



Wildcats Extend Congratulations **Wildcats Product Makes NHL Debut Tonight**

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BERWICK, NOVA SCOTIA – The Valley Wildcats, of the Maritime Hockey League, are proud to extend congratulations to former player Drake Batherson, who will make his NHL debut tonight as a member of the Ottawa Senators.

The 20-year-old forward spent five seasons with the Wildcats organization – two in bantam, two in midget and one season with the junior A club. He’s projected to play on the Senators first line this evening as Ottawa hosts the Detroit Red Wings (8 p.m. TSN).

Batherson says he has fond memories of his time with the Wildcats organization.

“Growing up I played for the Wildcats for five years and they gave me the opportunity to develop my game with some great players and some great coaches along the way,” said the New Minas resident.

“Overall, when I look back, I just remember so many great experiences and a lot of fun over the years playing with my friends.”

Wildcats G.M. Nick Greenough, who coached Batherson, is thrilled for his protégé.

“It’s a great day when a local kid, who came through all the Wildcats programs, gets to further his career and achieve every player’s dream of making the NHL,” said Greenough.

“We’re as proud as we can be. It’s a great moment for Drake, our organization and the Annapolis Valley in general.”

The Wildcats host the Amherst Ramblers Friday night at 7 p.m. Ticket to all Wildcats games are available at: 902-698-9913, whamilton@valleywildcats.com or can be purchased at the box office prior to game time.

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