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## MONSTERS ANNOUNCE ROSTER MOVES PRIOR TO SEASON OPENER

### *Harrington assigned by Columbus for conditioning purposes, Houser signs AHL contract.*

**CLEVELAND** – The AHL’s defending Calder Cup Champions, the Cleveland Monsters, proudly powered by Constellation, announced Friday that the NHL’s Columbus Blue Jackets assigned defenseman **Scott Harrington** to Cleveland for the purpose of conditioning. Additionally, goaltender **Michael Houser** signed an AHL standard player contract (SPC) with the Monsters on Friday.

A 6’2”, 219 lb. left-handed blue-liner from Kingston, ON, Harrington registered 0-1-1 with eight penalty minutes in 25 NHL appearances for the Pittsburgh Penguins and Toronto Maple Leafs spanning parts of the past two seasons. A fourth-year pro, Harrington, 23, logged 8-31-39 with 89 penalty minutes and a +32 rating in 141 combined AHL appearances for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins and the Toronto Marlies spanning parts of four seasons from 2012-16. Acquired by Columbus via trade in exchange for forward Kerby Rychel on June 25, 2016, Harrington was selected by Pittsburgh in the second round (54th overall) of the 2011 NHL Entry Draft. Prior to his professional career, Harrington supplied 13-68-81 with 129 penalty minutes and a +58 rating in 216 OHL appearances for the London Knights spanning four seasons from 2009-13. During his time in London, Harrington helped the Knights claim the 2011 and 2012 OHL Championships and was twice named to the OHL’s First All-Star Team.



Houser, a 6’2”, 192 lb. fifth-year pro from Youngstown, OH, posted a combined record of 32-26-5 with three shutouts, a 2.88 goals-against average (GAA) and a .901 save percentage (S%) in 71 combined AHL appearances for the San Antonio Rampage and Ontario Reign spanning parts of three seasons from 2013-16. In 57 career ECHL appearances for the Cincinnati Cyclones and Manchester Monarchs spanning the 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2015-16 seasons, Houser contributed a 32-20-5 record with one shutout, a 2.52 GAA and a .917 S%. Prior to his professional career, Houser, 24, notched a 93-38-7 record with seven shutouts, a 2.90 GAA and a .912 S% in 141 OHL appearances for London spanning three seasons from 2009-11. In 2011-12, Houser was awarded the Red Tilson Trophy as the OHL’s Most Outstanding Player and was named the OHL’s Goaltender of the Year.

The Monsters drop the puck on their 10th Anniversary Season and begin their defense of the Calder Cup with a **“Championship Celebration Weekend”** when they take on the Rockford IceHogs in back-to-back games on **Friday, October 14th at 7:00 pm** and **Saturday, October 15th at 5:00 pm** at **Quicken Loans Arena**. The historic weekend celebration will begin at Friday’s opening night game when fans in attendance will experience the raising of the Monsters’ Calder Cup Championship banner. It’s also a 1-2-3 Friday featuring \$1 Pepsi products, \$2 Sugardale hot dogs and \$3 select domestic draft beer specials! On Saturday, the first 10,000 fans will receive a magnetic Calder Cup 2016-17 Monsters regular-season schedule, presented by University Hospitals Parma Medical Center. There will also be an indoor Fan Fest on The Q concourse prior to each game with the opportunity for fans to take a photo with the Calder Cup. Full coverage of the Monsters’ “Championship Celebration Weekend,” live from The Q, begins at 7:00 pm on Friday, October 14th on 99X.

Tickets for every Monsters home game start at just \$10 and are on sale now! Full and partial season ticket memberships are also available and provide you with the best seat locations, custom member benefits and the lowest ticket prices. Group outing and birthday bash packages for 10 or more people are also on sale now. All tickets can be purchased by visiting [ClevelandMonsters.com](http://ClevelandMonsters.com), calling (216) 420-0000, visiting The Q Box Office or any Northern Ohio Discount Drug Mart. Be sure to follow the Monsters on Twitter [@monstershockey](https://twitter.com/monstershockey), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/monstershockey](http://www.facebook.com/monstershockey), and on Instagram at [www.instagram.com/monstershockey](http://www.instagram.com/monstershockey).

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Gladiators of the Arena Football League playing at Quicken Loans Arena and the Canton Charge of the NBA Development League playing in nearby Canton, Ohio at the Canton Civic Center.

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