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The Future of the Renfrew Wolves

Renfrew, ON — Over this season, the Renfrew Wolves organization has undergone significant changes to its roster and structure. Some of these adjustments were made to emphasize youth, promising prospects, and strategic draft acquisitions. The organization remains committed to its core values: developing talent, fostering growth, and building a strong future. With a solid core of returning players, a focus on identifying new talent at upcoming camps, and a clear framework for player development, the Wolves are poised for continued success.

Draft Success and Development Focus

Looking ahead to the spring 2025 draft, the Wolves are poised to make a substantial impact. Through strategic trades, they have secured five first-round picks—nearly half of the entire first round.

“The work we’ve put into building for the future is starting to show real promise,” said Jerrett DeFazio, General Manager of the Jr. A Wolves. “Our organization is devoted to providing a winning program and developing players who can excel at the highest level.”

As part of this ongoing effort, the Wolves will host a May Prospects Camp (May 2–4), dedicated to finding free agents who can elevate the team.

“We’re committed to bringing in quality athletes on and off the ice,” added DeFazio. “This camp is a crucial step toward solidifying our roster for long-term success.”

Building on Current Success

Several first-year players have delivered impressive performances, adding depth to the Wolves’ lineup. The continued development of these emerging talents, coupled with the return of 2006 D Josh Lalande, an All-Star selection, and Captain Tal Stevenson (2005 D) for his final junior hockey season in 2025–26, promises to infuse the roster with valuable experience and leadership.

“Our focus has always been on developing our players, both on and off the ice,” said Jason Gould, Head Coach. “Seeing these young athletes contribute so effectively is a testament to their hard work and the dedication of our entire organization.”



A Winning Pipeline

The Renfrew Timberwolves Jr. B team continues to dominate, currently holding first place in their league—an achievement that highlights the Wolves’ robust developmental program. This winning pipeline was conceived from the grassroots system the Goulds built prior to taking over the Jr. A bench and overall operations this past fall, alongside seasoned GM DeFazio.

With promising players poised to advance in the organization, the upcoming fall camp is expected to be an exciting display of the next generation of Renfrew talent.

“The Wolves are building something special,” remarked Brent Gould, President of Operations. “When you combine young talent, veteran leadership, and a strong development system, it paves the way for long-term success. The energy around this organization is truly contagious.”

Commitment to Community

Off the ice, the Renfrew Wolves remain deeply involved in supporting the region:

Future Wolves Program: Showcases 4-13-year-old athletes from across Renfrew County.

Local Partnerships: Recent Collaborations with the Renfrew Hospital Breast Cancer Support and Foundation, the Renfrew & Area Food Bank, and CPAN and through various community Toy, Food and Snowsuit Drives.

Supporting pillars in the community with: Indigenous Awareness, our veterans, first responders, and various other not for profit organizations.

BIA Activities and School Appearances: Engaging with local businesses and supporting upcoming school events.

Financial Support: This season, the Wolves are proud to contribute to a variety of organizations and initiatives. Beneficiaries include Opeongo High School, RCI, and St. Joe’s Prom Fundraisers, local hockey tournaments, the Renfrew Connection Center, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch Local 148, Queen Elizabeth Public School, the Renfrew Food Bank, CPAN, and the Renfrew Hospital Foundation. Looking ahead, the Wolves plan to support additional causes such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Renfrew Hospice, and the Robbie Dean Foundation. Furthermore, funds raised through 50/50 draws have been directed towards supporting Renfrew Minor Hockey.

“Everyone involved with the Renfrew Wolves Hockey Organization—whether through ownership, staff, or volunteering—has chosen to be part of this incredible community because they believe in what Renfrew and the Wolves represent,” said DeFazio.



With a vision extending far beyond the current season, the Renfrew Wolves are proud to continue to build a foundation for enduring success—on and off the ice. Their unwavering dedication to excellence, community engagement, and player development ensures the best is yet to come.

The future is bright in Renfrew.

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ABOUT RENFREW WOLVES HOCKEY ORGANIZATION

The Renfrew Jr. A Wolves and Jr. B Timberwolves proudly represent the heart and spirit of hockey in Renfrew, Ontario, Canada. Competing in the Central Canada Hockey League (CCHL) and the Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League (EOJHL) respectively, both teams are dedicated to excellence, teamwork, and community engagement.

With a shared commitment to fostering the development of young athletes, the Wolves and Timberwolves provide a platform for players to grow both on and off the ice. Together, they embody Renfrew's rich hockey tradition, inspiring fans and strengthening community pride through their passion for the game.

Learn more about each team at:

Renfrew Jr. A Wolves: www.renfrewjrwolves.com

Renfrew Jr. B Timberwolves: www.renfrewtimberwolves.com

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