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Steven Lynch  
Head Coach



13  
Ciaran Hoggan



34  
Ben Keddle



3  
Dean Walker



7  
Cameron Wilkie



8  
Adam Robinson



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Cammy Gallacher



10  
Sean Cochrane  
Assistant Captain



16  
Conner McNulty



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Ben Coughtrie



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Rhys Stenhouse



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Aaron Robertson



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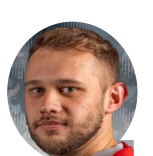
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Ross Dalglish



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Sean Stewart



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Scott Geddes



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Chad Smith  
Assistant Coach



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Joel Gautschi  
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Lukas James



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Scott McKay



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Rihards Grigors



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Kris Phillips



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## GET READY — THE SNL IS ON THE RISE!

The Scottish National League is gearing up for its biggest season yet!

Last year brought major changes with the formation of the Dundee Rockets, as the Tigers and Comets combined forces and made an immediate impact on the league. Now, we're taking another huge step forward.

We're thrilled to announce **two new additions** to the SNL for the 2025/26 season:

**Solway Sharks** – The Solway junior organisation is taking an exciting step forward by entering a senior team into the Scottish National League (SNL). While separate from the Solway team competing in the EIHL National Division, this move strengthens the local development pathway and creates more opportunities for homegrown talent to continue their progression into senior hockey. It's a positive development that supports sustainable growth at all levels of the game.

**Whitley Warriors** – One of the most respected names in British hockey, Whitley will be joining the SNL for the first time. While they've competed in NIHL1 in recent years, their history of taking on Scottish sides in the Northern Cup and exhibition games — and a shared league with Scottish teams back in the 1960s and '70s — makes this a welcome and exciting addition.

Their entry into the SNL comes with agreed conditions to support the continued integrity and growth of the league.

With **nine teams** on board, the SNL is expanding, evolving, and offering more opportunities than ever for players and fans across the country.

One thing is clear: Scottish hockey is on the rise.

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## Capitals Exhibition Games Statistics 2025-26

#	Player	GP	Gls	Asts	Pts	PiM	Averages per Game			
							Gls	Asts	Pts	PiM
3	Chad Smith	3	1	4	5	2	0.33	1.33	1.67	0.67
7	Joel Gautschi	3	3	1	4	0	1.00	0.33	1.33	0.00
8	Rihards Grigors	3	0	4	4	2	0.00	1.33	1.33	0.67
9	Joe Lynch	3	2	1	3	4	0.67	0.33	1.00	1.33
10	Conner McNulty	3	2	0	2	0	0.67	0.00	0.67	0.00
16	Aaron Robertson	1	0	1	1	0	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
17	Kyle Howie	3	1	0	1	0	0.33	0.00	0.33	0.00
18	Adam Robinson	3	1	0	1	2	0.33	0.00	0.33	0.67
19	Sean Cochrane	3	0	1	1	2	0.00	0.33	0.33	0.67
20	Ben Coughtrie	2	0	1	1	2	0.00	0.50	0.50	1.00
22	Dean Walker	3	0	0	0	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.67
24	Cameron Wilkie	3	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	Cammy Gallagher	3	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
27	Ross Dalglish	3	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
33	Sean Stewart	2	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
37	Scott Geddes	3	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
47	Lukas James	1	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
68	Kris Phillips	1	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
78	Aiden Paterson	3	0	0	0	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.67
90	Scott McKay	2	0	0	0	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
77	Rhys Stenhouse	3	0	0	0	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.33
	Justin Finnigan	0	0	0	0	0				
	Charlie McLoughlin-Hanna	0	0	0	0	0				

Netminder	GP	Mins	Shots	Saves	Gls Agst	Save%	G Ag Ave	PiM	Shut out
Ciaran Hoggan	3	67.59	78	66	12	.846	10.61	0	0
Ben Keddie	3	112.41	96	88	8	.917	4.18	0	1
Jonnie Livingstone									

### Capitals Period Exhibition Game Stats @ 8th September

Period	1	2	3	OTW	OTL	Total
Wins	2	1	1	0	0	4
Draws	0	0	0	0	0	0
Losses	1	2	2	0	0	5
Goals Scored per Period	3	3	4	0	0	10
Goals Lost per Period	5	4	11	0	0	20



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Edinburgh Capitals

Founded 1998

Home Colours: White-Blue

Away Colours : Blue-White

Head Coach: Steven Lynch  
Assistant Coach: Chad Smith.  
Team Manager: Jim Paterson.  
Equipment: Mackenzie Martin.  
Media: Mark Easton.  
Announcer:  
Music:  
Cover Picture: Ian Coyle  
Official Scorer: Gill MacDiarmid  
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Honours

Northern League Champions 2023-24

SNL Play Off Champions 2023-2024

Northern Challenge Cup 2024

The Capitals Ice Hockey Club hope you enjoyed the Exhibition games and are well refreshed to support the team again this season.

It was an early start re team announcements with Head Coach Steven Lynch being the first one on 26th April.

Knowing he was back, Lynchy then set about looking to strengthen the squad for the search for silverware in our fourth season.

We are sure Steven has put together squad capable of achieving more this season than our previous three seasons yielded.

We welcome all the returning and new players and they will be ready to make it a great season for the club and themselves. Time will tell.

To emphasise the Capitals commitment to bringing on young players, 15 year olds Justin Finnigan, Jonnie Livingstone & Charlie McLoughlin-Hanna of Murrayfield Junior Ice Hockey Club will be training with the club with the view to progressing and playing when possible this upcoming season

It promises to be a very competitive S N L as Whitley Warriors and Solway Sharks have joined all of last season teams to make it a nine team league. This is great news for SNL fans and we should see some great hockey between now and April. Looking at the teams there is going to be a lot of travelling especially with Aberdeen and Whitley facing approximately a five hour journey when they meet.

The fixtures have given us some tough double headers to look forward to, facing home and away games against Rockets on successive nights and two back to back Forth country derby games against Kestrels. Also we do not travel to Braehead as both the Pirates 'Home' games will be played at Murrayfield. .

The Scottish Cup has given us home and away games against North Ayrshire Wild and they will also be our Hogmanay visitors with a 2:00pm face-off.

Other ties are Solway v Whitley with Paisley playing the winner. Kilmarnock v Aberdeen and Dundee v Kirkcaldy.

So the Exhibition games are done and dusted and tonight kicks off the serious hockey. As always be loud and proud as we set off on our much anticipated season.



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## All Things Caps by Lynchie



Good evening everyone and welcome to another season of Caps hockey. The summer seems to get shorter and shorter

each year but here we are again, ready to go in what's sure to be another entertaining season here at Murrayfield.

It's been another busy summer behind the scenes for myself and our new assistant coach, Chad Smith. We've recruited well by retaining a number of our core guys and with the new additions we have brought in we're confident that we've put together the strongest team yet here at Murrayfield since the rink reopened after covid.

The league is looking really competitive this year too. Teams around us have strengthened and with the new additions of Whitley & Solway, the league has gotten better. Whitley and ourselves have created a good friendly rivalry over the past few years playing in the challenge matches that we have and it will be great to play them 4 times in more meaningful competition and Solway, a well run club from top to bottom will also be a good addition to the league.

We've had a great pre-season too which is something we've been building on year on year. We've had 3 good weeks of practise. Paisley was a good game to get the rust off our skates and last

weekend against Sheffield was a valuable experience (and lesson) for our guys as we prepare for the season ahead.

You'll probably have noticed the new giant screen at the far end of the rink by now too which has been installed to improve your match night experience, something else the club has continued to invest in creating a great night for you when you come to watch a game here in this fabulous old barn.

So it all starts tonight here against Solway. The start of our quest to finish with what has just slightly illuded us since we reformed. We've come so close 3 years in a row now. It's not going to be easy to achieve the goal

we have set but with your help, we know we can do it.

So keep filling the stands each game night, keep being loud, keep being a little bit crazy. Just keep being you - the best set of fans I've had the privilege to either play or coach in front of.

Enjoy tonight's game and enjoy the season.

*Lynchie*



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## SNL League Results and Fixtures

Saturday 6th September				Sunday 14th September			
Aberdeen Lynx	3	Whitley Warriors	6	Whitley Warriors		Solway Sharks	
Kilmarnock Thunder	3	North Ayrshire Wild	12	Saturday 20th September			
Kirkcaldy Kestrels	1	Paisley Pirates	3	Kilmarnock Thunder		Edinburgh Capitals	
Saturday 13th September				North Ayrshire Wild		Whitley Warriors	
Aberdeen Lynx		North Ayrshire Wild		Paisley Pirates			
Dundee Rockets		Kirkcaldy Kestrels		Kirkcaldy Kestrels		Solway Sharks	
Edinburgh Capitals		Solway Sharks		Sunday 21st September			
Paisley Pirates		Kirkcaldy Kestrels		Whitley Warriors		Kirkcaldy Kestrels	

### League Standings at 8th September

Team	GP	W	D	L	OTW	OTL	Gls F	Gls A	Pts
North Ayrshire Wild	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	3	2
Whitley Warriors	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	3	2
Paisley Pirates	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	2
Edinburgh Capitals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dundee Rockets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solway Sharks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kirkcaldy Kestrels	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0
Aberdeen Lynx	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	6	0
Kilmarnock Thunder	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	12	0

### SNL Fixtures

Home Team	AL	DR	EC	KT	KK	NAW	PP	SS	WW
Aberdeen Lynx		11-10 13-12	08-11 10-01	27-09 14-03	25-10 01-11	13-09 28-03	17-01 14-02	04-10 07-02	3-6 20-12
Dundee Rockets	21-12 21-03		26-10 29-03	13-09 24-01	19-10 31-01	04-10 08-02	16-11 10-01	02-11 28-03	22-11 01-03
Edinburgh Capitals	18-10 21-02	15-11 27-12		17-01 07-02	27-09 07-03	07-12 31-12	04-10 31-01	13-09 03-01	11-10 13-12
Kilmarnock Thunder	31-01 07-03	27-09 06-12	20-09 28-02		04-10 28-03	3-12 21-03	11-10 22-11	13-12 14-02	01-11 21-02
Kirkcaldy Kestrels	27-12 15-02	14-12 17-01	28-09 29-11	12-10 18-10		05-10 21-02	1-3 07-02	20-09 09-11	15-11 06-12
N Ayrshire Wild	06-12 28-02	28-09 07-03	24-01 14-02	08-11 20-12	13-12 10-01		18-10 14-03	11-10 29-11	20-09 03-01
Paisley Pirates	20-09 26-10	07-12 25-01	02-11 21-03	05-10 23-11	13-09 21-12	09-11 01-02		11-01 15-03	29-11 28-02
Solway Sharks	22-11 24-01	01-02 22-03	16-11 01-03	21-12 22-02	04-01 08-03	25-10 14-12	19-10 28-12		18-10 15-02
Whitley Warriors	23-11 25-01	09-11 22-02	01-02 22-03	25-10 11-01	21-09 14-03	16-11 18-01	28-09 12-10	14-09 07-12	

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## A Unified GB Ice Hockey Governing Body

Following extensive discussions Ice Hockey UK (IHUK), England Ice Hockey (EIH), and Scottish Ice Hockey (SIH) have formally signalled their shared intent to explore the formation of a single, unified national governing body for ice hockey across the UK.

This major step, known as **Project Clarity**, reflects a collective ambition to build a stronger, more accountable and more efficient structure for the sport. If progressed, the new body would launch in 2026 and is expected to

- **Create up to 15 new roles** (eight full-time, seven part-time), providing professional career pathways within the sport
- **Unlock new funding opportunities** to grow participation and increase access to the game at all levels
- **Re-invest over £2 million** back into the sport between 2026–2032 through improved oversight, efficiency, and scale

These milestones reflect a commitment to both high performance and grassroots growth — and to ensuring every member, club, official, coach, and athlete receives better service and support.

We all believe that the latent talent and desire to achieve GB success already exists and that it is our duty to unlock the barriers that may previously have existed through a unified approach.

We're Stronger Together – from home nations and affiliates, to clubs, players, staff and volunteers, and never forgetting the importance of ice hockey's fan base. Our shared vision and cohesion will be critical to our success.

Whilst many of the ingredients for success are already available, we understand the need to modernise and professionalise our approach – both on and off the ice – to deliver world-class performances and operations. We can only fully action this as one organisation.

The UK Ice Hockey Foundation will also play a key role as a charitable partner, supporting long-term investment in regional development, participation access, and community impact across the home nations.

Over the past 18 months, IHUK has undergone transformational governance reform under the leadership of CEO Henry Staelens, including:

- The development of over 60 new policies and procedures
- Appointment of a modern, independent-majority Board
- A strategy anchored in long-term sustainability, performance, and equity
- Achieving Code Compliance with UK Sport

Henry Staelens, CEO of IHUK and EIH, said: "We're calling this Project Clarity because that's exactly what it brings — one clear structure, one transparent and accountable system, and one unified pathway to success for British ice hockey. "We owe it to our players, clubs, coaches, officials, and members to build something better. This is about resetting the foundation so the game can grow — professionally, commercially, and inclusively. We are the fifth-most watched team sport in the UK. It's time our governance reflected that.

John Colley, Chair of Scottish Ice Hockey, said: "Scottish Ice Hockey is fully committed to Project Clarity and to engaging fully in the process. The desire for a unified, professional structure has been longstanding in Scotland because, quite simply, it just makes sense". "This is an exciting and progressive step that will support every level of our sport and build on the improvements we've already seen — from stronger player pathways and greater transparency to improved member engagement, wider access, and real growth across our clubs and communities. We must not delay. The time to start preparing for these changes is now."



## Capitals Fixtures and Results 2025-26

Day	Date	HA	Opponent	Comp	Final Score		Period Scores (Capitals first)						Shots on Caps	Shots on Opp	PiM on Caps	PiM on Opp	Caps			
					Caps	1st	1	2	3	OT	MoM									
Sun	31/08	H	Paisley Pirates	EXH	6	1	1	0	2	0	4	1	-	34	36	12	12	16		
Sat	06/09	A	Sheffield Steeldogs	EXH	2	5	2	1	0	2	0	2	-	70	21	4	2	24		
Sun	07/09	H	Sheffield Steeldogs	EXH	2	14	0	7	2	5	0	2	-	49	28	8	14	22		
Sat	13/09	H	Solway Sharks	SNL																
Sat	20/09	A	Kilmarnock Thunder	SNL																
Sat	27/09	H	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL																
Sun	28/09	A	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL																
Sat	04/10	H	Paisley Pirates	SNL																
Sat	11/10	H	Whitley Warriors	SNL	Jock Hay #12 jersey retirement game															
Sat	18/10	H	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL																
Sat	25/10	H	Dundee Rockets	SNL	Halloween Fancy Dress Night															
Sun	26/10	A	Dundee Rockets	SNL																
Sat	01/11	A	North Ayrshire Wild	SCup																
Sun	02/11	A	Paisley Pirates	SNL	To be played at MIA															
Sat	08/11	A	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL																
Sun	16/11	H	Solway Sharks	SNL																
Sat	22/11	H	North Ayrshire Wild	SCup	Skate with the Capitals															
Sat	29/11	A	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL																
Sun	30/11	H	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL	St Andrews Day Theme															
Sat	13/12	H	Whitley Warriors	SNL	Annual Teddy Toss															
Sat	27/12	H	Dundee Rockets	SNL	7:30 pm Face off															
We	31/12	H	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL	2:00 pm Face off															
Sat	03/01	H	Solway Sharks	SNL																
Sat	10/01	A	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL																
Sat	17/01	H	Kilmarnock Thunder	SNL	Retro Night															
Sat	24/01	A	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL																
Sat	31/01	H	Paisley Pirates	SNL																
Sun	01/02	A	Whitley Warriors	SNL																
Sat	07/02	H	Kilmarnock Thunder	SNL	Valentines Night															
Sat	14/02	A	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL																
Sat	21/02	H	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL																
Sat	28/02	A	Kilmarnock Thunder	SNL																
Sun	01/03	A	Solway Sharks	SNL																
Sat	07/03	H	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL	Skate with the Capitals															
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Sun	22/03	A	Whitley Warriors	SNL																
Sat	29/03	A	Dundee Rockets	SNL																

Legend: CHA, Challenge; S N L– Scottish National League; SC–Scottish Cup;  
Please check the Capitals web site for any late changes





## Capitals Summer Signing's

As expected the club had a busy summer signing players for a assault on silverware.

First up was the return of Head Coach **Steven Lynch** who said "I've always made it clear what this club means to me. I won't stop giving it everything I've got."

The first player signing was **Chad Smith** who will also take on the role of Assistant Coach. In 106 games so far he has scored 103 goals, 108 assists for a total of 211 points, averaging 2 points a game. 26 year old, Kirkcaldy born Chad is delighted to be back onboard and said this on his return, "I'm excited to be back for a fourth season with the Capitals. I really feel at home here in Edinburgh, I love the club, the fans and I enjoy playing in front of them every week. Forward and team captain **Joel Gautschi** was next the be announced. This is his fourth season as a Cap and he has played in 99 games scoring 86 goals and assisting on 103 others. Joels hopes for the season are that we could build a strong team to compete for silverware.

The signings continued with forward **Joe Lynch** being announced. On his signing he said. "Signing back in Edinburgh was a no-brainer for me, I have called this place home for 3 years, and I'm buzzing to be back for my 4th year with the club. "My targets don't change for the year ahead, I want to win everything and help the team as much as I can to achieve our goals, I have already been taking the off-season seriously, and I can't wait to get started back after the summer. "See you all in September, Caps fans. It's going to be a fun one."

We welcomed a new signing on the last day of May in the form of **Conner McNulty** Conner, at only 20 years of age, is a terrific addition to our roster and will bring a lot of youth and talent to the team. The 23 year old from Irvine said on putting pen to paper said "Coming off a Grand Slam last season, I'm committed to success in Edinburgh. I want to win trophies for this club, and I'm prepared to give everything to the team to do that." Adding "I couldn't be happier to be spending next season in a Caps jersey, and I can't wait to play in front of the fans and bring silverware back to Edinburgh."



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Following the retirement of netminder Craig Chalmers the Capitals moved to secure the signature of **Liam Griffin** who joined us from North Ayrshire Wild. Just prior to our first exhibition game it was announced that he was moving to join Aberdeen Lynx.

We then signed another of last seasons defence with **Rihards Grigors** returning to the club. Rihards was a huge part of the defence last term and his experience will be a major factor this season. On returning for a second season, Rihards said, "I'm happy to be back for another season here in Edinburgh. It was nice to return to the club I started my UK career with, and it was a fun year. Unfortunately, we didn't win any silverware, so we are more determined to set that right this season. The team is coming together nicely with a few new faces and a few returning players, and I'm sure that come the first face off, we will have a team the fans can be excited to watch every week."

Steven continued building his defensive unit when he signed 'Iron Man', **Adian Paterson** who like Chad and Joel was entering his fourth season with the club. In the last 3 years, Aiden has missed only 1 game. He has made 108 appearances, scoring 7 goals and 31 assists for 38 points. Adain has matured into a strong defence-man and has put in some great performances. Adian had this for the Caps fans "The way last season ended was extremely disappointing for myself and the rest of the team. However, this year I'm eager to get back to winning ways, and with the signings that the coaching team have made, we are definitely heading in the right direction."

The next signing was like a new one but it was the return of **Ben Coughtrie** after his very short 2024-25 season! On re-signing, Ben had this to say, "I'm delighted to be back for my 4th season here as a Caps player. Unfortunately, last year didn't go to plan for me, picking up a season-ending injury in the first league game of the season. It was tough watching from the stands as I just wanted to be out there helping the boys."

"After a couple of knee operations, I am now feeling good and looking forward to the season." Ben added "When Lynchy got in touch to ask if I wanted to sign again, it was a no-brainer. I love playing here in Edinburgh, and I am excited to see what this season will bring for the team."



Ever wanted to skate out onto the ice through the Lion tunnel with the team?

Edinburgh Capitals are excited to offer a mascot package for the 2025-2026 SNL campaign, which will allow you to meet the team behind the scenes and take to the ice before the opening Face-Off.

The package costs £100 and mascots can be of any age. This will cover entry to the game for 1 adult and 1 child.

As a mascot, you and one guest will enjoy the pre-game experience here at Murrayfield Ice Arena with a chance to meet the players and grab photos and autographs. You will then get ready to take to the ice with the Edinburgh Capitals. You will also be able to watch the team warm up from the Capitals bench (helmet and face guard must be worn and can be provided).

As the lights go down and the atmosphere rises, you will skate out with the player of your choice for the opening Face-Off, and photos will be taken as you come through the Caps tunnel. You will then head into the huddle for fist bumps as the boys get ready for game time. Your name will also be announced to the crowd, and your photos and experience will be posted on our club's social media pages.

All mascots and guests must wear a helmet (with a face guard, if under 21). Helmets can be provided. If you are doing a walk-on package, no kit is required.

This will again be on a first-come, first-served basis, and packages are now available to purchase through the Capitals Fanbase App for each home game.

For any additional questions, please contact Scott Neil at [scottcapitals@gmail.com](mailto:scottcapitals@gmail.com)

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## GB Set for Switzerland in 2026 WC's

Great Britain will be based in Zurich in Group A for the IIHF Men's Ice Hockey World Championship which takes place from 15th to 31st May 2026.



GB will face USA, Switzerland, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Austria and Hungary in the group stages at the 12,000-seater Swiss Life Arena.

Group B – which is being held at the 9,000-seater BCF Arena in Fribourg, consists of Canada, Sweden, Czechia, Denmark, Slovakia, Norway, Slovenia and Italy.

The groups were determined based on the IIHF World Ranking and also took into account the preferences of the Organising Committee.

Over the summer, the IIHF and the Organising Committee, in consultation with key stakeholders, were finalising the tournament schedule.

Christian Hofstetter, General Secretary of the 2026 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Switzerland, said: "My team and I had the honor of attending the 2025 tournament in Stock-

holm and Herning.

"We were able to gain valuable insights from the experience provided by the 2025 Organising Committee, the IIHF and their partners.

"Now that the groups are set, it truly feels like the 2026 IIHF WM is getting closer and, in line with our slogan, time to shine."

Tickets are available to [buy online via the IIHF website](#) and are being released in stages.

You will also be able to purchase tickets via the Great Britain Supporters' Club who sit together at games and create that famous Barmy Army atmosphere.

### GB SECURE GOLD AND PROMOTION IN ROMANIA

Sunday 27th April: Ukraine 3-4 Great Britain (penalty-shots)

Monday 28th April: Great Britain 2-1 Romania (overtime)

Wednesday 30th April: Great Britain 5-4 Japan (overtime)

Thursday 1st May: Italy 1-5 Great Britain

Saturday 3rd May: Great Britain 3-0 Poland

## Capitals Summer Signing's

The next signing was indeed a new signing as Steven lured **Kyle Howie** to the Capitals from North Ayrshire Wild. Having grown up through the Kirkcaldy Junior system, he also had a spell at Lanarkshire Lightning before playing his final year junior in North Ayr. Although still very young, he will relish the chance to play here in the capital this coming year with the Capitals. Kyle will be studying at Edinburgh University and said "After two and a half years, I've made the move from North Ayr to further my development, and the fact it is substantially closer. I would like to thank Wild for giving me my first opportunity in senior hockey and without it I would never have had the chance to join such a great team like the Capitals."

We then had another returnee when defenceman **Scott Geddes** was announced who was back for his third season. Growing up in the Kirkcaldy Junior system, Scott then progressed to senior hockey, playing with a number of clubs over the last decade. He has won numerous championships along the way, and he will be hoping to add more to his hockey CV come next April. "My call with Lynchy a few weeks ago was a relatively short chat because there's nowhere else I want to play. Obviously, last season was disappointing in terms of how it ended, but I feel like we were never too far away from making it a good one. Our next signing was the 'Belfast Boy' **Adam Robinson** who rejoined the club after his solid performances last term saw Lynchy invite him back for a second term. Adam's originally played with the SNL Giants and moved to Canada for the 2016-17 season and on his return to the UK, he trained with Elite League side Belfast Giants and made 8 appearances in 2017-18 for the team he grew up supporting Adam said on signing "When Lynchy asked if I wanted to return, it was a no-brainer. We didn't have the season we had hoped for last time out, but the boys will be desperate to change that." adding "The team is coming together nicely, and it will be exciting to see what other additions we will make before the action kicks off. See you in September, Caps Fans."

The next player to be introduced was 19 year old D Man, **Cameron Wilkie**, who is back for his second season. On the back end, Cammy brings speed and is a very impressive skater. On his return to the team, he said, "I love playing here in the capital. After a disappointing end to the season for the team in the last campaign, the league is a must for the team." "I'm looking forward to my 2nd season in Edinburgh and hope to not only develop my game but push for silverware as

I feel the boys and fans are deserving of something special next season."

Our Netminding duties this season will feature two newcomers to the club. Following the signing of Liam Griffin the club signed 20 year old, but very experienced **Ben Keddie**, from NIHL team Blackburn Hawks. Ben arrives at the club having spent the last three seasons playing in the NIHL 1 with Hawks. During his time as a Hawk, he won both the NIHL 1 North Cup and the NIHL North Playoff Championship in the 2023-24 season. Standing at 6ft tall, Ben is a huge presence in the net. We asked him as to why Edinburgh was the place for him this season, "I'm really excited to be joining the Caps for the upcoming season. I have heard nothing but good things about the club from other players. "Playing in Edinburgh has always been fun when I've played there in the past, so I can only imagine what it's like skating out there every week."

Versatility is a great thing to have in your locker and the re-signing of **Ross Dalgleish**, who can play forward or defence, is something he has. The 37-year-old had a stop-start season last year due to injury and suspension, but he is eager to go for the upcoming campaign. On his return, Dags had this to say, "I am extremely excited to be part of the Edinburgh Capitals organisation for another season." "Our supporters are amazing, and the growth we witnessed within the fan base over the last few seasons has been exceptional. It's testament to the hard work and exciting hockey the team plays.." He added "I can't wait to experience another season with friends, family, and this great bunch of guys. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this team again." With thirteen players and three netminders signed the roster was well on the way to being completed and we waited to see who the remaining places would be filled by.

Our next addition was that of Canadian defenceman **Sean Stewart** who will be a huge signing for the Capitals and indeed the SNL as a whole. The 23-year-old import blueliner arrives here in Edinburgh having played the last two years in the Canadian University League (USports) with St. Francis Xavier X-Men. Sean is a 6ft 1inch stay at home D man who takes pride in keeping forwards at bay. He plays with grit, tenacity and is a feisty competitor. Sean's playing history suggests Lynchy has signed a great addition to the club. We speaking with Sean he had this to say on signing with the club, "I'm coming to Edinburgh to study physiotherapy, and once I started exploring the idea, everyone I spoke to had nothing but great things to say about the city and its people. "I've heard a lot about how passionate the Caps fans are in Edinburgh, and I can't wait to get on the ice and play in front of them!"





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It is good to see youth getting a chance again this season with the return of **Lukas James**. The 18-year-old forward steps up to the Caps, having finished his junior career at the end of last season. Lukas played the second part of the 2024-25 campaign with the club, making 12 appearances, scoring 1 goal, and picking up 2 assists. "What Chad and I will be looking for from him now is to start making some of the senior players look over their shoulders at practice and in games, because he will hopefully be either driving them on or pushing them down the line up. On re-signing with the Caps, Lukas said, "My short stint with the Caps so far has been an experience like no other. Playing in front of these amazing fans is a real privilege, and I can't wait to get back in the Lion's Den and go try to win some silverware..

The clubs next announcement was that of another returnee, **Aaron Robertson**. Last season Aaron posted 6 goals and 11 assists, icing in 35 games. Since the clubs return in 2022, Robo has played in a total of 104 games, scoring 31 goals and 58 assists for a total of 89 points. 27 year old Aaron has been around the SNL for over a decade, and his experience will play a big part throughout the upcoming season. Having grown up in the Kirkcaldy Junior system and with a hockey family background, he progressed through the years, also representing Scotland at all age groups. Returning for his 3rd year, Robo said, "I'm happy to be back for another season. Last season was a disappointing finish based on what we knew we could achieve. "I'm looking forward to righting those wrongs this year, and we are hoping to put on a show for the Caps faithful."

**Sean Cochrane** was the next signing and the 29-year-old Kirkcaldy-born playmaker is back for his 4th season here in Edinburgh. Like a handful of others, Sean joined the club in the summer of 2022 from rivals Kirkcaldy Kestrels. In his 3 years so far, Sean has played in 103 games, scoring 35 goals and picking up 74 assists for a total of 109 points. He will again bring a wealth of experience to the team, and he will play a huge part if we are to have any success this coming season. Last term saw him post 7 goals and 26 assists for 33 points in 32 games. On his return for another year, Sean had this to say, "I'm delighted to re-sign with the Edinburgh Capitals. The club's vision and the support of the fans make it a special place to play. I'm looking forward to building on what we've started.

" Hopefully, we can win some silverware for the fans, which they truly deserve."

With just a few team spots left one was filled by **Cameron Gallagher** who like many others were back for his fourth season with the club. 21 year old Cammy will be back for his 4th season at the club, having stepped up from Murrayfield Juniors back in 2022. In his three campaigns so far here, playing in the Lion's Den he has iced in 80 games, scoring 2 goals and picking up 9 assists for 11 points. On returning for another year Cammy had this to say, "I am really excited to be back playing for the Edinburgh Capitals this coming year. "I can't wait to play in front of our amazing fan base once again. They are by far the best in the league and make it fun to be out there on the ice in the Lion's Den. I'm looking forward to being back with all the guys and hopefully we can grab some silverware this season."

Capitals were then delighted to announce the re-signing of defenceman **Dean Walker** for the 2025-2026 SNL campaign. Deano returns for his 4th season since the club re-formed back in 2022. He will again be part of the defensive unit, bringing experience having played in the league for a number of years. Deano said "Lynch and Chad have put together a very strong team with plenty of depth, something we maybe didn't have last year. I can't wait to get back out in front of the Caps fans here in the Lion's Den in a few weeks, by far the best fanbase in the league!" Dean's signing was not the final main signing but Lynch added three of the Murrayfield Junior players namely, Jonnie Livingstone, Charlie McLoughlin-Hanna and Justin Finnigan, to the squad and they will train and get ice time in the coming fixtures when the situation allows. They will all be eager to impress and take the next step in their hockey career.

So now it's time to back the guys who all wanted to be part of the Capitals Family. We then had a late signing of a former player, **Scott McKay** who played six times in our inaugural season. Scott played the last two seasons with Paisley playing 47 games, scoring 6 goals and 3 assists for 9 points. The hard working, gritty forward had this to say on his return, "I'm delighted to be back in Edinburgh, it's a very exciting team that has been put together to push for silverware this season" adding "I have enjoyed pre-season being back on the ice with the boys and can't wait to get the season started."

So we now have the team and the pre-season is over and the guys are ready for the long hard haul, so let's get right behind them each and every game.



As you will now be aware, the league has expanded and we have 9 teams all fighting it out for the League, Scottish Cup, and Play Offs. The Capitals will face off against Aberdeen Lynx, Dundee Rockets, Kilmarnock Thunder, Kirkcaldy Kestrels, North Ayrshire Wild, Paisley Pirates, Solway Sharks, and Whitley Warriors over the course of the season, with many mouthwatering clashes to look forward to.

We will play a total of 32 league games, playing all teams both home and away, twice. Head Coach Steven Lynch has built a strong roster, and we are sure you will all be excited with the team that takes to the ice this season. He said, "Our fanbase has kept growing season after season, and we have no doubt that this will happen once again this upcoming campaign."

"The team when we hit the ice, will be a team that you will all be proud of. The players and I are all hungry to grab silverware after the disappointment of last season, and we will be giving it our all to do just that."

"Your support is massive to the team, and we would love to see you all back in the Lion's Den once again. Grab your season tickets now."

The season ticket will cover 16 home league games here at Murrayfield Ice Arena. All additional exhibition, cup, and play-off games will not be covered.

Like previous years, the majority of our home games will be on a Saturday at 6.30pm.

There will be a free 1-hour skate after every home game throughout the season for fans who have been in attendance.

The season ticket prices for the 2025-2026 season are as follows:

- Adults – £192 (£12 per game)
  - Child – £112 (£7 per game)
  - Family (2 x Adult, 2 x Children) – £519 (£32.43 per game)
  - Family (1 x Adult, 1 x Children) – £275 (£17.18 per game)
- Standard game day ticket prices will be £14 for adults and £9 for children.

Edinburgh Capitals Season Tickets are available to purchase now through the Fanbase, ticket link here:

<https://app.fanbaseclub.com/Fan/SeasonTickets/SelectType?clubId=142>





## SNL Team Rosters

Aberdeen Lynx		Dundee Rockets		Kilmarnock Thunder		Kirkcaldy Kestrels	
#	Player	#	Player	#	Player	#	Player
21	Liam Griffin NM	31	Dale Shearer	1	Matthew Reid NM	1	Andrew Little NM
28	Rory Wood NM	33	Euan Simpson	76	Aaron Forsyth NM	31	Craig Holland NM
4	Kyle Ferguson	4	Drew Rumgay	3	Ronan McCready	35	Cameron Kenny NM
5	Jamie Edmonds	6	Robbie Barnett	9	Fraser Turner	3	Jack Malcolmson
8	Jordan Leyden	8	Robbie Hill	10	Rhyce Anderson	4	Chris Wands
11	Calum MacEachran	10	John Gordon	16	Euan Gallacher	5	Kyle Horne
12	Conor Duncan	16	John Dolan	5	Torin MacLachlan	6	Joe Somerville
13	Euan Hanton	17	Rio Page	18	Mack Harris	10	Jamie Wilson
17	Callum Smith	18	Sean Beattie	28	Liam Anderson	16	James Spence
19	Mark Laing	19	Sam McLuskey	61	Luke Kearsley	18	Allan Anderson
21	Josh Purvis	21	Charlie Scott	34	Marc Fowley	19	Lewis Gold
23	Logan Gordon	25	Ross Paul	57	Taylor McCormick	20	Ross Henderson
24	Ben Edmonds	26	Grant Reekie	12	Taylor Cormick	22	Finley King
25	Jack Hutton	27	Richard Hartmann	90	Andrew Barr	23	George Pitcaithly
29	Callum Hill	38	Lewis Neave	94	Fraser Turner	32	Cole Giannanderea
44	Daniel Topping	42	Andrew Henderson	23	Reece O'Brien	34	Callum McLaren
57	Jaydn Baxter	43	Jack Henderson	20	Keir McPherson	37	Caiden Forbes
72	Sean Dyer	51	Cameron McGiffen	26	Martin McPhail	44	Adam Farmer
74	Jack Flynn	92	Lewis McIntosh	24	Mylo Wylie	53	Kian Shevin
79	Zac Thomson	96	Michael Ireland	98	Aden Soltani	71	Grant Jamieson
88	Owen Michie		Kevin Ross	13	Keir Anderson	88	Graham Chalmers
96	Macaulay Armstrong		Denis Kontseus	88	Ross Andreucci	97	Scott Jamieson
Average Age: 26.33		Average Age: 27.14		Average Age: 24.57		Average Age: 25.76	
North Ayrshire Wild		Paisley Pirates		Solway Sharks		Whitley Warriors	
#	Player	#	Player	#	Player	#	Player
29	Caiden MacColl	39	Daniel McGowan	31	Harry Campbell	30	Thomas Brown
31	Evan McTaggart	55	Callum Donaghy	37	Logan Reid	32	Joshua Crane
5	Jack Neil	4	Paul Corrigan	5	Niall Duignan	5	Matty McDonald
7	Matthew Evans	6	Jay Herd	14	Stephen Adams	8	Liam Smedley
8	Lewis McCrindle	7	Gary Parker	16	Bailey Thomson	13	Kyle Ross
10	Jacob Woods	8	Martyn Simpson	17	Jamie Ferguson	15	Anthony Weth-
11	Kerr Drummond	10	Zack Docherty	18	Tomas Vyrostek	18	Lucas Campion
12	Jordan McGonigle	11	Fraser Kerr	19	Richard Bentham	20	Phill Edgar
14	Connor Wood	12	Jamie Whitelaw	22	Andrew Craik	21	Ross Douglass
15	Josh Sangster	13	Magnus	23	Samuel Wojcik	22	Adam Wood
17	Liam Houston	14	Bradley Annan	27	Ewan Duignan	24	Harry Harley
18	Dylan Murray	16	Robbie Thomson	28	Gordon Horne	27	Jamie Ord
20	Rocco Murray	18	Ben Walker	35	Scott Fitzpatrick	29	Cameron Ware
27	Lennon Deeny	19	Chris Wilson	45	Scott Crane	37	Matthew Bentham
67	Haydn Woods	23	Calum Blair	55	Owen Rae	43	Ethan Reid
77	Scott Cowan	27	Chris Turley	67	Ruairi Lockerbie	57	Callum Queenan
78	Zak Kenneth	28	Jamie Crawford	77	Ajay Turner	64	Owen Yarrow
81	Sean Woods	44	Jay Herd	85	Andrew	77	Jay Lucas
88	Luca de Simone	57	Ryan Parkin	89	Oliver Turner	78	Jack Williams
91	Tom Morgenthaler	70	Marcus Murdoch	92	Travis Lavery	87	Harvie Starkie
96	Georg Superov	77	Cameron Millar	97	Lewis Chalmers	92	Jayden White
		91	Ryan Campbell			94	Ben Richards
Average Age: 21.70		Average Age: 24.74		Average Age: 23.82		Average Age: 23.56	



## Understanding Offsides and Icing Calls

Offsides and icing are two important rules in ice hockey that can impact the outcome of a game. One of the most important rules to understand is offsides. When a player enters the offensive zone before the puck, it results in an offsides call. This means that the play is stopped, and the faceoff takes place outside of the zone. An offsides call can be frustrating for a team, but it's important to remember that this rule exists to keep the game fair and prevent any unfair advantages.

Another crucial rule in ice hockey is icing. This occurs when a player shoots the puck across the red center line and over the opposing team's goal line without it being touched. If an icing call is made, play is stopped, and the faceoff takes place in the offending team's zone. Like offsides, icing is in place to prevent unfair advantages and to keep the game fair for both teams.

It's important to note that there are exceptions to the icing rule. For example, if the goalie leaves their crease to play the puck, icing will not be called. Additionally, if a player from the opposing team could have touched the puck but chose not to, icing will also not be called. These exceptions exist to prevent unnecessary stoppages of play and keep the game flowing smoothly.

Offsides and icing are two rules that are essential to understand in ice hockey. While they can be frustrating for players and fans alike, they are in place to ensure that the game is fair for both teams. By knowing the ins and outs of these rules, you can better appreciate the sport and the skill it takes to play at a high level.

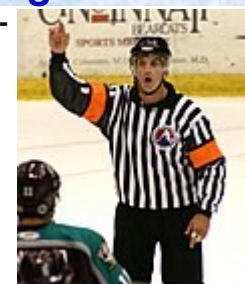
### Knowing the Different Faceoff Locations

Faceoffs are a critical aspect of ice hockey that can impact the flow and outcome of a game. Understanding the different faceoff locations is essential for players and fans alike. One of the most common faceoff locations is the center ice faceoff circle. This is where play begins at the start of a period or after a goal is scored.

Another important faceoff location is the end zone faceoff circle. This is where play resumes after a stoppage of play in the offensive or defensive zone. If a team commits a penalty, the ensuing faceoff will take place in their defensive zone.

It's important to note that there are other faceoff locations on the ice as well. For example, if the puck goes out of play and the last player to touch it was from the defensive team, play resumes with a faceoff in their zone. Additionally, if a player is injured and requires medical attention, play will resume with a faceoff in the neutral zone.

In conclusion, understanding the different faceoff locations is crucial for fans to fully appreciate the sport of ice hockey. By knowing where faceoffs occur and their importance, you can better follow the action on the ice and understand the decisions made by referees and players alike.





# EDINBURGH CAPITALS

Colours: White, Blue, Red

				Capitals Goals					
#	Player	Pos		#	Scorer	Asst 1	Asst 2	Time	Type
13	Ciaran Hoggan	NM		1				:	
24	Ben Keddie	NM		2				:	
3	Dean Walker	D		3				:	
7	Cameron Wilkie	D		4				:	
8	Adam Robinson	RW		5				:	
9	Cammy Gallagher	C/W		6				:	
10	Sean Cochrane	F	'A'	7				:	
16	Conner McNulty	C		8				:	
17	Joe Lynch	F	'A'	9				:	
18	Ben Coughtrie	D		10				:	
				Capitals Penalties					
#	Player	Pos		#	Offence	Time	Pen Mins		
20	Aaron Robertson	RW				:	:		
22	Aiden Paterson	D	'A'			:	:		
24	Kyle Howie	F				:	:		
25	Ross Dalglish	C/D				:	:		
27	Sean Stewart	D				:	:		
33	Scott Geddes	D				:	:		
37	Chad Smith	LW/RW				:	:		
47	Joel Gautschi	C	'C'			:	:		
68	Lukas James	C				:	:		
77	Scott McKay	F				:	:		
78	Rihards Grigors	D				:	:		
90	Kris Phillips	C/D				:	:		

Head Coach: Steven Lynch. Asst. Coach:: Chad Smith:: Manager: Jim Paterson. Kit:

Shots On	#	Time on	1	2	3	OT	Total	Time Out	Period Scores
Ciaran Hoggan	13	:						Capitals	Capitals
Ben Keddie	34	:						:	Sharks

Tonight's Match Officials: Referee:

2025-2026

13th Sept.

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# SOLWAY SHARKS



Colours:

				Sharks Goals					
#	Player	Pos		#	Scorer	Asst 1	Asst 2	Time	Type
31	Harry Campbell	NM		1				:	
37	Logan Reid	NM		2				:	
5	Niall Duignan	F		3				:	
14	Stephen Adams	F		4				:	
16	Bailey Thomson	F		5				:	
17	Jamie Ferguson	RW		6				:	
18	Tomas Vyrostek	F		7				:	
19	Richard Bentham	D/F		8				:	
22	Andrew Craik	F		9				:	
23	Samuel Wojcik	D		10				:	
				Sharks Penalties					
#	Player	Pos		#	Offence	Time	Pen Mins		
27	Ewan Duignan	D/F				:	:		
28	Gordon Horne	C				:	:		
35	Scott Fitzpatrick	D				:	:		
45	Scott Crane	F				:	:		
55	Owen Rae	D				:	:		
67	Ruairi Lockerbie	F				:	:		
77	Ajay Turner	F				:	:		
85	Andrew Creighton	F				:	:		
89	Oliver Turner	D				:	:		
92	Travis Lavery	D				:	:		
92	Lewis Chalmers	F				:	:		

Head Coach: Bob Chalmers Asstt Coach: Lewis Turton-Jones. General Manager: Jamie McIlroy

Shots On	#	Time on	1	2	3	OT	Total	Time Out	Period Scores
Harry Campbell	31	:						Sharks	Sharks
Logan Reid	37	:						:	Capitals

Linespersons:

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