



2017 ROBERTSON CUP CHAMPIONS
LONE STAR BRAHMAS



RECRUITING BOOK

WELCOME TO BRAHMALAND



The NYTEX Sports Centre, located in North Richland Hills, is the home of the Lone Star Brahmas. North Richland Hills is a beautiful suburb that sits in northeast Tarrant County, just minutes away from the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

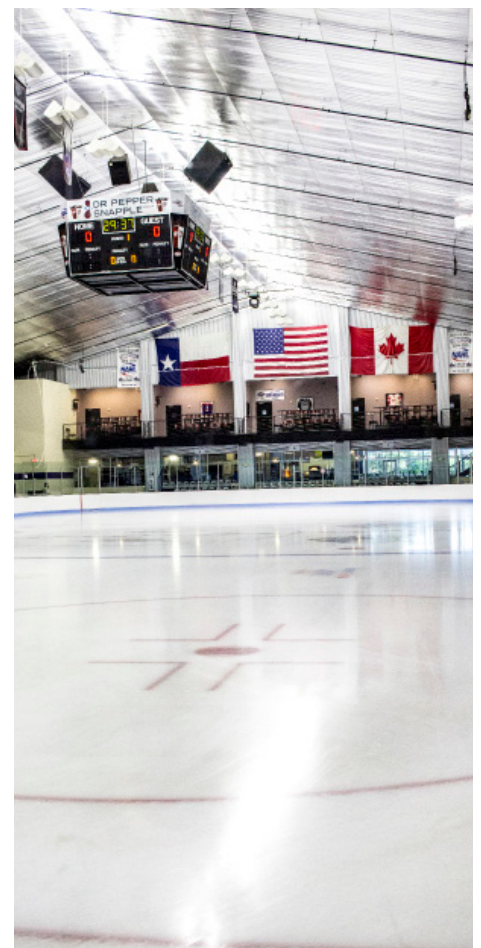
NYTEX is a 2,500 seat multi-purpose arena with five public suites, an owner's suite, and three party suites. The 140,000 square foot facility also includes a second ice rink that converts into an indoor turf arena during the summer. The Sports Centre also contains a 30,000 foot multi-purpose arena for volleyball and other events.

Formerly the Blue Line Ice Complex, the Centre was the original home of the NAHL Texas Tornado. In the Spring of 2007, several years after the Tornado had moved to Frisco, Texas, the building came under new ownership

and was restored to its current state and dubbed "Brahmland." Soon, it became the home of a professional hockey team as well as the Texas Brahmas Youth Hockey Association and youth and adult house leagues, giving a home to ice hockey players of all ages and levels of play.

After the professional team ceased operation in 2013, it was decided that the NYTEX Sports Centre's focus should return to its original purpose of developing young hockey players.

In late Fall 2013, the North American Hockey League (the only USA Hockey Sanctioned Tier II league in the country) approved the purchase of the Texas Tornado and the subsequent move to NYTEX, where they were rebranded as the Lone Star Brahmas.



THE NAHL: AN OVERVIEW



2018-2019 NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE



Celebrating its 45th season in 2020-21, the NAHL is the only USA Hockey-sanctioned Tier II Junior league boasting 25 teams in 14 states from across North America.

The NAHL offers junior hockey players the opportunity to develop, learn, train, grow and succeed, while playing for free. The NAHL is unique in the fact that a vast majority of players begin their NAHL careers without an NCAA opportunity, but earn one through the course of their development in the league.

The NAHL's dedication to player development is demonstrated by the league's high-profile annual exposure events like the NAHL Showcase in September, the NAHL Top Prospects Tournament in February and the NAHL Robertson Cup Championship in May, which have all evolved into hockey's most prominent and popular of its kind and are a must-see for NCAA programs and NHL teams alike.

During the 2019-20 season, the NAHL set a new single-season record with 361 NCAA commitments, with 70% of those being NCAA Division I commitments.

Over the course of the last five seasons, over 1,200 NAHL players have made NCAA commitments and 17 have been drafted into the NHL, and others have been invited to NHL Development Camps.

DOWNTOWN LIFESTYLE

North Richland Hills is located within the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, one of the most lively areas in North Texas. Nearby cities include Dallas, Fort Worth, Arlington, and more. With as many attractions as there are within a short drive, there's never a shortage of things to do off the ice.



HISTORICAL STOCKYARDS
Celebrate the American West at the Stockyards, where you can take in a rodeo, see the world's only daily cattle drive, hear live music, shop for authentic cowboy gear, and dine on satisfying Texas-style cuisine. You can even take a guided tour of the entire area!



DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH
The city of Fort Worth is alive and vibrant. In addition to the Stockyards and Sundance Square, Fort Worth boasts a proud musical tradition. Across the city, you'll find national and local acts performing in a wide variety of venues from roadhouses to refined concert halls.



SUNDANCE SQUARE
In this 20-block district, you'll find movies, restaurants, boutiques, museums, galleries, coffee shops, and live theaters. Sundance Square's beautiful landscaping, red-brick streets, and historic early 20th century buildings make it a pedestrian's delight.



SOUTHLAKE TOWN SQUARE

Known for its high-end boutiques and fine dining, Southlake Town Square features over 95 stores, 27 eateries, beautiful outdoor areas, a luxury hotel, and a movie theatre. It's the perfect day shopping or an evening with friends.



DOWNTOWN GRAPEVINE

Just minutes away from North Richland Hills, this walkable, preserved historic area features the Grapevine Vintage Railroad, the Palace Arts Center, the Grapevine Glockenspiel Clock Tower, one-of-a-kind shops, live entertainment venues, restaurants, and art galleries.



DOWNTOWN DALLAS

Experience one of the most populated cities in the United States! There's plenty to do in Dallas. Whether it's a night out at the clubs and restaurants, checking out the museums and history, or attending one of the many sports venues, you can't go wrong.

SPORTS IN THE METROPLEX



DALLAS STARS

Catch fast-paced action as the high-flying Stars take on the NHL's finest at the American Airlines Center in Dallas.



DALLAS COWBOYS

See the Cowboys at AT&T Stadium, a state of the arts facility that also hosts concerts and special events year-round.



DALLAS MAVERICKS

If basketball is your game, check out one of the finest teams in the NBA at the American Airlines Center in Dallas.



TEXAS RANGERS

Just minutes from North Richland Hills, experience all the excitement of the MLB at the Ballpark in Arlington.



THE COLONIAL

Enjoy Crowne Plaza Invitational at the Colonial golf course, the longest running event on the PGA Tour site since 1946.



LONE STAR PARK

And they're off! You can watch top-notch horse racing all year long at the world-class racetrack in Grand Prairie.



TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

The fastest and loudest sporting facility in the Metroplex! TMS is the second largest sports and entertainment facility in the nation.



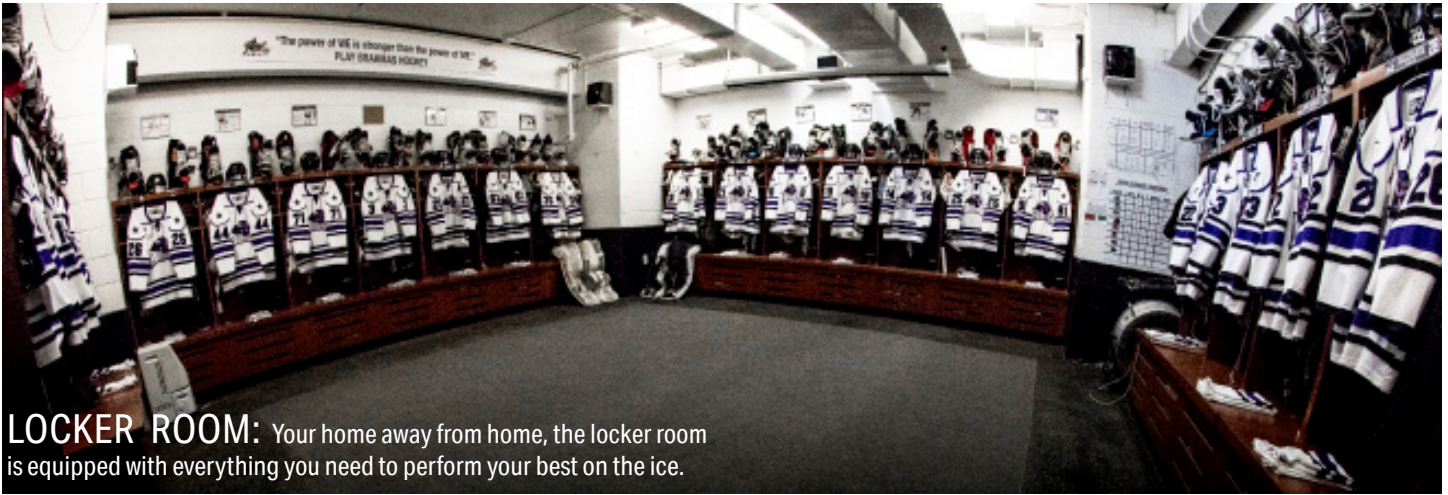
FC DALLAS

Major League Soccer can be found right in your backyard: Just take a short drive to the soccer-specific Pizza Hut Park in Frisco.



COLLEGE SPORTS

With several major universities in the area, TCU football is just one option to get your fill of NCAA action in the metroplex!



LOCKER ROOM: Your home away from home, the locker room is equipped with everything you need to perform your best on the ice.

TEAM FACILITIES



WEIGHT ROOM: Conveniently located inside the same building as the rink where you practice, there is a weight room so you can easily get in a workout any time you want.



STROUD'S FITNESS: Stroud's serves as the official training center of the Brahmas and is located just down the road. Open seven days a week, Stroud's is there to ensure you stay in the best condition possible.



VIDEO/FILM STUDY: Head Coach Dan Wildfong and Assistant Coach Andrew White-side have access to a video room, as well as a projector system inside the locker room to meet weekly with players, both individually and as a team. In addition, the coaches provide players with weekly scouting sheets to ensure that you are one step ahead of your opponents before you



GOLF PRIVILEGES: It's not all work and no play here in North Richland Hills. Brahmas players enjoy the perk of receiving privileges at premier golf clubs in the area.



TWO SHEETS OF ICE: One major perk of playing for the Brahmas is that the team and the building are under the same ownership. With two full sheets of ice in use during the season, your ice time is guaranteed. In addition, Brahmas games will never get cancelled, postponed, or moved to another facility due to a scheduling conflict.



TEAM BUS: When the Brahmas travel, they do it in style. The South Division is spread out with teams across Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Kansas. The team bus is ready to take the Brahmas where they need to go.

PLAYER ADVANCEMENT



NAHL TOURNAMENTS

As a player in the North American Hockey League, you will be exposed to scouts and recruiters from other leagues, Division I & III colleges, and the NHL at league-hosted events like the Showcase Tournament and the Top Prospects Tournament. These tournaments allow coaches and scouts to view players from all over the league in one location. Over 300 college and professional scouts attended last year's events.

PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS

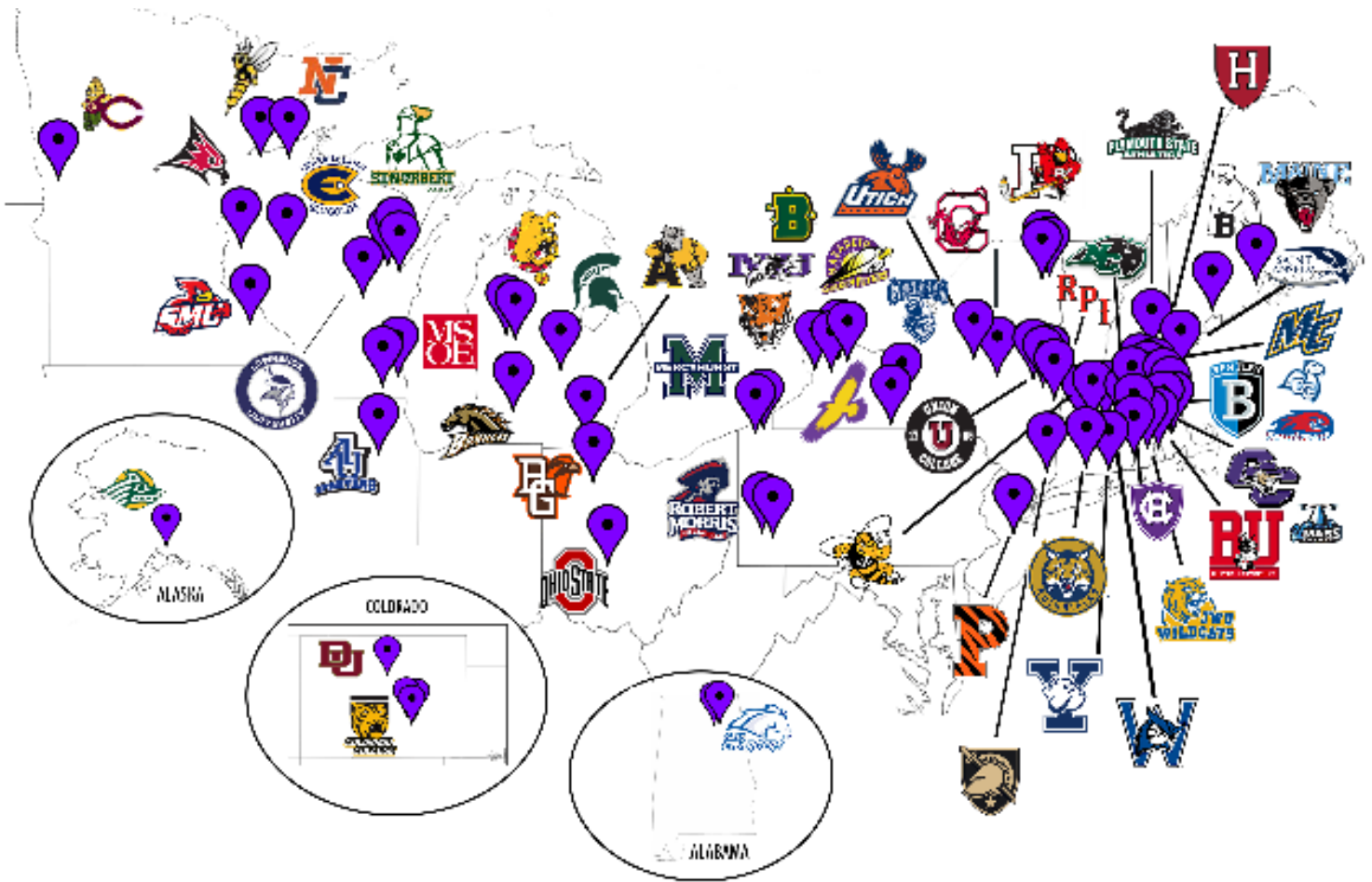
The goal of the Lone Star Brahmas and the North American Hockey League is to provide a competitive atmosphere for players to learn, develop, and grow their skills. The Brahmas coaching staff is committed to assisting players in progressing their careers. At least twice a month, the Brahmas will set up in-person or Skype conference calls with collegiate scouts, coaches, and professional hockey players. The goal is to provide the Brahmas with advice on how to advance their hockey career and balance their daily routine.

To date, the Lone Star Brahmas have 89 alumni committed to NCAA programs at the Division I and Division III levels. Two players have been selected in the NHL Draft, and nine players have received invites to NHL Development Camps.

Goaltender Jake Kupsky (pictured right) was drafted by the San Jose Sharks and has been to three Sharks Development Camps. Kupsky is currently playing NCAA Division I hockey at Union College, where he is teammates with fellow former Brahmas Sebastian Vidmar, Brandon Estes, and Darion Hanson.



THE BRAHMA FOOTPRINT IN COLLEGE HOCKEY



Through seven full seasons in the NAHL, the Lone Star Brahmas have done a tremendous job moving their players on to the next level. Sure, that means there's a very high turnover rate with this team, as players age out, progress with their own careers, and go on to play in college, but such is the nature of junior hockey. It's what you like to see at this level.

As of February 2021, the Brahmas have had 87 former or current players commit to play hockey for NCAA Division I programs, with even more participating in Division III programs.

On the next page, you can find a chart with every Brahmas commitment from the past seven years and the list of our current roster's commitments. As mentioned, some players may not be at their

schools yet, and others may not be there anymore. However, it's encouraging to see the footprint the Brahmas organization is leaving on the NCAA hockey landscape.

This season, the Brahmas are hoping to continue to advance their players, and there's no doubt that there will be more commitments to come.



BRAHMAS PLAYING OR COMMITTED TO DIVISION I PROGRAMS



AIR FORCE ACADEMY

NAME	POS	YEAR
Samuel Brennan	Defense	2020
Thomas Daskas	Forward	2020
Guy Blessing	Goalie	2021
Andrew DeCarlo	Forward	2021
Mitchell Digby	Defense	2021
Fredrick Paine	Defense	2021



BENTLEY UNIVERSITY

NAME	POS	YEAR
Alexey Solovyev	Defense	2015
Vilho Saariluoma	Forward	2020
Nicholas Niemo	Forward	2021



HARVARD UNIVERSITY

NAME	POS	YEAR
Mitchell Gibson	Goalie	2019



LAKE SUPERIOR STATE

NAME	POS	YEAR
Seth Eisele	Goalie	2019
Luke Johnson	Forward	2021
Dawson Tritt	Forward	2021



ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE

NAME	POS	YEAR
Levi Wunder	Forward	2017
Drew Lennon	Defense	2018
Mick Heneghan	Defense	2020
Josh Martin	Defense	2021



BOSTON UNIVERSITY

NAME	POS	YEAR
Oskar Andren	Forward	2016
Max Prawdzik	Goalie	2016



MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY

NAME	POS	YEAR
Derek Barach	Forward	2015
Steven Ipri	Forward	2018
Kimball Johnson	Defense	2020



BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIV.

NAME	POS	YEAR
Quinn Emerson	Forward	2021



BROWN UNIVERSITY

NAME	POS	YEAR
Jon Russell	Forward	2019



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

NAME	POS	YEAR
Alex Carle	Defense	2015
Ludvig Larsson	Forward	2015
Tyler Drevitch	Forward	2016
Simon Lööf	Defense	2017
Matt Macdonald	Forward	2021



ALASKA-ANCHORAGE

NAME	POS	YEAR
Drake Glover	Forward	2017



ALASKA - FAIRBANKS

NAME	POS	YEAR
Anton Rubtsov	Forward	2020



COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

NAME	POS	YEAR
Dalton Skelly	Defense	2015
Peter Kessel	Forward	2017
Erik Gordon	Goalie	2018



MIAMI (OHIO)

NAME	POS	YEAR
Chase Pletzke	Forward	2019
Ludvig Persson	Goalie	2020
Alex Murray	Defense	2021



AMERICAN INT. COLLEGE

NAME	POS	YEAR
Mitchell Mueller	Forward	2015
Martin Mellberg	Forward	2016
Matthew Rickard	Defense	2020
Michal Stinil	Forward	2020
Zach Purcell	Forward	2021



COLORADO COLLEGE

NAME	POS	YEAR
Jacob Nehama	Goalie	2015
Alex Berardinelli	Forward	2016
Alec Calvaruso	Goalie	2017



MICHIGAN STATE UNIV.

NAME	POS	YEAR
Austin Kamer	Forward	2017



ARIZONA STATE UNIV.

NAME	POS	YEAR
Connor Stuart	Forward	2018



FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

NAME	POS	YEAR
Cameron Clarke	Defense	2016
Blake Evennou	Defense	2018



BRAHMAS PLAYING OR COMMITTED TO DIVISION I PROGRAMS



MICHIGAN TECH.

NAME	POS	YEAR
Cayden Bailey	Goalie	2020



NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

NAME	POS	YEAR
Jack Zielinski	Defense	2017
Jordan Wishman	Defense	2018
Scott Persson	Defense	2019



NORTHERN MICHIGAN

NAME	POS	YEAR
AJ Vanderbeck	Forward	2019
Rico DiMatteo	Goalie	2021



PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

NAME	POS	YEAR
Jared Westcott	Forward	2020



PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

NAME	POS	YEAR
Joey Fallon	Forward	2016
Joe Berg	Forward	2020



QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

NAME	POS	YEAR
Thomas Aldworth	Forward	2015



RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INST.

NAME	POS	YEAR
Troy York	Forward	2017
Kyle Hallbauer	Defense	2018
Ture Linden	Forward	2018



ROBERT MORRIS UNIV.

NAME	POS	YEAR
Alex Dagnal	Forward	2014
Sean Giles	Defense	2016
Justin Addamo	Forward	2018
Aiden Spellacy	Forward	2018
Matthew Guerra	Forward	2020



SACRED HEART UNIV.

NAME	POS	YEAR
Patrick Dawson	Defense	2019



UNION COLLEGE

NAME	POS	YEAR
Jake Kupsky	Goalie	2015
Sebastian Vidmar	Forward	2015
Brandon Estes	Defense	2017
Darion Hanson	Goalie	2017
Owen Farris	Forward	2019
Ben Pirko	Defense	2019



UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

NAME	POS	YEAR
Ryan Orgel	Defense	2017



UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

NAME	POS	YEAR
Benjamin Beck	Goalie	2019
Jakub Sirota	Defense	2019



UMASS - LOWELL

NAME	POS	YEAR
Austin O'Rourke	Forward	2018



UNIV. OF NORTH DAKOTA

NAME	POS	YEAR
Harrison Feeney	Goalie	2019



U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

NAME	POS	YEAR
John Zimmerman	Defense	2017
Eric Huss	Forward	2020
Joey Baez	Forward	2021
Stefan Miklakos	Forward	2021
Owen Nolan	Forward	2021



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIV.

NAME	POS	YEAR
Jared Kucharek	Defense	2018



YALE UNIVERSITY

NAME	POS	YEAR
Corbin Kaczperski	Goalie	2016

"Playing for the Brahmas was a monumental part of my development because you learn so many valuable skills on-and-off the ice that will make you ready to play Division I hockey. Off the ice, we focus a lot on the mental side, with being mentally persistent, and it plays a huge part in our team success. On the ice with Dan has helped me immensely with fine-tuning the little skills within the game that a lot of other coaches overlook, whether it's how to protect pucks or how to break out pucks; we look at everything in detail to strive to be the best."

-- Mitchell Digby,
Air Force Academy

SAN JOSE SHARKS



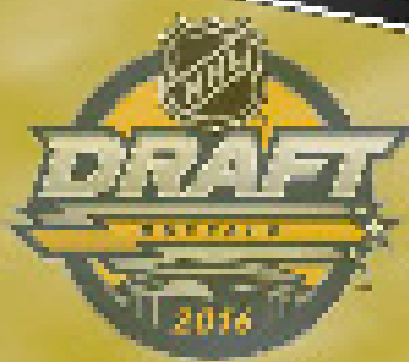
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DAN WILDFONG



HEAD COACH

After winning his first Robertson Cup Championship, Dan Wildfong returns behind the Brahmas bench after a season cut short. Wildfong is especially trying to build upon the Brahmas record 16 Division I NCAA commitments in 2019-2020 season.

In thirteen full seasons with the franchise, teams led by Wildfong have a record of 474-288-79 (.590 win percentage). In the midst of this record, Dan also was awarded NAHL Coach of the year at the conclusion of the 2014-15 and 2019-20 seasons, and NAHL General Manager of the Year in 2019-20 as well. Over the course of Wildfong's 18 professional seasons as a coach and player, he has failed to make the playoffs just three times. A well-respected leader on and off the ice, it's safe to say Coach Wildfong knows his hockey.

Revered as one of the most intense coaches in the NAHL, Wildfong is known to get the most out of his players through leading by example. His passion for the game and resilient efforts towards ensuring his players' progression year in and year out prove his worthiness as being the best candidate to lead the Brahmas. Furthermore, his experience in the NCAA directly assists players who choose to follow that path as well. During the offseason, Wildfong saw one of his very own products selected to the show in Cam Clarke, who was picked by the Boston Bruins in the 2016 NHL Draft. Under Wildfong's leadership, the Brahmas are approaching 100 players to commit to Division I or Division III college hockey programs.

COACHING CAREER

SEASON	TEAM	League	GP	W	L	OTL	PCT
07-08	Texas Brahmas	CHL	64	40	22	2	.641
08-09	Texas Brahmas	CHL	64	42	16	6	.703
09-10	Texas Brahmas	CHL	64	32	25	7	.555
10-11	Texas Brahmas	CHL	66	34	27	5	.553
11-12	Texas Brahmas	CHL	66	33	25	8	.561
12-13	Fort Worth Brahmas	CHL	66	36	22	8	.606
13-14	Lone Star Brahmas	NAHL	60	23	33	4	.417
14-15	Lone Star Brahmas	NAHL	60	40	12	8	.733
15-16	Lone Star Brahmas	NAHL	60	39	12	9	.725
16-17	Lone Star Brahmas	NAHL	60	44	14	2	.750
17-18	Lone Star Brahmas	NAHL	60	38	12	10	.717
18-19	Lone Star Brahmas	NAHL	60	31	21	8	.517
19-20	Lone Star Brahmas	NAHL	53	42	9	2	.792

PLAYOFF COACHING CAREER

SEASON	TEAM	League	GP	W	L	PCT
07-08	Texas Brahmas	CHL	14	9	5	.643
08-09	Texas Brahmas	CHL	16	12	4	.750
09-10	Texas Brahmas	CHL	8	4	4	.500
10-11	Texas Brahmas	CHL	4	1	3	.250
11-12	Texas Brahmas	CHL	12	6	6	.500
12-13	Fort Worth Brahmas	CHL	9	4	5	.444
14-15	Lone Star Brahmas	NAHL	10	7	3	.700
15-16	Lone Star Brahmas	NAHL	4	1	3	.250
16-17	Lone Star Brahmas	NAHL	11	9	2	.818
17-18	Lone Star Brahmas	NAHL	8	5	3	.625

Wildfong's resources have also allowed players to participate in the Dallas Stars' NHL Development Camp. In recent years, Brahmas alumni Ludvig Larsson, Jacob Nehama, Will White, and Alexey Solovveyev have attended the event.

Prior to his coaching career, Dan played four years at Colgate University, followed by eight years in the Western Professional Hockey League and Central Hockey League. Through eight seasons (488 games) in Shreveport with the Mudbugs, Wildfong recorded 216 goals and 341 assists for a total of 557 points. He stands as the franchise's all-time leading scorer and helped lead his team to playoffs seven times while in Louisiana. Additionally, Wildfong finished second in league penalty minutes with a combined 1,970 career PIM. In his last three seasons he was selected as the "Best Leader" of his team. His number 10 jersey has been retired by the Mudbugs and his jersey hangs from the rafters of George's Pond at Hirsch Coliseum.

Dan is a native of Clinton, Ontario and he currently resides in North Richland Hills, TX with his wife Meagan, son Nolan, and daughter Riley.

ANDREW WHITESIDE



Andrew Whiteside was named the Assistant Coach prior to the 2020-21 season. A veteran in the NAHL, Whiteside comes to the Brahmas after serving as the Director of Scouting and an assistant coach for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Knights for the past four seasons, where he was in charge of recruiting, coaching the Knights defensemen, assisting in the planning & running of practices, penalty kill, and video analysis.

Prior to being behind the bench for the Knights, Whiteside also spent time on the staff of the Kenai River Brown Bears as an assistant coach.

In addition, he was selected by USA Hockey as a video coach for the gold medal-winning 2013 Boys Select U17 Five Nations Tournament in Trnava, Slovakia. In the summer, Whiteside serves on the coaching staff for USA Hockey's Boys Select 16 Player Development Camp in Amherst, N.Y. – comprised of the top youth & junior hockey players in the nation.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., the coach attended Niagra University where he earned his bachelor's degree in Sports Management in 2015. On top of completing his studies, Whiteside was a four-year letter winner as a part of the NCAA Division I Men's Hockey coaching staff.

SUPPORT STAFF



In addition to an excellent coaching staff, the Brahmas also have a top-notch support staff there to assist the team and provide the players and coaches with the help they need to maintain the highest level of performance possible.

The Brahmas head equipment manager is responsible for handling all the Brahmas equipment needs, including laundry, skate sharpening, stick ordering, and locker room maintenance.

An athletic trainer attends practices and is on hand every day the team meets, so players can receive the treatment they need to stay in top physical shape. The trainer is also on the bench during every game, ready to respond to any situations that may arise.

While some organizations do not have a full-time staff that travels with the team, the Brahmas' equipment manager and athletic trainer join them on the road to ensure that wherever the team is, they'll be set up for success.

EDUCATION IS FUNDAMENTAL

The North American Hockey League and the Lone Star Brahmas are committed to giving young players every opportunity to continue their education while still progressing in their hockey career.

HIGH SCHOOL

The NYTEX Sports Centre, home of the Brahmas, is situated directly across the road from Birdville High School. This gives players the ability to attend a brick-and-mortar school should they choose to do so.

If students would prefer to attend an online high school, The North American Hockey League and the Lone Star Brahmas also work with Texas Virtual Academy, K12.com, and Franklin Virtual High School.

COLLEGE

Continuing education beyond high school is important to many players. The NYTEX Sports Centre is just minutes away from several colleges and Universities, which makes taking classes extremely convenient.

SAT / ACT TUTORING

In addition to tutoring for high school courses, the Lone Star Brahmas also provide assistance in preparing for the SAT and ACT standardized tests. Tom Sauvlet, our tutor, has been working with the team for several years and has seen very favorable results. Most players who work with Tom see a 15-20% increase in their testing scores.

In addition to group sessions, Tom also offers one-on-one tutoring, which players are encouraged to take advantage of.



WHAT IT TAKES

As a member of the Lone Star Brahmas, you will be a proven player who is dedicated, passionate, committed to hard work, and possess the attitude of a champion. In the 2018-2019 Season, Head Coach Dan Wildfong, Assistant Coach Andrew Whiteside, and the rest of the Lone Star Brahmas organization are committed to one goal: bringing the Robertson Cup back to Brahmaland as NAHL Champions.



JOHN ZIMMERMAN

DEFENSEMAN • ARLINGTON, TX
2017 ROBERTSON CUP WINNER

Dear Brahma Nation,

As my time as a Brahma player comes to an amazing end, it's impossible to imagine where I'd be without this program. Often times with winning a championship, comes this week-long commotion and overwhelming excitement, rightly so. However, as the buzz starts to die down, and the boys have left town, and all of the fan events are over, I can't help but reminisce and thank those responsible for my time as a Brahma. Whether you had a huge impact or a relatively small one, this letter is for you, this letter is for everyone.

To the various staffs revolving around the Brahmans, whether it's coaching, ownership, rink, front office, training, or equipment staff, your efforts do not go unnoticed. Throughout the years, players come and go, but you guys are the constant that holds this great organization together. Without you all, we don't have a rink to skate on, equipment, healthy bodies, fans in the stands, a plan going into games, or even an organization all together. I remember at the beginning of the year, the rink staff was tasked with installing the main sheet of ice in less than two days. Nobody complained, the only rumblings heard were, "we'll get it done." This is just a small example of the willingness of the rink staff to put the team before themselves, which embodies the way the entire organization runs itself. While looking back at the team that won the Robertson Cup, we weren't the biggest, most skilled, or even the fastest team in the league. We were the most prepared. Thank you for your often unseen but always appreciated work. We are able to do what we love everyday because of the invaluable foundation you have built for this program.

To the boys, thank you for allowing me to be your captain. It has undoubtedly been the greatest honor of my life to be the captain of a championship winning team. As I'm thinking back though, I really didn't have to do much. Sure a word here and there, or trying my best to lead by example, but it's the leaders that didn't have letters that really held our team together. Guys like Glover, Kelley, O'Rourke, and many others who didn't have the representation of a leader on their jersey, but pushed our team to become champions. To the puppies (rookies), thank you for bringing the juice not only for games, but for every practice as well. When times seemed tough, and the older guys were tired, it was you guys who inserted energy into the lineup, we don't win without each and every one of you. Brahmaland, you guys are in good hands with the guys coming back. Michael Jordan said that a legacy is built by more than what is seen, and that couldn't be more right. Wherever you play next, remember how we embraced the grind, will your teammates to do the same, and you'll be champions again.

To the fans, it's been an honor to play in front of y'all in the shoebox. No matter the outcome of our games on Friday night, you would be there on Saturday with the same energy and enthusiasm week in and week out. There's hundreds of things to do on the weekends in the metroplex and over 2,000 of you all came and supported every time we had a home game. Your dedication and love for our team doesn't go unnoticed. When we beat Corpus in Game 4 and forced Game 5 back home, we knew. We knew you would show up, we knew you would be loud, and we knew that no matter the outcome, you would be there for us. That Game 5 was the loudest I've ever heard the shoebox, and we don't win that game without you. Aside from all the noise and love you guys showed to us all season, the most rewarding experience you gave to me was the opportunity to be a role model for your children. To see the awe in your children's eyes after getting an autograph or picture on Friday and Saturday makes all the sacrifices throughout the week worth it.

In closing, let me just say that it has been an honor. Thank you for making this the best junior hockey experience anyone could ever ask for. I will miss everyone dearly, and wish nothing but the best for everyone revolving around the organization, as you've done for me. While the junior hockey chapter of my life comes to a close, I feel so fortunate to say that I was, and always will be, a Lone Star Brahma.

