

Third Time Around For The Force

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From the looks of things, the Fayetteville Force is going to do it right this time. How does that saying go? Oh, yeah, the third time's the charm. Coach Lohrei has signed an excellent mix of offensive and defensive players (several returning from last year's team) for the upcoming season.

The players most recently signed are Brett Colborne and Nathan Grobins. Colborne is an impressive player... he can play defense, but he can also score. He is the kind of player every team needs. He joined the Force in February and racked up 21 points in 23 games last season. Ten of those 21 points were goals. Colborne, along with returning teammate, Jasen Rintala, has been named an alternate team captain. In three games this season, Colborne has one assist.

A new face for the Force will be goalie Nathan Grobins. Grobins played for the Ft. Worth Fire the past two seasons. The Force acquired him from the Tulsa Oilers for cash and future considerations. He is the second goalie to sign with the Force for this season. Grobins introduced himself to Force fans with a shut out against the Macon Whoopee rookies in a scrimmage game on Oct. 6 at the Crown.

Colin Muldoon, in his second year with

the Force, has been named the team captain. Muldoon, a defenseman, played in all 70 regular season games last year. He had two goals and ten assists for a total of twelve points.

Chris Ford has returned to the Force again this season and has gotten off to a great start. He scored three goals— a hat trick— in the Force's 9-2 preseason win over the Memphis RiverKings on Oct. 11. (A hat trick is when the same player scores three—or more—goals in one game.) Ford scored the team's only regulation goals (two) in the home (and season) opener against the Columbus Cottonmouths on Oct. 14. He has three goals in as many games thus far. The team as a whole demonstrated a winning (and determined) attitude in its first game of the season. The Force came away from that game with a win (Force 3, Cottonmouths 2) after a thirteen round shoot-out with the Cottonmouths. Rookie C.J. Buzzell scored the final (game-winning) goal for the Force. The Cottonmouths won the following night (Oct. 15), however, 3 goals to 1. The Force traveled to Macon, Georgia on Oct. 16 and won 4 goals to 3 in another shoot-out.

The Force appears to be starting off strong. The returning players from last season and the new players for this season seem to be very talented. If what they say about the third time is true, the guys should

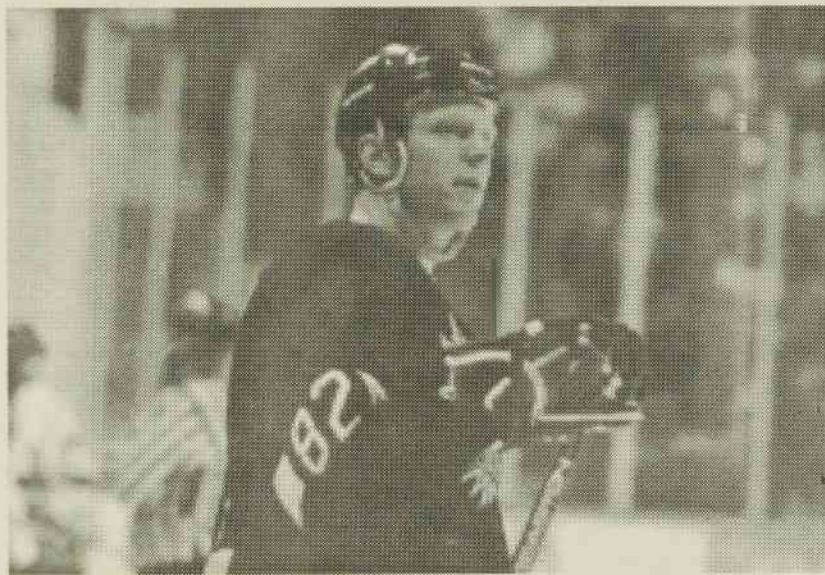


Photo by Deborah Riley

Team captain Colin Muldoon has continually played solid defense for the Force.

have no problems. Given the way that the roster is shaping up, the team will have a lot of experience to test that theory.

Upcoming Force Games:

Friday, Nov. 5 and Saturday, Nov. 6th— the Huntsville Channel Cats will return to the Crown Coliseum to take on the Force. Both games start at 7:35 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 11 and Friday, Nov. 12— the RiverKings will be back in Fayetteville to try to settle the score. Game

time on both nights is 7:35 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 19— the Macon Whoopee travel to Fayetteville for the first game of a home-and-home series. The puck drops at 7:35 p.m.

Tickets for all Force home games are \$12 (club and ice level), \$10 (lower deck), and \$8 (upper deck) plus a \$1 service charge.

Soccer Team Suffers From Injuries

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The men's soccer team has lost some of their starting lineup due to injuries. In their second game of the season their team captain, Nathan Litten, broke his foot and is out for the rest of the season. Since then, the new team captain, James Bennet, and left fullback, Jason Lightbody, will be out for the rest of the season with broken bones. Thomas Wingard has also been out for the last couple of games due to an injury. The team has also lost another starter in Brian Hayes.

After losing some of their most talented players, the Monarchs have had to rely on blood, sweat and tears to pull off some wins against more talented teams. And the Monarch "fighting spirit" of giving 100% on the game field has been the case with this team despite of their setbacks!

"I am very happy with the team and how they have performed in the last couple of games," says coach Adrian Blewitt. "Even though the team has lost some talented players to injuries, I am very



Photo by Hugh Harling

Litten ends his season with a kick.

satisfied with the players coming off the bench and performing well when it matters in the game."

UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

Men's Golf

Nov. 1-2
Aubrey Apple Collegiate

Men's Soccer

Nov. 3
GREENSBORO* 4:00
Nov. 6
Shenandoah* 1:00

*DIAC contests

Football

Nov. 6
Thomas More 1:00
Nov. 13
APPRENTICE 1:00

Volleyball

Nov. 2
Averett* 7:00
Nov. 5-6

DIAC Tournament at NCW

Men's and Women's Cross Country

Nov. 13
NCAA-III South Regional at Sewanee