

# RETIRING ROSS BOWERS #61 JERSEY

This Saturday we will recognise the remarkable contribution to MK Lightning and MK Ice Hockey which has been made by Ross Bowers, as we retire his number 61 jersey.

37 year old Ross has spent his hockey life in and around MK, beginning his career in the junior system of MK Kings. He made his first MK Lightning appearance in the club's first season in 2002, making an appearance alongside such greats as Nick Poole, Gary Clarke, Dwayne Newman and Leigh Jamieson.

Ross spent the second MKL season splitting his time between the Lightning and MK Thunder before stepping up full time with the Lightning in the 2004-2005 season.

Overall Ross has been part of teams which have won significant honours over the years:

- 2002-2003 EPIHL Playoff Champion
- 2003-2004 EPIHL Champion and EPIHL Playoff Champion
- 2004-2005 EPIHL Champion and EPIHL Playoff Champion
- 2005-2006 EPIHL Playoff Champion
- 2009-2010 EPIHL Champion and EPIHL Champion

In all, Ross made 507 League, Cup and Playoff appearances, scoring 111 goals and 104 assists for 215 points, and 489 penalty minutes. His most prolific season being the league winning 2009-2010 campaign where he scored 24 goals and 22 assists in 56 games.

# #61



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Ross spent all but one season of his playing career in Milton Keynes, this coming in the 2008-2009 season when he stepped up to the Elite League with the Basingstoke Bison.

From 2019, Ross stepped behind the bench joining Lewis Clifford's coaching staff as Lightning began their campaign in the NIHL National League. Ross continued this role for three seasons, with his final game being the Playoff Championship decider in Coventry in April 2022. After this Ross retired from hockey but has enjoyed watching games from time to time as our guest this year.

We are retiring Ross' jersey to recognise the length and breadth of his contribution across the years. He has been a huge influence on Lightning, with his competitive approach and points scoring skill as well as a popular player both with fans and teammates. Despite suffering a serious injury in early 2019, Ross showed his grit and determination by pulling the Lightning shirt on as injury cover in the 2019-20 season appearing 7 times. This shows his dedication and is one of the reasons we are proud to recognise what he has done.

Welcome to Ross and his family for tonight's very special celebration of 20 years of MK Lightning and his own role in that.



VS PETERBOROUGH PHANTOMS

SAT 11/03/2023 - 19:00



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LAST WEEK'S

# MAN OF THE MATCH



On Saturday at Bison, it was a great performance from Milique Martelly, earning him another MoM award for his dynamic and action packed play.

Sam Talbot was in sensational form all weekend and took the award on Sunday at home with a goal and impact all over the ice.

# PLAYER PROFILE



Daniel Watkins is part of our equipment team and is a shining example of diligence and hard work. If you see Daniel on a matchnight, he will almost certainly be carrying a massive stack of sticks, taking care of something urgent, or putting himself in the line of fire opening the door on the bench. Daniel is one of the true unsung heroes of MK and British hockey, and we thank him for everything he does.

# COACH'S COMMENTS



Saturday in Basingstoke was a solid team performance. To get a shut out on the road is never easy. Every line played very well along with our defensemen playing exactly the way Joe and I have been preaching all year. Hedley was calm and confident throughout. I was definitely happy with the score line but the amount of chances we limited was what I was most proud of.

The next day at home we weren't as sharp, we had a slower start with one too many turnovers in the first period. I think some guys were just a little tired on Sunday with the shorter lineup. In the end we found a way to get the two points.

We have to play better next weekend against two very good teams. We're excited for the matchup at home against the Phantoms.

# LAST HOME GAME



SAT 05/03/2023

SCORE 5(OT) - 4

# NEXT HOME GAMES



SAT 18/03/2023 - 19:00

TELFORD TIGERS



SAT 25/03/2023 - 19:00

BEES



SAT 01/04/2023 - 19:00

LEEDS KNIGHTS



8TH OR 9TH APRIL

DETAILS COMING SOON

# HOME TEAM

PLAYER	GOALS	ASSISTS	PENS	SOG
#1 JORDAN HEDLEY (G)				
#3 TYLER NIXON (D)				
#5 BEN RUSSELL (D)				
#7 DEVIDS SARKANIS (LW)				
#8 LIAM STEWART (C/LW)				
#10 BOBBY CHAMBERLAIN (RW)				
#11 CALLUM FIELD (C)				
#12 ZAINE MCKENZIE (RW/C)				
#14 HALDEN BARNES-GARNER (F)				
#15 JAMES GRIFFIN (D)				
#19 LEIGH JAMIESON (D/F)				
#21 ROSS GREEN (D)				
#23 JACK HOPKINS (C)				
#25 EDWARD KNAGGS (D)				
#26 GUILLAUME DOUCET (RW)				
#28 TIM WALLACE (C/RW)				
#31 DANIEL CROWE (G)				
#33 MILIQUE MARTELLY (D)				
#39 SAMUEL RUSSELL (D)				
#66 LEWIS CHRISTIE (D)				
#86 SEAN NORRIS (F)				
#89 RIO GRINELL-PARKE (F)				
#95 MACK STEWART (RW/LW)				
#98 SAMUEL TALBOT (F)				

# AWAY TEAM

PLAYER	GOALS	ASSISTS	PENS	SOG
#2 THOMAS NORTON (D)				
#4 ARCHIE SALISBURY (D)				
#11 SCOTT ROBSON (D)				
#12 NATHAN POLLARD (F)				
#19 LEO MARKEY (F)				
#21 LUC JOHNSON (F)				
#23 BRADLEY BOWERING (D)				
#24 AUSTIN MITCHELL-KING (LW)				
#25 BILLY THORPE (D)				
#29 WILLIAM WELDON (C)				
#33 JORDAN MARR (G)				
#34 RALFS CIRGENIS (F)				
#35 JOSEPH GRETTON (D/F)				
#38 DUNCAN SPEIRS (F/D)				
#42 TYLER DE LA BERTOUCHE (G)				
#44 RYAN BAINBOROUGH (G)				
#45 CALLUM BUGLASS (D)				
#71 COREY MCEWEN (C)				
#72 GLENN BILLING (C)				
#77 MARTINS SUSTERS (LW)				
#91 LUKAS SLADKOVSKY (LW)				
#93 ALES PADELEK (LW)				
#95 JASPER FOSTER (LW)				
#96 JARVIS HUNT (C)				

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# PLAYER SIGNATURE



# NOTABLE PLAYERS



20 year old Austin Mitchell-King is with Peterborough on a 2-way with Coventry. Austin starred for Telford last year, picking up 35 points in 47 games, and really showing his development as a player. He's skilled and active on offence and could be in the points tonight.



Lukas Sladkovsky signed from Raiders where he scored over a point per game last year. So far this year, he seems re-energised in his new club, and creates scoring chances and makes a nuisance of himself all over the ice.



24 year old Martins Susters was born in Latvia but is a British trained player. He brings a lot of experience across the British leagues as well as some time in Latvia. Since re-joining Peterborough slightly after the start of the season, Susters has made a big impact scoring more than a point per game.