



W-League Soccer to Return Under Fury FC Brand

Dom Oliveri Back to Lead Fury FC Women

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Thursday, November 28, 2013 (Ottawa, ON) – Ottawa Fury FC today announced the return of its W-League franchise under the Fury FC brand along with the return of head coach Dom Oliveri. The Fury Women have been the most successful club in the W-League over the past decade highlighted by their W-League Championship in 2012.

“The Fury brand began with our W-League team back in 2000 and since then we have collectively built one of the most recognizable Women’s Programs in North America,” said Fury FC President John Pugh. “We take great pride in what we have accomplished as a Club and what our players have achieved individually in their professional careers and while representing Canada and other nations on the international stage.”

Since their inaugural season in 2000, the Fury Women have compiled a remarkable record of 134-28-18 amassing 571 goals while only surrendering 130. The Fury currently rank second all-time in the W-League for wins only sitting behind the Long Island Lady Rough Riders (159). During their impressive campaigns they have earned 9 consecutive Division Titles (2004-2012); 5 Conference Championships (2003, 2005-06, 2009, 2011), 7 W-League Final Four Appearances (2003-2006, 2009, 2011-2012), 4 W-League Championship Final Appearances (2005-06, 2011-12) and 1 W-League Championship (2012). Since 2003 the Fury Women are a remarkable 56-6-3 at home.

“Ottawa Fury FC have been and will continue to be one of the model franchises in the W-League and we look forward to many exciting seasons under John Pugh’s leadership,” said W-League Senior Director Amanda Duffy. “With the increased support and infrastructure along with higher visibility in the nation’s capital the Fury will continue to set a remarkable standard with their performance on and off the field.”

In the summer of 2012 the Fury watch eight former players capture Olympic Bronze in London. Fury alumnus Diana Matheson netted the memorable match-winner and celebrated alongside Fury W-League alumni Rhian Wilkinson, Robyn Gayle, Kelly Parker, Melanie Booth, Marie-Eve Nault, Carmelina Moscato and Christina Julien. In





total the club has seen more than 30 female players represent Canada on the international stage, seven players from Australia including 2012 W-League midfield sensation Katrina Gorry; five players from New Zealand including their all-time leading scorer Amber Hearn; two from England including former England and Arsenal Ladies captain Faye White; two from Norway including Fury 2012 W-League MVP Lisa-Marie Woods; another pair from the United States and one each from Turkey, Ireland, Germany and France.

After leading the club to its first W-League Championship in 2012 in just his second season as head coach, Dom Oliveri saw a third of his roster move on to the professional ranks resulting in a new-look squad for the 2013 season. Ottawa would finish the season with a 7-3-2 record boasting the league's second best defensive record. Ottawa fell to the Laval Comets in the Central Conference Championship on penalty kicks.

"I am very excited to return as the W-League team's head coach for 2014, and to be part of the Fury FC vision moving forward," said Oliveri. "I am looking forward to continuing my work with the W-League team and helping to produce and develop players, while trying to achieve our ultimate goal of winning the W-League Championship."

Oliveri has named Robin Rushton as his assistant coach for 2014. Rushton joins Fury FC after a successful season as Oliveri's assistant with the Algonquin Thunder women's program. Fury FC Women will begin their 15th W-League season in May.

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About Ottawa Fury FC

On June 20, 2011 the North American Soccer League (NASL) announced that Ottawa, ON had been awarded an expansion franchise. The new team, owned by the Ottawa Sports & Entertainment Group (OSEG), will commence League play in the 2014 NASL season. On February 26, 2013 OSEG announced that Ottawa's NASL franchise would be named Ottawa Fury FC. For more information about Ottawa Fury FC, visit www.OttawaFuryFC.com. Follow Ottawa Fury FC on Twitter [@OttawaFuryFC](https://twitter.com/OttawaFuryFC) and Facebook at <http://www.Facebook.com/OttawaFuryFC>.

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About the W-League

The W-League is the first and longest-standing women's soccer league in North America. The 2013 W-League campaign will feature 25 teams in three regional conferences playing 10-12 regular season matches. Featuring current and former international and professional stars, the W-League also provides elite amateurs the opportunity to compete while maintaining their eligibility as college student-athletes. The league is recognized throughout the world for providing superior competition for female players, while offering affordable family entertainment for fans throughout North America. For more information about the USL W-League, visit www.wleaguesoccer.com. Follow the W-League on Twitter [@USLWLeague](https://twitter.com/USLWLeague) and Facebook at www.facebook.com/USLWLeague.

