



**LAS VEGAS**  
**DESERT**  
**DOGS**

**GAME NOTES**



2025-26 SEASON



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LAS VEGAS DESERT DOGS AT TORONTO ROCK

DEC. 27, 2025 | 4:00 PM PT | TD COLISEUM

## 2025-26 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT/TIME
DEC. 13, 2025	@ VANCOUVER	L, 15-9
DEC. 20, 2025	OTTAWA	W, 10-9
DEC. 27, 2025	@ TORONTO	4:00 PM PST
JAN. 3, 2026	@ BUFFALO	4:00 PM PST
JAN. 9, 2026	SASKATCHEWAN	7:30 PM PST
JAN. 17, 2026	PHILADELPHIA	7:00 PM PST
JAN. 31, 2026	OSHAWA	7:00 PM PST
FEB. 7, 2026	@ GEORGIA	4:30 PM PST
FEB. 13, 2026	COLORADO	7:30 PM PST
FEB. 27, 2026	VANCOUVER	7:30 PM PST
MAR. 7, 2026	@ HALIFAX	3:00 PM PST
MAR 15, 2026	ROCHESTER	3:00 PM PST
MAR. 21, 2026	@ ROCHESTER	7:00 PM PST
MAR. 28, 2026	CALGARY	7:00 PM PST
APR. 3, 2026	@ COLORADO	6:00 PM PST
APR. 11, 2026	@ PHILADELPHIA	4:00 PM PST
APR. 17, 2026	@ SAN DIEGO	7:30 PM PST
APR. 18, 2026	SAN DIEGO	7:00 PM PST

## MILESTONES

**Chris Cloutier**, 300 NLL POINTS (295)  
**Jonathan Donville**, 200 NLL ASSISTS (189)  
**Tyson Gibson**, 200 NLL POINTS (181)  
**Mitch Jones**, 300 NLL GOALS (281)  
**Kyle Killen**, 150 NLL GOALS (139)  
**Tony Malcom**, 100 NLL GOALS (95)  
**Tony Malcom**, 150 NLL ASSISTS (142)

## MEETING HISTORY

This will be the third meeting between the Desert Dogs and the Rock. Toronto won the first matchup in 2024, while Las Vegas responded with a victory in 2025, leaving the all-time series tied at one win apiece.

## RECORDS & STANDINGS

ROCHESTER KNIGHTHAWKS, 2-0  
 HALIFAX THUNDERBIRDS, 2-0  
 VANCOUVER WARRIORS, 2-1  
 SASKATCHEWAN RUSH, 2-1  
 COLORADO MAMMOTH, 1-1  
 PHILADELPHIA WINGS, 1-1  
 BUFFALO BANDITS, 1-1  
 SAN DIEGO SEALS, 1-1  
 LAS VEGAS DESERT DOGS, 1-1  
 TORONTO ROCK, 1-1  
 OTTAWA BLACK BEARS, 1-2  
 GEORGIA SWARM, 1-2  
 OSHAWA FIREWOLVES, 1-3  
 CALGARY ROUGHNECKS, 0-2

## LV POINT LEADERS

**#16 Mitch Jones** - 10 points (4G, 6A)  
**#3 Jonathan Donville** - 10 points (3G, 7A)  
**#25 Chris Cloutier** - 8 points (1G, 7A)  
**#19 Adam Poitras** - 5 points (3G, 2A)  
**#8 Chase Fraser** - 4 points (2G, 2A)



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The Las Vegas Desert Dogs (1-1) are back on the road after earning their first win of the season. They now face the Toronto Rock (1-1), a team Las Vegas defeated 14-13 in overtime during their last meeting on April 6, 2025.

## PLAYERS TO WATCH

**Drew Belgrave:** The newly named captain of the Desert Dogs, is a high-energy lockdown defenseman entering his seventh season. Acquired from the San Diego Seals last year, Belgrave made an impact against Ottawa last week with three loose balls recovered, two blocked shots, and one caused turnover.

**Chase Fraser:** He joins the Desert Dogs from the Buffalo Bandits via free agency, where he won three consecutive NLL championships in 2023, 2024, and 2025. He tallied two goals and two assists, including a power play goal against the Black Bears in Week 3.

**Chris Cloutier:** He also arrives in Las Vegas via free agency from Buffalo, reuniting with former teammate Fraser. The 29-year-old forward has been a consistent playmaker, leading the team with seven assists through two games, highlighted by a five-assist performance against Ottawa.

**Mitch Jones:** He joins Las Vegas after spending last season with the Philadelphia Wings. The 12-year veteran is coming off a career-best 2024-25 campaign, recording 111 points (30 G, 81 A). He earned our "Player of the Week" honors following a seven-point performance against the Ottawa Black Bears, notching a hat trick, including the game-winning goal with two minutes remaining, along with four assists.

**Jonathan Donville:** Donville was the only returning Las Vegas player to score multiple goals against Ottawa and is tied for the team lead in points on the 2025-26 season with 10 points.

## OPPOSITION UPDATE

Toronto held the first three selections in the 2025 NLL Entry Draft and made the most of each pick, selecting standout talent across the board. Their first and third selections, CJ Kirst and Owen Hiltz, currently lead the team in scoring with eight points apiece. CJ Kirst is also the younger brother of Desert Dogs transition player Connor Kirst.

The Rock is a young, relentless, and dangerous team capable of scoring a flurry of goals at any moment. Both of their games this season have been decided by a single goal, proving they are a difficult opponent to put away. It will take a complete, four-quarter effort for Las Vegas to come out on top.



# 2024-24 PLAYER ROSTER

#	NAME	POSITION	SHOOTS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
2	DREW BELGRAVE	DEFENSE	L	5'11"	185	NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C
3	JONATHAN DONVILLE	FORWARD	R	6'0"	195	OAKVILLE, ONT.
4	TONY MALCOM	TRANSITION	R	6'1"	175	NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C
8	CHASE FRASER	FORWARD	R	6'3"	200	VANCOUVER B.C.
14	BRANDON GOODWIN	TRANSITION	L	6'3"	225	NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C
15	JOHN LAFONTAINE	TRANSITION	R	6'2"	215	WHITBY, ONT.
16	MITCH JONES	FORWARD	L	6'3"	205	DELTA, B.C.
17	GRAYDON STOKES	DEFENSE	R	6'4"	185	ORANGEVILLE, ONT.
19	ADAM POITRAS	TRANSITION	L	6'2"	185	WHITBY, ONT.
25	CHRIS CLOUTIER	FORWARD	L	6'0"	227	KITCHENER, ONT.
34	CONNOR KIRST	TRANSITION	R	6'3"	215	BERNARDSVILLE, N.J.
42	LANDON KELLS	GOALIE	R	6'2"	215	FERGUS, ONT.
44	JOSH JACKSON	DEFENSE	L	6'3"	215	COQUITLAM, B.C.
51	SEAN WESTLEY	FORWARD	R	6'0"	190	WHITBY, ONT.
52	NICK PRESTON	TRANSITION	L	6'1"	185	VICTORIA, B.C.
53	TYSON GIBSON - PUP	FORWARD	R	6'1"	181	MAPLE, ONTARIO
55	DYLAN HUTCHINSON	DEFENSE	L	6'1"	195	PETERBOROUGH, ONT.
67	KYLE KILLEN	FORWARD	R	5'10"	187	CANVAN, ONT.
71	SHELDON BURNS	DEFENSE	R	6'1"	185	WHITBY, ONT.
72	ALEX BUQUE	GOALIE	R	5'10"	332	NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C
88	RHYS BLAKE	DEFENSE	R	6'7"	225	PORT MOODY, B.C
91	JACKSON WEBSTER	FORWARD	L	6'0"	175	GEORGETOWN, ONT.
95	TYRELL HAMER-JACKSON	TRANSITION	R	5'6"	200	KAMLOOPS, B.C.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

ADAM POITRAS: PAW-TRUH  
CHRIS CLOUTIER: CLUE-CHE-AYE  
ALEX BUQUE: BOO-KAY  
CHASE FRASER: FRAY-ZER

## INJURED RESERVE

BEN SOENEN

## PRACTICE SQUAD

CALEB KHAN  
LUKE PILCHER  
LOGAN MELLISH

## CAPTAINS

**CAPTAIN:** DREW BELGRAVE

**HOME ALT. CAPTAINS:** CONNOR  
KIRST, JONATHAN DONVILLE

**AWAY ALT. CAPTAINS:** JOHN  
LAFONTAINE, MITCH JONES



# STAFF ROSTER

## COACHING STAFF & LACROSSE OPERATIONS

Shawn Williams	<b>HEAD COACH &amp; GENERAL MANAGER</b>
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Aaron Bold	<b>GOALIE COACH</b>
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Kevin Jenkins	<b>AMATEUR &amp; PROFESSIONAL SCOUT</b>
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# TRANSACTIONS

## **September 25, 2025**

The Ottawa Black Bears have traded John LaFontaine to the Las Vegas Desert Dogs in exchange for their fourth-round selection in the 2028 Entry Draft.

## **October 23, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Tony Malcom to a one-year agreement.

## **October 24, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Max Wayne to a one-year agreement.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Tyrell Hamer-Jackson to a two-year agreement.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Brandon Goodwin to a one-year agreement.

## **October 26, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Caleb Khan and Logan Mellish to three-year agreements.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Sheldon Burns, Dylan Hutchison and Sean Westley to one-year agreements.

## **October 27, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Chase Fraser, Chris Cloutier, Mitch Jones, Curtis Ward, Lucas Parsons, Graydon Stokes, Rhys Blake and Ben Soenen to three-year agreements.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Drew Belgrave, Justin Geddie, Josh Jackson, Nick Preston and John Gagliardi to one-year agreements.

## **October 28, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Landon Kells and Ronin Pusch to one-year agreements.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Jackson Webster to a two-year agreement.

## **October 29, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Kyle Killen, Connor Sellars, Alex Buque and Jordan Stouros to one year agreements.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have released Holden Cattoni from the Active Roster.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Luke Pilcher to a three-year agreement.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Tyson Gibson to a two-year agreement.

## **October 30, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Jonathan Donville to a two-year agreement.

## **November 3, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Connor Kirst to a one-year agreement.

## **November 11, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have released Jonathan Gagliardi, Jordan Stouros, Max Wayne and Ronin Pusch from the Active Roster.



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## **November 19, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have released Justin Geddie, Logan Mellish, Curtis Ward and Lucas Parsons from the Active Roster.

## **November 20, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have placed Tyson Gibson on the Physically Unable to Perform List from the Active Roster.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have placed Casey Wilson on the Draft List.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have placed Justin Sykes on the Hold Out List from the Short Term Hold Out List.

## **November 21, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have released Zach Cole and Jack VanOverbeke from the Hold Out List.

## **November 24, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have released Alex Buque, Luke Pilcher, Ben Soenen and Rhys Blake from the Active Roster.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have placed Connor Sellars on the Hold Out List from the Active Roster.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have released Tor Reinholdt from the Hold Out List.

## **November 25, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Rhys Blake, Alex Buque, Luke Pilcher and Ben Soenen to the Practice Player List.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed John Lafontaine to a one-year agreement.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Jonathan Donville to a two-year agreement.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Mitch Jones to a three-year agreement.

## **December 10, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have placed Connor Kirst on the Injured Reserve List from the Active Roster.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have placed Practice Player Rhys Blake on the Active Roster from the Practice Player List. (maintain Practice Player Tag)

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have placed Practice Player Ben Soenen on the Injured Reserve List from the Practice Player List. (removed Practice Player Tag)



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## **December 11, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Logan Mellish to the Practice Player List.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs released Caleb Khan from the Active Roster.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have signed Caleb Khan to a Protected Practice Player agreement.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have placed Practice Player Alex Buque on the Active Roster from the Practice Player List. (removed Practice Player Tag)

## **December 20, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have placed Connor Kirst on the Active Roster from the Practice Player List.

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have placed Practice Player Rhys Blake on the Practice Player List from the Active Roster.

## **December 22, 2025**

The Las Vegas Desert Dogs have matched the Colorado Mammoth's offer to Jack Hannah and have retained the rights to the player.