



# FAYETTEVILLE MARKSMEN

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## SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Res.
10/15	@Roanoke	7:05
10/22	@Roanoke	7:05
10/29	@Macon	7:30
10/30	<b>MACON</b>	<b>6:00</b>
11/5	@Knoxville	7:35
11/6	<b>KNOXVILLE</b>	<b>6:00</b>
11/7	<b>KNOXVILLE</b>	<b>3:00</b>
11/12	@Birmingham	8:00
11/13	@Birmingham	8:00
11/14	@Macon	4:00
11/19	<b>MACON</b>	<b>7:00</b>
11/20	<b>MACON</b>	<b>6:00</b>
11/24	<b>ROANOKE</b>	<b>7:00</b>
11/26	@Roanoke	7:05
12/3	<b>ROANOKE</b>	<b>7:00</b>
12/4	<b>ROANOKE</b>	<b>6:00</b>
12/5	<b>KNOXVILLE</b>	<b>3:00</b>
12/16	@Macon	7:30
12/17	@Birmingham	8:00
12/18	@Birmingham	8:00
12/23	@Roanoke	7:05
12/30	@Roanoke	7:05
12/31	<b>MACON</b>	<b>6:00</b>
1/7	<b>MACON</b>	<b>7:00</b>
1/8	<b>MACON</b>	<b>6:00</b>
1/14	<b>ROANOKE</b>	<b>7:00</b>
1/15	@Roanoke	7:05
1/16	@Roanoke	3:05
1/21	@Knoxville	7:35
1/22	@Birmingham	8:00
1/28	<b>PENSACOLA</b>	<b>7:00</b>
1/29	<b>PENSACOLA</b>	<b>6:00</b>
1/30	<b>PENSACOLA</b>	<b>3:00</b>
2/4	@Roanoke	7:05
2/11	<b>ROANOKE</b>	<b>7:00</b>
2/12	<b>ROANOKE</b>	<b>6:00</b>
2/18	@Macon	7:30
2/19	@Knoxville	7:35
2/20	@Knoxville	3:05
2/25	<b>QUAD CITY</b>	<b>7:00</b>
2/26	<b>QUAD CITY</b>	<b>6:00</b>
2/27	<b>QUAD CITY</b>	<b>3:00</b>
3/4	@Macon	7:30
3/5	@Macon	6:30
3/11	<b>MACON</b>	<b>7:00</b>
3/12	<b>MACON</b>	<b>6:00</b>
3/17	<b>ROANOKE</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
3/18	<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	<b>7:00</b>
3/19	<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	<b>6:00</b>
3/25	@Pensacola	8:05
3/26	@Pensacola	8:05
3/27	@Pensacola	5:05
4/1	@Huntsville	8:00
4/2	@Huntsville	8:00
4/8	<b>ROANOKE</b>	<b>7:00</b>
4/9	<b>ROANOKE</b>	<b>6:00</b>

## TONIGHT'S MATCHUP



October 15, 2021  
 7:05 p.m.  
 Berglund Center  
 Roanoke, Va.

Fayetteville (0-0-0)  
 @  
 Roanoke (0-0-0)



## FAYETTEVILLE MARKSMEN @ ROANOKE RAIL YARD DAWGS

It's been 586 days since the Fayetteville Marksmen have played a game that counts in the SPHL standings. The last time the team skated, they were tied for the top spot in the SPHL and were riding the high of an overtime win at Pensacola.

And then, as soon as success reigned, it fell.

The COVID-19 pandemic prevented the Marksmen from skating in a three-game set against Peoria where the winner would have laid claim to sole possession of the SPHL's top seed. And what was once a two-week pause became a season-long cancellation, effectively ending one of the most successful years in Marksmen hockey history.

In 2020-21, due to state and local restrictions, the Marksmen were not able to play in any feasible way. The same can be said of their opponents, the Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs.

Many familiar Marksmen faces skated with other teams in the SPHL for the 2020-21 season on loan. However, interestingly, most of the Roanoke roster found refuge in the lower-tier FPHL. Nine Rail Yard Dawgs from the 2019-20 season played in the FPHL's shortened season for the Columbus River Dragons where forward Brantley Sherwood served as an assistant coach.

Now, the east's best hockey rivalry renews itself. Roanoke and Fayetteville will face off 17 times during the 2021-22 season including a stretch of four straight games against each other from Nov. 24-Dec. 4.

The Marksmen won the last matchup between the two teams, Fayetteville's last home game, on Feb. 29, 2020.

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING...

"That's a Roanoke team that plays hard and gets under your skin... they take on the personality of their coach and he has his style that he implements. It's effective and we have to be prepared for it."

-Fayetteville head coach, Cory Melkert

"There's a sense of preparation here and we want to get done what we need to get done in order to be successful."

-Fayetteville goalie, Jason Pawloski

"I'm ready to get after it again... we've been off for a while and I did a lot of recovery and rest since COVID and I'm just ready to get back at playing and embracing my role as one of the older guys on the team."

-Fayetteville defenseman, Don Olivier

## MEDIA INQUIRIES

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## MARKSMEN WHEN...

Leading after 1: 0-0-0  
 Trailing after 1: 0-0-0  
 Tied after 1: 0-0-0

Leading after 2: 0-0-0  
 Trailing after 2: 0-0-0  
 Tied after 2: 0-0-0

When scoring first: 0-0-0  
 When scoring last: 0-0-0

In overtime: 0-0  
 In shootout: 0-0

Wearing white: 0-0-0  
 Wearing black: 0-0-0  
 Wearing specialty: 0-0-0

On Wednesday: 0-0-0  
 On Thursday: 0-0-0  
 On Friday: 0-0-0  
 On Saturday: 0-0-0  
 On Sunday: 0-0-0

In Central time zone: 0-0-0  
 In Eastern time zone: 0-0-0

In October: 0-0-0  
 In November: 0-0-0  
 In December: 0-0-0  
 In January: 0-0-0  
 In February: 0-0-0  
 In March: 0-0-0  
 In April: 0-0-0

vs. Birmingham: 0-0-0  
 vs. Evansville: 0-0-0  
 vs. Huntsville: 0-0-0  
 vs. Knoxville: 0-0-0  
 vs. Macon: 0-0-0  
 vs. Pensacola: 0-0-0  
 vs. Peoria: 0-0-0  
 vs. Quad City: 0-0-0  
 vs. Roanoke: 0-0-0  
 vs. Vermilion Co. 0-0-0

## 2021-22 FAYETTEVILLE MARKSMEN

#	Name	Ht	Wt	Pos.	Hometown
1	Kyle Jessiman	5-11	181	G	Montreal, Que.
2	Carter Struthers	6-5	218	D	Weyburn, Sask.
3	Harrison Harper	6-2	209	D	Calgary, Alb.
4	Don Olivieri	6-0	205	D	Philadelphia, Penn.
5	Sam Stormoen	5-11	185	D	Crossfield, Alb.
6	Thomas Clayton	6-0	187	F	Cincinnati, Ohio
7	Jarret Kup	6-0	185	D	Rousseau, Ont.
10	Ray Pigozzi	6-0	176	F	Evanston, Ill.
14	Wyatt Noskey	5-9	165	F	High Prairie, Alb.
15	Tanner Froese	6-0	185	F	Estevan, Sask.
16	Bryce Ferrell	6-2	185	F	East Amherst, N.Y.
18	Drake Glover	6-1	185	F	Anchorage, Alaska
19	Taylor Best	5-10	185	F	Whitby, Ont.
20	Matt McNair	5-8	172	F	Calgary, Alb.
21	F.X. Girard	6-3	181	F	St. Lazare, Que.
22	Shane Bednard	5-10	179	F	Macomb, Mich.
30	Jason Pawloski	6-0	195	G	Omaha, Neb.
35	Stefano Durante	6-0	170	G	Brampton, Ont.

## 2021-22 FAYETTEVILLE MARKSMEN HOCKEY OPERATIONS STAFF

Head Coach: Cory Melkert / 1<sup>st</sup> Season  
 Assistant Coach: Jason Binkley / 1<sup>st</sup> Season

Equipment Manager: Ryan Sanford  
 Athletic Trainer: Kyle Sherrill

## 2021-22 FAYETTEVILLE MARKSMEN FRONT OFFICE STAFF

Owner and President: Chuck Norris  
 Executive Vice President: Alex Wall  
 Director of Communication, PxP Voice: Drew Blevins  
 Manager of Game Presentation: Macy Currie  
 Game Operations Coordinator: Scott Cline  
 Merchandise Manager: Denise Cline  
 Account Executive: Joey Huot  
 Account Executive: Karl Lowe  
 Director of Fun, Mascot: Marky Marksmen

## PRONUNCIATIONS

4 Don **ALL-iv-vair-ree**  
 5 Sam **STORM-min**  
 7 Jarrett **CUP**  
 10 Ray **pig-GO-zee**  
 15 Tanner **FRAZE**  
 21 F.X. **jer-RARD**  
 30 Jason **puh-LAA-ski**  
 35 **STEF-uh-no du-RON-tay**



## OWNER AND PRESIDENT, CHUCK NORRIS

Chuck Norris, the owner and president of the Fayetteville Marksmen, purchased the franchise in April 2017.

Wanting to connect the team with the city of Fayetteville and the community around the Sandhills of North Carolina, Norris rebranded the team as “the Marksmen,” a nod to the many soldiers and veterans in the Ft Bragg area.

A former U.S. Army Paratrooper himself, Norris served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) from 1989-1993 and is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm.

In July 1993, Norris began his post-military life as the owner and operator of SUBS Car Audio and later added a retail furniture store known as Furniture Express, Inc.

Norris established Charles Norris Construction, Inc. in 1998. Since then, Norris Construction has developed 8 different residential neighborhoods, consisting of 300+ homes in Cumberland, Hoke, and Harnett Counties.

Today, Norris resides in Weddington, N.C. with his wife, Lanai, and their three children Chucky, Lilly, and Khloe.



## BIO

Born: Kenmore, Ont.  
 Birthday: November 11, 1990  
 Coaching: 1<sup>st</sup> season as HC  
 2<sup>nd</sup> season with FAY

## AS A PLAYER

'Yr.	Team	Gms.	G-A-P
16-17	RNK	20	1-2-3
	EVV	31	2-8-10
17-18	EVV	50	2-20-22
	WIC	5	0-0-0
18-19	PEN	25	2-2-4
	FAY	26	1-6-7

## PRE-PRO CAREER

Melkert started his hockey career in the OJHL with the Gloucester Rangers and finished with the Trenton Golden Hawks. He played college hockey for SUNY-Fredonia, logging 10 points in 90 games for the Blue Devils. He served as the school's captain in 2014-15, his senior season.

## HEAD COACH, CORY MELKERT

Cory Melkert was hired as the fifth head coach in Fayetteville Marksmen history in July 2020. Melkert had previously served as the team's assistant coach the prior season.

A native of Kenmore, Ont., Melkert was a well-respected defenseman with the OJHL's Trenton Golden Hawks. After logging 38 points in 45 games with Trenton, Melkert began his collegiate career with SUNY-Fredonia (NCAA D-III).

Melkert played 90 games with the Blue Devils and served as the team captain his senior season.

After graduation, Melkert played in Germany's third-tier league with EHC Timmendorfer Strand before returning to the U.S. in 2016-17 with the SPHL's Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs.

Melkert would go on to play 152 games in the SPHL, 81 of them coming with the Evansville Thunderbolts. He would receive one call-up to the ECHL's Wichita Thunder in 2017-18.

The final stop in Melkert's playing career was with the Marksmen, where both ownership and the then-current coaching staff recognized his ability as a potential coach and leader.

Melkert enjoys golfing and traveling with his fiancé Paxton away from the rink.

# 1

## **KYLE JESSIMAN**

**G**

**MONTREAL, QUE**

SPHL ROOKIE

Jessiman skated last season with Concordia University (USports) and posted a .922 SVP and a 2.65 GAA in 10 games with the school. He came highly recruited out of the QMJHL where played in 135 games (3.40 GAA, .884 SVP) splitting time between Cape Breton, Baie-Comeau, and the Quebec Remparts.

# 2

## **CARTER STRUTHERS**

**D**

**WEYBURN, SASK.**

Yr	Team	GP	G	A	P	PIM	+/-
'17-18	Greenville (ECHL)	8	0	1	1	19	-1
'18-19	Newfoundland (ECHL)	2	0	1	1	2	+2
	Pensacola	15	3	2	5	2	+1
	Orlando (ECHL)	6	0	0	0	4	+1
	Adirondack (ECHL)	5	0	1	1	7	+1
'19-20	Carlisle (BSHL)	10	8	13	21	28	N/A

College: Bemidji St. (NCAA)

# 3

## **HARRISON HARPER**

**D**

**CALGARY, ALB .**

Yr	Team	GP	G	A	P	PIM	+/-
'19-20	Birmingham	9	0	4	4	4	+1
'20-21	Birmingham	15	0	1	1	15	E
		24	0	5	5	19	+1

College: Nippising (USports)

# 4

## **DON OLIVIERI**

**D**

**PHILADELPHIA, PENN.**

Yr	Team	GP	G	A	P	PIM	+/-
'15-16	Berlin (FHL)	14	6	9	15	16	E
	Mississippi	29	4	8	12	12	-5
'16-17	Mississippi	6	1	3	4	4	-1
	Peoria	35	13	8	21	32	+6
	Missouri (ECHL)	11	0	3	3	10	+1
'17-18	Evansville	8	1	1	2	18	-2
	Mississippi	20	8	13	21	41	+4
	Norfolk (ECHL)	21	3	6	9	8	-2
	Rapid City (ECHL)	6	0	0	0	2	-2
'18-19	Quad City	8	2	2	4	34	-9
	Norfolk (ECHL)	36	8	11	19	55	+4
	Atlanta (ECHL)	14	2	5	7	12	-8
'19-20	<b>FAYETTEVILLE</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>+11</b>
'20-21	Columbus (FPHL)	2	0	2	2	2	+2
	<b>SPHL TOTALS</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>+4</b>

College: Nazareth (NCAA-DIII)

# 5

## **SAM STORMOEN**

**D**

**CROSSFIELD, ALB.**

SPHL ROOKIE

Stormoen's last two seasons have been spent with SAIT in the ACAC in Canada. Stormoen played in both the AJHL and the Chinook Hockey League in Canada during his junior hockey career.

**6**

**THOMAS CLAYTON**

**F**

**CINCINNATI, OHIO**

Yr	Team	GP	G	A	P	PIM	+/-
'19-20	Knoxville	4	0	0	0	4	-5
	Watertown (FPHL)	1	0	0	0	2	E

College: Wisconsin River-Falls (NCAA-DIII)

**7**

**JARRET KUP**

**D**

**ROUSSEAU, ONT.**

Yr	Team	GP	G	A	P	PIM	+/-
'17-18	Macon	8	0	4	4	2	+1
'18-19	Macon	55	3	15	18	12	+6
'19-20	Macon	33	3	14	17	11	-5
	<b>FAYETTEVILLE</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>+1</b>
		112	10	34	44	27	+3

College: Curry College (NCAA D-III)

**10**

**RAY PIGOZZI**

**F**

**EVANSTON, ILL.**

Yr	Team	GP	G	A	P	PIM	+/-
'19-20	<b>FAYETTEVILLE</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>+1</b>
	Pensacola	16	1	6	7	0	-1
'20-21	Columbus (FPHL)	2	0	0	0	0	+1
	<b>SPHL TOTALS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>E</b>

College: Massachusetts (NCAA)

**14**

**WYATT NOSKEY**

**F**

**HIGH PRAIRIE, ALB.**

SPHL ROOKIE

Noskey skated in Sweden with Grums IK last season, but did not register a game. He is a graduate of Carleton University (USports) in Canada where he logged 10 points in 47 career games.

**15**

**TANNER FROESE**

**F**

**ESTEVAN, SASK.**

Yr	Team	GP	G	A	P	PIM	+/-
'17-18	Fort Wayne (ECHL)	3	0	0	0	0	-1
'18-19	Pensacola	22	6	5	11	10	-2
	Atlanta (ECHL)	2	0	0	0	0	E
	Idaho (ECHL)	19	0	6	6	0	+2
'19-20	Pensacola	46	8	14	22	18	+8
'20-21	Birmingham	36	5	7	12	6	-11
	<b>SPHL TOTALS</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-5</b>

College: St. Norbert (NCAA-DIII)

**16**

**BRYCE FERRELL**

**F**

**EAST AMHERST, N.Y.**

SPHL ROOKIE

Ferrell just completed a four-year career with SUNY-Potsdam (NCAA-DIII) where he scored double digit points in every season but one. He accrued 59 points in 85 career games with the Bears and was an alternate captain during his senior season.

**18** **DRAKE GLOVER** **F** **ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

Yr	Team	GP	G	A	P	PIM	+/-
'19-20	<b>FAYETTEVILLE</b>	8	2	4	6	0	+5

College: Alaska-Anchorage (NCAA)

**19** **TAYLOR BEST** **F** **WHITBY, ONT.**

SPHL ROOKIE

Taylor Best was a scoring stud for Mercyhurst University (NCAA). He logged 82 points (38g, 44a) for the Lakers over 120 games during his four-year college career. After playing in the OJHL for his hometown Whitby Fury, Best finished his junior career in the USHL with the Youngstown Phantoms.

**20** **MATT McNAIR** **F** **CALGARY, ALB.**

SPHL ROOKIE

McNair has just finished his collegiate career with Adrian College (NCAA-DIII). McNair scored a single-season high 27 points during his senior season with the Bulldogs and finished with 44 points in 112 games with the Bulldogs.

**21** **F.X. GIRARD** **F** **ST. LAZARE, QUE.**

SPHL ROOKIE

Girard played nine games and logged four assists with Montpelier in the French second-tier during the 2020-21 season. However, he is best known for being a near-point-per-game scorer for Westfield St. (NCAA-DIII). Girard finished his college career in 2019-20 with 98 points in 102 games.

**30** **JASON PAWLOSKI** **G** **OMAHA, NEB.**

Yr	Team	GP	GAA	SVP	SO	Record
'18-19	Indy (ECHL)	5	4.65	.840	0	0-5-0
	Knoxville	5	2.83	.920	0	2-3-0
	<b>FAYETTEVILLE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.80</b>	<b>.886</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1-1-0</b>
'20-21	Huntsville	19	3.21	.897	1	7-10-0
SPHL TOTALS		26	3.24	.901	1	10-14-0

College: Minnesota State- Mankato (NCAA)

**35** **STEFANO DURANTE** **G** **BRAMPTON, ONT.**

SPHL ROOKIE

Durante completed his four-year career at American International College (NCAA) in 2020-21. He played 66 games for the Yellow Jackets and finished with 35 wins and a .906 SVP. Prior to joining AIC, Durante was a standout in the OJHL with the Cobourg Cougars.