

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS OF RYERSON UNIVERSITY HOCKEY

- 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 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, Ontario Agricultural College (O.A.C.), 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 Central Ontario Hockey Association 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, O.A.C., Osgoode Hall, Ryerson and Waterloo College. The OIAA was formed as an outgrowth of the Central Ontario Intercollegiate Hockey League.
- 1958-59 Win the OIAA hockey championship. Home games were contested at Scarborough Arena.
- 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 semi-finals by O.A.C.
- 1961 Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) was initiated.
- 1961-62 Hamilton Institute of Technology (H.I.T.) 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 (W.O.I.T.) 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 Polytechnical Institute. In November, after the withdrawal of McMaster, University of Waterloo, O.A.C., Ryerson, H.I.T. and W.O.I.T. the OIAA is accepted for membership in the C.I.A.U.
- 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.
- 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 finals.
- 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 the 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.
- 2000-1 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 Ryerson University.
- 2003 Bill McKenzie (1962-65) and Ron Scarcello (1953-56 & 1959-64) 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.
- 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 6th in the OUA East Conference (12-13-3), making the playoffs for the first time in seven years. Sweep the University of Toronto 2 games to 0 in the first round, before bowing out to UQTR in the conference semi-finals.
- 2010-11 The hockey team made the Top 10 Rankings for the first time in school history, ranked 8th in the country in October. With a 9th 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 7th place finish in the OUA-East the team made the playoffs. Winning the first playoff game against UQTR 9-2, they were eventually defeated 2 games to one by UQTR in the first round of the playoffs.
- Keith Pelly (1983-84) is recognized as an exceptional Ryerson graduate receiving the Ryerson Alumni Achievement Award.
- 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 8th place finish in the OUA East Conference. However, bowed out 2 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 Conference. Ryerson and the University of Toronto move to the OUA West Conference.

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 in league play good for a 3rd place finish in the OUA West Division. The team was nationally ranked for 4 weeks in a row during December and January.

The team made it to the Division semi-finals in the playoffs, defeating Brock 2 games to 1 in the first round and then bowed out to Lakehead 2 games to 0 in the second round.

Domenic Alberga, CIS All-Rookie Team and Jamie Wise, CIS 2nd All-Canadian Team become the first Ryerson hockey players to get CIS recognition.