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Robert Morris Adds 12 to Solidify Class of 2012

Moon Township, Pa. - July 22, 2008 - Head coach **Derek Schooley** of the **Robert Morris University** men's hockey team has announced the addition of 12 student-athletes to his team as part of the Class of 2012. The group of 12 incoming recruits will join three transfers from Wayne State University and 14 returnees for the 2008-09 season.

The 12 recruits from Colorado, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Ontario, Canada bring a wealth of experience from several Junior "A" hockey leagues.

"My assistant coaches Chris Kostopoulos & Joe Tuset did an excellent job bringing in quality players and strong student-athletes," said Schooley. "This class has a lot to live up to in replacing our 14 graduating seniors as not only hockey players but as people in the Robert Morris community. We feel they are up to the challenge of that and will continue the building of the Robert Morris hockey program."

Four of the incoming freshmen are from Pennsylvania, including local players Furman South, Ron Cramer and Josh Jones of western Pennsylvania. The class of 2012 includes eight forwards, three defensemen and a single goalie.

"We feel that we have added some elements to our team that we may not have had in the past," said assistant coach Tuset. "The staff here at Robert Morris is very excited about our incoming class and we look forward to seeing what this group of talented young men can do for our program."

Robert Morris will open its 2008-09 season by hosting Ryerson for an exhibition game Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Island Sports Center. Regular season action will begin Oct. 11 when the Colonials travel to Merrimack. The first home series will take place Oct. 17-18, when Ferris State comes to town for a pair.

2008 Commitments (12)

Player	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Shot	Hometown/Last Team (League)
Brandon Blandina	Fr.	5-11	188	F	R	Centennial, Colo. / Indiana Jr. Ice (USHL)
Tom Brooks	Fr.	5-11	195	F	R	St. Louis, Mo. / St. Louis Bandits (NAHL)
Nick Chiavetta	Fr.	5-11	180	F	L	Harrisburg, Pa. / New York Applecore (EJHL)
Ron Cramer	Fr.	5-10	179	F	L	New Wilmington, Pa. / Indiana Jr. Ice (USHL)
Cody Crichton	Fr.	5-11	170	F	R	Palgrave, Ontario / Brampton Capitals (OPJHL)
Ben Finney	Fr.	5-11	185	D	L	Pontypool, Ontario. / Port Hope Predators (OPJHL)
Josh Jones	Fr.	6-1	187	D	R	Scenery Hill, Pa. / Hawkesbury Hawks (CJHL)
Stefan LaChapelle	Fr.	5-10	185	F	L	Waterloo, Ontario / Hawkesbury Hawks (CJHL)
Trevor Lewis	Fr.	5-11	175	F	L	Lititz, Pa. / Syracuse Stars (EJHL)
James Lyle	Fr.	5-11	187	D	L	Nepean, Ontario / Smiths Falls Bears (CJHL)
Brooks Ostergard	Fr.	6-2	190	G	L	Chargin Falls, Ohio / Bay State Breakers (EJHL)
Furman South	Fr.	6-2	198	F	R	Sewickley, Pa. / Bay State Breakers (EJHL)

Brandon Blandina - Played in 58 games for the Ice during the 2007-08 season, scoring eight goals and adding 12 assists... Led the USHL in shorthanded assists with a total of four... During the 2006-07 season, played for Lake Forest Academy of the MPHL scoring 24 goals and 36 assists.

Tom Brooks - Two-time national champion in the NAHL... First championship with the Texas Tornado during the 2005-06 season and then with the St. Louis Bandits in 2007-08... Was named North Player of the Game for the NAHL Top Prospect Tournament in 2007... During the 2007-08 season, tallied 10 goals and seven assists in 35 games.

Nick Chiavetta - Ended the 2007-08 season eighth in the EJHL as New York's top scorer with 22 goals and 33 assists... Played in the 2007-08 EJHL All-Star Game... During the 2006-07 season, he tallied 11 goals and 19 assists and finished fourth in points for the Applecore.

Ron Cramer - Played three seasons with the Ice, scoring 11 goals and adding nine assists during the 2006-07 season... In 2007-08, scored 15 goals, had 14 assists and accumulated 168 penalty minutes.

Cody Crichton - Led team in 2007-08 with 75 points... Scoring 22 goals and 53 assists... Named OPJHL player month in October 2007... Team captain for the 2007-08 season...Invited to participate in the Atlanta Thrashers Prospect Camp in July 2008

Ben Finney - Played two seasons with the Port Hope Predators, scoring three goals and six assists during the 2006-07 season and adding one goal and 15 assists for the 2007-08 season... In 2008, was honored with the Port Hope Predators team award for being the Most Dedicated Player.

Josh Jones - Spent three seasons with the Hawkesbury Hawks, in 2007-08 was the CJHL Defensive Player of the Year and a member of the CJHL All-Star Second Team... Jones was also the top scoring defenseman in the league totaling 13 goals and 45 assists... In 2006-07, scored five goals and tallied 16 assists.

Stefan LaChapelle - Named the top graduating player of the CJHL for 2007-08 season... Also garnered an all-league second team all-star award while scoring 41 goals and 53 assists as the team's MVP and leading scorer... A two-time team captain for the Hawks, he scored 18 goals and recorded 26 assists during the 2006-07 season.

Trevor Lewis - While playing for the Syracuse Stars during the 2007-08 season... Played on 2007-08 EJHL All-Star Team... He recorded 31 goals and 36 assists to lead the EJHL... Was named EJHL Player of the Year and EJHL Offensive Player of the Year... In 2006, he saw action in 44 games, scoring 16 goals and adding 24 assists.

James Lyle - During the 2007-08 season played 60 games ranking fifth for Smiths Falls in points thanks to nine goals and 44 assists...Second in scoring in the CJHL for defensemen... A two-time assistant team captain, Lyle was a 2006-07 CJHL All-Star selection as he scored 11 goals and 28 assists in 2006-07.

Brooks Ostergard- Led the EJHL in shutouts and minutes played... Ranked fourth overall in save percentage (91.9%) for the 2007-08 season with the Breakers... Three-time EJHL Defensive Player of the Week and Baystate Breakers Defensive Player of the Year during the 2007-08 season... A 2007-08 EJHL All-Star Game selection.

Furman South- Selected for the EJHL All-Star game for 2006-07, earning the second star of the game honor... During the 2006-07 season scored 18 goals and added 22 assists as the team's rookie of the year... In 2007-08 served as the team's assistant captain while scoring 12 goals and 11 assists.

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