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Right from the start, there’s been nothing normal or ordinary about Tom Wilson or how his NHL career started and unfolded. Nearly 10 years and more than 600 games down the road from hearing the Capitals call his name on the draft floor at the 2012 NHL Draft in Pittsburgh, that’s still true. When he arrived in D.C. as a teenager, his hockey résumé was glaringly thin and his skills raw and unrefined.

Over the decade since, Wilson has made himself into a legitimate top-six NHL power forward.

Now in his ninth season in the NHL and still a couple months shy of his 28th birthday, Wilson has delivered and continues to deliver steady progress and evolution into the prime seasons of his career. He has also taken his place as a crucial part of the Caps’ personnel and leadership core here in Washington, and his ascension to the 600-game plateau on Jan. 7 in St. Louis makes him one of only seven players in franchise history who were drafted by the Caps, who have played 600 games in the league while playing the entirety of their career for Washington.

Five of the seven players on that short list helped the Caps hoist the Stanley Cup in 2018: Alex Ovechkin, Nicklas Backstrom, John Carlson, Dmitry Orlov and Wilson. The other two are Bengt Gustafsson and Michal Pivonka. Some of the players on that list came into the NHL as nearly finished products who were well on their way to stardom already. Wilson was not one of them.

"When you play a lot of games, you can settle in and stuff," says Wilson. "But for me, it was such a cool feeling to achieve your dream to play that first one and it’s such a privilege to play every game in this league. When you can string together a good number, you’re really lucky. So it’s been a really fun journey and looking back on it, it definitely does fly by. But it’s been a lot of fun and a pretty special thing and very privileged thing to be able to do this for this long."

Wilson made his NHL debut in the 2013 Stanley Cup Playoffs, becoming one of the few players to enter the League in that fashion. If that wasn’t rare and unique enough, he also played in the Stanley Cup Playoffs before playing in his first NHL pre-season game. A first-round choice (16th overall) in the 2012 NHL Draft, Wilson didn’t have an NHL training camp or a pre-season in his draft year; he played at OHL Plymouth while the NHL and the NHLPA stewed through a lockout that started on the eve of training camp openings and shrunk the 2012-13 season to just 48 games.

Once he did make his regular season NHL debut at the age of 19 in 2013-14, he stuck with Washington for the whole season. He played in all 82 games as a rookie, but he averaged less than eight minutes per night in ice time. Of the 23 players in NHL history who played 82 or more games and were teenagers in their rookie season, none had fewer goals (three) or points (10) than Wilson.

Wilson scored his first NHL goal in his 16th game in the League, and he scored it on the power play. He would hoist the Stanley Cup and play 383 more regular season NHL games before scoring his second power-play goal in the League.

He entered the League with a lot of raw talent – emphasis on the raw – but he was also a project whose team would need to exercise patience with his development. When the Caps put him on their opening night roster as a 19-year-old in 2013-14, he didn’t have the résumé of a typical first-round forward who ascends directly to the NHL with little to no AHL seasoning.

In addition to the three playoff games with Washington in the spring of 2013, he had played a grand total of 125 games at OHL Plymouth, and he also played 25 playoff games in the OHL and three playoff games with the AHL Hershey Bears in the spring of 13, prior to playing in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

At the outset of that 2013-14 season, the Caps had two choices: they could send Wilson back to OHL Plymouth or they could keep him on the NHL roster. At 19, he was too young to be sent to AHL Hershey.

"This was an easy decision," said then-Caps general manager George McPhee at the time. "He’s doing very well. We like him a lot and he is very well liked by his teammates. When you put those three factors together, it was an easy decision. He’s going to be here for a while."

Sending him to Plymouth made little sense anyway. He had already carved out a reputation as the toughest hombre in the League – the 2015-16 season – that Wilson was moved onto Washington’s penalty killing unit, where he remains a key piece today.

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"We’re really pleased with the way he is playing the game. He does have a good reputation for being a good, tough kid because he earned it, but he is playing the game the right way at this level."

Washington missed the playoffs in Wilson’s rookie season, leading to the off-season dismissals of McPhee and then-coach Adam Oates. Barry Trotz took over behind the bench in Wilson’s second season, which was shortened because of an ankle injury that caused him to miss the first month of the campaign.

In his sophomore season, Wilson’s ice time went from 7:56 to 10:56 per game, and it was still all 5-on-5 ice time. He totaled four goals and 17 points, and his PIM went from 151 as a rookie to 172, despite playing 15 fewer games.

Midway through that ‘14-15 season, Wilson was a healthy scratch for the first time in his NHL career.

"I’ve been talking to Tom the last couple of games and he hasn’t been as sharp as he needs to be," said Trotz at the time. "He’s a terrific young player and he’s going to be a big part of us for a long time. But his game has fallen off, things are dying with him too much, too many turnovers [and his] wall play wasn’t good for what I expect of him. He’s a 20-year-old player, but I have high expectations for him."

The next game, he was not only back in the lineup, he was on the right side of Washington’s top line with Ovechkin and Backstrom. But it wasn’t until his third season in the League – the 2015-16 season – that Wilson was moved onto Washington’s penalty killing unit, where he remains a key piece today.

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and some of the young guys. Tom is a very bright kid; ‘man,’ I should say. He just keeps growing his game. I don’t want him to change his game; that’s what he is. You are what you are, but just keep growing your game. I’m very confident and I trust Tom in late-game situations and those things that he never would have [seen] last year.”

Essentially, Wilson has done exactly what Trotz said. He kept growing his game.

“When he got here, he understands he’s not a like crazy guy who is going to fight and who is going to run around people,” says Ovechkin of Wilson. “Yeah, first year tried to find his role and tried to find his game. And I think that being around the guys himself, mentally he was learning a lot and you get that experience. You know that if you play with Backy, you can’t do stupid [crap] out there. Right? Like, you have to play smart. Same with Kuzy, same with Osh. Of course, if you stay playing that type of game, you play like five minutes out of the game and you never know if you’re going to play 600 games. But I think he learns quick, and he understands his role and what type of player he is.”

Rather remarkably, Wilson’s ice time increased every season until it finally dipped last season, but it’s right back up again this season, at a career high of 19:21 per night. Washington’s Cup-winning season of 2017-18 was the tipping point for Wilson. He doubled his goal total from seven to 14 and also registered career highs in assists (21) and points (35), while getting three minutes more of ice time each night.

In his first 41 career playoff games, Wilson totaled three goals and five points. In 21 games during Washington’s run to the Cup in the spring of 2018, he contributed five goals and 15 points while taking down top six minutes, playing an average of 17:45 nightly. And he still wasn’t seeing any power play time.

In the third game of Washington’s second-round series with Pittsburgh, Wilson was slapped with a three-game suspension for a hit on Pens forward Zach Aston-Reese. Instead of being on the ice with his teammates, he found himself watching helplessly when the games mattered most.

“That first game,” said Wilson after serving that suspension. “I’m driving to the rink around 6 o’clock and seeing all the Pittsburgh fans and I had never had a feeling like that in my career. Like I was almost sick to my stomach. I felt like I shouldn’t have been there, that I should have been at the rink getting ready, below all the craziness and getting ready to play a hockey game. And I was among the craziness; I was behind the enemy lines in the stands, getting chirped and all that. It was a really tough feeling and something I hadn’t experienced before. It’s going to be good getting back with the guys and back into the games.”

In 2018-19, Wilson was moved onto Washington’s second power play unit. His offensive numbers started going up even more, and his penalty minutes began to decline from his career high total of 187 in ’17-18. With 22 goals and 128 PIM in 2018-19, Wilson became the first Washington forward in more than a decade to rack up more than 20 goals and triple-digit PIM totals in the same season, since Chris Clark in 2005-06.

Over these last four seasons, Wilson’s offensive production has remained consistent and steady. Although he has incurred a pair of lengthy NHL suspensions from the League’s department of player safety – one of which...
was shortened from 20 to 14 games by an independent arbitrator – he has curtailed his impulse to drop the mitts, realizing that he has become too valuable to be parked in the penalty box for five minutes at a time.

In his first five seasons, Wilson incurred 58 major penalties in 391 games, second only to Cody McLeod (77) over that span. In his last three and a half seasons, Wilson has taken 17 majors in 214 games. He has two majors in 36 games this season.

“Your mentality really hasn’t changed, per se, as far as what I wanted to do,” says Wilson of his gradual transformation from fourth-liner to top-sixer. “From my first game on, I just wanted to help the team win in whatever way I could as an individual. And early on, it maybe was energy, and momentum and physicality. And then as you grow as a player, it becomes [penalty killing] and chipping in offensively, and every game I just want to go out there and have an effect on the game and help my team win. And if you do that, then you should have success.

“But it’s been pretty easy! I’ve been playing with some really good players – I’m pretty fortunate to be picked by the team that I was, way back in 2012. And it’s been just an amazing journey, that’s really the only way to put it. I feel very lucky to be sitting here talking about this at this point in my career. I’ve definitely put some miles on the body already, but I want to keep it going.”

Keep it going, he has. A recent example is the Caps’ Jan. 18 game against Winnipeg. Washington fell down 2-0 before the game was three minutes old, and a couple of minutes later Wilson put a heavy hit on Jets center Adam Lowry in front of the Winnipeg bench, and seconds later he put another hit on Jets forward Jansen Harkins. Soon, more Caps were hitting more Jets, and the slow-starting Capitals were pulled into the fight.

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After Winnipeg tied the game with 65 seconds left to force overtime, Wilson scored the game-winner in the extra session to help the Caps win for the first time in a dozen overtime games this season, scoring in his third straight game and tying Kuzyntsov for second on the team with a dozen goals.

“You know, even before the overtime, I thought Willie played unbelievable,” exuded Caps winger Garnet Hathaway after the game. “He was physical; he had that physical presence that we need him to have. I thought he battled really hard, he blocked a bunch of shots, and on [Protas’] goal, I think he made a great read to hit [Justin Schultz] coming in late. It was a 1-on-2 and maybe a 1-on-3, and just had the awareness and the offensive talent to make a play like that. Great goal by Protas and great pass from Schultz, but that play doesn’t happen unless Tom is as well as he is and makes the play that he did.”

It’s been a long road, it hasn’t been easy, and there have been some hits and starts along the way. But minute-by-minute, shift-by-shift, and practice-by-practice, Wilson has made himself into a difference-making player who virtually every team in the League would love to have on its roster. He’s done it by staying true to his nature of being physical and dedicated to his team, and he has never been sour about his gradual but steady climb.

“Not the least bit,” he says. “I didn’t really feel that at all. I was the kind of guy who tried to do whatever I could to just stay in the lineup and play every game, and do whatever I could to help the team win. Looking back on it, obviously there’s been a course of development over time, and more responsibility that’s been sent my way every year. But from the first day that I got to play in a Caps uniform until now, it’s been a blast.

“It was a pretty special group that I was fortunate to come into, and the locker room has been second to none ever since. I don’t look back and think I would change anything about those first two years. It’s been such a fun ride. You work for it, and you end up winning a Stanley Cup. It’s been a crazy journey so far.”

Not long ago, Wilson was a fresh-faced kid looking to carve out a career for himself in the NHL. Now, he still looks quite young, but he’s one of the team leaders who is helping to mentor and usher along a new crop of young Caps hopefuls.

“It’s something I think that’s been in the hockey culture for a long time,” says Wilson. “You’re a young guy, you have a great time in the league. You grow up, you mature a little bit and then you become a veteran guy whose job partially is to help the next group of young guys come in. That’s what’s so great about our sport and that’s what we want to keep around in our sport, is just teams that are close and guys that want to be around each other.

“[Ovechkin] is the ringleader of that. He treats every teammate like they belong, treats every teammate like he demands success from them and accountability. And that just starts at the top and it goes down through Nicky, what a humble leader to have and there’s so many tiers of leaders.

“The kids have been amazing. They’re really second to none, first-class people. Marty [Fehervary] and all those young guys that have come up and done a great job, they’re just a lot of fun to be around. So it’s been a good ride this year. There’s a lot of different experience in this room. But sometimes that’s what it takes, a little bit everything that comes together and gels at the right time to make a special group and that’s what we’re working towards.”

Wilson is humbled to be among those seven rare players in franchise history, those were drafted into the Capitals’ organization and who’ve made it to the 600-game level and he hopes to remain one of those rare players, by never donning the sweater of another NHL club.

“The company that you’re with – even the guys that are still currently playing in that company – has some pretty special players,” says Wilson. “And those are guys that I’ve learned from and that I’ve looked up to for a long time.

“You’re lucky to come into the league on a team with such great leadership, and in such a great organization. You learn how to be a pro, you learn how to have success, you learn how to win games, and you don’t have to look far around here to have somebody to look up to and show you the way. That’s how it’s been from day one for me, with [Ovechkin] and all those guys. And even my rookie year, that group of guys was so welcoming to me and made me feel comfortable.

“It’s always been a really good room here. And then to be among some of those other guys, some of the greats in franchise history, it’s really special. The culture and all that is just something that you’re lucky to be a part of. And I don’t want to jinx it, but I obviously at this point can’t imagine playing for anyone else. You leave it all out there for your team and your city every night, and this is this is home now. I just want to keep it going.”

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Ted Leonsis is founder, chairman, principal owner and chief executive officer of Monumental Sports & Entertainment (MSE), one of the largest integrated sports and entertainment companies in the country with one of the most diverse partnership groups in all of sports. MSE owns and operates the 2020 NBA 2K League Champion Wizards District Gaming, the 2019 WNBA Champion Washington Mystics, the NHL’s 2018 Stanley Cup Champion Washington Capitals, the NBA’s Washington Wizards, the NBA G League’s Capital City Go-Go, and Capital One Arena in downtown Washington, DC. The partnership operates MedStar Capitals Iceplex, the Washington Capitals’ training facility and front office headquarters, and George Mason University’s EagleBank Arena. MSE is also co-owner of AXSmatic, which has controlling interest in global esports franchise Team Liquid. Mr. Leonsis is co-executive chairman of AXSmatic.

The company also owns Monumental Sports Network, a first-of-its-kind regional sports network for digital, mobile and over-the-top platforms that allows users to access content whenever and wherever they want.

MSE and NBC Sports Washington, part of the NBC Sports Group, have developed an advanced media partnership that includes NBCSW’s exclusive media rights to the Capitals and Wizards, and saw MSE become an equity partner in NBCSW. NBC Sports Group has also invested in Monumental Sports Network, creating a cross-equity leadership structure.

As part of a joint venture with the DC Mayor’s Office and Events DC, MSE unveiled the Entertainment & Sports Arena, a brand-new sports and entertainment facility in Southeast D.C. on the St. Elizabeths East campus, which opened in the Fall of 2018. This cutting-edge 4,200-seat venue and basketball facility includes a top-of-the-line practice facility for the Wizards and serves as the Mystics and Go-Go home court. The arena is part of the St. Elizabeths East Campus redevelopment and is expected to generate significant expansion of arts, cultural, entertainment and civic programming. This project is designed to be a catalyst for new opportunities in Ward 8 and citywide and create a destination for residents and visitors.

Mr. Leonsis serves on the Board of Governors for the NBA and NHL as well as on the Executive Committee of the NHL. He is also chairman of the NBA Media Committee.

Revolution and Venture Capital Investor

Mr. Leonsis is a co-founder and partner at Revolution Growth, which invests speed-up capital in businesses outside of Silicon Valley that are leveraging technology and new models to disrupt existing, multi-billion dollar industries. The firm makes a select group of investments each year, typically investing $25-50 million per deal, and invests in some of the economy’s largest sectors including sports, media, entertainment and education technologies, transportation, energy, financial services, food and government services. Investments include companies such as Sportradar USA, DraftKings, Bedrock Manufacturing (parent company of Shiniola and Pinson), Resonate, Optoro, Customlink, Cava and sweetgreen. He also serves on the boards of several public companies, American Express and Groupon.

He also has made early stage investments and owned equity in numerous companies, including AOL, Google, Revolution Money, AddThis, Preview Travel (Travelocity), Inside.com, MobilePresse, Objectvideo, Vox Media, Zedge, iVillage, Proxico.com, Cricket Media, MediaBank, Two Harbors, Algentis, Social Radar and Forbes’ Travel Guide.

Filmmaker and Digital Entrepreneur

Mr. Leonsis created and produced the award-winning film “Nanking.” The film premiered at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival and was awarded the Documentary Editors Award. The film went on to win a Peabody Award and an Emmy Award. The film was distributed theatrically, appeared on HBO and is one of the most viewed documentaries of all time because of its wide distribution in theater and on television throughout China. Mr. Leonsis also produced the documentary film “Kicking It,” which premiered at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival and aired on ESPN. He then produced “A Fighting Chance,” which aired on ESPN in 2010. In 2013 he produced “Lost for Life,” a documentary that explores juvenile offenders who have been sentenced to life without parole. “Lost for Life” was broadcast in 58 countries in 2014 and garnered both critical acclaim and ratings success. Most recently he produced the documentary “We the People: The Market Basket Effect,” which aired on Pivot and iTunes and was released theatrically.

Mr. Leonsis is also executive producer of the documentary film, “Willie,” along with MSE partners Sheila Johnson and Earl Stafford. “Willie” is the story of Willie O’Ree, who in 1958 became the first black player in the National Hockey League.

Mr. Leonsis is founder and chairman of Viewlift, a full-service content discovery platform for the web, OTT and mobile, which empowers media companies, sports leagues and teams, education providers and others to monetize their content through native branded apps on every major digital device. Viewlift offers a complete end-to-end solution for creating, launching and monetizing video applications across 28 device platforms, including mobile, over-the-top, connected TV and game consoles. Mr. Leonsis also is the founder, chairman and largest shareholder in SnagFilms, which has more than 5,000 movies, TV show episodes, documentaries and original comedy shorts in its free, online digital library.

Philanthropy

Through the Leonsis Foundation, his sports teams, the Monumental Sports & Entertainment Foundation, SnagFilms and his family’s personal giving, Mr. Leonsis supports hundreds of charities each year. In 2015 Mr. Leonsis was named chairman of the board of DC-_CAP (District of Columbia Access Program), which is dedicated to encouraging and enabling DC public high school students to enroll in and graduate from college.

Other highlighted charities and causes include Best Buddies, DC Central Kitchen, Georgetown Entrepreneurship Initiative, The Georgetown Venture Lab and annual Bank Tank competition in partnership with the McDonough School of Business, See Forever Foundation, Venture Philanthropy Partners, Street Soccer USA, YouthAIDS, GlobalGiving.org, College Success Foundation - District of Columbia, Potomac School, Georgetown University, Children’s Hospital, Potomac Valley Amateur Hockey Association, Salvation Army Angel Tree, Alliance for Lupus Research, Serve DC, Fort Dupont Ice Arena and Ice Hockey Club, USO of Metropolitan Washington, Capital Area Food Bank, Flashes of Hope, Inova Health System Foundation, UNICEF, obesity prevention and numerous local schools and cancer research and awareness programs.

As the former vice chairman of Washington 2024, Mr. Leonsis assumed a leading role in guiding the region’s bid for the 2024 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. In June 2014, the United States Olympic Committee identified Washington and three other cities as potential locations.

Mr. Leonsis also co-founded and chairs the Greater Washington Partnership, which played a critical role in organizing the region’s bid process for Amazon’s HQ2. The bid was successful, which was built on cooperation between Washington, Maryland and Virginia, and offers a great blueprint for tackling economic challenges for everything from housing to transportation to workforce development.

Thanks to a $15 million gift from the Leonsis family, the legacy of Georgetown entrepreneurship continues with the launch of the Georgetown Venture Lab, the lab provides a collaborative space for the university and its network of alumni entrepreneurs to catalyze startups and initiatives. The Georgetown Venture Lab extends the Leonsis family’s leadership role in supporting the university’s entrepreneurial community. In 2015, they launched the Leonsis Family Entrepreneurship Prize to honor and financially assist students and recent alumni who kickstart social impact ventures and initiatives.

AOL

During his 14-year career at AOL, Mr. Leonsis served as president of America Online Services Company, president of AOL Studios, president of AOL Web Properties, vice chairman and president of AOL Core Services, vice chairman and president of AOL Audience Business and vice chairman emeritus. The company recorded its greatest levels of innovation and growth under his leadership, and in May 2010 AOL named a central office tower The Leonsis Creative Center in his honor. Mr. Leonsis retired from active management of AOL in 2006.

Author

Mr. Leonsis has authored numerous books, including “Blue Magic: The People, Power and Politics Behind the IBM PC” and “The Business of Happiness: 6 Secrets to Extraordinary Success in Work and Life.”

Leonsis Facts

• Blogs regularly at Ted’s Take (Ted’sTake.com) • Previously served a 12-year term on the board of directors at Georgetown University
• Co-timed the film “Immortality” to signify films that shine a light on important topics and activate charitable giving (2006)
• Created a 75-item life-list following an early-1980s reckononing and has checked off #3 of the #1 things to do
• Founded the first new media company: Redgate Communications in 1986
• Co-created the phrase “New Rules – New Media” in 1987
• Co-invented successful board game “Only in New York” (1983)
• Founded six personal computer magazines between 1981 and 1988
• Served as mayor of Orchid, Fl. (1990-94)

Awards and Honors

• Emmy Award
• Peabody Award
• Sports Business Journal 50 Most Influential People in Sports and Awareness Programs
• Washington Business Man of the Year
• Washington CEO of the Year
• Washingtonian of the Year
• Georgetown University John Carroll Award
• United States Sports Academy Theodore Roosevelt Mentorship Achievement Award
• Greater Washington Urban League Unsung Philanthropist Award
• TAPS Engaged Philanthropist Award
• Tech Council of Maryland Lifetime Achievement Award
• Northern Virginia Technology Council Hall of Fame Award
• Top 10 Creative Executives in America
• Top 20 Most Powerful People in Sports
• Lowell (Mass.) High School Alumni Hall of Fame
• Honorary Degrees: Emerson College, LaSalle College, Simmons College and University of Massachusetts

Ted Leonsis
Founder, Chairman, Principal partner & Chief Executive Officer
Monumental Sports and Entertainment
Dick Patrick has been part of the Washington Capitals organization since 1982 and was one of Ted Leonsis’s original partners when Monumental Sports & Entertainment was formed in June 2010. Mr. Patrick is President of the Capitals and Vice Chairman of Monumental Sports & Entertainment. For the first five years of MSE’s existence, Mr. Patrick also assumed initial responsibility as Chief Operating Officer and was involved in all facets of operating three professional sports franchises – the Capitals, Washington Wizards and the Washington Mystics – and Capital One Arena.

For four generations the family name of Patrick has been synonymous with the sport of hockey and the National Hockey League. Mr. Patrick’s grandfather, Lester Patrick, was the longtime coach and general manager of the New York Rangers. In his honor, the Lester Patrick Trophy is awarded annually for “outstanding service to hockey in the United States.” It was Lester who instilled in his family the desire to remain active in the advancement of the sport of hockey and the National Hockey League. Mr. Patrick’s father, Muzz, and uncle, Lynn, both played on the 1940 New York Rangers team that captured the Stanley Cup. In October 2012, Dick Patrick was awarded the Lester Patrick Trophy for his contributions to hockey in the United States. Mr. Patrick and his son, Chris, who is the Capitals assistant general manager of player personnel, became the sixth and seventh members of the Patrick family to win the Stanley Cup in 2018, a tradition that goes back 100 years in their legendary family.

Mr. Patrick’s cousin, Craig Patrick, played for the Capitals from 1977-79. He won two Stanley Cups as general manager of the Pittsburgh Penguins and was enshrined in the Hockey Hall of Fame in November 2001 in the “builder” category.

Before Mr. Patrick’s arrival, the Capitals had never advanced to postseason play. In his 38 seasons with the club, Washington has qualified for the playoffs 31 times – including the team’s Stanley Cup championship in 2018, the run to the Stanley Cup Final in 1998 and three Presidents’ Trophy-winning teams (2009-10, 2015-16, 2016-17). During the 2010s, the Capitals (465-232-0-90) recorded the most wins of any team and only trailed the Montreal Canadiens of the 1970s (501-160-130-0) and the Boston Bruins of the 1970s (487-190-111-0) as the winningest franchise of any decade. Additionally, with a .648 point percentage, the Capitals only trailed the 1970 Canadians and Bruins (Montreal: .712; Boston: .689) and the 2000s Detroit Red Wings (.682) in point percentage in a decade.

Born in 1946 in Victoria, B.C., Mr. Patrick grew up in the United States. He earned his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and a law degree from the Washington College of Law at American University. He has developed commercial real estate in the Washington, D.C., area for more than 20 years and, while raising children who have skated within local youth hockey programs, he has been instrumental in increasing the Capitals’ involvement in youth programs throughout the area.

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Brian MacLellan is in his eighth season as general manager of the Capitals. MacLellan, 63, was named the sixth general manager in the franchise’s history on May 26, 2014 and is entering his 20th season with Washington after previously serving as the team’s assistant general manager, player personnel.

Since appointing MacLellan as general manager, the Capitals are 330-150-55 and have led the League in points (715), road wins (159) and have recorded the second-most wins (330) in the NHL. The Capitals finished the 2020-21 season with 77 points (36-15-5) and a .688 winning percentage, which equates to a 112-point pace during an 82-game season. With 90 points in 69 games in the suspension-shortened 2019-20 season, the Capitals were on pace to reach the 100-point mark in each of MacLellan’s seven seasons and become the third franchise in NHL history to accomplish this feat, joining the Detroit Red Wings (12 times: 1999-00 to 2011-12) and the Montreal Canadiens (eight times: 1974-75 to 1981-82).

During MacLellan’s tenure, the Capitals have won a Stanley Cup, two Presidents’ Trophies and a franchise-record five consecutive Metropolitan Division titles from 2014-15 to 2019-20.

With MacLellan at the helm, the Capitals won their first Stanley Cup in 2018. Of the 19 players to take the ice during the Cup-clinching win in Game 5, eight players were either signed, traded for or drafted by MacLellan, including three of the four players that scored in the game (Jakub Vrana, Devante Smith-Pelly and Lars Eller). The Capitals tied an NHL record with 10 road wins during the run and joined the 1991 Pittsburgh Penguins as the only teams to win the Stanley Cup despite trailing in all four series.

In the 2016-17 season, the Capitals won their second consecutive Presidents’ Trophy, marking the seventh time in NHL history a team has won the Presidents’ Trophy in consecutive seasons. Washington posted a 55-19-8 record, marking the second-most wins and third-most points (118) in a season in franchise history. The Capitals recorded 55 wins in two straight seasons (2015-16: 56, 2016-17: 55), joining the Montreal Canadiens (1975-76 to 1981-82) as the only teams in NHL history to win 55 or more games in consecutive seasons. Washington also earned 238 points in the prior two seasons at the time, marking the most points in two straight seasons since Montreal recorded 244 points from 1977-79.

In the 2015-16 season, Washington led the NHL with a record of 56-18-8 (120 points) and captured its second Presidents’ Trophy in franchise history (2009-10). The Capitals set franchise records in wins and road wins (27) and MacLellan was named a finalist for the 2015-16 NHL General Manager of the Year Award.

In his first season, Washington posted a record of 45-26-11 (101 points), reaching the 100-point mark for the eighth time in team history and the first since the 2010-11 season.

In his previous role, MacLellan oversaw the club’s professional scouting staff and worked closely with the team’s American Hockey League affiliate, the Hershey Bears, who won the Calder Cup in 2006, 2009 and 2010. MacLellan, who served as a pro scout for the Capitals from 2000-03 prior to his promotion to director of player personnel, assisted and advised the general manager in all player-related matters.

MacLellan, who won a Stanley Cup with the Calgary Flames in 1989, recorded 413 points (172 goals, 241 assists) in 606 games during his 10-year NHL career with the Los Angeles Kings, New York Rangers, Minnesota North Stars, Calgary Flames and Detroit Red Wings. MacLellan also won a silver medal with Team Canada at the 1985 World Championship in Prague.

The Guelph, Ont., native played hockey at Bowling Green State University from 1978-82, registering 143 points (64g, 79a) in 160 games. MacLellan’s 345 career penalty minutes rank sixth in school history. The 6’3” forward earned 63 points his freshman year, marking the second most points by a freshman in school history. MacLellan moved to defense in his junior season, and was named an All-American defenseman and First-Team All-CCHA in 1982. MacLellan served as co-captain for the Falcons from 1980-82. He was elected to the Bowling Green Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987.

MacLellan graduated with a bachelor of science in business administration from Bowling Green and earned his MBA in finance from the University of St. Thomas in 1995. He went on to work for an investment consulting firm in Minneapolis before joining the Capitals as a pro scout.
ROSS MAHONEY
Assistant General Manager

Ross Mahoney is in his eighth season as assistant general manager with Washington. Mahoney served as the Capitals’ director of amateur scouting for the prior 16 seasons. As assistant general manager, Mahoney is responsible for the NHL Entry Draft, the club’s developmental programs, evaluations of opposing teams prospects and oversees the organization’s amateur scouting staff. In Game 5 of the 2018 Stanley Cup Final, 12 players, all drafted during Mahoney’s tenure, were in the lineup.

Prior to joining the Capitals, Mahoney was a scout with the Buffalo Sabres and Vancouver Canucks. He has coaching experience with the University of Regina, the Western Hockey League’s Regina Pats and at the international level. He twice coached Team Western in the World Under-17 Challenge. In 1995, he coached Team Saskatchewan to the gold medal at the Canadian Winter Games.

Mahoney earned a degree in education from the University of Regina, where he played hockey for the Cougars. After graduating, he spent 17 years as a teacher.

Mahoney played junior hockey for the Tier II Regina Pat Blues and the Regina Pats in the WHL. He also played four years at the University of Regina, helping lead his team to two national finals. Mahoney was inducted as a player in the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 1997 and in the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in 1999.

Mahoney and his wife, Traci, reside in Regina, Saskatchewan. He has a son, Michael, and a daughter, Catie.

DON FISHMAN
Assistant General Manager, Director of Legal Affairs

Don Fishman is in his 17th season with the Washington Capitals and 11th as assistant general manager and director of legal affairs. In this role, he handles player contract negotiations, player contract research and analysis, the club’s day-to-day salary cap position, team salary cap strategic planning, the salary arbitration process, NHL and team salary cap analysis, and interpretation of NHL/NHLPA Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) issues. Fishman also assists the club’s general manager with the day-to-day operations of the Capitals hockey operations department such as roster issues, player movement, preseason and regular season scheduling, budgeting, and training camp planning.

Fishman, who spent two seasons as director of legal affairs and hockey administration before his appointment to assistant general manager, also helped lead the organization’s efforts on a number of other special projects, including attracting two World Cup of Hockey exhibition games to Washington in 2016, bringing the United States Men’s Olympic Hockey Team Orientation Camp to the Capitals’ Arlington, Virginia training facility in 2013, and bringing American Hockey League hockey games to Washington in 2012 and 2014. Fishman was also involved with the planning for two NHL Winter Classic outdoor hockey games involving the Capitals, held in Pittsburgh in 2011 and at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. in 2015. Finally, Fishman serves as legal counsel for the Capitols organization generally.

Prior to joining the Capitals, Fishman served as general counsel of two Washington, D.C. city government agencies. In his role with District government, he worked as part of the local host committee that successfully bid for the NCAA Men’s Hockey Frozen Four, held in Washington, D.C. in 2009. Fishman also worked as a corporate and communications lawyer in Washington and Los Angeles with Latham & Watkins and Ervin, Cohen & Jessup. Fishman, a native Washingtonian, graduated with an economics degree from Harvard College, where he also served as the radio voice of Harvard Hockey, and a law degree from UCLA School of Law.

CHRIS PATRICK
Assistant General Manager, Player Personnel

Chris Patrick is in his 14th season with the Washington Capitals and first as assistant general manager, player personnel. In this role, Patrick assists and advises the general manager in all player-related matters, manages the Caps’ pro scouting staff, manages the relationship for the Caps with the AHL affiliate Hershey Bears in addition to scouting at the NHL and AHL level. Patrick served as the Capitals director of player personnel for the previous six seasons.

Patrick joined the Capitals in 2008-09 in a player development and scouting role, assisting the hockey operations department scouting drafted players at the collegiate and junior level. During the 2010-11 season, Patrick was promoted to a pro scout, a title he held until 2014-15 when he was promoted to the director of player personnel.

Patrick graduated from Princeton University with a degree in politics and economics in 1998 and earned a masters of business administration at the Garden School of Business at the University of Virginia in 2006. Prior to joining the Capitals, Patrick worked in investment banking and private equity for Deutsche Bank, Grotech Capital Group and Constellation Energy Commodities Group for eight years.

Patrick grew up playing hockey in the Washington, D.C., area in the Capital Beltway Hockey League and for the Little Caps. Patrick attended and played hockey at the Kent School in Connecticut before playing four seasons at Princeton University, winning the ECAC Championship in 1998. Patrick was selected by the Caps in the eighth round (197th overall) in the 1994 NHL Draft.

Patrick and his father, Caps team president Dick Patrick, became the sixth and seventh family members of the Patrick family to win the Stanley Cup in 2018. Patrick and his wife, Kelley, reside in Millersville, Md, with their four daughters: Emma, Akia, Ashley and Annie.

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Peter Laviolette, 57, is in his second season with the Capitals after becoming the 19th head coach in franchise history. Laviolette joined Washington following 18 years of NHL head coaching experience, having previously coached the New York Islanders (2001-03), the Carolina Hurricanes (2003-08), the Philadelphia Flyers (2009-13) and the Nashville Predators (2014-20). Laviolette has compiled a career coaching record of 673-440-25-128 and is tied for the most wins among U.S. born coaches and tied for 12th overall in NHL history.

In his first season with the Capitals in 2020-21, Laviolette set a franchise record with a .688 points percentage (36-15-5), the highest points percentage by a first-year head coach in franchise history. The Capitals ranked third in the NHL in goals (188) and their 3.36 goals per game average marked the second-highest average by the Capitals in the last 10 seasons. Laviolette also passed four coaches on the all-time wins list and tied John Tortorella for the most wins by a US-born head coach in NHL history in 117 fewer games coached.

Laviolette became the fourth American-born coach to win the Stanley Cup in 2006 with Carolina. In his career, Laviolette has led 12 teams to postseason appearances and has an overall record of 76-72 in the playoffs. Laviolette is the fourth coach in NHL history to lead three different teams to the Stanley Cup Final (Carolina: 2006; Philadelphia: 2010; Nashville: 2017), joining Dick Irvin, Scotty Bowman and Mike Keenan.

Laviolette-coached teams have consistently ranked well offensively and defensively. In 14 full seasons, his teams have ranked in the top 10 in goals eight times, including last season with Washington. In six seasons with Nashville, Laviolette led the Predators to 248 wins. In his first season in Nashville in 2014-15, the Predators improved by nine wins and 16 points in the standings, with Laviolette and his staff representing the team at the All-Star Game. In the spring of 2017, the Laviolette-led Predators became the third club seeded lowest in its conference to advance to the Stanley Cup Final since the League adopted the conference-based playoff format in 1994. The club followed that up with the best record in franchise history (53-18-11, 117 points), a Presidents’ Trophy and a Central Division title in 2017-18. In six seasons under Laviolette, the Predators ranked fourth (excluding Vegas) in the NHL with a 5.21 shot attempt percentage at five-on-five (15,082 shot attempts for, 17,565 against). Additionally, Nashville was tied with Los Angeles for the least amount of goals against in the NHL (1,051) in his five full seasons.

With each of his NHL coaching stops, the team saw an overall improvement from their season prior to his arrival. The Islanders finished with 96 points and the eighth-best record in the League in 2001-02 after finishing the previous season 30th in the NHL with 52 points. In 2005-06, Laviolette’s first full season with the Hurricanes, Carolina finished with 112 points and captured the Stanley Cup after finishing with 76 points the year prior. With Philadelphia, the Flyers improved to 106 points in 2010-11 after finishing with 88 points in 2009-10. Laviolette led the Predators to 104 points in his first season in 2014-15 from 88 points the season prior. And with the Capitals, Washington improved from a .526 point percentage in 2019-20 (41-20-8) to a .688 point percentage in Laviolette’s first season in 2020-21 (36-15-5).

Internationally, Laviolette has coached Team USA at the World Championship in 2004, 2005 and 2014. He has also represented his country in four Olympic Games, first as a player in the 1988 Calgary Games and the 1994 Lillehammer Games, then as a head coach at the 2006 Torino Games, and as an assistant at February’s 2014 Sochi Games.

After recording 268 points (78g-190a) in 594 minor-league games in the American and International hockey leagues (Indianapolis, Colorado, Denver, Flint, Binghamton, Providence and San Diego) from 1986-97, and appearing in 12 games for the New York Rangers in 1988-89, Laviolette began his coaching career with the ECHL’s Wheeling Nailers in 1997. After posting a 37-24-9 record and reaching the conference finals in his rookie coaching season, he was hired as head coach of the AHL’s Providence Bruins, and led the team to an AHL-best 56-16-4-4 record and a Calder Cup in 1998-99, just one season after the team had gone 19-49-7-5 and finished last in the league. Following the 1999-2000 season, the 1999 AHL Coach of the Year was promoted to assistant coach of the parent Boston Bruins, which he held for a single campaign (2000-01) before starting his NHL head coaching career with the Islanders in 2001-02.

A native of Franklin, Mass., and graduate of Westfield State College, Laviolette and his wife, Kristen, have three children – sons Peter and Jack, and daughter Elisabeth.
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SCOTT ARNIEL
Assistant Coach

Scott Arniel, 59, is in his fourth season as an assistant coach with the Capitals after spending the prior five seasons as an associate coach with the New York Rangers. Arniel has more than 19 years of professional coaching experience, which includes serving as head coach for the Columbus Blue Jackets from 2010-12.

The Kingston, Ont., native compiled a 218-162-21-25 record in five seasons as head coach in the American Hockey League with the Chicago Wolves and the Manitoba Moose. Arniel guided the Moose to the Calder Cup Final in 2009 after posting franchise records with 50 wins and 107 points to finish atop the AHL standings. Arniel captured the Louis A.R. Pieri Memorial Award that season as the AHL Coach of the Year.

Arniel also served as an assistant coach with the Buffalo Sabres (2002-06) and with the Manitoba Moose (1999-2002).

Prior to joining the coaching ranks, Arniel won two Memorial Cup Championships with the Cornwall Royals in the QMJHL and won a gold medal in the 1982 World Junior Championship, Canada’s first-ever gold medal in the tournament. Arniel appeared in 730 NHL games with the Winnipeg Jets (1981-86; 1990-91), Buffalo Sabres (1986-90), and Boston Bruins (1991-92), registering 338 points (84g, 254a) in 11 seasons. Arniel was originally selected by Winnipeg in the second round, 22nd overall, in the 1981 Entry Draft.

Arniel and his wife, Lia, have a son, Brendan, and a daughter, Stephanie.

KEVIN McCARTHY
Assistant Coach

Kevin McCarthy, 64, is in his second season with Washington after spending the previous six seasons with the Nashville Predators, the first three as an assistant coach and the last three as an associate coach.

The Winnipeg native brings more than 31 years of professional coaching experience, which includes assistant positions with the Hartford Whalers/Carolina Hurricanes, the Philadelphia Flyers and Nashville. McCarthy has coached three separate teams to the Stanley Cup Final (Carolina in 2002 and 2006, Philadelphia in 2010 and Nashville in 2017), winning in 2006 with Carolina.

In addition to his NHL coaching experience, McCarthy served as Philadelphia’s director of player development from 1990 to 1992. McCarthy also has compiled a record of 186-153-47-14 in five seasons as a head coach in the American Hockey League, which includes the Hershey Bears (1989-90), the Springfield Falcons (1995-97) and the New Haven Beast (1997-99).

Prior to joining the coaching ranks, McCarthy appeared in 527 NHL games with Philadelphia (1977-79; 1985-87), the Vancouver Canucks (1978-84), and the Pittsburgh Penguins (1983-85), registering 258 points (67g, 191a) in 10 seasons. He was the captain of Vancouver from 1979-82 and was named a starter in the 1981 NHL All-Star Game. McCarthy was originally selected by Philadelphia in the first round, 17th overall, in the 1977 Amateur Draft.

McCarthy and his wife, Rhonda, have three daughters: Melissa, Meaghan and Mallory, and three grandchildren: Cannon, Pryce and Chaise.

BLAINE FORSYTHE
Assistant Coach

Blaine Forsythe is in his 15th season with Washington and his 13th as an assistant coach. Forsythe is responsible for the Capitals power play and the team’s centers.

Over the last seven seasons, the Capitals have converted on 22.5% of their power play opportunities, tied for first in power play percentage (Boston Bruins).

During the Capitals’ Stanley Cup run, Washington opened up its first six playoff games with a power play goal, marking the first time since 1989 the Capitals recorded a power play goal in six straight playoff games. The Capitals power play converted on 22 of their 75 opportunities (29.4 percent), the most power play goals in a postseason over the last eight seasons.

The Capitals have ranked in the top-10 in the NHL in power-play percentage seven of the last nine seasons and top-five in six of the last nine, including the top-ranked unit in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15. In addition, Forsythe took over the responsibility of working with the team’s centers prior to the 2014-15 season. He helped improve the team’s faceoff win percentage from 48.4% (49th) in 2013-14 to 51.2% (32nd) in 2014-15.

Forsythe joined the Capitals as a video coach prior to the 2006-07 season and was an integral member of the Capitals staff that helped lead the Capitals to the 2007-08 Southeast Division championship. He was promoted to a position as an amateur scout in 2008-09 before returning to the coaching staff in 2008-10. In his first season back as an assistant coach, Forsythe led the team’s video coaching operations and helped the team win the Presidents’ Trophy and the Southeast Division championship.

Prior to joining the Washington organization, the Calgary, Alberta, native worked for the Calgary Hitmen from 1998-2006, where he served as both an assistant general manager (1998-06) and an assistant coach (2002-06). Forsythe helped lead Calgary to a WHL championship in 1999.

Forsythe received a business degree from the University of Minnesota and played Division II hockey at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He played junior hockey with the CJHL’s Pembroke Lumber Kings in Pembroke, Ontario.

Forsythe and his wife, Ivy, reside in Arlington. He has a daughter, Sloan, and a son, Bodhi.
Scott Murray is in his fifth season as the Capitals’ goaltending coach. Murray previously spent four seasons with the Hershey Bears.

Over the last four seasons, Capitals goaltenders have combined for 174 wins, the third most wins in the NHL. During the 2020-21 season, Murray worked with Vitek Vanecek and Ilya Samsonov. Vanecek ranked first among rookie goaltenders with 21 wins and tied for sixth in the NHL. He became just the second rookie goaltender in franchise history to record 21 wins in a season (Michal Neuvirth: 27 wins in 2010-11). Vanecek also became one of two rookie goaltenders in franchise history to remain unbeaten in regulation in his first seven career games, joining Jim Carey (6-0-0-1 in 1994-95), one of nine goaltenders to accomplish this feat since 1967-68 and one of seven among this list to accomplish this feat within one season.

Brett Leonhardt is in his 10th season as the Capitals’ video coach and fourth as an assistant coach.

Leonhardt spent two seasons in the NHL office in Toronto as their video manager for hockey operations beginning in 2011. In his role, he was responsible for breaking down and handling all video for rule changes, video reviews, officiating issues and more.

Prior to his time with the NHL, Leonhardt received a bachelor of arts in communications and media arts at Neumann University and was a recipient of the John A. Phillips Scholar-Athlete Award as well as the John Facenda Award for excellence in communication arts. He played hockey collegiately at both Neumann University and Oswego State University after spending three seasons playing for the Cambridge Winterhawks and Kitchener Dutchmen of the GOJHL.

Leonhardt was born in Kitchener, Ont. He and his wife Logan, a DCPS kindergarten teacher at Janney Elementary, reside in Ashburn, Va., with their twin boys, Beckham and Lennox.

Jared Elenberger is in his second year with the Capitals as a video coordinator. Elenberger previously worked as a video coach for the Hershey Bears during the 2019-20 season and worked as a coaching intern with the Capitals in 2017-18.

Prior to his time with the Capitals, Elenberger earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. Elenberger also earned his master’s in sport industry management at Georgetown University.

During his time in college, Elenberger volunteered as an instructor for the Gonzaga Exceptional Bulldogs, Spokane’s Special Hockey program through the American Special Hockey Association, and as a club basketball coach. Additionally, during his time at Georgetown, Elenberger worked as a marketing intern with the Capitals during the 2016-17 season and worked as a basketball operations intern for the summer of 2017 with the Washington Wizards.

Elenberger was born and raised in Folsom, Calif. He currently resides in Arlington, Va.
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The facility is the first indoor ice rink inside the Capital Beltway in Virginia and just the second facility of its kind anywhere inside the Beltway (Ft. DuPont Ice Rink in D.C. is the other). With the Orange and Silver Line reaching the Ballston Metro Station nearby, MedStar Capitals Iceplex is the only community rink located on the Metrorail system.

The two ice sheets offer an estimated 12,000 hours of ice time per year for use by youth, high school and college hockey teams, figure skating, synchronized skating, recreational skating, learn-to-skate programs and hockey and broomball. The Washington Little Capitals, a top tier 1 program, play at the facility as well as the recently developed Capitals Hockey Academy Travel teams and Rooftop Hockey House League. At least 500 hours of ice time are donated by the Capitals to Arlington County to offer the economically disadvantaged and physically and mentally challenged members of the community an opportunity to use the facility.

MedStar Capitals Iceplex hosted Capitals training camp for the 15th year in 2021. It has also played host to 13 Capitals summer development camps and the unveiling of the team’s new logos and jerseys in 2007. In 2013, MedStar Capitals Iceplex hosted the United States Olympic Men’s National Team Orientation Camp, designed to assist in the preparation of the 2014 U.S. Olympic Men’s Ice Hockey Team that competed at the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. It also hosted the U.S. Under-18 Select Team and U.S. Under-17 Select Team in 2015.

The Washington Capitals ushered in a new era for the franchise in 2006 with the opening of MedStar Capitals Iceplex, a community ice rink in Arlington, Va., that serves as the Capitals’ training facility and home to the team’s administrative offices. The project, a joint venture between the Washington Capitals and Arlington County, is located on the eighth level of the parking garage attached to Ballston Quarter.

The 137,000-square-foot facility includes two NHL-size ice rinks with seating for approximately 1,200, office space, two pro shops, a snack bar, media facilities and additional space for special events. The 20,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art training center for the Capitals features a large weight and fitness room, extensive athletic-training and medical facilities, spacious locker-room and lounge areas, a theater-style classroom and a high-tech video room.

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Birthday: 1/10/90
Birthplace: Natick, Massachusetts

DENNIS CHOLOWSKI
DEFENSEMAN
Height: 6'2" | Weight: 197
Birthday: 2/15/98
Birthplace: Langley, British Columbia

NIC DOWD
CENTER
Height: 6'1" | Weight: 193
Birthday: 5/27/90
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MARTIN FEHERVARY
DEFENSEMAN
Height: 6'2" | Weight: 199
Birthday: 10/6/99
Birthplace: Bratislava, Slovakia

LARS ELLER
CENTER
Height: 6'2" | Weight: 205
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CARL HAGELIN
LEFT WING
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EVGENY KUZNETSOV
CENTER
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Monumental Sports & Entertainment Foundation’s 50/50 raffle returned for all Capitals home games this season, with an expanded opportunity for fans to win big while also supporting the greater community.

Created in 2013, MSE Foundation supports the charitable efforts of the Capitals, WNBA’s Washington Mystics and NBA’s Washington Wizards. Through the foundation’s 50/50 raffles, any fan present in Washington, D.C., during Capitals games can now participate in the raffle by visiting www.monumentalfoundation.org/5050. Once exclusive to game-day attendees at Capital One Arena, MSE Foundation recently received licenses from the D.C. Office of Lottery and Gaming to open raffle ticket sales to any fan present in the District of Columbia during live home games. This gives more fans an opportunity to play and win cash prizes and allows MSE Foundation to further advance its charitable work.

In 50/50 raffles, one winner per game receives half of the total jackpot raised through the collective 50/50 ticket sales. The other portion benefits MSE Foundation, which reinvests the funds back into the community through numerous initiatives. The total amount of the jackpot varies based on the total number of tickets sold.

Tickets are available at 3 tickets for $5, 10 tickets for $10 and 60 tickets for $20, with the online platform accepting debit and credit cards as payment. Raffle tickets are available online at www.monumentalfoundation.org/5050 an hour before the listed game time and will be sold for 2.25 hours after the listed game time for Capsitals games. The winning ticket numbers are announced each game at Capital One Arena and posted on the video board during the third period. They are also posted on Twitter @MSEfndn and at www.monumentalfoundation.org/5050.

MSE Foundation uses proceeds to reinvest in community efforts throughout the year and supports nonprofits around D.C., Virginia and Maryland. To date, MSE Foundation has raised nearly $1.25 million through Capitals and Wizards 50/50 raffles for its work.

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Throughout February, the Washington Capitals and Monumental Sports & Entertainment Foundation will present programming in celebration of Black History Month. The Capitals will host Black History Night presented by Capital One on Monday, Feb. 28 versus the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Prior to the game, Capitals players will wear special black warmup jerseys featuring a patch in honor of the Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club. The jerseys will be signed and auctioned off along with select signed merchandise and pucks that commemorate Black History Night. In addition, players will wear helmet decals in honor of Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club founder and coach Neal Henderson.

The fundraiser will benefit the Washington Capitals Capital Impact Fund.

The Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club is part of the National Hockey League’s Hockey is for Everyone Program and is the oldest minority hockey program in North America. Founded in 1978 Henderson, Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club is a developmental program that provides local and inner-city youth with the opportunity to participate in an organized ice hockey program. The Cannons play out of the Fort Dupont Ice Arena located in Southeast D.C.

For more than four decades, Henderson’s programs have used hockey to build character, teach life skills and instill positive values in thousands of skaters across the D.C. region. A member of the Capitals Black Hockey Committee, Henderson was inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 2019 and was one of three finalists for the 2018 NHL Willie O’Ree Community Hero Award.

The Capitals launched the Capital Impact Fund in conjunction with the 2020-21 season as a program that designates funds to organizations that can assist in eliminating cost barriers faced by local hockey players. The fund is designed to support minority youth hockey players reach their greatest potential and ensure that anyone who wants to play, watch, teach, officiate or otherwise engage with the sport of hockey is able to do so.

The Capitals Black History Night auction will begin Monday, Feb. 21, at noon and run through Wednesday, March 2, at 5 p.m. The auction will be available online at WashCaps.com/BlackHistoryAuction.

In addition to Capitals Black History Night, the Capitals and Monumental Sports & Entertainment Foundation have created a Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club online merchandise shop. Available until February 28, proceeds from the merchandise will benefit the Washington Capitals Capital Impact Fund and the Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club.
## 2021-22 Washington Capitals Scorecard

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