



ED MEAGHER ARENA UNVEILING

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RENOVATED ED MEAGHER ARENA UNVEILED

CONCORDIA STINGERS HIT THE ICE NHL STYLE

Montreal, November 20, 2013 — Not only are the Concordia Stingers back on home ice after the reopening of the Ed Meagher Arena, they're now competing on a brand new rink surface that conforms to National Hockey League specifications.

The modernized arena features the latest and most cutting-edge technology on the market today — an eco-friendly carbon dioxide (CO₂) ice refrigeration system. The technology, developed in Quebec, means the arena can operate 11 months a year, compared to seven using the former ammonia system.

In addition to a new ice surface and boards, fans will appreciate the new heating system; the burning of natural gas has been replaced by recycled heat generated by the new refrigeration system.

The renovations – made possible by a joint investment of \$7.75 million from the Government of Quebec and Concordia — involved an expansion of 2,500 sq. ft. The new space boasts larger changing rooms, an equipment storage room, and two new changing rooms for soccer and rugby players.

Other renovations include window replacements and a new ventilation and dehumidification system.

ABOUT THE ED MEAGHER ARENA AND ITS ATHLETES

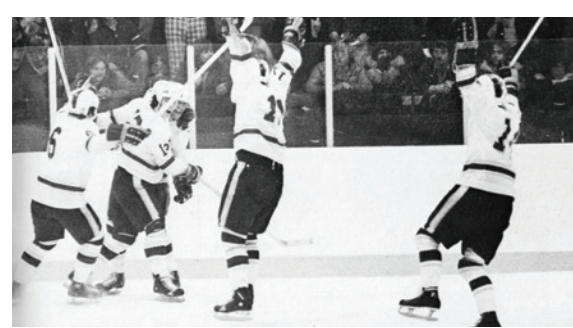
The Ed Meagher Arena plays host to approximately 40 Stingers men's and women's hockey games a year. The Concordia hockey players proudly represent the university at an elite level competing against some of the best teams in North America.

Over the years, many talented athletes — including Olympians and NHLers — have developed their skills as members of the Stingers or its founding institutions' teams. These include Cammi Granato (Hockey Hall of Fame inductee), Caroline Ouellette, Karyn Bye, Cecilia Anderson, Therese Brisson, Delany Collins, Jim Corsi, Larry Carrière, and Bob Berry.

ABOUT ED MEAGHER

From student, athlete, teacher and coach to administrator, alumni director and friend, Ed Meagher wore a wide variety of hats during his 55-year relationship with Loyola College, one of Concordia's two founding institutions. He was the founder of the Ed Meagher Sports Tournament that draws more than 700 student-athletes annually. On January 28, 2000, the rink was renamed the Ed Meagher Arena at the opening ceremony of the 30th annual Ed Meagher Sports Tournament.

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FEATURES AND FAST FACTS



ABOUT ED MEAGHER

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- Founder of the Ed Meagher Sports Tournament which draws over 700 student-athletes annually.
- Concordia University, of which Loyola College was one of two founding institutions, renamed its rink the Ed Meagher Arena on January 28, 2000, at the opening ceremony of the 30th annual Ed Meagher Sports Tournament. Hanging from the rafters of the Ed Meagher arena, is his hockey sweater, number 11, the first ever sweater number to be retired in Loyola's rich sports history.
- On November 7, 1995, at the age of sixty-nine, Ed Meagher succumbed to cancer. 1,500 mourners, both young and old, people whose lives he had touched for more than half a century, came to bid farewell to a legend.

ARENA USERS:

- More than 40 intramural teams (including alumni/student/staff teams)
- Local community teams and programs
- Hockey camps
- High schools teams (Loyola High School)
- Public skating

CONCORDIA STINGERS

The Concordia Stingers won the inaugural CIS Women's Hockey Championship in 1998. The historic event was hosted by Concordia at the Ed Meagher Arena. The Stingers successfully defended their title in 1999 (in Toronto).

HIGH PROFILE ATHLETES

Several Stingers from the women's program have represented their countries at the Olympic Games:

Cammi Granato – U.S.A. – Was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame on Nov. 8, 2010 in Toronto, Ontario. One of the top women's hockey players in the world, Granato honed her skills with the Stingers from 1994 through 1997. During that time the hard-driving centre collected 179 goals and 151 assists for 330 points in 125 games. She was a two-time league all-star and the Quebec MVP in 1995-96. She was named Concordia Female Athlete of the Year in 1995. She entered the Concordia Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

Caroline Ouellette – Canada – Also serves as assistant coach for the Concordia Stingers women's team; currently on a one-year break in preparation for the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics.

Karyn Bye – U.S.A.

Cecilia Anderson – Sweden

Therese Brisson – Canada

Delany Collins – Canada

NHL HOCKEY PLAYERS:

Jim Corsi (Concordia) – played in the World Hockey Association for the Quebec Nordiques and the National Hockey League for the Edmonton Oilers. He is currently the goaltending coach for the Buffalo Sabres.

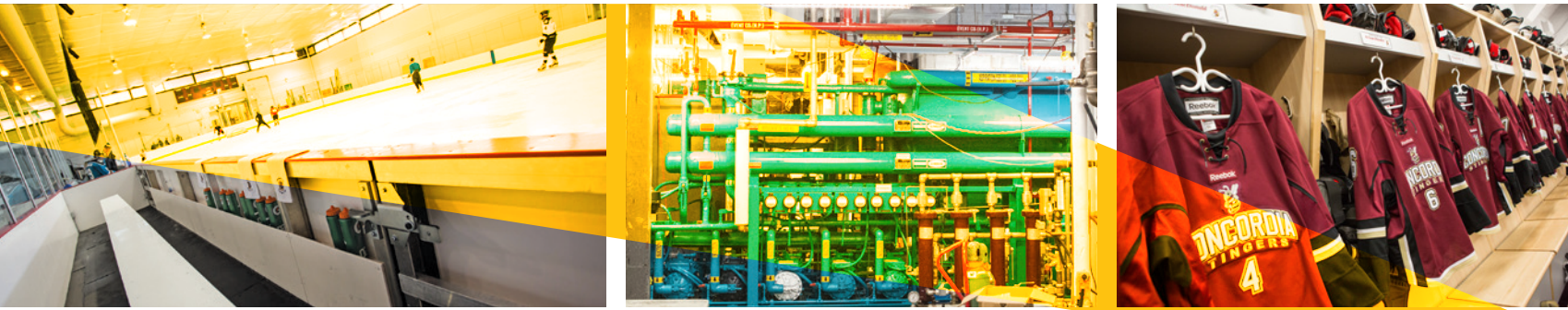
Bernie Wolfe (Sir George Williams) – Signed as a free agent in 1975 by the Washington Capitals, Wolfe would play for four seasons before retiring in 1979 at age 27.

Larry Carrière (Loyola College) – is a former defenceman. He is currently Assistant General Manager of the Montreal Canadiens. He was drafted in the second round, 25th overall, by the Buffalo Sabres in the 1972 NHL Amateur Draft. He played in the National Hockey League with the Sabres, Atlanta Flames, Vancouver Canucks, Los Angeles Kings, and Toronto Maple Leafs. He also served as assistant coach of the Montreal Canadiens in 2011/12.

Bob Berry (Sir George Williams) – is a retired left winger who played eight seasons in the National Hockey League with the Montreal Canadiens and Los Angeles Kings. He has also served as a head coach in the NHL for the Los Angeles Kings, Montreal Canadiens, Pittsburgh Penguins and St. Louis Blues.

COSTS:

- \$7.75 million
 - \$3.25M investment from the Government of Quebec
 - \$4.5M from Concordia University



ED MEAGHER ARENA HIGHLIGHTS

Major renovations to the Ed Meagher Arena (Loyola Campus) have just wrapped up.

The modernized space features an eco-friendly carbon dioxide (CO₂) ice refrigeration system which means the arena can operate 11 months a year, as opposed to the previous seven using the old ammonia system.

The arena also features a better quality rink surface that meets National Hockey League (NHL) specifications, providing an improved experience for university and community users alike.

RENOVATIONS INCLUDE:

- New, eco-friendly CO₂ ice refrigeration system
- Window replacement
- New ventilation and dehumidification system
- 2,500 sq. foot expansion (for a total of 28,500 sq. feet)
- Larger changing rooms, as well as two new rooms
 - Four for hockey
 - Two for soccer/rugby
 - Two varsity
 - Two for coaches
 - One for referees
- Equipment storage room

BENEFITS

- Non-toxic, eco-friendly refrigeration system
- New ventilation and dehumidification system = minimized hockey bag odour!
- Ability to stay open almost year round (11 months)
- New system represents a savings of \$40,000/yr on energy and maintenance costs
- More modern facility
- Better quality rink surface
- Improved experience for recreational users, intramural teams, varsity players and the local community
- Investment in student life
- Will showcase Concordia as a key player in the world of varsity sports
- Investing in our athletic facilities is a key component in the promotion of health and athletics among our students and our community

NHL STANDARDS

- The arena now meets NHL specifications, including the curvature of the boards.

RINK SPECIFICATIONS:

- 61 metres (200 ft) × 26 metres (85 ft) with a corner radius of 8.5 metres (28 ft)
- The distance from the end boards to the nearest goal line is 3.35 metres (11.0 ft)
- The NHL attacking zones are expanded (under NHL specs), with blue lines 19.5 metres (64 ft) from the goal line and 15.3 metres (50 ft) apart

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- The arena has been in operation since 1967
- CO₂ ice refrigeration technology is the latest and most cutting-edge technology on the market today (developed right here in Quebec!)
 - To date, only a handful of arenas have implemented this eco-friendly technology in the province. It is, however, quickly gaining in popularity.
- A temporary refrigeration system was installed in 2011 (ice was melting with the old system, no longer functioning properly)
- Our temporary refrigeration system and boards were donated to the Municipality of Saint-Amable



UPCOMING GAMES

DON'T MISS UPCOMING STINGERS HOCKEY ACTION AT THE ED MEAGHER ARENA!

MEN'S TEAM:

Friday, Nov. 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. vs. Brock University

Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013 at 2 p.m. vs. York University

WOMEN'S TEAM:

Jan. 3 to 5, 2014, Theresa Humes Tournament

More information: stingers.ca

To view photos of the renovated Ed Meagher Arena, please go to: concordia.ca/loyolaarena