

Steelheads to host tailgate event prior to home opener

The Mississauga Steelheads will open their 2019-20 campaign on home ice later this month, when they play host to the Niagara IceDogs on Friday, Sep. 20 at 7 p.m.

The team went 3-3-0-0 against the IceDogs last season, including a 2-1-0-0 record at the Paramount Fine Foods Centre.

The Steelheads will be looking to build off their second half run that saw the team finish fifth in the Eastern Conference just a year ago.

Players returning this season include three 2019 NHL draft picks; Thomas Harley, Cole Schwindt and Kean Washkurak, and a veteran returning group including Liam Ham, Nick Isaacson and Nicholas Canade.

The team will also feature some new faces in the line-up, including 2019 first round picks Ethan Del Mastro (OHL Priority Selection) and

Ole Bjorgvik-Holm (CHL Import Draft), off-season acquisitions Hayden Davis and Kai Edmonds.

Rounding out the current roster are rookies Michael Stubbs, Max Dodig, Luca DelBelBelluz, Craig Spence, Chas Sharpe, and Justin DiLauro.

Fans will have more to look forward to than just on-ice action on Sep. 20 as the hockey club looks to celebrate the start of the season with pre-game festivities outside the Paramount Fine Foods Centre.

The Steelheads tailgating experience, set up just outside the main gates, will provide an assortment of entertainment and menu options for fans of all ages.

Country singer Paige Rutledge will kick things off with live music starting at 5:30 p.m., while Sauga 960AM's Mike Richards and Dave Bastille will preview the season ahead for the

fish with a remote access broadcast, and Paramount Fine Foods will have barbecues running with \$5 food and \$6 beer menu.

There will be a number of games and activities for kids, including an interactive shooting contest where they can test their skills shooting on Sauga and be entered for a chance to win a team signed jersey.

The Home Opener is also a Winning Night matchup, meaning that if the Steelheads win, those in attendance can redeem their tickets at the Paramount Fine Foods Centre box office for a free ticket to the game on Nov. 1.

The Home Opener is also part of the Marquee Matchup Package, a new package that features four premium games for the price of three.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Paramount Fine Foods Centre Box Office at (905) 502-9100.



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Quest for the Struthers Cup begins this weekend

The championship series of the North Dufferin Baseball League begins this weekend between the Bolton Brewers and the New Lowell Knights.

The best of seven series, playing on weekends only, starts Saturday with a 12 p.m. game in Lisle. Game 2 is Sunday in New Lowell at 1 p.m.

The schedule continues with Sep. 14 in Bolton, Sep. 15 in New Lowell, Sep. 21 in Bolton, Sep. 22 in New Lowell and Sep. 28 in Bolton.

Bolton home games start at 2 p.m. while New

Lowell home games begin at 1 p.m.

The Brewers finished the regular season in first place with a 20-5 record and defeated the Creemore Braves and Clearview Orioles en

route to the finals.

New Lowell had a 19-5-1 record and ended in third place. They dispatched the Midland Mariners and Ivy Leafs to make the finals.



Tennis coach promotes value of local sports in south Mississauga

As a professional tennis coach of Top Spin - The Winning Edge, Ravi DeSouza's expertise in promoting grass-roots tennis with youths and adults has evolved to an affiliation with Tennis Canada, Professional Tennis Registry and the City of Mississauga.

Ravi successfully promotes Progressive Tennis within Ontario, and played a leading role as Mississauga was the first pilot to launch the program.

Top Spin, DeSouza said in a recent interview, delivers outstanding tennis lessons in Mississauga and participants of all ages and levels so they can reach their highest potential. Top Spin helps players build confidence both men-

tally and physically allowing them to learn, play and love the game more.

Tennis for the Young at Heart, a senior program funded by the Ontario government and delivered by Ravi at Mohawk Park Tennis Club, enables older participants to learn and play the sport recreationally for exercise at their own pace.

After learning the basics they returned to continue on playing the sport with incredible patience, encouragement and building their self-esteem and confidence supporting the philosophy that, "You are never too old or too young to learn, play and love the game."

Ravi has been coaching and inspiring kids, adults and sen-

iors of all ages to learn and play tennis for 28 years. As a dedicated coach and mentor at Mohawk Park during the outdoor season and at Canlan Sportsplex during fall/winter indoor season in Mississauga, as well as in Markham, he is a driving force behind positive change and innovation.

DeSouza said his enthusiasm remains as strong and committed as ever to his students and to the sport, and invites new participants to try tennis or fine-tune their game all year round.

Registrations are now open for the indoor tennis season for youths ages 4-11.

For more information, call 416-835-SPIN (7746) or email rd@topspin.ca.