



The New 'Chicago Pro Hockey League' This Summer At MB Ice Arena - Chicago Blackhawk Community Rink

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CHICAGO, IL, UNITED STATES, June 5, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A new summer hockey league is coming to Chicago in July. The all-new Chicago Pro Hockey League (CPHL) is sponsored by ProStockHockey.com for local professional and elite development players to compete in eight exhibition games at MB Ice Arena - Chicago Blackhawks Community Rink.

The CPHL expects to feature more than 80 professional hockey players from the NHL, AHL and ECHL, as well as an additional 80 elite amateurs from various D1 colleges, junior teams and AAA programs.

The vision for the CPHL originated with Anders Sorensen and Brian Keane, both player development and skills coaches who work with professional and elite amateur hockey players in the Chicago area.

“Knowing there are so many NHL and pro players who live and train in Chicago during the offseason, we felt a summer pro league with ties to local charities would be great for the hockey community,” says Sorensen, Player Development Coach for the Chicago Blackhawks and Director of Player Development with the Chicago Mission. “Having coached and worked with a lot of these players throughout their youth and junior development years, and now while they are playing pro hockey, we felt a summer pro league would be really well received by the guys.”

Sorensen and Keane sat down one day and began to write down the names of all the professional hockey players who train in Chicago during the summer. “It was a big number,” says Keane, owner of Prodigy Hockey. “We just started working the phones and reaching out to the agents and guys, and the response was, ‘Absolutely, I’m in.’ ”

The new league has received the support of several top player management agencies and player development groups including Acme World Sports, O2K Sports Management, KO Sports, SCG Sports & Entertainment, Prodigy Hockey and the Chicago Mission.

Many current and former Chicago Blackhawks, as well as other locally based NHL players, are scheduled to participate in this inaugural season. Committed NHL players include Vinnie Hinostroza, Nick Schmaltz, Jordan Oesterle, Connor Carrick, Ryan Hartman, Tommy Wingels, Christian Fischer, Ryan Dzingel, T.J. Tynan, Robbie Russo, Alex Broadhurst, Garret Sparks, Christian Dvorak, Anders Bjork, Tommy Di Pauli and Lou Belpedio.

“The CPHL is a great opportunity for our Chicago-based players to participate in high-level games to supplement their summer training programs,” says Stan Bowman, Senior Vice President/General Manager of the Chicago Blackhawks. “I’m thrilled to see so many Chicago Blackhawks players involved, and also thrilled that our local hockey fans will be able to visit our new practice facility and

see some great summer hockey.”

It is fitting that the CPHL will be playing in the Blackhawks’ new state-of-the-art practice facility, one that features two NHL-size rinks, a fitness center, dining and much more. “We’re extremely excited to host the CPHL this summer,” says Andrea Hahn, General Manager of MB Ice Arena. “We look forward to showcasing our new facility, which just opened last November.”

In addition to professional summer hockey, the CPHL will host and spotlight a local charity each week — and donate a portion of all ticket sales to that organization.

The first puck drops on Wednesday, July 11. All games are open to the public for general admission at the door for only \$5. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. CDT on game days. There will be two professional games and two elite development games each Wednesday during the season. If you are unable to attend the games, you don’t have to miss out — all games will be broadcast and streamed live on the CPHL website!

Please visit the CPHL website at www.chicagoprohockeyleague.com for the latest player commitments, team rosters, game stats and all other general information. You can also follow the CPHL on Facebook (@chiprohockey), Twitter (@chiprohockey) and Instagram (@chiprohockey).

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