

2025-26 *U18AA Media Guide*



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Toronto Aeros Mission

To support highly motivated athletes in realizing their full academic, athletic and personal potential through high performance women's hockey, in pursuit of life-long success.



Toronto U18 AA Aeros 2025-26

Welcome to the 2025-26

U18 AA Toronto Aeros

Team Mandate

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To provide an elite U18 girls' hockey program with high standards of commitment and skill development;

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To prepare players to play at the next level;

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To promote the importance of a higher education for our players;

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To maintain the Aeros reputation as a "high class" organization with a high code of conduct for players and team staff;

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To emphasize continuous improvement of the entire team and all players rather than individual statistics and winning all games.



A Tradition of Excellence



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Umber Dhillon

Forward/Defender

Shoots: Right Height: 5' 6"

Graduation Year: 2026
Birth Year: 2008

Hometown: Brampton ON

Previous Team: Gilmour Academy 19U

School: David Suzuki SS, Grade 12

Academic Interest: Math, Business

Hobbies: Volleyball, Golf

Key Achievements: Athlete of the Year Award 2022

Favourite Quotation:

"Winners never quit, quitters never win."
– VINCE LOMBARDI



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Caileigh Kirby

Defender

Shoots: Left Height: 5' 7"

Graduation Year: 2026
Birth Year: 2008

Hometown: Pickering ON

Previous Team: Toronto Aeros U18AA

School: Dunbarton HS, Grade 12

Academic Interest: History, Biology, Chemistry

Hobbies: Baking, Soccer, Reading, Photography, Golf

Key Achievements: Honour Roll Student 2020-25; Geography Award 2021; Erin Gladwell Leadership Award 2021; Varsity Ice Hockey OFSAA Quarter Finalist 2024; Varsity Ice Hockey LOSSA Silver Medalist 2024; OWHA Provincial Finalist 2023 and 2022; OWHA Southern Division League Finalist 2022; Hearts and Bolts Tournament Gold Medalist 2023; USA/Canada Cup Showcase Gold Medalist 2022; NY Stormfest Tournament Gold Medalist 2022; Aurora Silver Stick Tournament Gold Medalist 2022; OWHA Eastern Division League Champion 2021-22

Favourite Quotation:

"Everything happens for a reason."
– KATE BOWLER



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Adelaide Hunter

Forward

Shoots: Left Height: 5' 3"

Graduation Year: 2028
Birth Year: 2010

Hometown: Whitby ON

Previous Team: Markham Stouffville U15AA

School: All Saints CSS, Grade 10

Academic Interest: Biology, Health Sciences

Hobbies: Working out, Biking, Pottery

Key Achievements: Honour Roll Student 2023-25; Hockey Skill Stream Award, Academy for Student Athlete Development 2024-25; Bronze Medalist in 300 m Hurdles and 3000 m at LOSSA Track & Field Championships 2025; OWHA Southern Division League Champion Tier II 2024-25; OFSAA Cross-Country Participant 2024; School Leadership Committee 2023-24; Bolts and Hearts Tournament Gold Medalist 2024; OWHA Provincial Gold Medalist 2018

Favourite Quotation:

"It is not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog that wins."

– ARTHUR G. LEWIS



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Cameron Dickson

Forward

Shoots: Left Height: 5' 4"

Graduation Year: 2026
Birth Year: 2008

Hometown: Toronto ON

Previous Team: Toronto Aeros U18AA

School: Humberside CI, Grade 12

Academic Interest: Business, Marketing

Hobbies: Baking, Swimming, Reading, Pilates

Key Achievements: Honour Roll Student, 2022-Present; Commitment to Success Award 2022; Junior Letter for Athletics at HCI 2024; Made Varsity Girls Hockey team in Grade 9; OFSAA with Varsity Girls Lacrosse 2023; Hockey Opportunity Camp Leadership In Training Program 2023, then Councillor in Training Program and hired as Staff in 2024; Voted Associate Captain Aeros U18AA 2024-25; Scored OT winning goal in Finals at the Brampton Easter Hockey Tournament 2024; Invited to Rush College Showcase Brampton, and Boston Beantown Classic 2025

Favourite Quotation:

"You can have it all. You just can't have it all at once."

– OPRAH WINFREY



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Emma Stewart

Defender

Shoots: Left Height: 5' 7"

Graduation Year: 2028
Birth Year: 2010

Hometown: Maple ON

Previous Team: Markham Stouffville U15AA

School: Ontario Virtual School, Grade 10

Academic Interest: Science, Math

Hobbies: Yoga, Reading

Key Achievements: U17 Team Ontario Women's Field Lacrosse 2025; U9/U11 Mimico Women's Field Lacrosse Coach 2025; Everest Academy Honour Roll 2024; All Canada Games All Star Team Field Lacrosse 2024; Bronze Cross Award 2024; U15 Mimico Field Lacrosse MVP 2023

Favourite Quotation:

"Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow."

– MARY ANNE RADMACHER



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Ellie Hung

Defender

Shoots: Right Height: 5' 3"

Graduation Year: 2028
Birth Year: 2010

Hometown: Markham ON

Previous Team: Markham Stouffville U15AA

School: Bill Crothers SS, Grade 10

Academic Interest: Architecture, Law, Business

Hobbies: Baking, Biking, Time with Family and Friends

Key Achievements: Honour Roll 2023-25; Grade 8 Math Award and History Award 2024; YRAA Varsity Soccer Division Champions 2025; North Halton Rush Fall Showcase and MGHL Winter AA Showcase Silver Medalist 2024-25; OWHA U15AA Southern Consolation Champions 2025; Team Leader in Assists, 5th in Goals and 3rd in Points and +/- for 2024-25 Season; Back-to-Back PIP Rochester Champions with Team Midwest in 2024, 2025; CCM 68 Combine Participant, Ranking top 1/3 in Both On-ice and Off-ice Testing 2024

Favourite Quotation:

"The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence."

– CONFUCIUS



London
Firmin

Defender

Shoots: Left **Height:** 5' 6"
Graduation Year: 2027
Birth Year: 2009
Hometown: Newcastle ON
Previous Team: Toronto Aeros U18AA
School: St Stephen CSS, Grade 11
Academic Interest: Math, Physical Education, English
Hobbies: Golf, Skiing, Soccer
Key Achievements: Honour Roll Student; Athlete of the Year 2023; Varsity Hockey LOSSA Silver Medalist 2023-24; Varsity Lacrosse LOSSA Silver Medalist; Smashville Showcase Gold Medalist 2023; North York Tournament Gold Medalist 2023; OWHa Provincial Bronze Medalist 2018
Favourite Quotation:
"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."
– WAYNE GRETZKY



Isabel
Thomas

Goalie

Catches: Left **Height:** 5' 6"
Graduation Year: 2028
Birth Year: 2010
Hometown: Toronto ON
Previous Team: Hamilton U15AA
School: Michael Power St. Joseph, Grade 10
Academic Interest: Science, Medicine
Hobbies: Hockey, Piano, Snowboarding
Key Achievements: Honour Roll Student; Varsity Ice Hockey Finalists 2024-25; Varsity Girls Rookie of the Year 2025; Ontario Summer Games Hockey Selection 2024; OWHa U15AA League Champions; OWHa U16 High Performance Camp Selection 2024 & 2025
Favourite Quotation:
"Play every game like it's your last."
– GUY LAFLEUR



Nikyla
Schwertner

Forward

Shoots: Left **Height:** 5' 6"
Graduation Year: 2027
Birth Year: 2009
Hometown: Toronto ON
Previous Team: Mississauga U18A
School: Etobicoke CI, Grade 11
Academic Interest: Psychology, Art, Science
Hobbies: Painting, Drawing, Biking, Card Games, Beach Volleyball
Key Achievements: Honour Roll Student 2022-25; Athlete of the Year Award; Madawaska Volleyball Camp Most Coachable Award
Favourite Quotation:
"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."
– GEORGE BERNARD SHAW



Kylie
Kumm

Forward

Shoots: Right **Height:** 5' 6"
Graduation Year: 2026
Birth Year: 2008
Hometown: Innisfil ON
Previous Team: Toronto Aeros U18AA
School: St. Anne's School, Grade 12
Academic Interest: Animal Biology, Computer Engineering
Hobbies: Lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, Art, Baking/Cooking
Key Achievements: Honour Roll Student; Elected Member of Athletic Council 2023-24; U17A Box Lacrosse Provincial Champions 2024; U17A Box Lacrosse Provincial Finalists 2023; Provincial U15A Box Lacrosse Champions 2022 -- Inductees to Barrie Sports Hall of Fame; School Hockey Team Captain & MVP 2025; Ultimate Frisbee Team Captain & MVP 2025; Team Captain for Flag Football 2023; BWHa High Performance 2021-23; Bradford Girls Club 2022-23
Favourite Quotation:
"Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them."
– MADAM C.J. WALKER



Lila
Warren

Forward

Shoots: Left **Height:** 5' 9"
Graduation Year: 2027
Birth Year: 2009
Hometown: Stouffville ON
Previous Team: Toronto Aeros U18AA
School: Stouffville DSS, Grade 11
Academic Interest: Biology, History, Chemistry
Hobbies: Baking, Cooking, Music, Reading
Key Achievements: Honour Roll Student 2025; Bronze Cross 2024; Bronze Medallion 2023; YRAA Junior Girls Flag Football Silver Medalist 2025; YRAA Junior Girls Basketball Silver Medalist 2025; YRAA Varsity Girls Hockey Silver Medalist 2025; Competed in OFSAA for Varsity Girls Hockey 2025; Bowmanville Winter Classic Silver Medalist 2025; Nominated Most Athletic Girl 2024 and 2025
Favourite Quotation:
"You can't expect an A+ performance with a B- mindset."
– UNKNOWN



Kennedy
Gummer

Forward

Shoots: Left **Height:** 5' 3"
Graduation Year: 2028
Birth Year: 2010
Hometown: Pickering ON
Previous Team: Markham Stouffville U15AA
School: Bill Crothers SS, Grade 10
Academic Interest: Kinesiology, Creative Writing
Hobbies: Track & Field, Golf, Fitness, Reading
Key Achievements: Grade 8 Scholastic Platinum Award 2023; 60M Sprint Champion at YRAA Indoor Championships; Andre Hamilton 4x100 Junior Girls Relay Record; OWHa U15AA Southern Consolation Champions 2025; Quebec Pee Wee Tournament Championship Gold Medalist; Volunteer at Assisted Living Residence
Favourite Quotation:
"The scariest moment is always before you start."
– STEPHEN KING



Serena Di Stefano

Forward

Shoots: Left **Height:** 5' 10"

Graduation Year: 2026
Birth Year: 2008

Hometown: Richmond Hill ON

Previous Team: Central York Panthers U18AA

School: Cardinal Carter CHS, Grade 12

Academic Interest: Sociology, Liberal Arts

Hobbies: Reading, Baking, Volleyball, Basketball

Key Achievements: Honour Roll Grades 9, 10 & 11; Nominated for Junior Athlete of the Year 2024; Varsity Girls Hockey MVP 2025; OWHa Provincials U18AA 2024-25; Volunteer Shooter for Goalie Training with CYGHA 2024; Junior Girls Basketball Team YRAA Finalists 2022; Voted Assistant Captain: 2023-24; Italian Club 2024

Favourite Quotation:
"Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there."
– Bo JACKSON



Yasmeen Rizkana

Goalie

Catches: Left **Height:** 5' 10"

Graduation Year: 2028
Birth Year: 2010

Hometown: Mississauga ON

Previous Team: Mississauga U15AA

School: Streetsville SS, Grade 10

Academic Interest: Psychology, Kinesiology, Law

Hobbies: Cooking, Baking, Volleyball, Flag Football, Creative Writing

Key Achievements: Honour Roll Student with A+ Average; Winnit Medallion for Academics and Clubs/ Sports Participation 2024; Achievement Awards in Math, History & Scholastics 2024; Junior Volleyball, Varsity Flag Football 2024-25; Volunteer Coach for U9-U11 Goalies; U15AA Assistant Captain 2024; BGHC Scholarship Recipient 2024; Blueridge Elite Scholarship Recipient 2024; Represented Egypt on their first Women's National Ice Hockey Team, winning Bronze Medal at CCM Dream Nations Cup 2024 and Gold Medal in 2025; Selected for OWHa U16 High Performance Camp and TML Fueling the Future Camp 2025

Favourite Quotation:
"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up."
– BABE RUTH



Elizabeth Piroli

Forward

Shoots: Left **Height:** 5' 3"

Graduation Year: 2028
Birth Year: 2010

Hometown: Oakville ON

Previous Team: Hamilton U15AA

School: King's Christian Collegiate, Grade 10

Academic Interest: Science, Business, Law

Hobbies: Drawing, Travel, Reading

Key Achievements: Honour Roll 2023-25; Grade 8 Ambassador; Bronze Cross Lifeguarding; Varsity Hockey Leading Scorer as a Grade 9; U15AA Stoney Creek Showcase Bronze Medalist 2024; Regular Season Divisional 1st place and OWHa League Champion U15AA 2024-25; NH Fall Showcase Champion 2024-25; Team Leader in Points 2023-24; Leading Scorer and Silver Medalist in Battle of Boston Spring Tournament; OWHa Provincial U13AA Bronze Finalist 2022-23; U13AA Team Points Leader 2022-23; Three U13AA Tournament Silver Medals 2022-23

Favourite Quotation:
"Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small ones."
– WAYNE GRETZKY



Michella McDermott

Defender

Shoots: Left **Height:** 5' 4"

Graduation Year: 2028
Birth Year: 2010

Hometown: Toronto ON

Previous Team: Hamilton U15AA

School: Loretto Abbey CSS, Grade 10

Academic Interest: Business, Sports Science, Law

Hobbies: Baking, Working Out, Flag Football, Golf

Key Achievements: Loretto Abbey Big Sister Leadership Program 2024-25, 2025-26; TDCAA Metro Qualifier Javelin 2024-25; TDCAA Tier II Softball Finalist 2024-25; OFSAA Hockey Championship Participant 2024-25; TDCAA Senior Girls Hockey Undefeated Champions 2024-25; Stoney Creek Showcase U15AA Bronze Champions 2024-25; OWHa South Division Champions U15AA 2024-25; OWHa South West Champions U15AA 2024-25; Pro Hockey Battle of the Beach 2023-24; Total Female Hockey Volunteer Coach 2025

Favourite Quotation:
"God will bless you if you don't give up when your faith is being tested."
– PSALM 22:14



Kylie McLellan

Defender/Forward

Shoots: Left **Height:** 5' 2"

Graduation Year: 2027
Birth Year: 2009

Hometown: Bowmanville ON

Previous Team: Toronto Aeros U18AA

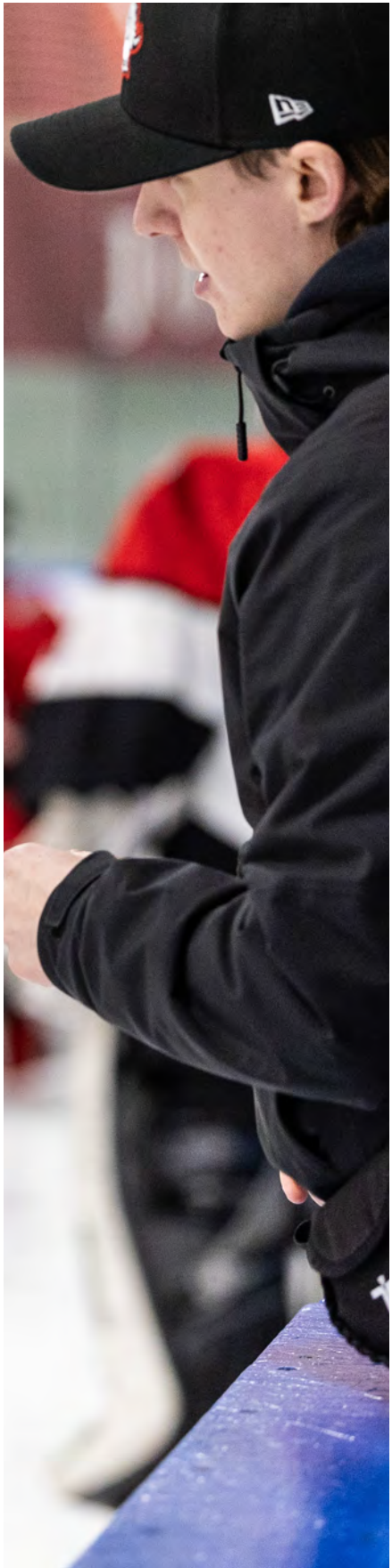
School: St. Stephen CSS, Grade 11

Academic Interest: Business, Photography, Sciences

Hobbies: Time with Friends & Family, Being Outside at the Lake, Travel

Key Achievements: Honour Roll Student 2024-25; Varsity Girls Hockey, Varsity Lacrosse and Junior Rugby 2024-25; Played AA-A All Years of Hockey; Went to OWHa Provincials 7/9 Years of Rep Hockey; A Good Leader and Always Positive with Players and Coaches

Favourite Quotation:
"A great hockey player skates to where the puck is going to be."
– WAYNE GRETZKY





Toronto U18 Aeros Staff



Whitney Kennedy - High Performance Director

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Whitney is in her 11th year coaching with the Aeros, initially at our Bantam AA affiliate, before joining the Junior staff 6 years ago. Beginning last season, she oversees both U18 and U22 programs, so is well-known to our U18 players. She is HP1 trained, and was selected to coach at the OWHa High Performance Camps this summer.

She is a 3 year OWHa Junior hockey alumna, 2 years with Junior Aeros, where Whitney was Assistant Captain and Centre, while winning a League Championship. In her graduating Junior Aeros season, she scored 25 goals, including goals against Harvard and Brown in D1 Exhibition play. Following that, she won an ECAC regular season title and Ivy League Championship playing at then nationally-ranked Harvard, while earning All-Academic honours. She graduated from Harvard with an Honours degree in both History and Science (Mind Brain Behaviour certificate), and Global Health & Health Policy.

Whitney is currently a Vice President for Infrastructure Ontario. Whitney believes development of character is critical to lifelong success, and aspires to make the time players spend at the rink the best 2-3 hours of their day.



Felice Turano - Head Coach

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Felice was drafted by the Guelph Storm in 2001 as a Defenseman. Following Junior A experience with Mississauga Chargers and Miramichi Timberwolves among others, he wrapped up his playing career with the Streetsville Derbys, where he played for the prestigious RBC Cup, the Junior A National Championship. He has extended his love for hockey into coaching and skill development with all ages and levels for the past 15 years, most recently Coaching 18AA and 15AA in the GTHL. Felice is also a hockey development professional, running hockey camps and training players at the elite level including OHL and NHL draft picks. As the father of two very young daughters, Felice is thrilled to now be able to focus at the elite level in the female game.

Felice believes strongly that in addition to the need to hone the proper on-ice individual and team skills, building good character is essential. Character is a critical skill in both hockey and life, ultimately more important than outstanding talent in achieving lifelong success. He encourages

players to be creative, constantly working to improve skills, and above all to be disciplined — that is, to be both teachable and display self-control. A strong work ethic, setting and achieving goals, and demonstrating good leadership are also key. While hard work and focus is essential, Felice also has a strong belief in developing a fun, positive and inclusive team culture, and his greatest strength as a coach is building good trusting personal relationships with each of his players.



Martin Schwertner - Associate Coach

Martin played AAA throughout minor hockey with Markham and the Toronto Marlboros, before playing extensively in the Czech Republic & Slovakia. Despite interest from numerous schools for hockey including Dartmouth, he stayed in Canada for tennis, competing at Nationals for Team Ontario. Martin won an OUA championship with Western and coached tennis in Australia while doing his MBA. Martin now has four kids in rep hockey, which led him to coaching with various teams from A to AAA including the Mississauga Terriers and Hurricanes.



Lou Vedovat - Associate Coach

Lou played all his minor hockey at the AAA level in the GTHL, as well as 4 years of Junior. After graduating from St. Michael's College, Lou earned a scholarship to play 4 years at New England College. In 2000 he was voted an All-American Scholar Athlete, and his team won the ECAC East Championship in 2001. He graduated with a BSc in Health and Sports Science in 2002. Lou has extensive experience as a GTHL AAA Head Coach, and is currently coaching with the U18AAA Toronto Young Nationals. Lou has been consistently associated with the Aeros since 2005, as both a coach and/or a Board Member. His Aeros coaching experience includes our Junior program but, most notably with our U18AA team for well over a decade. His U18 Aeros achievements include back-to-back OWHa Provincial Silver Medals in 2016 and 2017 and Bronze in 2018, in addition to the 2016-17 U18AA League Championship. Lou is High Performance 1 Certified, and is a Coach Developer and Evaluator for the GTHL. Outside of hockey, Lou is a Director and Enterprise Projects Leader for the Ontario Medical Association.



