

Quattrin joins Arrows for inaugural MLR season

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With the franchise's first Major League Rugby season on the horizon, the Toronto Arrows have filled their quiver. Among the final additions to the professional rugby roster is Andrew Quattrin, a longtime Aurora Barbarians standout who was announced to the team last week.

"We are very pleased to have this first group of 34 players on board," said Arrows Vice President and General Manager Mark Winokur. "We are talented and deep at all positions, which is critical for such a challenging schedule, and we're even happier that our strategy of bringing Ontario and Canadian players along the pathway has got us here."

The hook from Holland Landing is fresh off a career year with the Wilfrid Laurier University Golden Hawks, where in his final season he led the Hawks to their first ever OUA medal. Quattrin scored the only try in a 6-0 win over the Waterloo Warriors.

Winokur said adding Quattrin brings "depth and versatility to the roster, consisting of mostly Canadian nationals."

"For a lot of our guys, this will be the most challenging schedule they have ever been involved in, so they all know they will play an important role at some point throughout the season."

Named the conference's Most Valuable Player in 2017, Quattrin was a staple on the senior men's Barbarian squad's forward core up until last season.

The Arrows will play a sixteen-game schedule in its inaugural MLR season, with the club's first eight matches all being played on the road.

The first home game for the Arrows goes April 7 against New Orleans at York Lions Stadium, a home they will share with the York 9 FC of the Canadian Premier League, also in their rookie season.

Major League Rugby was formed in 2017 and features nine teams, with eight playing in the United States. Toronto will compete against clubs from New Orleans, Houston, Austin (Texas), New York, San Diego, Glendale (Colorado), Seattle and Utah.