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2024 NHL ALL-STAR WEEKEND EXPANDED TO THREE-DAY EVENT

"NHL All-Star Thursday" Will Be Added to Toronto All-Star Festivities, Including Return of Tim Hortons NHL All-Star Player Draft

NEW YORK (Nov. 27, 2023) – The 2024 NHL® All-Star Weekend, hosted by the Toronto Maple Leafs at Scotiabank Arena, will be expanded to a three-day event, the National Hockey League® announced today. In addition to the NHL All-Star Skills™ presented by DraftKings Sportsbook on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024 and the Rogers NHL® All-Star Game on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024, the All-Star Weekend celebration will feature "NHL All-Star Thursday" on Feb. 1, 2024.

NHL All-Star Thursday will also take place at Scotiabank Arena, starting at 6 p.m. ET, and will include the Tim Hortons NHL All-Star Player Draft, the NHL Alumni Man of the Year, Honouring the 1967 Toronto Maple Leafs, and the Canadian Tire PWHL 3-on-3 Showcase. NHL All-Star Thursday will be televised on Sportsnet in Canada. In the U.S., the Tim Hortons NHL All-Star Player Draft will be on ESPN2, and the Canadian Tire PWHL 3-on-3 Showcase will be on ESPN+.

The 2024 NHL All-Star Fan Vote will return in January, enabling fans to select 12 players to complete the All-Star rosters.

The Tim Hortons NHL All-Star Player Draft represents the return of a concept that was an entertaining and engaging element of previous All-Star Weekends. The captains of the four All-Star teams, who will be paired with celebrity captains, will select their teams from the remaining pool of All-Star players, in a televised draft on NHL All-Star Thursday.

Following the Tim Hortons NHL All-Star Player Draft will be a ceremony announcing the NHL Alumni Keith Magnuson Man of the Year, which will serve as a tribute to the Stanley Cup-winning 1966-67 Toronto Maple Leafs Club. The Keith Magnuson Man of the Year is presented annually to a former NHL Player who has applied the intangibles of perseverance, commitment and teamwork developed through the game into a successful post-career transition. There have been 21 previous honorees.

Capping off NHL All-Star Thursday will be the Canadian Tire PWHL 3-on-3 Showcase, featuring elite players from the Professional Women's Hockey League, the top professional league in women's hockey, in a 3-on-3 game showdown in front of the crowd at Scotiabank Arena.

The roots of the NHL All-Star Game were formed in Toronto. In 1934, Maple Leaf Gardens hosted the 'All-Star' game, serving as a benefit fundraiser for Maple Leafs forward Ace Bailey, who suffered a career-ending injury during the 1933-34 season. Thirteen years later, the Maple Leafs hosted the first official NHL All-Star Game in 1947, which called for the defending Stanley Cup champion to play against a selection of All-Stars from the other five teams. The 2024 event will mark the ninth time the Maple Leafs and Toronto host NHL All-Star activities and the first time since 2000.

Tickets to NHL All-Star Thursday will go on sale Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m. ET via <u>Ticketmaster</u>, the official ticketing partner of the NHL. Fans can sign up to receive news and updates on All-Star Thursday at https://events.nhl.com/event/2024-nhl-all-star-thursday-night.

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