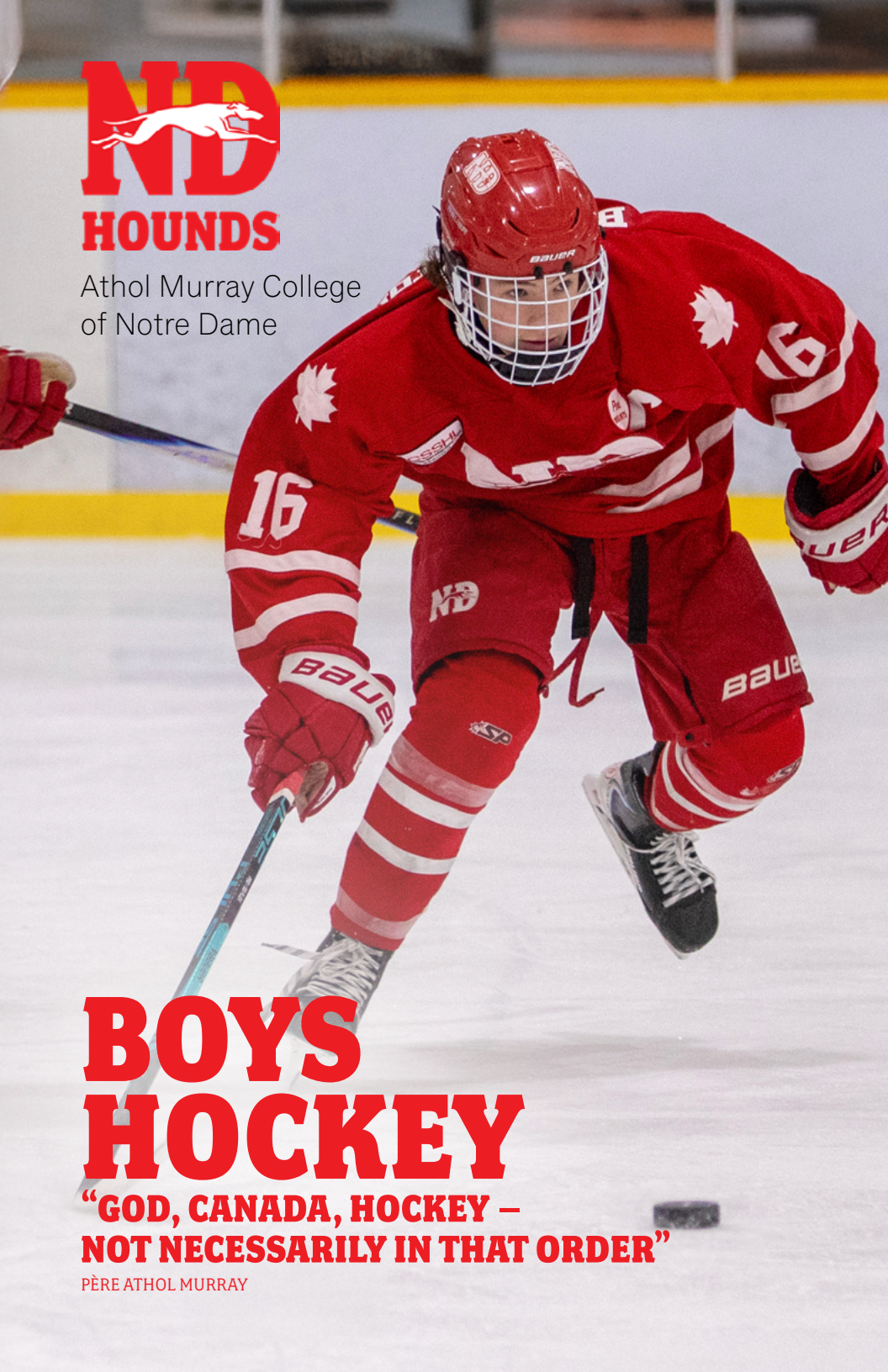




Athol Murray College
of Notre Dame



BOYS HOCKEY

**“GOD, CANADA, HOCKEY –
NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER”**

PÈRE ATHOL MURRAY



**HOCKEY BRINGS
YOU TO NOTRE DAME.
A NOTRE DAME
EDUCATION PREPARES
YOU FOR THE REST
OF YOUR LIFE.**

HOCKEY WAS PÈRE'S PASSION, BUT EDUCATION WAS HIS PURPOSE

Père Athol Murray's vision for Notre Dame was forged on the principles of faith, hard work and the unwavering belief that education can transform lives and shape communities.



At Athol Murray College of Notre Dame, hockey is a powerful pathway, but our true purpose is developing disciplined, curious and capable young people who are prepared for opportunities both on and off the ice.

Recognized globally for our exceptional hockey development program, student athletes from across Canada, United States and internationally choose to attend Notre Dame because of the opportunity to earn a first-class education while playing the sport they love.

Our students are expected to carry a full academic workload and our commitment to academics ensures that Hounds are ready to not only meet today's expectations, but tomorrow's opportunities — prepared to navigate change, contribute meaningfully, and lead with integrity in whatever arena they choose.

THE GAME IS CHANGING

The hockey landscape today is fundamentally different than it was even last year. Pathways from minor hockey to junior to the CHL or NCAA that once felt predictable now either no longer exist or are highly competitive, compressed, and uncertain. Shifts in eligibility and the introduction of name-image-and-likeness (NIL) dollars have dramatically impacted player pathways and opportunities.

Traditional Pathways Are Narrowing

In 2025-2026, Junior A representation in NCAA Division I fell significantly, while CHL presence rose to nearly half of all incoming freshmen, without any increase in available roster spots.

Make-up of Freshmen Classes in the 62 NCAA D 1 Schools

	2024-2025	2025-2026
CHL	0%	47%
USHL	42%	32%
NTDP	8%	3%
NAHL	25%	6%
BCHL	20%	8%
Other	5%	4%

Source: Neutral Zone

New Pathways Are Emerging

New opportunities at NCAA DIII and American Collegiate Hockey Association schools, Canadian college and university programs like the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference and U Sports provide opportunities and choices.

THERE ARE A LOT OF VERY GOOD HOCKEY PROGRAMS, THERE ARE VERY FEW THAT EFFECTIVELY COMBINE HOCKEY AND EDUCATION, **AND THERE IS ONLY ONE NOTRE DAME.**



HOCKEY IS A DEFINING PART OF NOTRE DAME'S IDENTITY

Here we will prepare you to compete at the highest levels. We will give you the opportunity to grow, succeed and mature as a student athlete and as a person.

Our programs are structured in a unique manner that facilitates the development of fundamental life and academics skills, giving Hounds the best shot at opportunities beyond Notre Dame in the rink, in the classroom and in life.

THE NOTRE DAME DIFFERENCE

- 01** **Holistic Development Approach:** Academics, Hockey, Leadership & Character
- 02** **Daily Training & Ice Time** – builds habits of discipline, preparation, and resilience
- 03** **Proven Professional & Collegiate Pipeline** – our alumni tell the story with 215+ NHL draftees, college, International & Olympic players
- 04** **High-Demand/Competitive Culture** - builds resiliency, accountability, and confidence
- 05** **Elite Coaching & Training Staff** – bringing Junior, CHL, International & NHL experience with a commitment to guiding and shaping our athletes
- 06** **Mentorship Culture:** A Hound for Life – a community that supports life-long friendships and associations
- 07** **High-Level Competition:** U15, U17 and U18 teams competing in the CSSHL, Saskatchewan Hockey & International Partnerships
- 08** **Hockey Canada Accreditation** – a commitment to elite standards and superior coaching

09 **World-class facilities** include a full-size Olympic ice surface, off-ice training facility, high-performance weight room, and athletic therapy

10 **Advanced Placement (AP)** pathway equips our students with the academic depth and challenge needed for competitive university programs

11 **Annual MAP Growth** assessments create learner profiles that guide targeted support, stretch strengths, and track progress over time

12 **Personalized University Guidance**, structured campus visits, and post-graduate support to navigate next steps with clarity and confidence

13 **Flexible Online Learning.** An asynchronous online learning option for Grades 11, 12, and Gap Year supports high-performance student-athletes without compromising academic quality

14 **Specialized Goalie Coaching & Development Program** designed to improve skills and enhance game performance

15 **The Athol Murray College of Notre Dame Diploma** recognizes students who meets high standards in academics, service leadership and co-curricular commitment

16 **Year-Round High-Performance Training** that includes strength and conditioning, mental coaching and nutrition education

17 **More than 90% of students and student athletes live on campus,** forming a community that quickly feels like family

18 **Notre Dame treats the physical, emotional and spiritual safety** of students as a core responsibility

19 **Hound's Legacy: God, Canada & Hockey** - rooted in values that endure beyond the rink

20 **Hounds Never Lose Heart** – they're coached to succeed both on and off the ice

**HOCKEY IS OUR
PASSION**

**EDUCATION IS OUR
PURPOSE**



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