

# Coaching Staff



**DARREN LOWE - Head Coach**  
 Now in his 14th season behind the Blues bench, Darren Lowe first joined the U of T coaching staff in 1992-93 as an assistant. That year, the Blues won the Ontario championship and were national finalists.

At the conclusion of the 2002-2003 season, Lowe was honoured as the OUA East division coach of the

year for the second time in three years (00-01). He has led the Blues to seven out of eight first place finishes in the OUA's Mid-East division.

Lowe has also been involved with the Toronto Maple Leafs organization, serving as a guest coach in 1998, and spent time in the summer of 2001 working with some of the Leaf prospects. In 1999-2000, Lowe was a guest coach with Canada's national team.



**PAUL FISHER - Assistant Coach**  
 'Fish', as he is affectionately known by the players and coaching staff, is in his 15th season as a member of the Varsity Blues coaching staff. Fisher has coached at various levels and does a tremendous job with the Blues goaltenders. During the 2000-01 season, he worked with the Canadian national women's team's goaltenders prior to their World Championship. Fisher has worked at hockey camps in both Canada and the United States and is considered one of North America's top goaltending instructors. He was one of the Blues great goaltenders of the 1980s and helped backstop U of T to an undefeated season in 1981-82. Fisher is also involved in coaching soccer at the rep level. He is a high school teacher who lives in Mississauga with his wife, Veronica, and children Jennifer, Shannon, Ellen and Tim.



**MICHAEL HUTCHISON - Assistant Coach**  
 Hutchison is in his third season behind the bench after spending a year as the team's strength and conditioning coordinator. After a five-year playing career, the former Varsity Blue earned nominations for the George M. Biggs trophy and Randy Gregg award, honouring his commitment to hockey and to his community. Away from the rink, Hutchison is the research coordinator of the U of T Varsity Athlete Concussion Program and a FPEH course instructor. He obtained his masters degree in 2006 and is currently working on his PhD in Rehab Science through the Faculty in Medicine.



**GEORGE TRIFON - Assistant Coach**  
 This is Trifon's fifth season as an assistant coach, after a five-year playing career with the Varsity Blues. Trifon was the OUA East rookie of the year in 1990-00, the OUA's most sportsmanlike player in 2000-01, and a two-time Varsity Blues leading scorer. While working with the coaching staff, Trifon completed his Bachelor of Education at U of T. He is currently teaching at Agincourt Collegiate and lives with his wife, Diana, in Scarborough.



**SAM ASARO - Equipment Manager**



**AMY DINAUT - Team Therapist**

A graduate of U of T (BPHE '85 and B Ed '86), Lowe had an impressive career at both the amateur and professional levels. He was a key member of the undefeated 1981-82 OUAA championship team and captained the team upon his return to university hockey in 1985-86. During Lowe's Varsity career, he was an OUAA all-star in each of his three seasons, an all-Canadian in 1985-86 and the MVP of the 1981-82 playoffs.

In 1986, Lowe's final year as a Varsity Blue, he received U of T's prestigious George M. Biggs Trophy for leadership, sportsmanship and performance, as well as the Harry Jerome Award and U of T's Silver "T" for excellence in athletics.

Lowe represented Canada at the 1984 Winter Olympics. As captain, he led a Canadian squad that won a gold medal at the 1984 Spengler Cup in Davos, Switzerland, and again captained the 1985-86 national student team. Lowe played professionally for six seasons, including stops in the NHL (Pittsburgh Penguins), the American Hockey League and in Europe (Austria and Finland). He finished his playing career in 1990-91 as a member of the IHL's San Diego Gulls.

Lowe, his wife Maari, and children Nolan and Peyton reside in Toronto.

## QUICK FACTS

- U of T is the largest university in Canada and is recognized as a global leader in teaching and research.
- U of T professors receive nearly 25 per cent of all national awards, although they total just over 7 per cent of Canadian professors.
- Successful graduates include prime ministers, premiers, actors, film producers, astronauts, acclaimed writers, software pioneers and Nobel Prize winners.
- Extracurricular options at U of T abound, with close to 300 officially recognized academic, athletic, religious and volunteer-oriented student clubs.

- U of T's diverse community includes over 6,000 international students – almost 10 per cent of the student body.
- Researchers at U of T have isolated the genes that cause early onset Alzheimer's disease and cystic fibrosis, discovered the role of insulin in controlling diabetes, developed the chemical laser and created Canada's first jet engine.

- In the midst of the largest capital expansion in 40 years, U of T is building over one million square feet of classrooms, libraries, research labs, residences and athletic facilities.
- U of T's library system, with over 15 million holdings, ranks among the top four research libraries in North America.

- The athletics and recreation programs at U of T are bolstered by the development of the new Varsity Centre, a 5,000-seat stadium with state-of-the-art artificial turf field, eight-lane track and bubble for winter use.

- U of T boasts many other tremendous athletic facilities, including the newly expanded Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre at the University of Toronto Mississauga and the beautiful new University Playing Fields at the University of Toronto Scarborough, home to the Varsity Blues baseball team.

## 2008-09 SCHEDULE

Oct. 10	Guelph at Toronto	7:30 p.m.	Nov. 29	Carleton at Toronto	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	Brock at Toronto	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 3	Ottawa at Toronto	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Toronto at UOIT	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 4	Western at Toronto	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	Toronto at York	7:00 p.m.	Jan. 9	Waterloo at Toronto	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Toronto at Queen's	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 10	Laurier at Toronto	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	RMC at Toronto	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 16	Toronto at Windsor	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 1	Queen's at Toronto	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 17	Toronto at Windsor	2:05 p.m.
Nov. 7	Toronto at Concordia	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 22	Toronto at Ryerson	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	Toronto at UQTR	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 24	Ryerson at Toronto	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	UQTR at Toronto	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 30	Toronto at RMC	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	Concordia at Toronto	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 31	Toronto at Queen's	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 21	Toronto at McGill	7:00 p.m.	Feb. 6	RMC at Toronto	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 22	Toronto at Carleton	3:00 p.m.	Feb. 8	Toronto at Ottawa	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	McGill at Toronto	7:30 p.m.	Feb. 13	Toronto at Ryerson	7:30 p.m.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

National 10  
 Provincial 21

## CIS ALL-CANADIANS

1992-93	Tom Diceman	1978-79	Dan D'Alvise
1991-92	Mark Haarmann	1977-78	Rocci Pagnello, Doug Caines
1990-91	Chris Vickers	1975-76	Kent Ruhnke
1986-87	Don McLaughlin	1973-74	Don Pagnutti
1985-86	Kevin Hamlin, Darren Lowe	1972-73	Bob Munro, Warren Anderson
1984-85	John Kemp	1971-72	John Wright
1983-84	Andre Hidi	1970-71	Dave McDowal
1982-83	Stelio Zupancich		

## OUA ALL STARS

(1993-94 - Present)

<b>1st Team</b>		<b>2nd Team</b>	
2007-08	Mark Heatley	2007-08	Ed Snetsinger, Anthony Pallotta
2006-07	Ryan Grinell	2006-07	Simon Barg, Anthony Pallota, Andre Robichaud
2004-05	Ian Malcolm		
2002-03	Ian Malcolm	2004-05	Mike Nason
2001-02	Ian Malcolm	2003-04	Mark Hynes, Ian Malcolm
1999-00	George Trifon	2002-03	Jamie Bruno, Mark Hynes
1997-98	Kent Williams	2001-02	Jamie Bruno
		1996-97	Jamie Coon
		1994-95	Jamie Coon

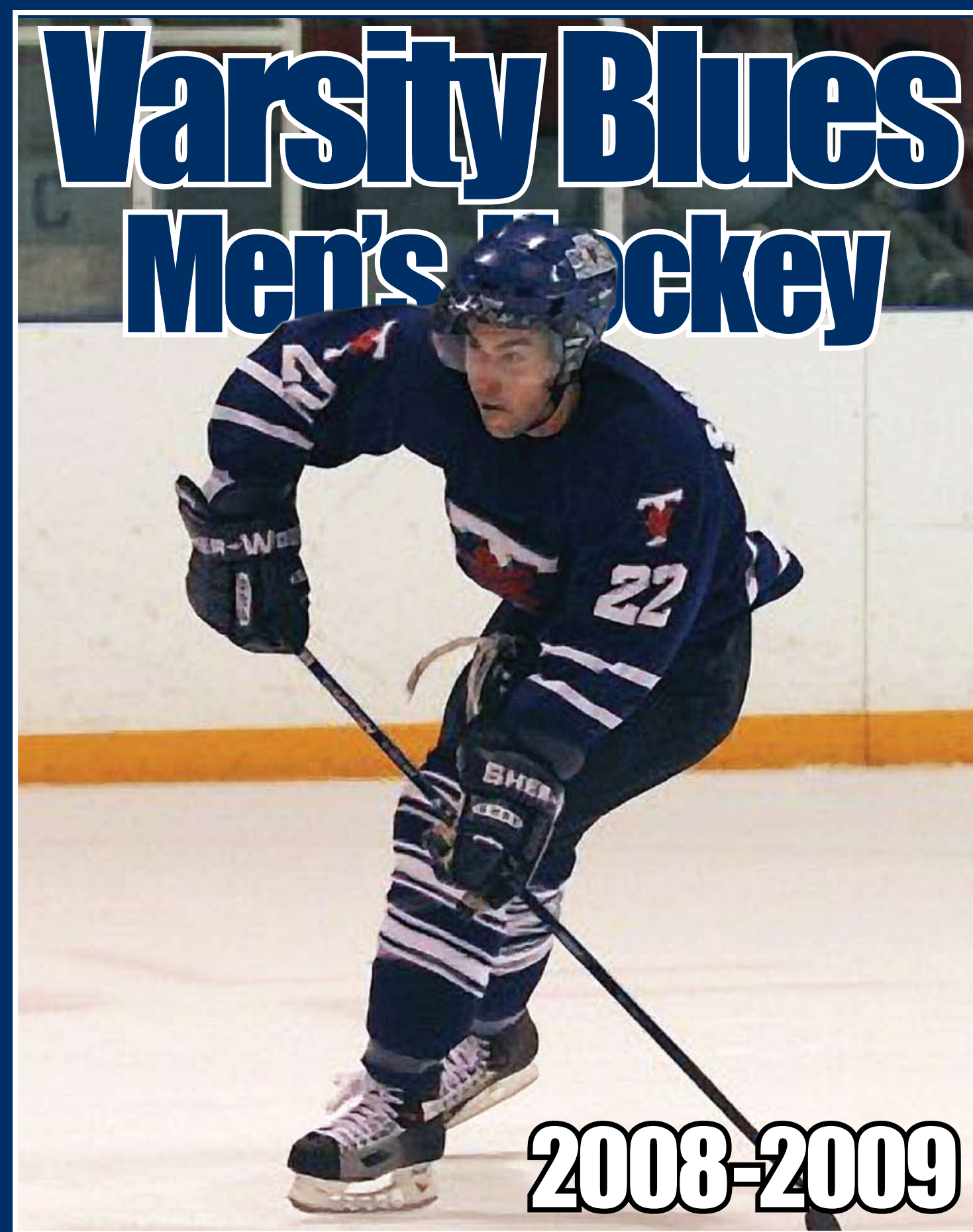
## VARSITY BLUES IN THE NHL

Darren Boyko	Winnipeg	John Kemp	Philadelphia
Ken Duggan	New York Rangers	Darren Lowe	Pittsburgh
Andre Hidi	Washington	Chuck Luksa	Montreal
Larry Hopkins	Winnipeg, Los Angeles	Henry Monteith	Detroit
Gary Inness	Pittsburgh	John Wright	Vancouver

## VARSITY BLUES IN EUROPE

In recent years, playing hockey in Europe has become a great avenue for continuing a hockey career. The following is a list of some Blues who have played in Europe and the countries they played in:

Simon Barg	Germany	Dean Haig	Sweden
Steve Boyd	Sweden	Mark Heatley	Germany
Darren Boyko	Finland	David Lemanowicz	Poland
Doug Caines	Denmark, Austria	Darren Lowe	Austria, Finland
Chris Callaghan	Holland	Troy Mann	Sweden
Jamie Coon	Germany	Don McLaughlin	Italy
Mark Cooper	France, Switzerland	Wayne Morrissey	Austria
Jeff Deane	Sweden	Mike Nason	Germany
Chris DePiero	Italy	Rocci Pagnello	Italy
Tom Diceman	England	Anthony Pallotta	Germany
Ken Duggan	Holland	Tristan Senior	Holland
Carey Farelli	Italy	Neil Smith	Scotland
Richard Garneau	England	Jim Snetsinger	Germany
Joe Grant	Sweden, Japan	Chris Vickers	Germany
Ryan Grimell	Holland	Tom Warden	England





# Men's Hockey

## A Tradition of Excellence

As part of the Varsity Blues family, men's hockey is one of 44 men's and women's teams in 26 sports offered by U of T. The breadth of the Varsity Blues experience and legacy are unmatched at a Canadian university.

Tradition, success and excellence are three words that are synonymous with Varsity Blues hockey. The hockey Blues, one of the University of Toronto's oldest and most successful teams, was formed on January 15, 1891. In 1902-03, Toronto joined Queen's and McGill to form Canada's first intercollegiate hockey league.

The late Conn Smythe, founder of the Toronto Maple Leafs, was a Blues coach from 1923 to 1926, the first in a line of well-known personalities to stand behind the Varsity bench. Smythe was also a player and Blues captain while studying engineering in 1915. When Smythe founded the Maple Leafs, he 'borrowed' the familiar Varsity Blues sweater design for his new team. Other well-known Blues coaches include former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson (1926-28), Ace Bailey (1935-40 and 1945-49), Justice Joseph Kane (1962-65) and Mike Keenan (1983-84).

Tom Watt, a major influence in Canadian hockey, led the Blues to nine of their 10 national titles during his coaching career at U of T, which spanned from 1965 to 1979, and again in 1984-85. Watt was a member of the Canadian Olympic team coaching staff in 1980 and 1988 and has been head coach of the NHL's Winnipeg Jets, Vancouver Canucks and Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Blues have played a prominent role on the international hockey scene. The Varsity Grads, a team of former Blues players, captured the gold medal at the 1928 Olympic Games in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

In 1968, the Blues earned the bronze medal for Canada at the World University Games. In February 1972, the

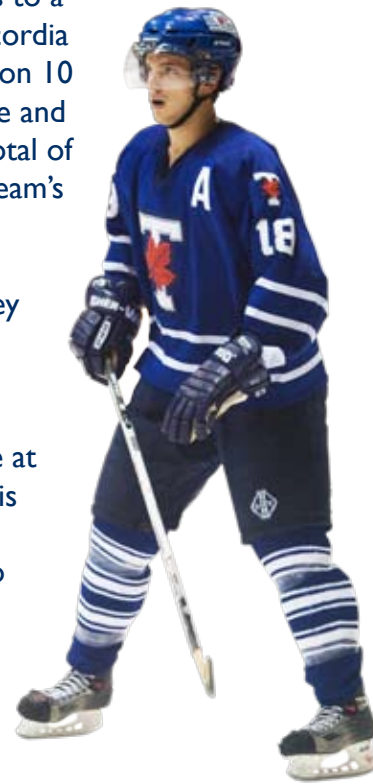
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Blues thrilled a capacity crowd at Varsity Arena with a dramatic 5-1 victory over the USSR student national team.

The Varsity presence in Olympic hockey continued during the 1980s. At Lake Placid in 1980, Tom Watt was a co-coach of Team Canada with a roster that included no fewer than six Blues players: Warren Anderson, Dan D'Alvise, Cary Farelli, Joe Grant, Shane Pearsall and Stelio Zupancich. Anderson and current head coach Darren Lowe were Olympians in 1984 at Sarajevo.

In 1992-93, after capturing the Queen's Cup, the Blues lost to Acadia in the national final. U of T's most recent national title was won in 1983-84, when coach Mike Keenan led the Blues to a 9-1 victory over the Concordia Stingers. The Blues have won 10 national, 21 Ontario league and 10 additional titles for a total of 41 championships in the team's history.

"During my years in hockey I have been fortunate to have been part of many great traditions. However, the tradition of excellence at the University of Toronto is unsurpassed by any I have seen. It's great people who have created this great program. Being a part of Blues Hockey is something I hold very close to my heart." - Mike Keenan, former GM of NHL's Florida Panthers.



## 2008 Season Preview

### BLUES LOOK TO REBOUND IN 2008-2009

After winning seven consecutive OUA mid-east titles, the Varsity Blues fell short in 2007-08, finishing out of first place by a single point. The 2008-09 Blues have 22 of 26 players eligible to return from last year's squad. Several key recruits should help bolster a strong group of veterans as the team hopes to challenge for the conference title and a berth in the national championship.

Team captain Brendan Sherrard and fifth-year Kyle Martiniuk will lead the Blues defensively this season. At 6-foot-4, Martiniuk can be a physical force and is a strong penalty killer. Sherrard is an extremely versatile player, splitting last season between offence and defence. Alongside Sherrard and Martiniuk, 2007-08 OUA second team all-star Ed Snetsinger returns for a third season. Snetsinger, who led the Blues with 28 assists last season, is a highly-skilled player with excellent skating and passing abilities. Steve Duffy, Andrew Kizito and

Sean Kliewer complete the core group of returning defencemen, while first-year skater Mark Delost looks to contribute further after seeing limited action last season.

Duffy and Kliewer both provide size and strength on the blueline. Duffy developed into a reliable, stay-at-home defenceman last season and is expected to provide more offence this year. Kliewer, who improved throughout the season, possesses a hard shot and can deliver hard, open-ice hits. Kizito shared top rookie honours in 2007-08 and has excellent defensive and offensive abilities. He will be counted on to log a lot of ice time this year.

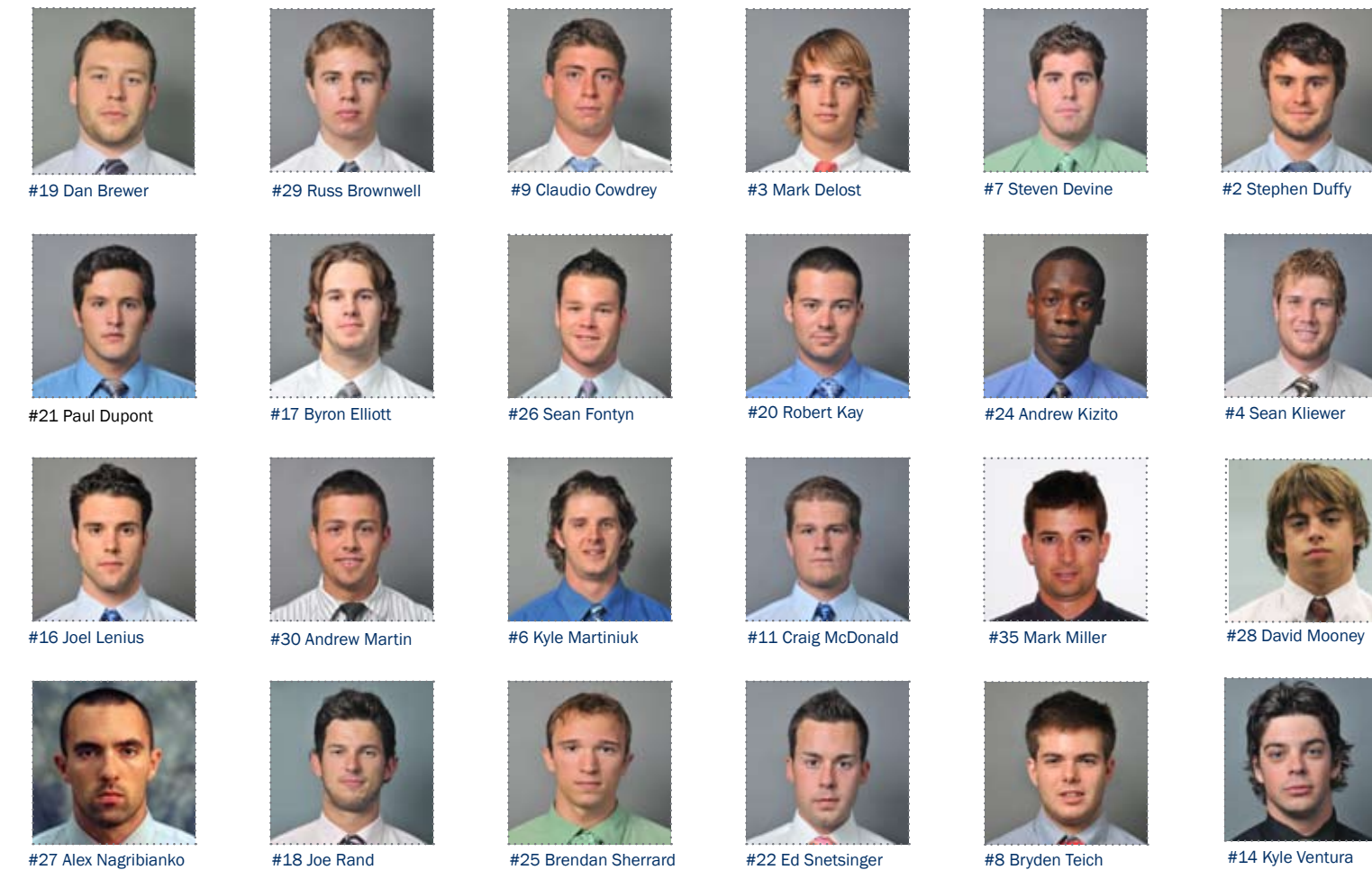
Leading the Blues offensively will be fourth-year assistant captain Joe Rand. The 6-foot-3 centre provides size and experience down the middle and will be a key part of the team's offence. Second-year veteran Craig McDonald showed some flair last season and with improved strength will be an offensive threat for the Blues. First-year players Claudio Cowdrey, Robert Kay, Bryden Teich and transfer-student Joel Lenius will step in and challenge for a spot in the line-up. Cowdrey, a member of the OPJHL's southern division champions,

had impressive numbers, scoring 30 goals in the regular season.

On the right side, Dan Brewer in his second season will battle with several recruits for ice time. Newcomers on the right side include Paul Dupont and Kyle Ventura.

On the left wing, fifth-year veteran Alex Nagribianko brings hustle and enthusiasm to the table and will also chip in on offence. Second-year forward Sean Fontyn plays with a lot of grit and tenacity and will be counted on to provide more offensive punch this year. Rookies Byron Elliott and David Mooney will push these veterans for ice time. One of the Blues top recruits, Elliott has size and ability to score and check.

In goal, Andrew Martin and Russ Brownell return for their second season with Toronto. Martin shared top rookie honors with Kizito in 2007-08 based on a very good first year of OUA competition. Brownell is a competitor with quick reflexes and played well as his freshman season progressed.



#	NAME	POSITION	HT	WT	ELIG. YR	PROGRAM	YR	HOMETOWN	LAST TEAM
2	Stephen Duffy	Defence	6'3	220	2	History	3	Toronto, ON	St. Michael's Buzzers
3	Mark Delost	Defence	6'1	165	1	Arts & Science	1	Mississauga, ON	Brampton Capitals
4	Sean Kliewer	Defence	6'2	210	2	Political Science	2	Brunkild, MB	Portage Terriers
6	Kyle Martiniuk	Defence	6'4	225	5	OISE	1	Ajax, ON	Sudbury Wolves
7	Steven Devine	Forward	6'3	202	5	Arts & Science	5	Scarborough, ON	Rocky Mountain Rage
8	Bryden Teich	Forward	5'11	193	1	Economics	2	Toronto, ON	Villanova Knights
9	Claudio Cowdrey	Forward	6'0	195	1	Humanities	1	Mississauga, ON	Markham Waxers Jr.A
11	Craig McDonald	Forward	6'1	189	2	Arts & Science	3	Ajax, ON	Lindsay Muskie
14	Kyle Ventura	Forward	5'10	160	1	FPEH	1	Scarborough, ON	Newmarket Hurricanes
16	Joel Lenius	Forward	5'11	186	2	Geography	3	Markham, ON	Fredonia State University
17	Byron Elliott	Forward	6'1	205	1	Social Science	1	Burlington, ON	Burlington Cougars
18	Joe Rand	Forward	6'3	210	4	Arts & Science	4	Hamilton, ON	St. Michael's Majors
19	Dan Brewer	Forward	6'2	240	2	Geography	2	Cambridge, ON	Burlington Cougars
20	Robert Kay	Forward	5'11	180	1	Life Science	1	Orono, ON	Lindsay Muskie
21	Paul Dupont	Forward	6'0	190	1	Arts Science	1	Sault Ste. Marie, ON	Aurora Tigers
22	Ed Snetsinger	Defence	6'0	183	3	Political Science	3	Ajax, ON	Pickering Panthers
24	Andrew Kizito	Defence	5'10	178	2	Political Science	2	Toronto, ON	Kingston Frontenacs
25	Brendan Sherrard	Defence	5'11	183	4	Arts & Science	4	Toronto, ON	Wexford Raiders
26	Sean Fontyn	Forward	5'10	160	2	Commerce	3	Mississauga, ON	St. Michael's Buzzers
27	Alex Nagribianko	Forward	6'0	178	5	Arts & Science	5	Toronto, ON	Wexford Raiders
28	David Mooney	Forward	5'8	165	1	Biology	3	Toronto, ON	North York Rangers
29	Russ Brownell	Goalie	5'11	172	2	English	2	Oakville, ON	Toronto Jr. Canadians
30	Andrew Martin	Goalie	5'10	165	2	Management	2	Mississauga, ON	Vaugh Vipers
35	Mark Miller	Goalie	6'2	185	1	Medicine	2	Parry Sound, ON	Parry Sound Shamrock