

The Hawks Nest

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Lehigh Valley Steelhawks



Steelhawks' 2016 AIF Game Schedule

Upcoming Event:

- ◆ 1/11: 4th Annual Partner Appreciation Mixer— 6pm-9pm. Hosted by Vision Bar (77 Sands Blvd. Bethlehem, PA)

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*Home Opener and Kickoff Classic:
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In a release made today the Lehigh Valley Steelhawks, heading into their sixth season of play, announced their 2016 American Indoor Football League schedule. The Steelhawks Home Opener inside the PPL Center on Embassy Bank Field will be on Saturday, May 5th at 7:00pm versus the Philadelphia Yellow Jackets in the AIF's Kickoff Classic!

This season, the American Indoor Football League (AIF) will consist of 20 teams divided into two divisions, North and South. The Steelhawks will be a part of the North Division along with – Central Penn Capitals (PA), Chicago Blitz (IL), Marion Blue Racers (OH), Philadelphia Yellow Jackets (PA), River City Raiders (MO), Saginaw Sting (MI), Triangle Torch (NC), West Michigan Ironmen (MI), and Winston Wildcats (NC). Lehigh Valley's season will consist of nine games, six home and three away. The regular season kicks off in early March and will wrap up the end of May.

The Steelhawks will play five Saturday night home games and one Friday night game. With three Pennsylvania teams



(Steelhawks, Capitals, Yellow Jackets), Lehigh Valley's fans

can look forward to the beginning of some local rivalries. The Steelhawks will see the Central Penn Capitals three times, hosting them twice and traveling to Harrisburg once. The Yellow Jackets will also be in the Valley twice.

The North Carolina teams (Torch and Wildcats) are on the schedule twice each as well; each team will play one home and one away game versus the Hawks'.

The Steelhawks will have a true test for their first away game. The Central Penn Capitals (previously the York Capitals) are the defending league champions. The teams will also see each other in a regular season wrap up.

The Lehigh Valley Steelhawks full 2016 schedule is as follows:

Saturday, March 5th
Lehigh Valley vs. Philadelphia Yellow Jackets 7:00pm

Saturday, March 12th
Lehigh Valley @ Central Penn Capitals 7:00pm

BYE Week

Friday, March 25th
Lehigh Valley @ Triangle Torch 7:30pm

Saturday, April 2nd
Lehigh Valley @ Winston Wildcats 7:00pm

Friday, April 8th
Lehigh Valley vs. Winston Wildcats 7:30pm

BYE Week

Saturday, April 23rd
Lehigh Valley vs. Philadelphia Yellow Jackets 7:00pm



Saturday, April 30th
Lehigh Valley vs. Central Penn Capitals 7:00pm

BYE Week

Saturday, May 14th
Lehigh Valley vs. Triangle Torch 7:00pm

Saturday, May 21st
Lehigh Valley vs. Central Penn Capitals 7:00pm

*All Times Eastern Standard Time

To make the playoffs, the Steelhawks will need to finish in the top three within their division. Six teams will make the playoffs, three from each division; the top team from each division will have a bye to the semi-finals. Playoffs are slated to begin on May 28th and will conclude with the AIF Championship Game on June 11th.

Player Feature: Chris Alvarez

MEET THE STEELHAWKS

STATS

Position: Line Backer

Height: 6'3

Weight: 255

College: Rowan



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BAD BOYS II



Featured Program:

Steelhawks Jr. Football League (SJFL)

Jr. League Returns Bigger and Better for 3rd Season

The Lehigh Valley Steelhawks are organizing their Jr. Football League to be played inside the PPL Center on Embassy Bank Field. After having successfully completed the last two seasons with four teams; this, third season sees enrollment of teams jump to 10!



The Hawks organization is thrilled to have almost 200 kids signed up to play arena football. The SJFL has proved to have created an excellent experience for the parents, families, kids, coaches, and all involved and it will only continue to get better. It will also bring insight to Arena

Football, and build long lasting personal relationships with the Lehigh Valley Steelhawks players, coaches, staff, and surrounding Lehigh Valley community.

The SJFL will be a full contact tackle football league using an arena

football format and we want to target youth area teams already in existence. Consequently, it will provide an opportunity for the youth to experience the excitement of arena football in what would be the off-season from their respectable youth football league or team.

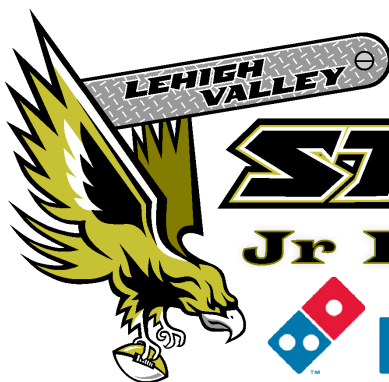
Each team gets to play four games on the Steelhawks' Embassy Bank Field before a Hawks' home game, and this year, there may be a bonus fifth game played at the Hawks' Official Practice Facility, Iron Lakes Sports Club. The season will culminate with the Domino's Pizza Bowl to determine a champion.



There will also be a Red Robin Runner-up Game.

Each player will also be able to participate in a Jr. Skills Clinic that will be hosted and run by Steelhawks coaches, players, and Lehigh Valley Health Network Strength and Conditioning Coaches

The success and growth the league has seen, is due in large part to the our awesome partners. This year, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Domino's, Spark Orthodontics, and Red Robin are all joining forces to put together the biggest and hopefully best season the SJFL has seen thus far.



STEELHAWKS

Jr FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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Lehigh Valley Steelhawks 2016 Current Roster (as of 12/3)

LB Chris Alvarez (6'3, 255) - Rowan
 OL/FB John Alvarez (6'2, 315) - Del Val
 WR Terrill Barnes (6'3, 215) - IUP
 DL Tahir Basil (6'2, 285) - Lafayette
 QB Clay Belton (6'6, 230) - University of Findlay
 OL Jeff Braun (6'5, 320) - West Virginia
 WR/QB Jay Cameron (6'2, 210) - Jacksonville St.
 DB David Castillo (5'8, 180) - East Stroudsburg
 WR Alex Coleman (5'8, 180) - Capital
 OL Tyler Dean (6'2, 295) - Lebanon Valley
 WR Gregory Edwards (6'1, 195) - North Carolina Wesleyan

DB Olando Fisher (5'11, 205) - Syracuse
 LB Carl Fleming (6'2, 240) - IUP
 DL Larry Ford (6'4, 260) - West Virginia
 DB/LB E.J. Frain (6'2, 210) - Abilene Christian
 WR Jeremy Hartman (6'3, 230) - Wilkes
 DL/LB Tim Hume (6'2, 265) - Cheyney
 FB/OL Josh Kamenas (6'4, 305)
 DL Abe Koroma (6'4, 300) - Penn State
 OL/FB Darrin Love (6'2, 290) - Kean
 OL Rustin Mayorga (6', 190) - Concordia
 OL Lloyd Morrison (6'3, 330) - Fordham
 DB Lenroy Neysmith (6'3, 205) - American International

WR Warren Oliver Jr. (6'2, 220) - Rowan
 DB/LB NaShawn Palmer (6', 210) - Virginia of Lynchburg
 DB James Pitts (6', 190) - Villanova
 WR Brandon Renford (5'9, 185) - Niagara CC
 DB Tristan Simms (6', 200) - Western Arizona
 LB/DL Jamiel Sims (6'1, 260) - West Chester
 LB Herschel Thornton (6'2, 215) - East Stroudsburg
 DB Ken Walton (6'2, 190) - Itawamba CC
 WR Norman White Jr. (6'4, 220) - Villanova
 DB John Williams (5'10, 185) - Tabor
 WR Rob Wright (6'3, 220) - Del State

4th Annual Partnership Appreciation Mixer

Continuing the tradition the Steelhawks started in 2012, the organization will be holding their 4th Annual Partnership Appreciation Mixer on January 11, 2016.

The mixer is family friendly and open to all our partners and fans. The Steelhawks enjoy getting everyone together just prior to the start of the season to

celebrate and thank all the businesses and families that have joined the Steelhawks family for the upcoming season.



Once again, the Steelhawks Official Post-Game Party Spot, Vision Bar/Sands Event Center will be hosting

the event that will run from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Drink specials and finger foods will be available.

Join the entire Steelhawks organization—players, coaches, dancers, and front office staff—for a great night out in the Valley. It's always a fun night out and there will some exciting announcements made!



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COME FLY WITH
 US!

The Greatest Show on Turf returns to the Lehigh Valley! The Lehigh Valley Steelhawks, founded in 2010 are a professional indoor football team that plays in the American Football League (AIF). The season runs from February all the way through June.

We hope to see you at the PPL Center to cheer on your hometown team this season, as they strive to bring a Championship to the Valley.

Our mission is "To consistently serve our Guests [Ticket Holders], Partners [Sponsors], and our Homes [Teams Cities] at the highest possible level and to do so with integrity, kindness, affordability, and passion on the field, in our front offices, and around the communities in which we play."

Season Ticket Packages will be on sale soon!!! Call 610-282-3100 to reserve yours today!