



# RYERSON RAMS MHKY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1898 First intercollegiate athletic association in Canada was formed, called the Canadian Intercollegiate Rugby Football Union. Consisted of McGill, Queen's, and Toronto.
- 1948 Ryerson Institute of Technology was founded.
- 1948-49 Men's hockey competes in the Clancy Intermediate League, under the auspices of the Toronto Hockey League (THL).
- 1949-50 Hockey team now plays in the THL Industrial League. Coached by Jack Gropp. Team plays out of Ravina Gardens.
- 1950-51 Another new coach, Julian Smith and the league, the Inter-Urban League, competing against Upper Canada College, General Electric and Balmy Beach. Team places fourth and out of the playoffs.
- 1951-52 Win the Minor College Hockey League Championship. Compete against College of Optometry and the College of Chiropractic and play some of their games at Varsity Arena. Team coached by Norm McClelland.
- 1952-53 Enter the Central Ontario Hockey Association (COHA) with Waterloo, Ontario Agricultural College (O.A.C.), Osgoode Hall and Ryerson. Play out of Varsity Arena.
- 1953-54 Become the COHA League Champions. Competition is against McMaster, OAC, Osgoode Hall, Ryerson and Waterloo College.
- 1954-55 Win the Central Ontario Hockey Association championship for second year in a row.
- 1955-56 Huron College of the University of Western Ontario joins the COHA. Ryerson wins championship for third year defeating Huron 7-6 in a two game total-goals series.
- 1956-57 Win the Central Ontario Hockey Association championship for fourth year in a row. The final series was cancelled as Osgoode Hall was in the middle of exams.
- 1958 to 1971 Ryerson competes in the Ontario Intercollegiate Athletic Association (OIAA). Original members were McMaster, OAC, Osgoode Hall, Ryerson and Waterloo College. The OIAA was formed as an outgrowth of the COHA League.
- 1958-59 Win the OIAA hockey championship. Home games were contested at Scarborough Arena.



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- 1959-60 Ryerson makes the OIAA finals but drops a two-game total-goal series to Osgoode Hall 9-8. Ron Scarcello coaches the first of five seasons with the Rams.
- 1960-61 Ryerson is eliminated in the OIAA semifinals by OAC.
- 1961 Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) was initiated.
- 1961-62 Hamilton Institute of Technology (HIT) and Waterloo Lutheran become OIAA members. Ryerson concedes the OIAA championship to McMaster because of exams. Played their home games out of Varsity Arena.
- 1962-63 Ryerson wins the OIAA hockey championship defeating Waterloo 9-7 in a two-game total-goal final. York University, Western Ontario Institute of Technology (WOIT) and Laurentian University join the OIAA. Rams split their home games between Varsity Arena and George Bell Arena.
- 1963 Ryerson's name changed to Ryerson Polytechnic Institute. In November, after the withdrawal of McMaster, University of Waterloo, OAC, Ryerson, HIT and WOIT, the OIAA is accepted for membership in the CIAU.
- 1964-65 Ryerson returns to the OIAA. Matt Robillard, a former CFL Ottawa Roughriders fullback, coaches the Rams.
- 1965 Glendon College is accepted into the OIAA.
- 1966 Full membership of the OIAA is Glendon College, Laurentian University, Osgoode Hall, Ryerson, Waterloo Lutheran University and York University.
- 1967-68 Bill Kennedy becomes Ryerson's seventh hockey coach. The team plays their games at Maple Leaf Gardens.
- 1970-71 Brian Jones takes over as the Rams coach.
- 1971 Ryerson is given authority to grant degrees. Ryerson was admitted as a full member of the Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA). For the next four years (1971-75) the team plays at Forest Hill Arena.
- 1971-72 A new OUAA Hockey League forms. Divided into two sections as follows:  
Eastern Section: Carleton, Laurentian, Ottawa, Queen's, Ryerson, Toronto, York  
Western Section: Brock, Guelph, Lutheran, McMaster, Waterloo, Western, Windsor



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- 1975-76 The Rams move to Moss Park Arena and play there for the next thirteen years. The team clinches their first playoff spot in OUAA history.
- 1976-77 The Rams win the OUAA Central Division with an 11-4-1 record. Fall to York in the OUAA quarter-final.
- 1981-82 John Arbour has a one-year stint coaching the Rams.
- 1984-85 Jim Cairns becomes Ryerson's ninth hockey coach and coaches the team for the next 10 seasons.
- 1988-89 Coach Cairns leads Ryerson to an OUAA West third place finish with a 13-12-1 record, the most wins in a season for the Rams. The team moved to St. Mike's Arena this year and stayed there for thirteen years.
- 1993 Ryerson becomes recognized as Canada's only Polytechnical University. A bill was passed to grant Ryerson full university status.
- 1994-95 Lou Carnevale takes over the coaching reins of the Rams.
- 2000-01 Ed Kirsten becomes Ryerson's eleventh hockey coach. Former hockey player, Julian Smith (1951-52) is inducted into Ryerson Sport Hall of Fame.
- Rob Gierkink (1985-86) is recognized as an exceptional Ryerson graduate, receiving the Ryerson Alumni Achievement Award.
- 2001-02 Rams move to Lakeshore Arena.
- 2002 School is renamed to Ryerson University.
- 2003 Bill McKenzie (1962-65) and Ron Scarcello (1953-56 & 59-64) are inducted into Ryerson Sport Hall of Fame.
- 2004-05 Mick Mitrovic coaches men's hockey team. Bryan Webber (1958-61) becomes the fourth hockey player inducted into the Ryerson Sport Hall of Fame.
- 2005-06 The Rams move to George Bell Arena.
- 2006-07 Men's hockey team acquires coach Graham Wise from York University.



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- 2007-08 University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) and Carleton University join the OUA men's hockey loop.
- 2009-10 The 1958-59 OIAA hockey championship team is inducted into the Ryerson Sport Hall of Fame.
- Nipissing University joins the OUA in hockey. OUA hockey goes to an East and a West conference. Ten teams in the East and nine teams in the West. The Rams hockey team finishes sixth in the OUA East (12-13-3), making the playoffs for the first time in seven years. Sweep the University of Toronto two games to none in the first round, before bowing out to UQTR in the conference semifinals.
- 2010-11 The hockey team made the national Top 10 rankings for the first time in school history, ranked 8th in the country in October. With a ninth place finish in the OUA East the Rams did not make the playoffs.
- 2011-12 The Rams finished the season 13-12-3, the first .500+ record since 1988-89. With a seventh place finish in the OUA East the team made the playoffs. Winning the first playoff game against UQTR 9-2, they were eventually defeated two games to one in the first round.
- 2012-13 On Saturday, September 8 the first official game, between Ryerson and UOIT, was played at the Mattamy Athletic Centre, the former Maple Leaf Gardens. At 6:03 of the first period Kevin George of UOIT scored the first goal in the new facility. At 11:26 of the first, Brian Birkhoff tallied the first goal for the Rams. Ryerson prevailed in the game, 5-4.
- The 1962-63 OIAA hockey championship team is inducted into the Ryerson Sport Hall of Fame. Al Coates (1964-69) is recognized as an exceptional Ryerson graduate, receiving the Ryerson Alumni Achievement Award.
- The team went 12-16-0 for an eighth place finish in the OUA East, but bowed out two straight to UQTR in the first round of the playoffs.
- 2013-14 Laurentian hockey returns to the OUA after a 13-year absence, joining the OUA East. Ryerson and the University of Toronto move to the OUA West.
- John Saunders (1976-78) is inducted into the Ryerson Sport Hall of Fame and recognized as an exceptional Ryerson graduate, receiving the Ryerson Alumni Achievement Award.
- The Rams establish a program record for wins in a season going 17-11-0 in league play, good for a third place finish in the OUA West. The team was nationally ranked for four weeks in Dec.-Jan.



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2013-14 (cont'd)

The team made it to the division semifinals in the playoffs, defeating Brock two games to one in the first round and then bowed out to Lakehead two games to none in the second round.

Domenic Alberga, CIS All-Rookie Team, and Jamie Wise, CIS Second-Team All-Canadian, became the first Ryerson hockey players to get CIS recognition.

2014-15

The Rams finished in fourth place in the OUA West with a 14-12-1 record, the fourth year in a row the team made the playoffs. However, they bowed out two straight to the University of Toronto in the first round of the playoffs.

Mark Corbett won the D.H. Craighead Award for the greatest contribution to athletics by a male.

Rookie Alex Basso was an OUA All-Rookie and First-Team All-Star.

2015-16

The Rams finished in sixth place in the OUA West division with a 14-13-1 record, the fifth year in a row the team made the playoffs. The team upset Waterloo in the first round of the playoffs, two games to none. However, in the conference semifinal, Guelph defeated the Rams two games to one.

Rookie Brandon Devlin was named to the OUA All-Rookie Team and won Ryerson's Eyeopener Rookie of the Year. Captain Michael Fine was an OUA First-Team All-Star.

Head coach Graham Wise announces his retirement.

2016-17

Johnny Duco takes over head coaching duties on an interim basis. The Rams post a program record for wins in a season with a 22-4-2 record, good for first in the OUA West. Ryerson earns highest ever national ranking, voted the No. 3 team in the country on two occasions. Continue playoff streak to six straight seasons. The team won their opening playoff series two games to one over Waterloo before being upset by Windsor, two games to none in the second round.

Aaron Armstrong sets Ryerson scoring record with 46 points, wins OUA scoring race. Armstrong named a U SPORTS Second-Team All-Canadian, becoming just the second Ram to win the honour. Armstrong also wins OUA and U SPORTS Dr. Randy Gregg Award for combining athletic, academic, and community service work and earns Ryerson's D.H. Craighead Award.

Captain Michael Fine becomes Ryerson all-time leading scorer with 132 career points and named OUA First-Team All-Star. Alex Basso also a First-Team All-Star. Freshmen Matt Mistele and Josh Sterk named to OUA All-Rookie Team.



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2017-18

Johnny Duco named full time head coach. Rams finish third in the OUA West division with a 16-9-3 record. Playoff streak extends to seventh straight year. The team won their opening playoff series two games to one over Western before being falling to defending champion York, two games to none in the second round.

Alex Basso and Matt Mistele are both named U SPORTS Second-Team All-Canadians, marking the first time two players have received national recognition in the same season. Basso also named the OUA West Most Valuable Player and Defenceman of the Year. Aaron Armstrong is named an OUA Second-Team All-Star while freshmen Cavin Leth and Greg DiTomaso are named to the All-Rookie Team.