Cincinnati:	0-0-0-0
vs. Idaho*:	3-4-0-0
vs. Indy:	1-1-1-0
vs. Kalamazoo:	0-0-0-0
vs. Kansas City*:	1-3-0-0
vs. Tahoe*:	5-1-1-0
vs. Tulsa*:	0-0-0-0
vs. Utah*:	0-0-0-0
vs. Wichita*:	1-1-0-0
vs. Wheeling:	0-0-0-0
vs. Worcester:	0-0-0-0

\* denotes divisional opponent

**RAPID CITY RUSH ROSTER**

No.	Name	Pos.	Shoots	Ht	Wt	Cont.	Hometown
3	Darian Pilon	F	L	5-10	185	ECHL	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
4	Kaleb Tiessen	D	L	6-5	210	ECHL	Leamington, Ont.
8	Chaz Smedsrud	F	R	6-2	195	ECHL	Luverne, Minn.
9	Jake Ratzlaff	D	R	6-2	215	ECHL	Rosemount, Minn.
12	Chase Pauls <b>W</b>	D	R	6-5	222	AHL	Osler, Sask.
13	Ryan Wagner <b>W</b>	F	L	5-9	185	ECHL	Park Ridge, Ill.
14	Briley Wood <b>W</b>	F	R	6-3	188	AHL	Rivers, Man.
15	Bobby Russell	D	L	6-0	197	ECHL	Langley, B.C.
21	Cameron Buhl	F	L	5-10	180	ECHL	South St. Paul, Minn.
22	Mitchell Smith	D	L	5-11	185	ECHL	Saginaw, Mich.
23	Connor Joyce	F	R	6-0	170	ECHL	Dedham, Mass.
26	Seth Fyten	F	R	6-2	200	ECHL	Sundre, Alta.
29	Ryan Chyzowski <b>W</b>	F	L	6-1	190	AHL	Kamloops, B.C.
31	Connor Murphy <b>W</b>	G	L	6-4	201	AHL	Hudson Falls, N.Y.
33	Rico DiMatteo	G	L	6-3	175	ECHL	Brasher Falls, N.Y.
35	Nathan Torchia	G	L	5-10	180	ECHL	Baden, Ont.
43	Parker Bowman	F	L	6-0	186	ECHL	Bracebridge, Ont.
51	Quinn Olson <b>W</b>	F	L	5-11	170	AHL	Calgary, Alta.
65	Brady Keeper	D	R	6-2	200	ECHL	Cross Lake, Man.
70	Rasmus Ekström	F	R	5-9	193	ECHL	Stockholm, Sweden
76	Xavier Bernard <b>W</b>	D	L	6-5	205	AHL	Sherbrooke, Que.
82	Brett Davis <b>W</b>	F	L	6-2	205	AHL	Oakbank, Man.
88	Garrett Klotz	F	L	6-6	250	ECHL	Regina, Sask.
91	Blake Bennett <b>W</b>	F	L	5-9	185	AHL	Grand Island, N.Y.

**RAPID CITY RUSH HOCKEY OPERATIONS STAFF**

Position	Name	Years with Rush	Hometown
Head Coach	Dave Smith	1	Arthur, Ont.
Associate Coach	Peter Drikos	3	Scarborough, Ont.
Video Coach/Operations	Austin Washkurak	1	Oakville, Ont.
Goaltending Consultant	Danny Battocchio	3	Lively, Ont.
Equipment Manager	Alex Werner	1	Buffalo, N.Y.
Head Athletic Trainer	Justin Ullom, MAT, LAT, ATC	4	Wildwood, Mo.
Medical Director	Dr. Christopher Dietrich	18	Huron, S.D.

**RAPID CITY RUSH ODDS & ENDS****RUSH BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH**

United States: 9    Canada: 15    Sweden: 1

**PLAYERS WITH AHL EXPERIENCE**

Bernard	Bellefonte, Bakersfield, Lehigh Valley
Chyzowski	Toronto, Manitoba
Davis	Calgary
Keeper	Springfield, Syracuse, Abbotsford, Laval
Klotz	Philadelphia, Adirondack, Norfolk
Murphy	Calgary
Olson	Ontario
Pauls	Henderson
Russell	Ontario, Charlotte
Wagner	Chicago, Colorado
Wood	Colorado

**NHL DRAFT PICKS**

Klotz	2007 – Rd. 3, Pick 66 – PHI
Davis	2017 – Rd. 6, Pick 163 – DAL
Bernard	2018 – Rd. 4, Pick 110 – NJ
Olson	2019 – Rd. 3, Pick 92 – BOS

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

3	Darian	<b>PEA</b> -lawn
4	Kaleb	<b>TEE</b> -sin
8	Chaz	<b>SMEDZ</b> -rude
9	Jake	<b>RATZ</b> -loff
26	Seth	Fightin'
29	Ryan	Chih- <b>ZOW</b> -ski
33	Rico	Dih- <b>MAT</b> -ee-oh
35	Nathan	<b>TOR</b> -kee-uh
AC	Peter	<b>DREE</b> -kohs
AT	Justin	<b>UH</b> -lum



RAPID CITY RUSH STATISTICAL LEADERS

GOALS

No.	Player	G
13	Ryan Wagner	12
29	Ryan Chyzowski	12
3 players tied		7

ASSISTS

No.	Player	A
13	Ryan Wagner	16
8	Chaz Smedsrud	12
91	Blake Bennett	12

POINTS

No.	Player	PTS
13	Ryan Wagner	28
29	Ryan Chyzowski	21
91	Blake Bennett	18

+/-

No.	Player	+/-
8	Chaz Smedsrud	+7
29	Ryan Chyzowski	+5

x - denotes inactive player

PENALTY MINUTES

No.	Player	PIM
91	Blake Bennett	45
29	Ryan Chyzowski	38

GWGs

No.	Player	GWG
29	Ryan Chyzowski	2
15	Bobby Russell	2

WINS

No.	Player	W
x - 32	Arsenii Sergeev	6
31	Connor Murphy	6

SV%

No.	Player	SV%
x - 32	Arsenii Sergeev	.922
31	Connor Murphy	.911

GAA

No.	Player	GAA
x - 32	Arsenii Sergeev	2.94
31	Connor Murphy	3.25

RUSH ECHL RECORDS

TEAM RECORDS

Most Points:	83	2021-22
Fewest Points:	56	2017-18
Most Wins:	37	2014-15
Fewest Wins:	25	2017-18
Most Losses:	41	2017-18
Fewest Losses:	25	2021-22
Most Goals For:	241	2021-22
Fewest Goals Allowed:	206	2014-15

STREAKS

Winning

Longest Overall:	11	2/5-2/28/25
Longest Home:	9	10/25-1/16/19
Longest Road:	6	1/30-2/21/15
		2/5-2/23/25

Losing

Longest Overall:	10	12/1-12/22/17
Longest Home:	11	1/19-3/22/24
Longest Road:	8	1/16-2/6/16

ECHL PLAYER RECORDS

Most Points, Season

Alex Aleardi	79	2023-24
Ryan Wagner	79	2024-25

Most Points, Game

Josh Macdonald	6	3/14/16
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Most Goals, Season

Blake Bennett	35	2023-24
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Most Goals, Game

4 - Three times, most recent...		
Peter Quenneville		1/10/20

Most Assists, Season

Ryan Wagner	50	2024-25
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Most Assists, Game

Daniel Leavens	5	4/7/18
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Most PIM, Season

Garrett Klotz	161	2018-19
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Most PIM, Game

Garrett Clarke	27	1/2/16
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THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED...

Event	Date	Opponent	Score	Notes
OT Win:	Nov. 26, 2025	vs. Idaho	5-4	GWG: Ryan Wagner
OT Loss:	Nov. 12, 2025	at Indy	4-5	GWG: Lee Lapid
Shootout Win:	Dec. 31, 2025	vs. Tahoe	4-3	Shootout won 2-1
Shootout Loss:	Dec. 12, 2024	vs. Wichita	2-3	Shootout lost 1-0
Shutout Win:	Mar. 15, 2025	vs. Iowa	1-0	Connor Murphy, 40 saves
Shutout Loss:	Dec. 13, 2025	vs. Allen	0-4	Marco Costantini, 30 saves
Scored a Hat Trick:	Oct. 25, 2025	vs. Wichita	5-4	Carter Wilkie
Allowed a Hat Trick:	Nov. 1, 2025	at Allen	3-6	Harrison Blaisdell

ASSORTED RUSH STATISTICS

Goals By Period

Period	1	2	3	OT/SO	Tot
Rush	26	29	26	3/2	86
Opponent	36	27	34	2/0	99
Goal Diff.	-10	2	-8	3	-13

Special Teams

Power Play	PPG	PPO	PP%	SHGA
	8	94	8.5%	4
Penalty Kill	xSH	PPGA	PK%	SHGF
	91	26	71.1%	2

GOALIE RECORDS

Most Appearances, Season

Danny Battochio	52	2014-15
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Most Wins

Danny Battochio	25	2014-15
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Most Losses

Matt Radomsky	22	2023-24
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Most Shutouts

Adam Carlson	4	2018-19
Danny Battochio	4	2014-15

Lowest GAA

Danny Battochio	2.47	2014-15
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Best SV%

Adam Carlson	.916	2018-19
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**RAPID CITY RUSH GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS**

Game	Day	Date	Opponent	Score	Record	Goalies	GWG	PP	PK	Shots	Attn.
1	Fri	10/17	@ Kansas City	2-3	0-1-0	Murphy, LaFontaine	Jutting	0/3	3/5	22-43	4630
2	Sat	10/18	@ Kansas City	5-2	1-1-0	Sergeev, Shane	Chyzowski	0/2	3/3	16-38	3506
3	Fri	10/24	<b>WICHITA</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>1-2-0</b>	<b>Murphy, Davis</b>	<b>Dickman</b>	<b>0/4</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>41-29</b>	<b>4118</b>
4	Sat	10/25	<b>WICHITA</b>	<b>5-4 (OT)</b>	<b>2-2-0</b>	<b>Sergeev, Davis</b>	<b>Wilkie</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>32-44</b>	<b>3672</b>
5	Wed	10/29	@ Allen	2-1 (OT)	3-2-0	Murphy, Costantini	Bennett	1/3	4/4	41-40	2980
6	Fri	10/31	@ Allen	2-3	3-3-0	Sergeev, Costantini	Crone	0/6	4/4	39-29	1788
7	Sat	11/1	@ Allen	3-6	3-4-0	Murphy, Costantini	Blaisdell	0/2	4/6	32-40	5790
8	Wed	11/5	<b>TAHOE</b>	<b>4-5 (OT)</b>	<b>3-4-1</b>	<b>Murphy, Papirny</b>	<b>McGrew</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>46-42</b>	<b>1873</b>
9	Fri	11/7	<b>TAHOE</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>3-5-1</b>	<b>Sergeev, Papirny</b>	<b>Stanick</b>	<b>0/3</b>	<b>0/3</b>	<b>41-31</b>	<b>3105</b>
10	Sat	11/8	<b>TAHOE</b>	<b>5-2</b>	<b>4-5-1</b>	<b>Murphy, McIntyre</b>	<b>Ekström</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>39-31</b>	<b>4496</b>
11	Wed	11/12	@ Indy	4-5 (OT)	4-5-2	Murphy, Flores	Lapid	0/1	0/1	18-38	2715
12	Fri	11/14	@ Indy	0-3	4-6-2	Sergeev, Flores	Tucker	0/4	0/0	22-29	3586
13	Sat	11/15	@ Indy	2-1	5-6-2	Murphy, Weeks	Chyzowski	0/2	2/2	22-24	5395
14	Fri	11/21	<b>KANSAS CITY</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>5-7-2</b>	<b>Sergeev, LaFontaine</b>	<b>McCallum</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>30-39</b>	<b>2989</b>
15	Sat	11/22	<b>KANSAS CITY</b>	<b>3-6</b>	<b>5-8-2</b>	<b>Murphy, Terness</b>	<b>Berezowski</b>	<b>0/6</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>27-36</b>	<b>3522</b>
16	Wed	11/26	<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>5-4 (OT)</b>	<b>6-8-2</b>	<b>Sergeev, Tiefensee</b>	<b>Wagner</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>33-48</b>	<b>2702</b>
17	Fri	11/28	<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>7-8-2</b>	<b>Murphy, Kraws</b>	<b>Russell</b>	<b>2/6</b>	<b>6/6</b>	<b>30-37</b>	<b>3302</b>
18	Sat	11/30	<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>7-9-2</b>	<b>Sergeev, Barczewski</b>	<b>Holmes</b>	<b>0/5</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>30-32</b>	<b>3148</b>
19	Wed	12/3	@ Tahoe	5-2	8-9-2	Sergeev, Whitehead	Wood	0/3	2/3	33-40	2437
20	Fri	12/5	@ Tahoe	4-1	9-9-2	Sergeev, Whitehead	Bernard	0/2	3/4	28-39	3101
21	Sat	12/6	@ Tahoe	3-2 (SO)	10-9-2	Torchia, Whitehead	Chyzowski	1/8	4/4	46-35	3401
22	Thu	12/11	<b>ALLEN</b>	<b>7-3</b>	<b>11-9-2</b>	<b>Sergeev, Tendek</b>	<b>Curran</b>	<b>0/4</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>34-48</b>	<b>1908</b>
23	Fri	12/12	<b>ALLEN</b>	<b>0-4</b>	<b>11-10-2</b>	<b>Sergeev, Costantini</b>	<b>Caron</b>	<b>0/4</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>30-33</b>	<b>2704</b>
24	Sat	12/13	<b>ALLEN</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>11-11-2</b>	<b>Torchia, Costantini</b>	<b>Asuchak</b>	<b>0/2</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>46-36</b>	<b>3902</b>
25	Wed	12/17	@ Idaho	1-7	11-12-2	Murphy, Kraws	Hoffmann	0/3	1/1	25-35	5256
26	Fri	12/19	@ Idaho	4-3	12-12-2	Murphy, Kraws	Russell	0/2	1/2	29-49	5351
27	Sat	12/20	@ Idaho	1-7	12-13-2	Murphy, Barczewski	Pelton-Byce	1/5	3/6	31-43	5277
28	Fri	12/26	<b>TAHOE</b>	<b>PPD</b>							
29	Sat	12/27	<b>TAHOE</b>	<b>PPD</b>							
30	Wed	12/31	<b>TAHOE</b>	<b>4-3 (SO)</b>	<b>13-13-2</b>	<b>Murphy, Papirny</b>	<b>Davis</b>	<b>1/4</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>42-34</b>	<b>3677</b>
31	Fri	1/2	@ Idaho	1-3	13-14-2	Murphy, Barczewski	Holmes	0/3	2/2	36-40	5208
32	Sat	1/3	@ Idaho								
33	Fri	1/9	<b>INDY</b>								
34	Sat	1/10	<b>INDY</b>								
35	Sun	1/11	<b>INDY</b>								
36	Fri	1/16	@ Cincinnati								
37	Sat	1/17	@ Cincinnati								
38	Fri	1/23	<b>UTAH</b>								
39	Sat	1/24	<b>UTAH</b>								
40	Sun	1/25	<b>UTAH</b>								
41	Fri	1/30	@ Allen								
42	Sat	1/31	@ Allen								
43	Sun	2/1	@ Allen								
44	Wed	2/4	@ Wichita								
45	Fri	2/6	@ Wichita								
46	Sat	2/7	@ Wichita								
47	Fri	2/13	<b>TAHOE</b>								
48	Sat	2/14	<b>TAHOE</b>								
49	Thu	2/19	<b>WORCESTER</b>								
50	Fri	2/20	<b>WORCESTER</b>								
51	Sat	2/21	<b>WORCESTER</b>								
52	Fri	2/27	@ Tulsa								
53	Sat	2/28	@ Tulsa								
54	Sun	3/1	@ Tulsa								
55	Wed	3/4	<b>WHEELING</b>								
56	Fri	3/6	<b>WHEELING</b>								
57	Sat	3/7	<b>WHEELING</b>								
58	Thu	3/12	<b>WICHITA</b>								
59	Fri	3/13	<b>WICHITA</b>								
60	Sat	3/14	<b>WICHITA</b>								
61	Fri	3/20	@ Kalamazoo								
62	Sat	3/21	@ Kalamazoo								
63	Sun	3/22	@ Kalamazoo								
64	Fri	3/27	@ Tahoe								
65	Sat	3/28	@ Tahoe								
66	Sun	3/29	@ Tahoe								
67	Wed	4/1	<b>TULSA</b>								
68	Fri	4/3	<b>TULSA</b>								
69	Sat	4/4	<b>TULSA</b>								
70	Wed	4/8	@ Utah								
71	Fri	4/10	@ Utah								
72	Sat	4/11	@ Utah								

HOME GAMES IN BOLD



**RAPID CITY RUSH DIRECTORY**

Owner  
President, Spire Holdings

Jeff Dickerson  
Todd Mackin

Position	Name	Years with Rush	Hometown
President, Rapid City Rush	Jared Reid	7 / 4 <sup>th</sup> as President	Detroit, Mich.
Vice President of Business Development	Georgia Veatch	3	Richardson, Texas
Vice President of Sales	Alex Lasky	4	Jackson, Mich.
Director of Broadcasting & Media Relations	Cory Berberian	2	Towaco, N.J.
Dir. of Community Relations & Social Engagement	Savannah Green	2	Aberdeen, S.D.
Director of Game Operations & Graphic Design	Jack Novelli	2	Wheaton, Ill.
Director of Group Sales	Christopher Plucker	1	Parker, S.D.
Senior Account Executive	Bailey Dunlap	1	Las Vegas, Nev.
Account Executive	Christopher Laudicina	1	The Woodlands, Texas
Partnership Activation Coordinator	Jake Eby	1	Burr Ridge, Ill.
Community Relations Coordinator	Lilyen McCarthy	1	Mackinaw, Ill.

**THE MONUMENT**

Opened on June 21, 1977, The Monument, formerly known as the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center serves North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Wyoming as one of the premier main event hubs in the area.

On its opening night, The Monument hosted Elvis Presley performing on his final tour before he passed a month later. Since then, renowned artists and events have entertained the people of the Black Hills at The Monument.

The most recent addition to the complex is a 10,000-seat venue called The Summit Arena that sits on the opposite side of the complex from the ice arena.

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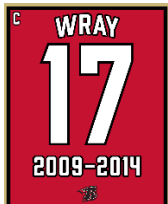
**MEDIA AVAILABILITY / INTERVIEWS**

All interview requests should be made through the team media relations contact – Cory Berberian. Cory's contact information is listed below.

There is no pre-game media availability. All day-of-game availability will either be immediately following morning skate or after the game is completed. If you wish to interview a player or coach after the game, please ensure that you have notified Cory via text message so he can notify the downstairs staff of your request.

**The locker room is a closed area.** All player interview requests will be handled through Cory and he will confirm your request via text/e-mail. Please make all requests prior to the end of the second intermission.

Cory Berberian – [cberberian@rapidcityrush.com](mailto:cberberian@rapidcityrush.com), 973-590-6839

**RETIRED NUMBERS****17 SCOTT WRAY Retired: Saturday, April 4, 2015**

Wray joined the Rush after spending two seasons with the rival Rocky Mountain Rage in the CHL. His first season in Rapid City was his best year of professional hockey with 31 goals, 47 assists and 78 points. That season, Wray would help lead Rapid City to their only hockey championship, winning the CHL Ray Miron Presidents Cup. Wray is the only Rush player to ever eclipse 100 goals with the franchise (106) and his 314 games played rank second in franchise history. In 2010-11 and from 2012-14, Wray served as captain. After his retirement in 2014, Wray was the head coach of the NOJHL's Powassan VooDoos, then served as an assistant with the OHL's North Bay Battalion. He is now the Head Coach in Owen Sound.

**30 DANNY BATTOCHIO Retired: Saturday, March 31, 2018**

After a strong OHL career and three years at St. Francis Xavier University, Battocchio joined the Rush and played every North American game of his career with the team. In 2010, he was named a CHL all-rookie team member and backstopped the Rush to a CHL title. With 131 career wins with Rapid City, no other goaltender has come close to the impact Battocchio made during his tenure with the Rush. In every professional season, he posted a better-than-.900 save percentage and posted a winning record all but one season between the pipes. Still living in the Black Hills, Battocchio has served as an emergency backup goaltender for the Rush, donning his iconic number 30 each time, and has stayed on board as their Goaltending Consultant.

**6 RILEY WESELOWSKI Retired: Saturday, October 29, 2022**

Touted out of Bemidji State, Weselowski began his career with the Idaho Steelheads before landing with the Rush in the 2009-10 season. A young bruiser on the 2010 championship team, he was awarded an "A" on his sweater in the 2011 season and became a fixture on the Rapid City blueline. He is the all-time leader in games played for the Rush with 571 appearances and has more penalty minutes than any other Rush player with 440. Weselowski would finish his playing career in Florida and then Wichita before hanging up his skates. After four years on the Kansas City Mavericks' staff, Weselowski was named Head Coach of the Cincinnati Cyclones in 2025, his first head coaching job.

# RAPID CITY RUSH BIOGRAPHIES



## HEAD COACH DAVE SMITH

ARTHUR, ONTARIO | NOVEMBER 21, 1968 | 1<sup>st</sup> SEASON AS HEAD COACH

On June 23, 2025, Dave Smith was named the Head Coach and General Manager of the Rapid City Rush. He is the fifth Head Coach in the organization's history.

Smith brings 27 years of coaching experience to Rapid City, all at the NCAA Division I level. Prior to joining the Rush, Smith led the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (R.P.I.) program for eight seasons (2017-2025). He served the prior 12 years as Canisius College's Head Coach (2005-2017), where he guided the Golden Griffins to three straight trips to Atlantic Hockey Championship Weekend, back-to-back title game appearances, and the program's first NCAA tournament in 2013. He was named Atlantic Hockey Coach of the Year in 2016-17.

Before his 20 consecutive seasons as a Head Coach, Smith spent the first seven years of his coaching career as an assistant in Division I for three different schools: Miami University (1998-2000), Bowling Green State University (2000-2002), and Mercyhurst College (2002-2005). In three seasons at Mercyhurst, the Lakers qualified for the NCAA tournament twice.

In the collegiate ranks, Smith has coached an extensive list of talent who advanced to play professionally, including in the National Hockey League. The list of NHLers includes Cory Conacher (Canisius), Kevin Bieksa (Bowling Green), Mike Glumac (Miami), and Pat Leahy (Miami). Smith also coached former Rush defenseman Carl Hudson at Canisius, and longtime Calgary Flames goaltending coach Jordan Sigalet at Bowling Green.

Smith turned to coaching immediately following a six-year professional playing career. A forward, Smith played a total of 448 games between the ECHL, AHL, and IHL. He amassed 140 goals, 324 points, and 1370 penalty minutes for his career, which included a 1993 Turner Cup championship with the Fort Wayne Komets (IHL) as a rookie. Smith was under contract with the New York Rangers in 1994-95. Before turning pro, Smith was a team captain and four-year letterwinner at Ohio State University, where he graduated in 1992.

A native of Arthur, Ontario, Smith and his wife, Susan, have two daughters, Ellis and Kylie.

### PLAYING CAREER

Yr	Team	GP	G	A	PTS
92-93	Dayton Bombers	49	22	29	51
	Fort Wayne	25	7	6	13
93-94	Fort Wayne	65	22	22	44
94-95	Binghamton	77	20	40	60
95-96	Detroit Vipers	24	6	9	15
	L.A. Ice Dogs	53	21	37	58
96-97	Long Beach	61	17	17	34
	Orlando	15	4	3	7
97-98	Orlando	16	2	2	4
	San Antonio	63	19	19	38
<b>6 seasons</b>		<b>448</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>324</b>

### COACHING CAREER

Yr	Team	Position
98-00	Miami University	Asst. Coach
00-02	Bowling Green State Univ.	Asst. Coach
02-05	Mercyhurst College	Asst. Coach
05-17	Canisius College	Head Coach
17-25	R.P.I.	Head Coach

### QUICK HITTERS

- Announced as Head Coach & GM on June 23, 2025; Formally introduced at a press conference on July 9, 2025.
- Is acquaintances with Joe Ferras, the Rush's original Head Coach, whom he called for advice before accepting the position.
- Coached at Bowling Green at the same time as Urban Meyer, fellow Ohio State alum and College Football Hall of Famer.
- Father-in-law, Gary Sabourin, played ten seasons in the National Hockey League, seven of which were with the St. Louis Blues; Played in three Stanley Cup Finals with St. Louis.
- Dave's wife, Dr. Susan Smith, currently works in South Dakota School of Mines' athletic department; Holds a five-star rating on RateMyProfessors.com.

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## ASSOC. COACH PETER DRIKOS

SCARBOROUGH, ONT. | FEBRUARY 15, 1986 | 3<sup>rd</sup> SEASON, 1<sup>st</sup> as ASSOC. COACH

Peter Drikos enters his third season on the Rush coaching staff in 2025-26. Hired as Assistant Coach in September 2023, Drikos earned a promotion to Associate Coach in July 2025.

Prior to his time in Rapid City, Drikos most recently served as the Cobourg Cougars (OJHL) head coach and general manager, capping off his eighth season of coaching Canadian juniors—five of them spent as head coach.

After playing for his hometown AAA U18 team, Drikos began a four-year OPJHL career that spanned from 2003-07. In 2006, he helped lead the St. Michael's Buzzers to their second consecutive OPJHL championship.

In 2008-09, Drikos dressed in Canada's CIS league for Ryerson University and then began his professional playing career.

Drikos' best season of hockey came in 2009-10 with the West Michigan Blizzard in the All-American Hockey League. That season, he logged five goals and 20 assists, tying him for third place on the team in the category.

During the 2010-11 season, Drikos joined the FHL's Akwesasne Warriors and won a Commissioner's Cup title.

During the 2011-12 season, Drikos played earned him a three-game loan to the SPHL's Mississippi RiverKings.

After a short hiatus from the game, the OJHL's Toronto Patriots tabbed Drikos to be an assistant coach. After two seasons as an assistant (one with Toronto and one with the Orangeville Flyers), he was hired as the head coach of the Brampton Bombers, a post he would hold for two seasons.

Drikos would also join the Milton Menace staff as an assistant for one season in 2019-20 before re-joining the Toronto Patriots staff as their head coach the following year. After two seasons in Toronto, Drikos accepted the general manager and head coach role in Cobourg.

Drikos is a native of Scarborough, Ontario.

### PLAYING CAREER

Yr	Team	GP	G	A	PTS
09-10	West Michigan	27	5	20	25
10-11	Queen City	16	5	9	14
	Akwesasne	10	0	3	3
11-12	Brooklyn	9	1	2	3
	Mississippi	3	0	0	0
	1000 Islands	6	2	3	5
16-17	Brantford	2	2	0	2
17-18	Brantford	4	1	1	2

### COACHING CAREER

Yr	Team	Position
15-16	TOR Pats (OJHL)	Asst. Coach
16-17	Orangeville (OJHL)	Asst. Coach
17-18	Brampton (GOJHL)	Head Coach
18-19	Brampton (GOJHL)	Head Coach
19-20	Milton (OJHL)	Asst. Coach
20-21	TOR Pats (OJHL)	Head Coach
21-22	TOR Pats (OJHL)	Head Coach
22-23	Cobourg (OJHL)	Head Coach
23-24	Rapid City Rush	Asst. Coach
24-25	Rapid City Rush	Asst. Coach

### QUICK HITTERS

- Drikos was part of the Akwesasne Warriors team that won the first Federal Hockey League (now Federal Prospects Hockey League) Commissioner's Cup in 2011.
- Won an OPJHL championship with the St. Michael's Buzzers in 2006.
- Played one season of college hockey at Ryerson University in 2008-09. Ryerson was renamed Toronto Metropolitan University in 2022 and is the alma mater of ESPN personality Adnan Virk, TSN personality Jay Onrait, and actress Nina Dobrev.
- With the West Michigan Blizzard, Drikos was teammates with former-ECHL goaltender and Tahoe Knight Monsters assistant coach Nick Niedert.





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## VIDEO COACH AUSTIN WASHKURAK

OAKVILLE, ONT. | AUGUST 4, 1995 | 1<sup>st</sup> SEASON AS VIDEO COACH

Austin Washkurak joins the Rush coaching staff in the new role of Video Coach/Operations for the 2025-26 season.

Washkurak brings three years of experience with the Ontario Hockey League's Oshawa Generals, having served as an Office Administrator, then Video Coach from 2022-24. Washkurak helped guide Oshawa to the OHL Finals in 2024.

A native of Oakville, Ontario, Washkurak played four years of Division III hockey at SUNY-Canton in Upstate New York as a goaltender. He also spent four seasons in the OJHL.

### COACHING CAREER

Yr	Team	Pos.
21-22	Oshawa	Office Administrator
22-23	Oshawa	Video Coach
23-24	Oshawa	Video Coach