



Announcing: OPDL AFFILIATION

WHITECAPS LONDON | WOODSTOCK F.C.

For Immediate Release...

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Whitecaps London would like to announce an exciting Player Movement affiliation with Woodstock Football Club.

The affiliation agreement with Whitecaps London and Woodstock Football Club is an opportunity for Woodstock F.C. players to have a developmental opportunity to play in the OPDL.

SHARON Docherty...The President of Woodstock Soccer Club says of the affiliation ***“What a wonderful opportunity for the players and coaches of Woodstock FC to work hand-in-hand with Whitecaps London! The combined effort will only lead to enhanced performance and success for our youth program. Looking forward to a fantastic partnership.”***

Iain Hume...Former Canadian National Team Player, Woodstock F.C. Club Head Coach and Technical Director. ***“Great to see our club moving in this direction. I sincerely believe that exciting times are ahead for Woodstock Soccer Club and I’m really looking forward to getting started with this partnership.”***

Pedro Dias, Whitecaps London Head Coach & Technical Director says of the affiliation....***“We are delighted with the opportunity to have players from Woodstock SC having the possibility to play with us. Also, the opportunity to work with all WSC Coaches and Players. We believe in teamwork and the ability to work together towards a common vision and we are aligned to succeed together. Looking forward to working with Iain Hume and starting our professional partnership! Yours in Soccer, Pedro”***

Abbi Lezizidis, Whitecaps London President...***I look forward to building our relationship with Woodstock Soccer Club. We believe this is such a great fit for the soccer community in and around Woodstock. They have been a very strong club for many years and we look forward to continuing to strengthen their programming, coaching & player development for year to come.***

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About the OPDL

Launched in 2014 with the 2001 age group, the Ontario Player Development League (OPDL) is one of the province's first standards-based, youth high performance league that combines top level competition with strict high performance training standards. This innovative exciting youth high performance program is an important component of the overall movement to adopt the core principles of Long-Term Player Development (LTPD) across soccer at large in Ontario and Canada. OPDL encompasses the U13 to U17 age categories, for both males and females.

OPDL represents young players' early graduation to a genuine high performance training environment, targeting the top athletes in the province from age groups U13 to U17, constituting the highest level of competitive youth soccer in Ontario. OPDL operates more as a high-performance training program than merely a league.

For a list of License Holders please visit <http://www.ontariosoccer.net/opdl>

Woodstock Football Club

The objective of Woodstock FC is to promote, develop and provide opportunity for any person in Woodstock and surrounding area to play organized soccer at the recreational and competitive level; as well as, to assist all participants in reaching their potential through the development of players, coaches, referees and administrators.

From humble beginnings in 1976 with one team, Woodstock FC (WFC) is a recreational club non profit club with a focus on developing its local players. The club is run by a Volunteer Board of Directors; however, it was started by one dedicated player! Learn more here: [About WFC – Woodstock FC \(woodstocksoccer.azurewebsites.net\)](http://woodstocksoccer.azurewebsites.net)

Whitecaps London

Whitecaps London is a high-performance not-for-profit club in Southern Ontario that is part of the Ontario Soccer and OPDL high performance player pathway providing opportunities for talented youth in Southern Ontario. We offer soccer programming for all levels. Recreational, District Competitive, Regional Competitive, OSL, OPDL and League One Reserve.