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Americans defenseman Cowden to play hockey at Colorado State University

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Trent Cowden

GREAT FALLS, Mont., September 8, 2019 — The Great Falls Americans, proud members of the [North American 3 Hockey League \(NA3HL\)](#) are pleased to announce a eighth member of the 2018-19 Americans squad has committed to play college hockey.

Trent Cowden, a 21-year-old defenseman from Simi Valley, California who played the previous two seasons (2017-19) for the Great Falls Americans, signed a letter of commitment recently to continue his education and play collegiate hockey for the Colorado State University Rams in the fall of 2019.

Cowden, the 5'11" defenseman, saw action in 72 regular season contests as a member of the Great Falls Americans in his two seasons with the junior hockey franchise. Trent also played in eight playoff games including six during the 2018-19 season and was a key member of helping Great Falls win 41 games for first year head coach Greg Sears. His best performance of the season came in a 5-0 shutout win over the Yellowstone (WY) Quake on February 15th when he scored one goal and dished out two assists.

"I was very proud of our regular season records (2017-18 and 2018-19 seasons)," said Cowden in a phone interview from Colorado. "We had 34 victories in my first year (34-12-3-0 overall record) and then won 16 straight games in my second season (41-11-0-1 overall record)."

Trent mentioned that playing at the Junior A level made him more mature not only as a player but as a person because he was playing on his own and playing with older teammates that helped him progress his skills.

The [Colorado State University Rams](#), under the guidance of head coach Joel Weeks, are members of the [Western Collegiate Hockey League \(WCHL\)](#) of the [American Collegiate Hockey Association \(ACHA\)](#).

The Colorado club hockey Division 1 team plays against seven other regional squads including the University of Central Oklahoma (Edmond, OK), University of Oklahoma (Norman, OK), University of Arizona (Tucson, AZ), Missouri State University (Springfield, MO), University of Colorado (Boulder, CO), University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR) and Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ).

The Rams play their home ice hockey games at the Edora Pool Ice Center at the Fort Collins, Colorado campus. Colorado's second largest campus (behind the University of Colorado) offers over 250 programs including more than 50 minors. He is planning on majoring in Business during his collegiate career in Colorado.

The California product and newest member of the Colorado State hockey squad scored 23 points (14 goals, 9 assists) for the Americans this past season in 44 appearances. He improved from his 13-point performance during the 2017-18 season.

When asked about what he looks forward to most now playing and attending college in Colorado is “developing relationships with his teammates and the college community.”

Before coming to play for the Americans, he played for three seasons for the [North American Prospects Hockey League’s \(NAPHL\)](#) California Titans. He accumulated nine points in 56 games for the Midget Minor (16U) and the Midget Major (18U) squads.

Cowden wanted to thank both of his host families (Steve and Carlee Fox and Dawn and Jamie Boyer) for their support and hospitality while he was in Great Falls.

Trent is the son of Ava and Eric Cowden and grandson to Harry and Grace Reed.

“Trent is a great kid and a hard worker,” said Great Falls Americans Head Coach and General Manager, Greg Sears. “He was a very important part of last year’s success and we are glad to see him move on to play at the next level in college.”

Cowden joins seven other former teammates who played for Great Falls this past season in the college ranks including Nate Simpson, Jens Juliussen, and Sean McLean (Maryville University in Missouri), Great Falls native Cam McIntosh (University of Jamestown in North Dakota), Lindros Beard (University of Utah) and two signees set to play at Iowa State University, Drew Scites and Payton McSharry.

Trent Cowden’s career statistics for the Great Falls Americans can be found by [clicking here](#).

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