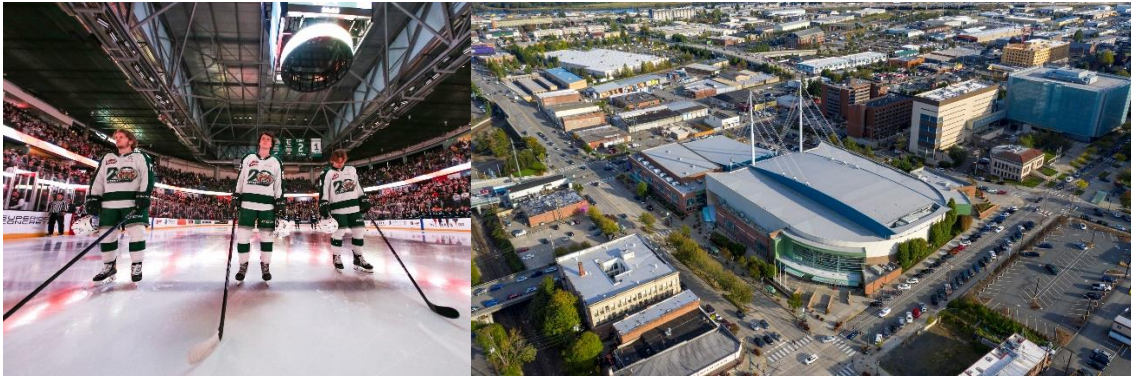


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## **20-year hockey tradition continues in Everett as the Silvertips and Angel Of The Winds Arena renew for next five years!**



**Everett, WA** – Angel Of The Winds Arena and the Everett Silvertips of the Western Hockey League announce a renewal of their agreement, extending what has been 20 years of Silvertips hockey in Everett, WA for a guaranteed 5 more years. The renewal means that the Silvertips will play all of their home games at Angel Of The Winds Arena, managed by OVG360, through at least the 2027-2028 season.

This partnership renewal is especially impactful in timing, as the facility prepares to celebrate its’ 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of bringing the best in live events and sporting experiences to the Everett and Snohomish County community. Corey Margolis, General Manager for OVG360 at Angel Of The Winds Arena states, “The Silvertips have been a key component of the facility since opening back in 2003, and we are ecstatic at the opportunity to continue our collaboration with the Silvertips organization to deliver incredible hockey to our community by this storied franchise.”

While Angel Of The Winds Arena opens its doors to over 300,000 guests annually, the facility and WHL team also widely focus on giving back through charitable events such as the annual “Pink The Rink” and “Teddy Bear Toss” which saw over \$200,000 in donations in the 2022 season alone. Additionally, the facility, including the Everett Community Ice Rink, focuses on ice sports and acts as a community pillar year-round with over 625 public skate sessions, “Learn to Skate” sessions, and youth and adult hockey and figure skating, with over 200,000 participants annually.

Zoran Rajcic, COO of the Everett Silvertips asserts, "we're thrilled to commit ourselves to a longer stay at Angel Of The Winds Arena. We've seen strong attendance numbers and tremendous community support from day one all the way through twenty seasons of operation. We're particularly grateful for our cooperative working relationship with OVG360 and the Everett PFD, and look forward to fostering that in the future. We are excited and motivated to provide not only a top-notch product on the ice, but an unparalleled entertainment experience in downtown Everett for our fans."

“The Everett Public Facilities District thanks the Silvertips for their longtime partnership and many years of commitment to building this hockey legacy as well as their continued support of improvements to the facility for the seasons ahead. As a collective group we aim to prioritize guest experience, safety, and

inspire more milestones to share for the Tips community as a whole,” said Michael Swanson, President, Everett Public Facilities District Board of Directors.

Some of these investments by the EPFD and OVG360 include:

- The installation of a state of the art 360-degree LED ribbon board; the highest resolution ribbon board that Daktronics had installed.
- A new and upgraded ice plant refrigeration system, as well as new walls in the Everett Community Ice Rink, designed to keep the space in top condition for hundreds of thousands of annual users for years to come.
- Installation of Xtract One’s SmartGateway system, a cutting-edge security and weapons detection system to provide fast, convenient and modern entry experiences.

With 686 total regular season games played at Angel Of The Winds Arena over the Silvertips entire franchise history, some home highlights include:

- A .598 overall points percentage; 3rd-best in the WHL since entering the league
- Home record over 20 seasons: 415-205-9-24-33; the .653 points percentage is 4th-best in the WHL since 2003-04
- Home record since 2017-18: 129-41-6-6; most wins and highest points percentage (.741) in the WHL in that span
- Jackson Berezowski ties the single-season goals record (47) with a hat trick in his final home game on March 24, 2023. He scored his 48th on the road the following night in Victoria.
- 13 NHL Draft picks since 2018
- 24 total Silvertips have played in the NHL, including Stanley Cup Champion Ryan Murray and Eastern Conference Champion Radko Gudas

“This fall, our facility is celebrating twenty years”, remarks Swanson. “We are sincerely grateful to have had a hand in facilitating countless memories made over the last two decades and take pride in our role as an economic driver for the City of Everett. We would also like to recognize the outstanding efforts and dedication of the Everett Silvertips organization and appreciate the unity in this partnership that engages the local community and through this contract renewal will continue the tradition of Everett as a hockey hub in the Pacific Northwest.”

For more information on Angel Of The Winds Arena, the upcoming Silvertips games and other events for 2023 and beyond, visit [angelofthewindsarena.com](http://angelofthewindsarena.com).

### **About the Everett Silvertips**

The Everett Silvertips are entering their 21st season in the Western Hockey League. Twenty-four players have suited up for the Silvertips and advanced to play in the National Hockey League since the team’s inaugural season in 2003-04. Everett is proud to boast nine U.S. Division championships and two Western Conference titles. For more information on the Everett Silvertips, visit [everettsilvertips.com](http://everettsilvertips.com) or follow the team on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.

### **About the Western Hockey League (WHL)**

Regarded as the world’s finest development league for junior hockey players, the Western Hockey League (WHL) head office is based in Calgary, Alberta. The WHL consists of 22-member Clubs with 16 located in Western Canada and six in the U.S. Pacific Northwest. A member of the Canadian Hockey League, the WHL has been a leading supplier of talent for the National Hockey League for over 50 years. The WHL is also the leading provider of hockey scholarships with over 350 graduates each year receiving WHL Scholarships to pursue a postsecondary education of their choice. Each season, WHL players also form the nucleus of Canada’s National Junior Hockey Team.

### **About Everett Public Facilities District and Angel Of The Winds Arena**

Angel Of The Winds Arena was developed and is owned by the Everett Public Facilities District, a municipal corporation managed by a five-member Board of Directors, providing oversight and direction to the provision of services in Angel Of The Winds Arena, Everett Community Ice Rink and the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center. Angel Of The Winds Arena is a three venue, state-of-the-art multi-purpose complex located in the heart of downtown Everett, WA. The complex is managed by OVG360, a division of Oak View Group. For more information, visit [www.angelofthewindsarena.com](http://www.angelofthewindsarena.com).

### **About OVG360**

OVG360, a division of Oak View Group, is a full-service venue management and hospitality company that helps client-partners reimagine the sports, live entertainment, and convention industries for the betterment of the venue, employees, artists, athletes, and surrounding communities. With a portfolio of more than 200 client-partners spanning arenas, stadiums, convention centers, performing arts centers, cultural institutions, and state fairs around the globe, OVG360 provides a set of services, resources and expertise designed to elevate every aspect of business that matters to venue operators. Service-oriented and driven by social responsibility, OVG360 helps facilities drive value through excellence and innovation in food services, booking and content development, sustainable operations, public health and public safety and more.

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