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Edmonton Oil Kings to attend English classes at MacEwan University

Edmonton – The Edmonton Oil Kings are big on education, with a solid scholarship program for players after they leave their careers in the Western Hockey League (WHL). But the organization has gone one step further by working with MacEwan University to organize an English course to accommodate the players’ schedules.

“The team’s experience is that when players take one course a season, there are benefits to the players and the team as a whole,” said Dr. Robert Wiznura, associate dean, Students, Faculty of Arts and Science, MacEwan University. “The players benefit by completing a couple of courses before leaving their WHL careers to commit to full-time post-secondary study. But it’s very interesting that the team has found that the players perform better on ice when they are studying.”

“The Edmonton Oil Kings organization is committed to developing well-rounded young men,” said Sharon Sereda, education advisor, Edmonton Oil Kings. “The discipline and commitment required to be successful in academics and athletics go hand-in-hand.”

“The difficulty is that the players’ schedule is so hectic,” said Wiznura. “The Oil Kings and MacEwan University worked together to enroll players in a first-year English course that accommodates their intense schedule,” added Sereda.

The weekly English class is 90 minutes per session. Players began studying in September and will be in class until March, an expanded schedule that accommodates the team’s road games and other tournaments. All classes are face-to-face with the standard number of classroom hours.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.

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