

# ABOUT CALGARY FOOHILLS FC :

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*Calgary Foothills FC is the Calgary Foothills Soccer Club's men's Pro-Am team. The team proudly serves as a platform for the future stars of the games to grow and succeed in Canada, while also delivering an exceptional sporting experience for fans.*

Calgary Foothills FC plays in League 1 Alberta but previously competed in the USL League Two Northwest Conference and was part of USL League Two (formerly known as the PDL.) PDL provided a semi-professional environment for player development. It is sponsored by the United Soccer League in the United States and Canada. Calgary Foothills FC competed in the Western Division, where they faced MLS development teams including the Portland Thorns, Seattle Sounders, and Vancouver Whitecaps. Calgary Foothills FC is closely connected to Cavalry FC.

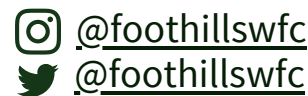
## What is League 1 Alberta?

League 1 Alberta is a senior Pro-Am soccer league that was established in 2023. It provides an opportunity for both amateur and semi-professional players to compete at a higher level. The league is comprised of five teams in the men's and women's divisions with Calgary Foothills Soccer Club having a team in each. The League was announced in 2023 as an exhibition series with plans to officially launch in 2024 including membership in Canada League 1. This league provides a valuable opportunity for young soccer players in Alberta to make their way into the professional game.



## Calgary Foothills FC Key Facts:

- In 2023, the inaugural year of League 1 Alberta, Foothills FC won the championship. They ended the season with a record of 6-0-2.
- In 2018, the team captured the National Championship title of the U23 League.
- In 2017, the team would improve on their point total from the season before, finishing second in the Northwest Division.
- In 2016, the team won the Northwest Division with an 8-3-3 record.
- The team is led by head coach, Jay Wheeldon, a former professional player with Cavalry FC.



## Calgary Foothills FC Key Players:



### MOHAMED EL GANDOUR

El Gandour was drafted by Cavalry in the Usports 2020 draft. Since 2021, he has played for the Foothills U23 and Cavalry AMSL teams. El Gandour is the record goalscorer for Mount Royal Cougars.



### MAX PIEPGRASS

Piepgrass has been with Calgary Foothills since the age of 10, representing us at all levels, including serving as captain in 2021. Piepgrass made his professional debut at 17, playing with Cavalry against Pacific FC. In April 2022, he was selected for the Canadian men's national team U20 Squad. Piepgrass currently attends Cape Breton University.



### SKY ROGERS

Rogers has been a part of Calgary Foothills since the age of 11. He is a powerful attacker and fantastic goalscorer and has proved this at every level he has played. Rogers made his professional debut in the 2022 season for Cavalry. He currently attends Mount Royal University.



### MARKUS KAISER

Kaiser has been with Calgary Foothills since the age of 8 and is another player who has played within every area of the club. Kaiser won numerous provincial gold medals with Foothills, including a national championship in 2019. Kaiser made his professional debut for Cavalry in the 2022 season. Kaiser attends UBC and was the runner-up at Nationals where his team lost on penalties in the final.



### TOM FIELD

Field came through the Brentford Academy, making 21 appearances for the then Championship side. With his high level of play and experience, which includes two seasons with the Cavalry, Field is a valuable addition to the Foothills team.



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### Coaching Staff:



**JAY WHEELDON**  
Jay Wheeldon is the current technical director at Calgary Foothills Soccer Club and also the Head Coach of the Men's League 1 Team.

### Quotes and Testimonials:

*"I'm really looking forward to helping this league grow and develop, and playing alongside some talented youngsters to help them any way I can." - Tom Field*


*"I am excited to play for Calgary Foothills in League 1 this season and continue to improve as a player. This will be a great opportunity for players to showcase themselves at a high level." - Mohamed El Gandour*


*"I am excited to return to Calgary Foothills for this upcoming season. I can't wait to get started with the team and I think this is a great opportunity for players like myself to grow and make an impact." - Sky Rogers*

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