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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	7:05 p.m.
11.27	IDAHO	7:05 p.m.
11.29	IDAHO	7:05 p.m.
12.03	@ Tahoe	8:00 p.m.
12.05	@ Tahoe	8:00 p.m.
12.06	@ Tahoe	8:00 p.m.
12.11	ALLEN	7:05 p.m.
12.12	ALLEN	7:05 p.m.
12.13	ALLEN	7:05 p.m.
12.17	@ Idaho	7:10 p.m.
12.19	@ Idaho	7:10 p.m.
12.20	@ Idaho	7:10 p.m.
12.26	TAHOE	7:05 p.m.
12.27	TAHOE	7:05 p.m.
12.31	TAHOE	7:05 p.m.
01.02	@ Idaho	7:10 p.m.
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.
02.05	@ Wichita	6:05 p.m.
02.06	@ 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



**IDAHO STEELHEADS** (10-6-1-0, T-1<sup>st</sup> Mountain)

at

**RAPID CITY RUSH** (5-8-2-0, 7<sup>th</sup> Mountain)

Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

7:05 p.m. MST

The Monument Ice Arena – Rapid City, S.D.



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## HEADLINES

### LAST TIME OUT

The Rapid City Rush lost a second-straight hard-fought battle against the Kansas City Mavericks, 6-3, at The Monument Ice Arena on Saturday. Kansas City jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the opening eight minutes of the first period. Cameron Buhl cut the lead in half on a one-timed pass from Rasmus Ekstrom. Quinn Olson and Ryan Wagner scored in the third period for Rapid City. All three Rush goals brought them to within one, but they could not find the tying goal at any point in the game. The Mavericks scored two power play goals, including the eventual game-winner in the third period.

### EIGHT IN NINE

Ryan Wagner doesn't just have eight goals in his last nine games—his best stretch as a pro—he has scored a goal in eight of the last nine games. The captain paces the Rush with eight goals and 17 points in 15 games this season, and ranks in the top five in both goals and points in the ECHL.

### 51'S BACK

Forward Quinn Olson returned to action last Friday after missing seven games due to an injury. He picked up an assist in his first game back, then scored his first goal of the year on Saturday while also recording a season-high five shots on goal. The second-year pro and Calgary native is in his first season with the Calgary organization on an American Hockey League contract.

### FEELING PEACHY

The Rapid City Peaches made their one-time cameo on Saturday night, a nod to the Rockford Peaches and the classic film *A League of Their Own*. The team rebranded and wore special jerseys, and Cameron Buhl scored the first goal in Rapid City Peaches history.

### READY FOR ANOTHER RIVAL

Tonight is the first of eight meetings between the Rush and the Steelheads. While down from the 14 head-to-head matchups the last couple of years, this season series will be played over the course of six weeks, which is sure to create some intensity.

## BY THE NUMBERS

IDAHO			RAPID CITY		
RECORD			5-8-2-0		
HOME RECORD			2-4-1-0		
AWAY RECORD			3-4-1-0		
LAST 10			2-6-2-0		
HEAD-TO-HEAD			0-0-0-0		
GOALS FOR			43		
GOALS FOR PER GAME			2.9 (17 <sup>th</sup> )		
GOALS AGAINST			51		
GOALS AGAINST PER GAME			3.4 (24 <sup>th</sup> )		
10/73	13.7%	(24 <sup>th</sup> )	PP% (Rank)	3/43	7.0% (30 <sup>th</sup> )
52/67	77.6%	(22 <sup>nd</sup> )	PK% (Rank)	28/42	66.7% (30 <sup>th</sup> )

**SEASON SERIES VS. IDAHO**

Wed., November 26	@ Rapid City
Fri., November 28	@ Rapid City
Sat., November 29	@ Rapid City
Wed., December 17	@ Idaho
Fri., December 19	@ Idaho
Sat., December 20	@ Idaho
Fri., January 2	@ Idaho
Sat., January 3	@ Idaho

**MOUNTAIN DIVISION STANDINGS**

Team	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Tahoe	10	6	1	0	21
Idaho	10	6	1	0	21
Kansas City	10	5	0	0	20
Utah	7	6	2	0	16
Wichita	6	7	2	1	15
Tulsa	7	6	0	0	14
<b>Rapid City</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
Allen	4	6	3	0	11

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

**LAST TIME OUT VS. IDAHO****March 1, 2025 – Idaho 4 @ Rapid City 3 (OT)**

The Rush's 11-game winning streak came to an end with a 4-3 overtime loss to the Idaho Steelheads at The Monument Ice Arena on Saturday. The Rush scored three goals in a span of 5:02 late in the second period to take a 3-1 lead. Blake Bennett scored twice and David Gagnon backhanded home his first career goal during the run. Idaho fought back in the third to tie the game and force overtime. At the very end of a 4-on-3 power play in OT, Hank Crone put home the winner for the Steelheads who salvaged the final game of the series.

**ALL-TIME RECORD VS. IDAHO: 41-62-14****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****ANOTHER ONE-GOAL GAME?**

Say it ain't so: nine of the Rush's first 15 games have been decided by one goal, the most in the ECHL (If you take away empty net goals from the equation, 11 out of 15 games have been 'one-goal games'.) Each of the first six series has featured a one-goal game.

**IF IT'S ANYTHING LIKE LAST YEAR...**

The 2024-25 season series between Rapid City and Idaho bred one-goal games. Not only did the Rush secure an 8-6 series victory over the Steelheads for the first time since 2019-20, it took a slew of tight victories to get there. 10 of the 14 matchups were one-goal decisions with seven requiring overtime.

**A TEST FOR THE PK**

While Idaho's power play ranks just 24<sup>th</sup> in the league, they have shown an ability to get on the man advantage and convert goals into wins. The Steelheads' 73 power play opportunities are by far the most in the ECHL. Additionally, Idaho is 8-0 when scoring a power play goal.

**THE FIRST CALL-UP**

Carter Wilkie became the first member of the Rush's opening night roster to be recalled to the Calgary Wranglers with his assignment last Saturday. Wilkie, who is Rapid City's second-leading scorer, has not yet suited up for Calgary this season.

**ONE AWAY FROM THE TOP TEN**

Blake Bennett owns 130 career points in 139 games with the Rapid City Rush. His next point will put him past Derek LeBlanc, an original Rush and member of the 2010 championship team, for 10<sup>th</sup>-most in franchise history.

**HOMECOOKING**

November features the most home-heavy schedule of any month for the Rush. Eight of 11 games are at home in this four-week stretch, with Tahoe, Kansas City, and Idaho coming into The Monument Ice Arena.

**NOW IT'S THREE**

After a pair of two-game Friday-Saturday series to open up the season, it's almost all three-game weeks from here on out. 20 of the last 23 series will be three-game series.

**NEW-LOOK HOCKEY OPS**

Dave Smith's hiring isn't the only move the Rush organization made to their hockey operations staff over the summer. Peter Drikos earned a promotion to Associate Coach, Alex Werner was hired as the new Head Equipment Manager, and Austin Washkurak joins the Rush as the first Video Coach in team history.

**RUSH SPLITS**

Home: 2-4-1-0  
 Away: 3-4-1-0

Leading after 1: 1-0-1-0  
 Trailing after 1: 1-6-1-0  
 Tied after 1: 3-2-0-0

Leading after 2: 2-1-2-0  
 Trailing after 2: 1-6-0-0  
 Tied after 2: 2-1-0-0

When scoring first: 3-3-1-0  
 When not scoring first: 2-5-1-0

When scoring PPG: 2-0-1-0  
 When allowing PPG: 1-6-1-0  
 When scoring SHG: 0-0-1-0  
 When allowing SHG: 0-2-0-0

In overtime: 2-2  
 In shootout: 0-0

Wearing black: 1-1-1-0  
 Wearing white: 4-3-1-0  
 Wearing red: 0-3-0-0  
 Wearing specialty: 0-1-0-0

On Sunday: 0-0-0-0  
 On Monday: 0-0-0-0  
 On Tuesday: 0-0-0-0  
 On Wednesday: 1-0-2-0  
 On Thursday: 0-0-0-0  
 On Friday: 0-6-0-0  
 On Saturday: 4-2-0-0

In Mountain Time Zone: 2-4-1-0  
 In Central Time Zone: 2-3-0-0  
 In Eastern Time Zone: 1-1-1-0  
 In Pacific Time Zone: 0-0-0-0

In October: 3-3-0-0  
 In November: 2-5-2-0  
 In December: 0-0-0-0  
 In January: 0-0-0-0  
 In February: 0-0-0-0  
 In March: 0-0-0-0  
 In April: 0-0-0-0

vs. Mountain division: 4-7-1-0  
 vs. Central division: 1-1-1-0  
 vs. South division: 0-0-0-0  
 vs. North division: 0-0-0-0

vs. Allen\*: 1-2-0-0  
 vs. Cincinnati: 0-0-0-0  
 vs. Idaho\*: 0-0-0-0  
 vs. Indy: 1-1-1-0  
 vs. Kalamazoo: 0-0-0-0  
 vs. Kansas City\*: 1-3-0-0  
 vs. Tahoe\*: 1-1-1-0  
 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	Mike Van Unen	D	L	6-1	190	ECHL	Kamloops, B.C.
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.
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.
32	Arsenii Sergeev <b>W</b>	G	L	6-3	195	NHL	Yaroslavl, Russia
35	Nathan Torchia	G	L	5-10	180	ECHL	Baden, Ont.
39	Matt Hubbarde	F	R	6-1	190	ECHL	Pickering, 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	Arvils Bergmanis	D	L	5-11	190	ECHL	Riga, Latvia
68	Billy Constantinou	D	R	6-1	195	ECHL	Scarborough, Ont.
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.
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: 7    Canada: 15    Sweden: 1  
 Latvia: 1    Russia: 1

**PLAYERS WITH AHL EXPERIENCE**

Bernard	Bellefonte, Bakersfield, Lehigh Valley
Chyzowski	Toronto, Manitoba
Constantinou	Chicago, San Jose
Davis	Calgary
Murphy	Calgary
Olson	Ontario
Pauls	Henderson
Russell	Ontario, Charlotte
Wagner	Chicago, Colorado
Wood	Colorado

**NHL DRAFT PICKS**

Davis	2017 – Rd. 6, Pick 163 – DAL
Bernard	2018 – Rd. 4, Pick 110 – NJ
Olson	2019 – Rd. 3, Pick 92 – BOS
Sergeev	2021 – Rd. 7, Pick 205 – CGY

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

3	Darian	PEA-lawn
4	Mike	Van YOO-nen
8	Chaz	SMEDZ-rude
9	Jake	RATZ-loff
26	Seth	Fightin'
29	Ryan	Chih-ZOW-ski
32	Arr-SEN-ee	SIR-jee-ev
35	Nathan	TOR-kee-uh
65	ARR-vils	Berg-MAN-iss
68	Billy	KON-stan-TEEN-oh
AC	Peter	DREE-kohs
AT	Justin	UH-lum



RAPID CITY RUSH STATISTICAL LEADERS

**GOALS**

No.	Player	G
13	Ryan Wagner	8
x - 10	Carter Wilkie	7
2 players tied		5

**ASSISTS**

No.	Player	A
13	Ryan Wagner	9
3 players tied		6

**POINTS**

No.	Player	PTS
13	Ryan Wagner	17
x - 10	Carter Wilkie	13
2 players tied		10

**+/-**

No.	Player	+/-
8	Chaz Smedsrud	+5
4 players tied		+4

x - denotes inactive player

**PENALTY MINUTES**

No.	Player	PIM
43	Parker Bowman	30
91	Blake Bennett	24

**GWGs**

No.	Player	GWG
29	Ryan Chyzowski	2
4 players tied		1

**WINS**

No.	Player	W
31	Connor Murphy	3
32	Arsenii Sergeev	2

**SV%**

No.	Player	SV%
31	Connor Murphy	.918
32	Arsenii Sergeev	.904

**GAA**

No.	Player	GAA
31	Connor Murphy	2.89
32	Arsenii Sergeev	3.40

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**

<u>Winning</u>		
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

<u>Losing</u>		
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:	Oct. 30, 2025	at Allen	2-1	GWG: Blake Bennett
OT Loss:	Nov. 12, 2025	at Indy	4-5	GWG: Lee Lapid
Shootout Win:	Feb. 7, 2025	at Idaho	3-2	Shootout won 1-0
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:	Nov. 14, 2025	at Indy	0-3	Owen Flores, 22 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	14	14	13	2/0	43
Opponent	21	9	19	2/0	51
Goal Diff.	-7	5	-6	0	-8

**Special Teams**

Power Play	PPG	PPO	PP%	SHGA
	3	43	7.0%	4
Penalty Kill	xSH	PPGA	PK%	SHGF
	42	14	66.7%	1

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>5-4 (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>								
17	Fri	11/28	<b>IDAHO</b>								
18	Sat	11/30	<b>IDAHO</b>								
19	Wed	12/3	@ Tahoe								
20	Fri	12/5	@ Tahoe								
21	Sat	12/6	@ Tahoe								
22	Thu	12/11	<b>ALLEN</b>								
23	Fri	12/12	<b>ALLEN</b>								
24	Sat	12/13	<b>ALLEN</b>								
25	Wed	12/17	@ Idaho								
26	Fri	12/19	@ Idaho								
27	Sat	12/20	@ Idaho								
28	Fri	12/26	<b>TAHOE</b>								
29	Sat	12/27	<b>TAHOE</b>								
30	Wed	12/31	<b>TAHOE</b>								
31	Fri	1/2	@ Idaho								
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	Thu	2/5	@ Wichita								
46	Fri	2/6	@ Wichita								
47	Fri	2/13	<b>TAHOE</b>								
48	Sat	2/14	<b>TAHOE</b>								
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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.

Address: 444 Mt. Rushmore Rd. N., Rapid City, S.D. 57701

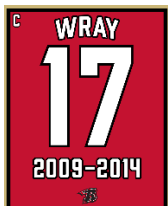
**MEDIA AVAILABILITY / INTERVIEWS**

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.

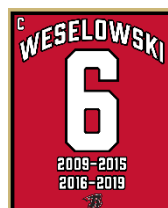
Cory Berberian – [cberberian@rapidcityrush.com](mailto:cberberian@rapidcityrush.com), 973-590-6839

**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, Battochio 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 Battochio 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, Battochio 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
6 seasons		448	140	184	324

### 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