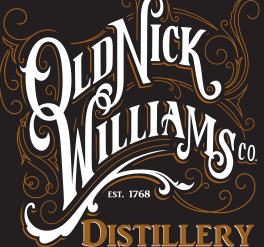
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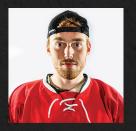


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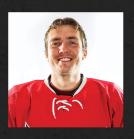
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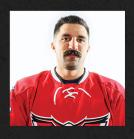
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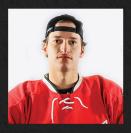
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OWNERSHIP



Barry Soskin

Barry has been an owner of various teams in the past 25 years, including the two time champion Toledo Storm of the East Coast Hockey League, Nashville Nighthawks of the Central Hockey League, Waterloo Blackhawks of the United States Hockey League, Traverse City Enforcers of the Continental Junior Hockey League and the Pelham Prowlers of the Southeast Hockey League. Barry is married to his wife, Fran for nearly 40 years and has three adult children, Heather, Brian and Rachel. Barry and his family reside in Arlington Heights, Illinois.



Cary Ross

Cary is very excited to be part of the ownership bringing winning professional hockey back to the Triad. Cary is a graduate of Western Illinois University and has been in the printing equipment business for almost 40 years. Cary grew up in the Chicago-land area and currently resides in Mt. Prospect, Illinois with his wife Lisa. He has a son, Michael and 2 daughters, Amanda and Carly, and four grandkids, Landon, Madeline, Ari, and Spencer.

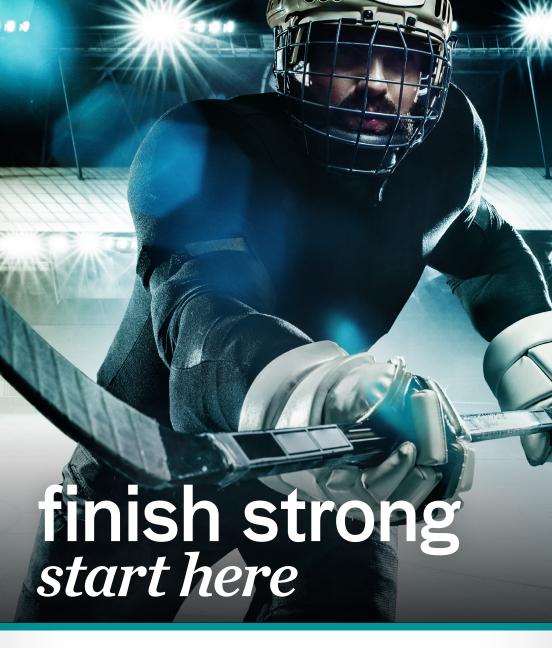


Rick Chaikin

Rick has been a retail and residential construction professional for the past 35 years and he is thrilled to be part of the Thunderbirds ownership group. Along with his passion for professional and amateur hockey, Rick enjoys model railroading and the music of "Chicago". Residing in Buffalo Grove, Illinois, Rick and his wife Denise have been married for nearly 40 years. Together they are devoted to their four children and nine grandchildren.



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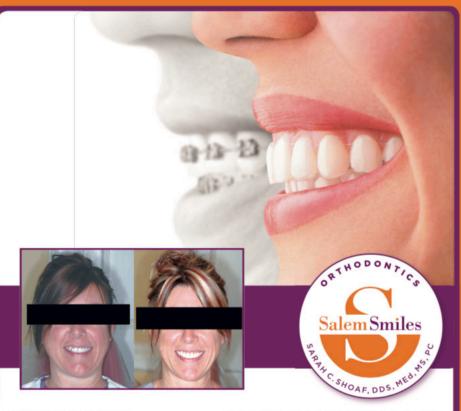


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History of Hockey in Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem Polar Twins, Southern Hockey League (1973-1977): Played home games at the

Winston-Salem Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem, made the SHL playoffs in their first three years of existence. Their best regular season mark came in the 1975-76 season with a record of 30-29-13. The team never got to the 2nd round of the playoffs in their existence. Game attendance saw an average of 2,200 fans per game. Played a consistent 72 game schedule for most of their seasons in W-S. During the team's existence there were affiliation agreements in place with teams in both the NHL (New York Rangers, Detroit Red Wings and St. Louis Blues) and WHA (Edmonton Oilers, New York Golden Blades). Coached by Don Carter, Forbes Kennedy and Ron Anderson during this era. The team folded after the 1976-77 season. Most teams in the SHL folded after this season, causing the league to disband after only four years of play.

Winston-Salem/Carolina Thunderbirds, Atlantic Coast Hockey League (1981-1987): Home games played at the Winston-Salem Memorial Coliseum. In their first season as the Winston-Salem Thunderbirds, the team had a record of 14-33-3, and lost in the first round of the ACHL playoffs. In year 2, after a rebrand to the "Carolina Thunderbirds" and hiring coach Rick Dudley, now an executive with the Carolina Hurricanes, their fortunes changed. The 1982-83 Carolina Thunderbirds sported a record of 51-10-7 and won the Bob Payne Trophy as playoff champions. The old Thunderbirds made four consecutive trips to the ACHL finals between 1983-1986 hoisting the Bob Payne Trophy three times (1983, 1985, 1986). Under Dudley, the team's record was 196-58-12 in those four seasons. The team would keep their name as they transitioned to a new league after the 1986-1987 season, when the ACHL folded.

Carolina Thunderbirds, All-American Hockey League (1987-1988): The team continued to play at the Winston-Salem Memorial Coliseum. In their one season in the AAHL, coached by Pierre Hamel and Brian Carroll, the Thunderbirds had a record of 34-15-0 and would win the AAHL championship as the #2 seed over the Virginia Lancers, a team they had multiple run-ins with in the playoffs during their ACHL days. This would make four championships in six years across two leagues for the Thunderbirds. Both Carolina and Virginia as well as another AAHL team would leave the league after this season to become founding members of the ECHL. The AAHL would fold after the 1988-1989 season.

Carolina/Winston-Salem Thunderbirds, East Coast Hockey League (1988-1992): The Carolina Thunderbirds were one of five founding members of the ECHL in the 1988-1989 season. The Thunderbirds had an under .500 record (27-32-0-1) in their first season but still qualified for the playoffs as the 4 seed. The team won it's 5th championship in 7 years as they swept the #1 seed Erie Panthers and upset the #2 seed Johnstown Chiefs in a 7-game series. After this first season in the ECHL, the team would move out of the Winston-Salem Memorial Coliseum and call the Fairgrounds Annex home the next year. With the move came a re-brand back to the "Winston-Salem Thunderbirds". As the W-S Thunderbirds the team would take the #1 seed in the 1989-1990 season but fell in the Riley Cup finals to the Greensboro Monarchs in 5 games. The 1990-1992 seasons saw the Thunderbirds have a combined record of 56-65-0-7. After the 1991-1992 season the Thunderbirds would move to Wheeling, WV where they still play in the ECHL as the Wheeling Nailers today.

Winston-Salem Mammoths, Southern Hockey League (1995-1996): After three years without hockey, the Winston-Salem area and the Fairgrounds Annex got a new team when the Southern Hockey League made a revival effort in the mid-90's. Named the Winston-Salem Mammoths and coached by John Anderson (formerly of the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Atlanta Thrashers) the team had a record of 30-23-0-7 and earned the three seed in the SHL playoffs. After defeating Daytona Beach in round one, the Mammoths fell in five games to the Huntsville Channel Cats in the SHL finals. The SHL would fold after one season of play, the Mammoths could not find a league to play in and would cease operations after one season.

Winston-Salem IceHawks, United Hockey League (1997-1999): When the Colonial Hockey League rebranded to the United Hockey League in 1997, they also announced two new expansion

franchises to keep the newly named league at 10 teams. Binghamton and Winston-Salem replaced Utica and Dayton for the first UHL season in 1997-1998. Named the IceHawks and coached by Robert Dirk and Mike Sauter in the 1997-1998 and 1998-1999 season respectively, the team made the playoffs once (1999 playoffs) and finished with a combined record of 64-78-0-6. After two seasons in Winston-Salem the team moved to Glens Falls, NY to become the Adirondack IceHawks. They continued there until the team (eventually named the Adirondack Frostbite) suspended operations in 2006.

Winston-Salem Parrots, Atlantic Coast Hockey League (2002-2003): On November 30, 2002 the Winston-Salem area found itself home to the St. Petersburg Parrots after the franchise made a mid-season move from Florida to North Carolina. The team finished with a 28-23-0-6 record and qualified for the ACHL playoffs as the 4-seed. The Parrots were swept in three games by the Knoxville Ice Bears in the playoffs. After the 02-03 season, the ACHL folded and its teams found homes in the SEHL and WHA2

Winston-Salem T-Birds, South East Hockey League (2003-2004): The old St. Petersburg/ Winston-Salem Parrots franchise did not survive the move from the ACHL to the SEHL. Instead, an expansion franchise was awarded to Winston-Salem by the SEHL after the support the Parrots saw in their only season. The team was named the T-Birds as homage to the Carolina Thunderbirds of the 1980's and early 90's. During their only season in the SEHL the T-Birds finished at the bottom of the standings with an 18-38 record and missed the playoffs. The team folded after the 2003-04 season due to an incoming SPHL franchise.

Winston-Salem Polar Twins, Southern Professional Hockey League (2004-2005): The Winston-Salem area got another team in the 2000's after their unexpected arrival of the Parrots/T-birds revived hockey passion in the area. With the old Polar Twins name, this iteration of the team only lasted one season playing out of the LJVM Coliseum Annex. The season did not go well either. After a 14-42 record in year one the team folded and didn't see a year two. The team was coached by Bryan Wells.

Twin City Cyclones, Southern Professional Hockey League (2007-2009): After two seasons in Florence, South Carolina, the Cyclones SPHL franchise moved north and found a home in Winston-Salem for the 2007-08 season. The team struggled in its new home posting a two season record of 48-54-0-10. In year one, the Cyclones qualified for the playoffs as a 5-seed in a seven-team league and were ousted by the Jacksonville Barracudas in round one. The team would draw around 1,100 fans a night. The Cyclones folded after the 2008-09 season citing rising operation costs.

FHL Exhibition Games (2014 & 2017): To judge whether the Winston-Salem market would support a Federal Hockey League franchise, the FHL put three exhibition games at the Fairgrounds Annex. On March 1, 2014 the Dayton Demonz and Watertown Privateers played in front of a crowd of over 2,400 people. Dayton won the game 7-5. In March of 2017, the FHL put a weekend series between the Danville Dashers and Port Huron Prowlers in Winston-Salem. Danville won the game on March 17 5-2; Port Huron won the rematch the next day 3-2. The two games drew over 4,200 fans combined.

Carolina Thunderbirds, Federal Hockey League, (2017-present): At the beginning of the 2016-17 FHL season, team owner Barry Soskin announces an expansion franchise will be placed in Winston-Salem and named after the Carolina Thunderbirds of the 1980's and early 90's. Scott Brand was appointed as President and GM, and André Niec was named the team's first head coach. In their first season of play the team saw tremendous support from the Piedmont Triad area, breaking the FHL's attendance record with 66,204 fans through the door. The Thunderbirds finished their inaugural season with 87 points and were the third seed in the FHL playoffs. They lost in a two-game sweep to the eventual champions, the Watertown Wolves. In the Thunderbirds second season, they earned a league-record 149 standings points and hoisted the 2019 Commissioner's Cup as league champions.

Winston-Salem Hockey Championships: 6 Carolina Thunderbirds (ACHL): 1983, 1985, 1986 Carolina Thunderbirds (AAHL): 1988 Carolina Thunderbirds (ECHL): 1989 Carolina Thunderbirds (FHL): 2019 Winston-Salem Hockey Finals Appearances: 9

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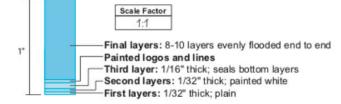
Building the ice at the beginning of the year isn't as simple as flooding the floor with gallons upon gallons of water. The crew must apply the water in a careful and calculated design to guarantee ideal thickness and consistency. An ice surface that is too thick requires more energy to keep frozen and is prone to getting soft on top, making skating more difficult. An ice surface that is too thin is also dangerous, because skaters risk cutting through the ice entirely and hitting the concrete below the ice.

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- **3)** The crew sprays a fine mist of water to create the first two layers of the ice. These layers are about 1/32" individually. Usually the first layer of water freezes on contact with the concrete.
- **4)** Once the first two layers are frozen, a third layer of water is frozen over top and painted white. This layer of ice is ideally 1/16" (the same size as the first two layers combined). The white paint on this layer allows for a strong contrast between the black puck and the playing surface.
- **5)** Once the third layer of ice with white paint is dry and frozen, a fourth layer of ice is laid on to seal the white paint. This sealing layer is also about 1/16" thick. The arena markings, team logos and sponsor logos are then painted, or placed on this layer of ice.
- **6)** Once all the markings are dry and in place the crew applies the final layer of ice by flooding the rink surface several times to get the total ice depth to its ideal thickness.
- 7) Once the ice has been flooded to its ideal thickness and it is hard and dry, it's ready for hockey!



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With no parents to guide them and the storm quickly passing, Salem and Winston took flight from their nest and sought out the comfort of rolling thunder that brought them into this world. They searched high and low, near and far, and eventually found the Winston-Salem raingrounds Annex. Even though it was a clear day, thunderous sounds could be heard from inside the arena and the feathered siblings investigated the sounds.

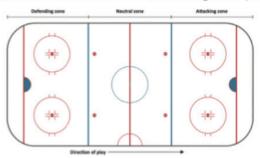
To their surprise they found no thunder or giant red-shoulder hawks, but instead a hockey game. The intense slamming of bodies into the boards and cheering fans gave Winston and Salem the comfort they had been seeking since hatching from their nest. They saw players dressed in red and white, much like themselves, and they flew to the rafters to continue their observations. When the game ended the birds were giddy with excitement and knew they had found their calling in life.

The hockey team, still new at the time, saw the birds after the game and invited them to be their official mascots. Winston and Salem gratefully accepted life into their new home, and the team was to be named after their story. They were the Carolina Thunderbirds.

Although they are twins, Winston and Salem are not the same Thunderbird at all. The older bird Salem is patient, kind and wise beyond her years. She is always supportive of her team and its fans, and loves to inspire the youth who follow her team to be the best they can be. Winston, the younger of the two, is rambunctious, mischievous and adventurous. He can always be found energizing crowds and planning his next practical joke. Both Thunderbirds have grown to feel completely at home at the ice rink and love cheering on the Thunderbirds to victory. Don't be afraid to stop by and ask for a picture. Just keep your wits about you around Winston.

RINK

The playing surface that is surrounded by the "boards" is known as the rink. The ice surface is generally 0.8 to 1.2 inches thick with the official markings painted underneath the top most layer. The rink is divided in half by the center red line and divided by three with two blue lines separating the attacking zone (where you are attempting to score), the neutral zone and the defending zone (where your goalie is).



TEAMS

Each team starts with a maximum of 18 players in a Federal Hockey League game (16 skaters, two goalies). The game begins with the following players on the ice.

GOALTENDER: The goaltender, or goalie as he is more commonly known, has the responsibility of keeping the puck out of his team's net. Goalies do not stray too far from their net and are granted certain protections when they are inside their "crease". The crease is the blue painted area in front of the goal mouth. Goalies can use any method they prefer to stop the puck from going in except for throwing their stick. Goalies are not allowed to play the puck past the center red line. Because of this teams will pull their goalie off the ice to allow for an extra skater in certain situations, like if a delayed penalty is called against the other team or if it is late and they desperately need a goal. Goaltenders bear a lot of responsibility on a team. They are out there for all 60 minutes with no shift changes except for the occasional time they are pulled off the ice and intermissions. They often have the weight of the game on their shoulders and stop 100+ MPH shots without even flinching, they truly are a special breed. Because of their unique position, teams value their goaltenders highly. Don't believe us? Watch what happens when someone gets a little too close or even touches an opposing goalie after a whistle. It makes for some interesting between play viewing.

DEFENSEMAN: There are two defensemen on the ice, one to cover the left side of the ice and another to cover the right. Very rarely will you not see two defensemen on the ice during play. A 4-on-3 power play or 3-on-3 play is perhaps the most common times a team will only have one player playing defense. Defensemen are tasked with forcing turnovers out of the opponent's forwards and keep the line of sight clear for the goalie, so he can see and stop shots coming his way. Defensemen are also asked to block shots frequently to prevent them from getting to the goaltender. In the offensive zone you will see defensemen guarding what are known as the "points". The "point" refers to the area where the blue line meets the boards inside an attacking zone. The next time you hear a broadcaster say "shoots from the point" this is the "point" he's usually referring to. Not only are defensemen usually the toughest guys on the ice (enduring the most body checks from opponents, blocking shots without goalie gear, skating more minutes on average than a forward) they also can possess some of the

hardest slap shots on the team. This makes defensemen perfect for putting hard slap shots in on net from the point position. They are far enough away that they can get the shot off, and they hit the shot so hard that even if a goalie sees the defenseman he may not see the shot whizz right by him.

FORWARDS: In a normal situation of 5-on-5 hockey there will be three forwards on the ice, a center, a left wing and a right wing. The center's job is to take the faceoffs attempting to win control for his team right away on any given play and act as a rover of support between more offensive minded players and the defensive minded players. Wingers are usually more offensively based players who will use the flanks to create havoc on an opponent's defensive core to try and score goals. Depending on the zone a line expects to play in or what kind of situation the game is in (power play, penalty kill etc.) it may be more beneficial to have an "off-handed" winger, which is a left-handed shot playing right wing. It all goes into a coach's strategy on how he chooses to set up his lines. Three forwards are usually kept together throughout the game, so they can build good chemistry while on the ice. If a team goes down a man because of a penalty you will often see less forwards on the ice. For example, a 5-on-4 power play would see the team playing shorthanded utilize two forwards and two defensemen. Conversely, a team on the power play could send out more forwards to try and capitalize on the man advantage.



EQUIPMENT

A hockey player's equipment starts with their skates. The blades of the skates are about 3 mm wide (.12 inches wide) and are usually sharpened every 3-10 games depending on a player's comfort level with them. Moving up from their skates are the shins and socks. Hockey socks are usually made from a polyester blend that can also include Kevlar to make them cut proof (because sometimes those sharp skates go flying everywhere). Hockey socks cover the shin pads that will protect the knee down to the skate boot (just above the ankle). These are Velcro wrapped around the calf and are held even tighter by hockey tape. Up from the shins you have the "shells" or hockey pants. These pants are heavily padded and are usually cinched above the waist and can protect down to the lower thigh or knee depending on player preference. Pants usually have an insert for a jock strap, or players may wear a jock separately underneath the shells. Players also don't have to wear jock straps but blocking shots might be more of an adventure for them.

To protect the upper body, players wear a shoulder pad and elbow pad combo chest plate underneath their jersey. There is a place on the back of the plate called a "fight strap" which secures the back of the player's jersey to the belt area, usually ensuring that the jersey does not come over their head during a fight. As you may see throughout this season, this doesn't always work as intended.

After you outfit a player with padded gloves and a helmet you have a fully dressed hockey player. The last piece of equipment he needs is his stick. Hockey sticks used to be made from wood but are now made from any number of materials including fiberglass, titanium, carbon fiber, and Kevlar just to name a few. Sticks can be made in one piece or in two pieces. A two-piece stick allows the player to swap out different curve styles on a single shaft.

Goaltenders are allowed extra exterior gear to help protect them while they are stopping the puck. Leg pads or "pillows" as they are sometimes called, protect the outside of the body from the ankle to above the knee. As opposed to padded gloves like players wear, a goalie will wear a blocker on his stick hand, which features a hard board-like surface to block pucks away and a glove on his non-stick hand to catch pucks flying towards him.

The puck is the last piece of equipment used on the ice. It is a round black piece of vulcanized rubber that is 1 inch thick and 3 inches in diameter. Pucks weigh 6 ounces and are frozen before each game to prevent bouncing on the ice. Also, because they are frozen they hurt a lot more than any 6-ounce object you've likely ever dealt with, especially when fired at about 90 miles per hour from a defenseman.



PLAYING RULES

The goal of a hockey game is to score more goals than your opponent in the allotted time of a game (usually 60 minutes broken up into three 20-minute periods). There are two major non-penalized infractions known as **Offside** and **Icing**. A player is offside when both of his skates entered the attacking zone before the puck. If he plays the puck from this position or does not touch up while his opponents have the puck in the zone he is deemed to be offside and the linesman will blow the whistle, rendering the play dead. Offside faceoffs usually take place on the dot outside of the zone the offending player was offside in. If the offside was ruled to be intentional, then the faceoff after the whistle may take place in the offending team's defensive zone.

Icing as an infraction occurs when a player shoots the puck down-ice from his own half of the ice (divided by the red line at center ice). If the puck makes it from the defensive zone down to behind the end line of the opposite zone without being touched it is an iced puck. To confirm the icing call, linesmen use what is called the "hybrid icing" system to rule if a defender would get to the puck first. When any player crosses the faceoff dots a linesman must make an assessment on an iced puck as to who would get to it first. If it is a non-offending player, the play is whistled dead due to icing. If a player from the offending team is judged to get to the puck first, then play resumes

as normal. It's a little confusing we know, luckily if you have any questions seek out our team President Scott Brand. He was the one who invented the rule a decade ago. We're serious.

PENALTIES

Expecting a bunch of athletes to keep their cool in a confined space at high speeds with bodies crashing everywhere is a tough ask. When a player gets too unruly, they may be sent to the penalty box for any number of possible infractions. After a player commits a penalty and his team secures possession of the puck the referee blows the play dead and assesses the penalty. Penalties come in different varieties, the most common of which is a "minor" penalty. A minor penalty lasts 2 minutes and expires early if the opponents score a goal. A penalty can also be given as a "double minor" which is treated as two minor penalties assessed to the same player. A player can also be penalized for a "major" infraction, which is a 5-minute long penalty that does not expire early under any circumstance. Players can also be given misconducts which are player-specific and do not impact team on-ice manpower. The most common kind of misconduct is a 10-minute penalty; however, Game Misconducts and Gross Misconducts can also be assessed. These come with ejection from the current game the player is playing in and the possibility of further supplemental discipline.

OFFICIALS

On-ice officials oversee the game and oversee that all rules are being followed and keep players safe while on the ice. Officials are broken into two subcategories, linesmen and referees. Linesmen are responsible for dropping all pucks on faceoffs, breaking up fights, and enforcing non-penalty infractions like offsides, icing and playing the puck with a high stick. Referees award goals on the ice and assess penalties to players that impact manpower on the ice. You can tell the difference between a referee and a linesman by the orange sleeve on their jerseys. If a penalty is severe enough and one of the orange banded men did not see it, a linesman can report the infraction to the referee at a stoppage of play and a penalty can be assessed if deemed appropriate.

There are also off-ice officials at all hockey games who oversee the more administrative side of things. The scorekeeper, timekeeper, goal judges and penalty box attendants are all examples of different off-ice officials that are crucial to making a hockey game run smoothly.

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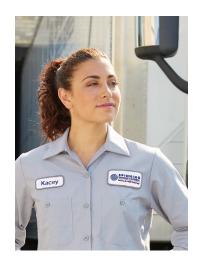
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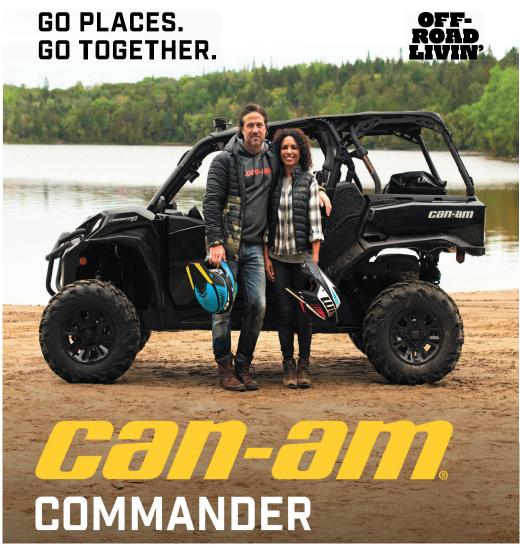




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