

RENSSELAER MEN'S HOCKEY GAME PROGRAM



THE RENSSELAER ENGINEERS
 (0-0-0; 0-0-0 ECAC HOCKEY)
 VS. **THE ACADIA AXEMEN**
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 OCTOBER 1, 2011 • TROY • 7PM



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2011-12 SCHEDULE		
OCTOBER		
Sat. 1	ACADIA (Exhibition)	7pm
Fri. 7	MINNESOTA STATE	7pm
Sat. 8	MINNESOTA STATE	7pm
Fri. 14	at Ferris State	7:05pm
Sat. 15	at Ferris State	7:05pm
Fri. 21	at Notre Dame	7:35pm
Fri. 28	COLORADO COLLEGE <i>Reunion & Homecoming</i>	7pm
Sat. 29	COLORADO COLLEGE <i>Reunion & Homecoming</i>	7pm
NOVEMBER		
Fri. 4	at Clarkson*	7pm
Sat. 5	at St. Lawrence*	7pm
Fri. 11	YALE* <i>Black Friday</i>	7pm
Sat. 12	BROWN*	7pm
Tue. 15	UNION* <i>Faculty-Staff Appreciation</i>	7pm
Fri. 25	at RIT	7:05pm
DECEMBER		
Fri. 2	at Princeton*	7pm
Sat. 3	at Quinnipiac*	7pm
Sat. 10	vs. Union <i>Lake Placid Showcase</i>	4pm
Thu. 29	vs. UMass Lowell <i>Toyota UConn Hockey Classic</i>	4pm
Fri. 30	vs. UConn or Army <i>Toyota UConn Hockey Classic</i>	TBD
JANUARY		
Fri. 6	DARTMOUTH*	7pm
Sat. 7	HARVARD*	7pm
Tue. 10	AMERICAN INT'L	7pm
Sat. 14	at Union*	7pm
Fri. 20	at Brown*	7pm
Sat. 21	at Yale*	7pm
Fri. 27	ST. LAWRENCE*	7pm
Sat. 28	CLARKSON*	7pm
FEBRUARY		
Fri. 3	CORNELL*	7pm
Sat. 4	COLGATE* <i>35th Annual Big Red Freakout!</i>	7pm
Fri. 10	at Harvard*	7pm
Sat. 11	at Dartmouth*	7pm
Fri. 17	QUINNIPIAC*	7pm
Sat. 18	PRINCETON* <i>Senior Appreciation Night</i>	7pm
Fri. 24	at Colgate*	7pm
Sat. 25	at Cornell*	7pm

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 • All home games and select road games webcast by America One in conjunction with RPI TV

THE DEBUT: The 2011-12 Engineers make their season debut tonight against Acadia, a Canadian University ... This game is an exhibition, meaning it has no bearing on either team's records or the players' season statistics.

ACADIA ACTION: While this is the first game for the Engineers, Acadia has played five exhibition games to date ... They won three of those contests and lost the others.

SEASON OPENER: Rensselaer's regular season begins next Friday when it hosts Minnesota State at 7pm here at Houston Field House ... Those same two teams play again the next night at the same time.

TICKETS: Tickets to all Rensselaer home games are available through the Houston Field House box office or by calling 518-276-6262.



FOLLOWING THE ACTION: All RPI men's hockey games can be heard live on WRPI, 91.5 FM, and on the Internet on www.wrpi.org ... Live statistics are available for home games at www.rpiathletics.com/livestats ... A live webcast is available at www.rpiathletics.com/webcasts ... The live video is done in conjunction with America One and RPI TV.

OFFICIALS: The officials for the game are Kenneth Gates and Kevin Graber (referees) and Stephen Drain and Martin Hughes (linesmen).

RPI LAST SEASON: The Engineers posted a 20-13-5 overall record and played in the NCAA Tournament a season ago ... They were nationally-ranked in the polls for the majority of the season ... At season's end RPI ranked in the top-15 in the country in scoring defense (2.37 goals against average; 7th), penalty kill (84.3%; 12th) and winning percentage (.592; 15th) last year.

RPI THIS SEASON: Rensselaer returns 11

forwards, five defensemen and two goaltenders ... Also on the roster are six seniors, five juniors, six sophomores, eight freshmen and a graduate student.

BY POSITION: The Engineers feature 16 forwards, seven defensemen and three goaltenders.

THE CAPTAINS: Defenseman Mike Bergin, a senior, and forward Joel Malchuk, a graduate student, are this year's captains ... Alex Angers-Goulet and Justin Smith, both senior forwards, are the assistant captains.

THE COACHING STAFF: RPI head coach Seth Appert returns for his sixth year with the Engineers ... He is assisted by Bryan Vines, who is in his third season and former Engineers standout Nolan Graham '03, who is in his second ... Jaroslav Modry, a veteran of 13 NHL seasons as a defenseman, is the volunteer assistant.

FOUR OF SIX RETURN: Four of the RPI's top six scorers are back ... Nick Bailen, who was third on the team in points as a sophomore, leads the way ... A defenseman, he had eight goals with 28 assists for 36 points in 38 games ... Brock Higgs, a sophomore forward, had 21 points, including nine goals, in 33 games to rank fourth on the team in scoring ... Mike Bergin (2 goals, 16 assists), a defenseman, and CJ Lee (5 goals, 12 assists), a forward, rounded out the top six for RPI.

IN GOAL: The Engineers return junior Bryce Merriam, who was 2-2-1 with a 2.71 goals against average and a .913 save percentage in seven games ... He replaces Allen York, who played in 34 games last season before signing an NHL contract with the Columbus Blue Jackets.

RENSSELAER RANKED: RPI is ranked 18th in the first USCHO.com Top 20 ... The Engineers are among those who received votes in the USA Hockey Poll, which lists 15 schools.

PREDICTED FINISH: Rensselaer was picked to finish fourth in ECAC Hockey, according to the league's coaches ... The media who were polled predicted a fifth place finish for RPI.

BAILEN RECOGNIZED: Engineers junior defenseman **Nick Bailen** was selected to the All-ECAC Hockey Preseason Teams by both the coaches and the media ... He was a National All-America East Second Team selection after scoring eight goals with 28 assists for 36 points in 38 games last season ... He led ECAC Hockey in defensemen scoring.

DRAFTED: RPI has two student-athletes who have been selected in the NHL Entry Draft ... Defenseman **Mike Bergin** is a draft pick of the Dallas Stars (209th overall in 2008) and **Pat Koudys** (147th overall in 2011), also a defenseman, was selected by the Washington Capitals.

MODRY ADDS EXPERTISE: Over the course of his NHL career, new volunteer assistant coach **Jaroslav Modry** played for the New Jersey Devils, Ottawa Senators, Los Angeles Kings, Atlanta Thrashers, Dallas Stars and Philadelphia Flyers ... In 725 games he scored 49 goals with 201 assists for 250 points ... He also played 28 playoff games, scoring once with six assists ... Modry played in the NHL All-Star Game once (2001-02).

RPI HOCKEY HISTORY: For in-depth information regarding the Engineers, visit www.rpiathletics.com/Almanacs.

DEPARTMENT AWARD: The Rensselaer department of athletics' 2010-11 year-end awards were announced and **Chase Polacek '11** was chosen as both the Male Athlete of the Year and the Career Athlete of the Year ... A forward, he led ECAC Hockey in numerous categories on his way to capturing ECAC Hockey Player of the Year, Hobey Baker Award finalist and National All-America last year ... In 38 games, he had 21 goals and 27 assists for 48 points ... He was first in the league in points, points per game (1.26) and power play points ... In his career, Polacek - who was the Male Athlete of the Year in 2009-10 and Freshman Male Athlete of the Year in 2007-08 - never missed a game, setting the school record with 154 games played ... He notched 65 goals with 95 assists for 160 career points and led the team in scoring each of his last three seasons ... He was a three-time team Most Valuable Player, a two-time Hobey Baker Award finalist, a two-time First Team All-America and the ECAC Hockey Player of the Year twice, just the third in league history.

THE 2011-12 ENGINEERS

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	S/C	Age	Hometown / Junior Team
3	Guy Leboeuf	SO	D	65	200	L	21	West Palm Beach, FL / Cornwall Colts
4	Pat Koudys (WSH)	SO	D	64	210	L	18	Smithville, ON / Burlington Cougars
5	Luke Curadi	FR	D	65	250	L	20	Cheshire, CT / Dubuque Fighting aints
7	Zach Schroeder	FR	F	59	170	R	19	Prior Lake, MN / Saint Thomas Academy
8	Mike Bergin (DAL)	SR	D	63	205	L	23	Ottawa, ON / Smiths Falls Bears
9	Matt Neal	FR	F	5-11	200	L	19	Minesing, ON / Stouffville Spirit
10	Curtis Leonard	FR	D	63	195	L	19	Napanee, ON / Wellington Dukes
11	Bo Dolan	SO	D	5-11	185	R	21	St. Paul, MN / Penticton Vees
12	Johnny Rogic	SO	F	60	190	L	20	Vancouver, BC / Alberni Valley Bulldogs
13	Joel Malchuk	SR	F	5-10	180	R	23	Brandon, MB / Dauphin Kings
14	Greg Burgdoerfer	JR	F	62	215	R	22	East Setauket, NY / Des Moines Buccaneers
15	Jacob Laliberte	FR	F	5-7	175	L	21	Rockland, ON / Cornwall Colts
17	Justin Smith	SR	F	6-2	210	L	23	Hammonds Plains, NS / Langley Chiefs
18	Alex Angers-Goulet	SR	F	5-10	185	L	23	St. Augustin, PQ / Langley Chiefs
19	Patrick Cullen	SR	F	60	190	L	22	Washington, DC / Indiana Ice
21	Mark McGowan	FR	F	6-1	195	L	21	Toronto, ON / Oakville Blades
22	CJ Lee	JR	F	5-11	190	R	22	Staten Island, NY / Green Bay Gamblers
23	Brock Higgs	SO	F	5-11	185	L	19	Kingston, ON / Kingston Voyageurs
24	Josh Rabbani	SR	F	5-11	210	R	23	Woodland Hills, CA / St. Louis Bandits
27	Marty O'Grady	JR	F	60	185	R	22	London, ON / Wellington Dukes
28	Matt Tinordi	SO	F	60	200	L	21	Severna Park, MD / Olds Grizzlies
29	Nick Bailen	JR	D	5-9	185	L	21	Fredonia, NY / Indiana Ice
32	Bryce Merriam	JR	G	6-3	200	L	23	Bethel Park, PA / Topeka RoadRunners
34	Scott Diebold	FR	G	6-1	160	L	19	Buffalo, NY / Tri-City Storm
35	Jeremy Coupal	SR	G	5-10	160	L	22	McSt-Hilaire, PQ / Tilton School
39	Ryan Haggerty	FR	F	60	180	R	18	Stamford, CT / U.S. National Dev. Team

Head Coach: Seth Appert (Ferris St. '97)

Assistant Coaches: Nolan Graham (Rensselaer '03) & Bryan Vines (Denver '02)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Jaroslav Modry

Director of Operations: Kevin Anderson

Athletic Trainer: Christopher Thompson

Equipment Manager: Dana McGuane

Captains: Mike Bergin '12 & Joel Malchuk '11

Assistant Captains: Alex Angers-Goulet '12 & Justin Smith '12

THE 2011-12 AXEMEN

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	Born	Hometown / Previous Team
1	Evan Mosher	G	60	190	1	1990	Conception Bay South, NL
2	Michael Ward	D	6-2	205	2	1988	Shippagan, NB / Cape Breton Screaming Eagles
3	Cullen Morin	D	5-11	185	2	1989	Meadow Lake, SK / Red Deer Rebels
7	Leo Jenner	D	6-4	222	2	1989	Mossley, ON / Plymouth Whalers
6	K.C. Brown	D/F	6-0	205	1	1988	Wolfville, NS / Truro Bearcats
9	Spencer Jezegou	RW	5-11	195	3	1988	Oshawa, ON / Acadie-Bathurst Titans
10	Christopher Owens	D	5-10	190	2	1989	St. John's, NL / Miramichi Timberwolves
13	Joel Ridgeway	F	6-2	195	1	1990	Grosse Isle, MB / Selkirk Steelers
14	Nicolas Chouinard	F	5-10	180	1	1990	Matane, QC / Montreal Juniors
17	Liam Heelis	F	6-1	200	1	1990	Georgetown, ON / Owen Sound Attack
19	Adam McIlwraith	C	5-10	165	5	1986	Quispamsis, NB / Restigouche Jr. A Tigers
24	Alex Beaton	F	6	180	1	1990	Lower Sackville, NS / Woodstock
23	John Girman	F	6-2	210	1	1990	Mississauga, ON / Grand Prairie Storm
25	Dustin Ekelman	LW	6-1	200	2	1989	Whitby, ON / Mississauga St. Mike's Majors
26	Joe Gaynor	C	6-3	207	2	1989	Goderich, ON / Plymouth Whalers
27	Andrew Clark	C	5-10	180	3	1988	Brandon, MB / Brandon Wheat Kings
29	Christopher Holden	G	6-1	180	1	1990	Marlton, NJ / Cape Breton Screaming Eagles
30	Peter DiSalvo	G	6	200	1	1990	Oakville, ON / Oshawa Generals
32	Jacob Dietrich	LW	6-2	200	3	1987	Deloraine, MB / Portland Winter Hawks
44	Graham Bona	D	6-3	217	3	1988	Halifax, NS / Halifax Mooseheads
45	Travis Gibbons	D	5-11	188	1	1990	London, ON / Ottawa 67's
55	Paul Kurceba	D	6-2	195	4	1987	Calgary, ON / Kooteney Ice
61	Ryan Graham	LW	5-11	210	4	1987	Mount Pearl, NL / St. John's Fog Devils
79	Jonathan Laberge	C	5-10	200	4	1987	Ste-foy, QC / Acadie-Bathurst Titans
93	Jesse MacIntyre	F	5-10	175	1	1990	Mill River, PE / Mirimachi Timberwolves
	Beau Prokopetz				3	1987	Winnipeg, MB / Oshawa Generals

Head Coach: Darren Burns (11th season)

Assistant Coaches: Mike Alcoe (22nd season), Mark Richards (9th season) & Travis Young (5th season)