

= Anyang Halla =

Anyang Halla ( Hangul : ?? ?? ; hanja : ?? ?? ) is a professional ice hockey team based in Anyang in Gyeonggi @-@ do , South Korea . It is one of the founding and current members of the Asia League Ice Hockey ( AL ) . Formed in 1994 , it is the oldest professional ice hockey team , and one of only three professional teams , in South Korea . The Halla Group contributes three billion won annually to run the club .

At its inception the team was based out of Mok @-@ dong , Seoul and named the Mando Winia . In 1998 the team took the name of Mando 's parent company , Halla . After the collapse of the Korean Ice Hockey League in 2003 they were the only team to survive . They joined four Japanese teams to create the new Asia League Ice Hockey . In 2005 the team relocated and took the name of their new hometown as their own , playing all current home games out of the Anyang Sports Complex Arena . After two years of finishing in 5th place , they became the first non @-@ Japanese team to finish first in the regular season in 2008 ? 09 . However , they failed to defeat the Nippon Paper Cranes in the semi @-@ finals . In the following season Halla again finished in first and managed to win the semi @-@ final and final series giving them their first play @-@ off series win and first Asia League Championship . The club captured their second AL title after the league cancelled the championship final due to the earthquake in Japan . Asia League announced Halla and Tohoku Free Blades as the co @-@ champions .

= = Team history = =

= = = 1994 ? 2003 : pre @-@ Asia League Ice Hockey = = =

The team was originally founded in 1994 by the Halla Group to help promote hockey in Korea . The Halla Group also felt that by creating an ice hockey team , it would help them to fulfill their role as a responsible corporation by providing something to the community . The team was originally named " Mando Winia " . It was so named because Mando is a subsidiary company of Halla and Winia is a brand of air conditioner sold by the company . In 1997 the team was disbanded for a short time during the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis . However , the chairman of Halla Group , Chung Mong @-@ won , fought to keep the team .

As a member of the Korean Ice Hockey League the team won the championship five times . During this time , the team also changed their name from " Mando Winia " to " Halla Winia " . The team first looked at adding foreign players to their roster in late 2001 with other members of the Korean League . In 2003 , the team was one of the founding members of Asia League Ice Hockey .

= = = 2003 ? present : Asia League Ice Hockey = = =

While the team participates primarily in the Asia League , they also play in tournaments like the All Korea Ice Hockey Championship each year . In the inaugural year of Asia League Ice Hockey , Halla played a shortened seasons of only 16 games , and failed to break .500 . In the following year they brought Esa Tikkanen , a veteran player of 20 NHL seasons , on board . He was brought on primarily to coach the players but he also played during the team 's games . Tikkanen felt that as the players played against more skilled teams their own skill level showed greater improvement . He also felt that they should play more games and that the season was too short . That year the team was also noted for showing great improvement over the first year 's effort . Halla finished the season winning 18 games out of 42 with 5 ties . Their top offensive player , Marco Poulsen , finished 5th in the overall points race , however they didn 't reach their goal that year of making the playoffs , finishing in 5th place one spot out of the playoffs . In the off @-@ season the team changed their name from Anyang Halla Winia to Anyang Halla with the expiration of the sponsorship contract . As well they hired Otakar Vejvoda to be the team 's new coach . Vejvoda was considered a legend in the Czech Extraliga both for his skill as a player and a coach .

In the 2005 ? 06 season Halla improved on the previous year 's performance finishing in second place . The league saw a reduced season of only 38 games . Song Dong @-@ hwan was the leader in goals for the league with 31 and Patrik Martinec ranked 2nd in assists with 44 . Martinec ranked number 2 on the total points list while Song finished in fourth place . Halla also scored the most short @-@ handed goals of any team in the league with 11 . The city of Anyang won an award for being " The best Hockey Town in Asia " . The team made the play @-@ offs for the first time since the league 's formation . They received a bye in the first round and played Kokudo , the winner of the 3rd place and 6th place match @-@ up . Anyang managed to win only a single game out of the first three which were played on home ice . They were eliminated in the 4th game which was played in Kokudo 's home rink by a score of 5 ? 1 . Kokudo went on to be the league champions for the second year in a row .

After the conclusion of the 2005 ? 06 season there were some roster changes . Two of the team 's top players , Song Dong @-@ hwan and Jang Jong @-@ moon , had to report for compulsory military service . Starting goaltender , Kim Sung @-@ Bae , retired after the previous season . Even though they were missing these players they were noted for having more players with more than 10 goals and 10 assists than in the previous season . With the departure of Song offensive output dropped slightly , the team 's top offensive player finished 7th overall in goals with 21 . However Martinec won the assists race with 53 and the overall points total with 71 . The team shared top spot in the short @-@ handed goals with 2 other teams , scoring 10 over the course of the season . With a further shortened season of only 34 games the team finished in 5th place and faced the other Korean team , Kangwon Land in the quarter finals . During the regular season Kangwon won 6 of 7 meetings , and the quarter finals were no different . Kangwon swept Halla in 3 games , the final game ending in 3 ? 2 with a last minute desperate bid by Halla to tie the game .

The next season saw the AL further reduce the amount of games played to just 30 . In the pre @-@ season Halla won the Anyang Cup , which is a pre @-@ season tournament held in Anyang . The team 's record in the regular season remained relatively the same and they finished again in 5th place . Lee Yu @-@ Won was the top offensive player with 16 goals and was tied for 4th place with 3 other players . Martinec continued to contribute many assists to the team and finished in second place with 29 , one point off first . He finished in 4th place in the overall point totals . Halla did not have another player in the top 10 . The team once again led the league in short @-@ handed goals and gave up the fewest short @-@ handed goals against along with the Oji Eagles . In the playoffs the Halla faced the Nippon Paper Cranes in the first round . During the regular season the two teams split their series , each winning 2 games . The playoffs told a different story , and Nippon swept Halla in 3 games . Halla lost each game by a single goal . Vejvoda praised Nippon 's goalie for his excellent play and commended his players for their effort .

Following the defeat in the post @-@ season Halla replaced Vejvoda as head coach with Shim Eui @-@ Sik . Shim had spent his entire professional career playing for Halla and during the 2007 ? 2008 season he was the coach of Little Halla . As a player Shim had 30 points in 80 games . He vowed to reorganize the team and set his sights on a league championship . The team 's general manager also hired Samuel H. Kim , then an analyst for SBS Sports and previously an NHL reporter from Vancouver , as a scout for the organization . Halla moved away from the heavy Czech influence which had previously dominated the team and filled 3 of the 4 spots for foreign players on the team with players from North America . Brock Radunske , Brad Fast and Jon Awe became the first three players from North America to play for the team . They also arranged for Eric Thurston , the head coach of University of Alberta 's team , to spend the first 3 weeks of the training camp assisting the new coach and new North American players . Martinec was the only Czech player to remain on the team . In addition to the new foreigner players , Song Dong @-@ hwan and Jang Jong @-@ moon returned from military service . In the 2008 pre @-@ season Anyang Cup , Halla finished 4th out of 5 teams . The AL increased the number of regular season games for the 2008 ? 09 season to 36 . In September head coach Shim was suspended for 5 games for refusal to play . The incident stemmed from a goal that was scored as the final buzzer sounded during a 21 September game against High1 . Halla entered the dressing room and refused to return to the ice . The league considered the game a forfeit . Anyang Halla finished the season in first place with a

total of 76 points . Their defeat of their rivals High1 in the final game of the season marks the first time a non @-@ Japanese team had finished first place in the Asia League . Brock Radunske captured the titles for both the most goals scored with 29 and most points on the season with 57 . Martinec finished in second place for the second year in a row in the assists category with 47 . Overall the team finished with 5 players in the top 10 in the overall points tally . For the first time the team ended the season with the number one powerplay scoring 54 goals . In contrast to earlier seasons the team did not lead the league in short @-@ handed goals , ranking in the middle of the pack both in goals for and against . They were the only team not shutout during the regular season . After receiving a bye in the first round of the play @-@ offs Halla had to face the Nippon Paper Cranes in the semi @-@ final . They returned to Anyang for game 6 of the series leading 3 ? 2 . They were expected to win the series but Nippon 's IImura scored two game @-@ winning goals and the Japanese club defeated Anyang in 7 games .

Halla opened the 2009 ? 10 season with a loss on home ice , but at the midpoint of the season they were tied for first place with the Oji Eagles . The league maintained the number of games at 36 . The first half of the season saw Halla plagued with injuries . Particularly hard hit were the team 's foreign imports . After the third game of the season Jon Awe was diagnosed with a sports hernia that required surgery and was scheduled to miss 8 ? 12 weeks . On 29 November , Brad Fast received a knee injury that would sideline him for 4 ? 6 months , ending his season . Brock Radunske was also on the injury list with a concussion , while Patrik Martinec was day to day with a lower @-@ body injury . Halla replaced Awe quickly with Dustin Wood , who has played in both the American Hockey League and Deutsche Eishockey Liga . Fast was replaced by Lee Don @-@ ku from Yonsei University . Halla also had several other regular players injured including Kim Won @-@ jun , Kim Kyu @-@ hun , and Lee Seung @-@ yup . After 18 games Halla led the league with 94 goals . On 31 January 2010 Halla defeated the Oji Eagles in overtime by a score of 4 ? 3 , clinching first place for the second year in a row . The win also set up a semi @-@ final match @-@ up against Korean rivals High1 , guaranteeing that a Korean team would appear in the final for the first time in league history . Halla won all of their series against opposing teams , except against their rival High1 . Of 18 possible points available in their six @-@ game series , Halla took only eight . They were the only team to win a series against the Nippon Paper Cranes . The team led the league in goals scored with 180 . Individually , Kim Ki @-@ sung led the team in goals scored with 22 , while Patrik Martinec again led with 40 assists and 51 points . Halla finished with five players in the top ten point list . The team also led in both powerplay goals for , with 57 , powerplay percentage , with 34 @-@ 97 % , and shorthanded goals for , with 10 . In the annual end of season awards , Patrik Martinec took the award for Most Valuable Player and Best Playmaking . Cho Min @-@ ho took the award for Young Guy of the Year . Anyang city won the award for Best Hockey Town for the second time for their spirit and sell @-@ out crowds . Anyang Halla defeated High1 by a score of 5 ? 2 to win the semi @-@ finals three games to one , winning their first play @-@ off series and becoming the first Korean team to play for the Championship Cup . Halla faced the Cranes , who had knocked them out of the playoffs twice , in the final . The series went to the full five games and four of the games went to overtime . Brock Radunske scored two overtime winners and assisted Kim Woo @-@ Jae in scoring the overtime winner in game five , making Halla the first non @-@ Japanese team to win the Asia League Championship . Radunske was named MVP while head coach Shim was named " Coach of the Year " . After retiring as a player , Martinec signed a 1 @-@ year deal to work as an assistant coach on the team .

Like the previous season , Halla lost the opening game against High1 . However , they once again found themselves on top at the midpoint of the season . The team was second in the league in goals scored with 65 . Halla retained Dustin Wood who was brought in as a replacement in the previous season . On 14 November 2010 the team defended their Korea Domestic Championship title against High1 by defeating them 5 ? 1 in the final game of the week @-@ long tournament . After finishing first two consecutive years , Halla finished in fourth place one point behind the Free Blades . They won their season series against all teams except the Cranes and Eagles . They also finished fifth in goals scored with 130 , one behind High1 , but allowed the second fewest goals with 94 , three behind the Eagles . While the team 's penalty kill was ranked fifth in the league , they were tied

for the most short @-@ handed goals with the Cranes with six goals . Their powerplay was ranked third , and they gave up the second fewest short @-@ handed goals . Brock Radunske led the team with 20 goals and finished fourth in the league . Cho Min @-@ ho also made the top ten ranking and finished in eight place with 18 goals . Kim Ki @-@ sung was the only Halla player to make the top ten in assists and finished in tenth place with 27 . Overall Cho Min @-@ ho led the team with 44 points and finished ninth in the league . Dustin Wood led the team in penalty minutes with 45 . With their fourth @-@ place finish , Halla had to face the Eagles in the first round of the playoffs . The series began in Japan , but Halla took two of three games and upon returning to South Korea they won the fourth game of the best @-@ of @-@ five series and knocked the Eagles out . The Free Blades defeated the Cranes and Halla were set to face them on 12 March 2011 in Sendai , Japan . However , a 9 @.0 magnitude earthquake struck the Sendai area about one hour after the team landed there to prepare for the games . The League immediately cancelled the three games scheduled in Sendai and on 22 March 2011 they officially cancelled the final series , award co @-@ championship titles to both Anyang Halla and Tohoku Free Blades . This decision made Halla only the second team to capture back @-@ to @-@ back championships since the league 's inception .

= = Community contributions = =

As a team and organization the Halla have engaged in charitable work . In 2008 they had two charity games on 27 and 28 December . The admission fee was waved and instead fans were asked to make donations . The proceeds were donated to the poor children of Anyang city as well as the sick children 's hospital . On 19 December 2009 The Anyang Halla organization donated 20 @,@ 000 won for each goal that had been scored in the season to charity , totaling just over 2 million won . On 25 and 26 December 2010 Halla repeated their charity game series , and offered free admission to the game in exchange for donations to the sick children 's hospitals in Gyeonggi Province . After the cancellation of the final series , the team held a charity game on 22 March 2011 to raise money for the Japanese earthquake victims . Instead of raising a trophy to celebrate their championship , the team took a final photo holding signs of sympathy and encouragement for Japan . The team raised almost 20 million won in donations for Japan . The team maintains a yearly tradition of giving free admission to students who take the College Scholastic Ability Test ( CSAT ) to promote rest and comfort after the difficult exam .

= = Media = =

The Anyang Halla Hockey Club launched a new radio broadcast deal in 2007 with Afreeca.com. On 11 May 2009 , SBSsports acquired a 5 @-@ year broadcast contract with the club .

= = Arena = =

The Anyang Sports Complex Ice Arena ( Hangul : ??????? ??? ) was opened on 24 November 2000 . It seats 1 @,@ 284 spectators . The Arena also contains a basketball court and is home to the Anyang KGC . It has a seating for 6 @,@ 690 people . The ice rink is also used for short track and figure skating among other sports . The team previously used the Mok @-@ dong Ice Rink .

= = Team colors and mascots = =

= = Logo = =

The Anyang Halla logo features a black triangle in the background surrounded by a white and black border . A growling polar bear is shown protruding from the top half of the triangle and underneath the team name " Halla " is shown in stylized gold letters . Below the team name is a semicircular shape which contains the city name " Anyang " in white letters on a blue background .

## == Jerseys ==

As the team changed its name from the Winia to the Halla the uniforms had minor changes made to them . The logo changed names and the uniforms had colored shoulders removed from them . The current home jerseys feature a solid blue background with yellow stripes on the cuffs and bottom of the body as well as a number of blue rough shapes behind the gold trim as well as sponsor logos on the shoulders . The away jerseys feature a solid white background with dark blue striped borders on the cuffs and bottom of the body , it also contains the same rough blue shapes behind the trim . The Halla put the first name of Korean players on the jerseys to avoid confusion as several players share the same family name .

## == Mascots ==

The teams mascots are a male and female polar bear . The male polar bear wears the Halla home jersey and the female polar bear wears the away jersey . She also wears a white skirt and has red eyes . No name has been released for either of the polar bears . In February 2012 the team began an event to choose a name for the male mascot with the name to be announced at the end of the season .

## == Honours ==

Korean Ice Hockey League :

Winners ( 5 ) : 1997 ? 98 , 1999 ? 2000 , 2001 ? 02 , 2002 ? 03 , 2003 ? 04

Korea Domestic Championship :

Winners ( 7 ) : 1996 , 1999 , 2000 , 2003 , 2005 , 2009 , 2010

Asia League Ice Hockey :

Winners ( 3 ) : 2009 ? 10 , 2010 ? 11 [ a ] , 2015 ? 16

## == Team records ==

As of the 2015 ? 16 season :

Most games played : Brock Radunske , 304

Most goals scored : Brock Radunske , 183

Most assists : Brock Radunske , 270

Most points accumulated : Brock Radunske , 453

Most PIM accumulated : Brock Radunske , 342

Bold lettering indicates active with team player . The statistics are counted for Asia League games only .

## == Current roster ==

Updated : 24 July 2016

## == Leaders ==

## == Team captains ==

Lee Dong @-@ ho , 1994 ? 1998

Rho Jung @-@ won , 1998 ? 2000

Shim Eui @-@ sik , 2000 ? 2002

Kim Chang @-@ bum , 2002 ? 2004

Park Sung @-@ min , 2004 ? 2006  
Kim Woo @-@ jae , 2006 ? 2012  
Kim Woo @-@ young , 2012 ? 2014  
Park Woo @-@ sang , 2014 ? present

= = = Head coaches = = =

Kim Sae @-@ il , 1994 ? 2004  
Byun Sun @-@ wook , 2004 ? 2005  
Vejvoda Otakar , 2005 ? 2008  
Shim Eui @-@ sik , 2008 ? 2014  
Jiri Veber , 2014 ? present

= = Year @-@ by @-@ year record = =

= = = Anyang Halla ( AL Hockey 2003 ? 2016 ) = = =

complete records for previous seasons

\* prior to the 2008 ? 09 season , there were no shoot @-@ outs and games ended in a tie .

= = Past import players = =

Prior to the 2008 ? 09 season , Halla drew most of their imports from the Czech Republic , including their head coach of 3 seasons .

Michal Madl 2003 ? 04 , D

Miroslav Stefanka 2003 ? 04 , C

Ales Zima 2003 ? 04 , C / W

Vesa Ponto 2004 ? 05 , D

Marco Poulsen 2004 ? 05 , W

Esa Tikkanen 2004 ? 05 , W / Playing Coach ( former Oilers / Rangers / Blues / Devils / Canucks / Panthers / Capitals )

Daniel Seman 2005 ? 06 , D

Jaroslav Nedv?d 2005 ? 07 , D ( brother of Petr Nedv?d )

Zden?k Nedv?d 2005 ? 07 , C / W ( former Maple Leafs )

Pavel Falt? 2006 ? 07 , G

Tomas Hruba 2007 ? 08 , W

Patrik Hru?ka 2007 ? 08 , D

Milan Kopeck? 2007 ? 08 , C

Filip Stefanka 2007 ? 08 , D

Patrik Martinec 2005 ? 2010 , C

Jon Awe 2008 ? 2011 , D

Jeff Dimmen 2013 ? 15 , D

Dustin Wood 2009 ? 2011 , 2013 ? 14 , D

Brad Fast 2008 ? 11 , D

John Hecimovic 2011 , RW

Ric Jackman 2011 ? 13 , D

Mark Derlago 2012 ? 13 , LW

Alex Plante 2015 ? 16 , D

= = Retired numbers = =

91 Shim Eui @-@ sik ( 1994 ? 2006 ) was the Korean League MVP five times and held the record

for most career goals and career points . He spent his entire professional career with Halla . He said after his retirement that he hoped to have the chance to coach Halla in the future .

43 Patrik Martinec ( 2005 ? 2010 )