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NEW AMENITIES TO DEBUT AT 2023-24 HOCKEY SEASON OPENER

Newly Upgraded Features to Enhance Fan Experience Debut Saturday

GRAND FORKS, ND – The University of North Dakota (UND) men’s hockey team starts their season this weekend in their home opener versus Manitoba on Saturday, October 7 at 6:07pm inside Ralph Engelstad Arena (REA). Tickets are available at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) and the REA box office starting at \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth (ages 2-12).

Saturday evening’s exhibition game against Manitoba marks the 23rd season of UND hockey inside Ralph Engelstad Arena. The venue is excited to announce new fan experiences and “know before you go” information for the upcoming season:

Mobile Ticketing – Now is the time to prepare your tickets for the upcoming season. Log into your My North Dakota Account with your email to view your tickets and then add them to your Apple Wallet or Google Pay (if available to you) for easy entry. Make sure to familiarize yourself with a practice run before Saturday’s game. Questions? Visit theralph.com/events/ticket-info for detailed information.

Not going to a game? Keep the arena full, loud and electric. It’s easier than ever to sell, transfer or donate your digital hockey tickets with just a few clicks. Visit theralph.com/events/ticket-info for the 1-2-3 ticket forwarding steps.

Main Entry Gate Addition – We’ve added a new main lobby entrance point with the addition of another entry gate. There’s now four open gates and eight ticket scanners to better serve our fans on game night to reduce the amount of time fans wait in line to enter.

\$20,000 50/50 Saturdays – Back by popular demand, Ralph Engelstad Arena is again offering a chance to split a \$20,000 minimum jackpot each home Saturday game! Visit a 50/50 kiosk inside REA to purchase your 50/50 tickets.

New Large Format Concourse Photos – Take a stroll around the upper and lower-level concourses to discover a newly updated collection of UND hockey-related photos.

A New National Anthem Voice – Lacey Schuler has passed the microphone to another singer familiar to hockey fans, Dave Berger. Dave will sing the national anthem a majority of the season along with welcoming other talented performers.

Remembering Al Pearson – A new display featuring Al’s signature white cowboy hat has been added outside of section 105/106 to honor his memory.

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Food & Beverage Additions – new concession items include funnel fries, cheddar brats, and scooped ice cream in an additional location, plus soda/water vending machines along the concourse. New beer offerings include Grain Belt Premium and Nordeast, Modelo, Summit Saga and Blake’s Triple Jam cider. Also new this season is the “Ralpharitas” stand with a new line-up of delicious margaritas and the new “Busch Light Cabin” featuring Grand Forks’ favorite beer. Fans will also notice that soda and water selections in most locations have been paired down to sell the most highly sought after products as quickly as possible, and our Hugo’s Market Express location is where fans will find a more varied line of soda and water products this season.

Sioux Shop Authentics Kiosk – fans can now create their own Authentics jersey customization using an interactive screen with a real time preview. Available inside the Sioux Shop on weekdays and at the Authentics location on game nights.

Sioux Shop Adds Brands – now featuring new replica jerseys from SP Apparel and Beauty Unis, plus new apparel from Nike, Under Armour, Wrangler and Tommy Bahama.

UND North Dakota Gameday App - download the app to play a variety of interactive games with some fantastic prizes, including Check in to Win, Guess the Goal Scorer, Trivia Challenge and Player of the Game. The app also includes line charts, scores, schedule, game notes and special offers. Download at the Google Play and Apple App Store.

Skies 322 Lounge – this newly rebranded suite level bar is located in the suite level atrium area. The bar will serve a variety of mixed cocktails and beer for suite owners and their guests.

UND Student Concessions Discount – to recognize the significant role that UND students play with the UND hockey program, UND students can purchase from a select menu of concession items at a discount this season at the Wishbone Kitchen (outside section 106) concession stand. UND students will simply show their valid UND student ID card at concession stands to receive the discount.

Water Bottle Filling Stations - free bottle filling stations are now available on the main and upper concourses outside sections 106 and 306. Ticket holders may bring empty water bottles into the arena on game nights to fill.

For more information on Ralph Engelstad Arena services, policies, and promotions theralph.com/guest-services. For any questions on improvements or initiatives for the upcoming season at The Ralph, contact Jody Hodgson at (701) 777-6633 or jodyh@theralph.com.

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