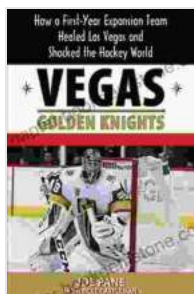


# How the First-Year Expansion Team Healed Las Vegas and Shocked the Hockey World

The Vegas Golden Knights are a professional ice hockey team based in Las Vegas, Nevada. They are the first major professional sports team in Las Vegas, and they began play in the National Hockey League (NHL) in the 2017-18 season. The Golden Knights were an immediate success on the ice, making it to the Stanley Cup Finals in their first season. They also became a fan favorite in Las Vegas, helping to heal the city after the tragic shooting on the Las Vegas Strip.



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## The Birth of the Golden Knights

The Vegas Golden Knights were born out of tragedy. In October 2017, a gunman opened fire on a crowd of concertgoers on the Las Vegas Strip, killing 58 people and injuring hundreds more. The shooting was the

deadliest mass shooting in modern American history, and it left a deep scar on the city of Las Vegas.

In the aftermath of the shooting, the NHL announced that it would be awarding an expansion team to Las Vegas. The team would be called the Golden Knights, and it would play its home games in a new arena on the Las Vegas Strip. The Golden Knights were seen as a way to help Las Vegas heal from the tragedy, and they were immediately embraced by the city.

### **A Cinderella Season**

The Golden Knights began their inaugural season with low expectations. They were an expansion team, and they were playing in a tough division. But the Golden Knights surprised everyone by starting the season with a strong record. They quickly became a contender in the Pacific Division, and they eventually finished the regular season with a record of 51-24-7. The Golden Knights' success on the ice was a welcome distraction for Las Vegas, and it helped to bring the city together.

The Golden Knights' Cinderella season continued in the playoffs. They upset the Los Angeles Kings in the first round, and then they defeated the San Jose Sharks in the second round. In the Western Conference Finals, the Golden Knights faced off against the Winnipeg Jets. The Jets were a tough opponent, but the Golden Knights were able to win the series in five games. The Golden Knights' victory was a major upset, and it sent them to the Stanley Cup Finals.

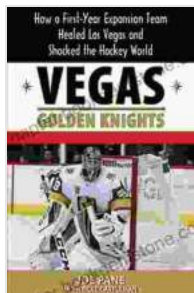
### **The Stanley Cup Finals**

The Golden Knights faced off against the Washington Capitals in the Stanley Cup Finals. The Capitals were a powerhouse team, and they were heavily favored to win the series. But the Golden Knights refused to go down without a fight. They won the first two games of the series in overtime, and they eventually forced the series to a Game 5. In Game 5, the Capitals were able to defeat the Golden Knights and win the Stanley Cup. But even in defeat, the Golden Knights had made history. They were the first expansion team to reach the Stanley Cup Finals, and they had captured the hearts of hockey fans all over the world.

## **Healing Las Vegas**

The Golden Knights' success on the ice helped to heal Las Vegas after the tragic shooting on the Las Vegas Strip. The team gave the city something to cheer for, and it helped to bring the community together. The Golden Knights also inspired people all over the world, showing that anything is possible if you never give up on your dreams.

The Vegas Golden Knights are more than just a hockey team. They are a symbol of hope and resilience for the city of Las Vegas. The Golden Knights' success on the ice helped to heal the city after the tragic shooting on the Las Vegas Strip, and it inspired people all over the world. The Golden Knights are a reminder that anything is possible if you never give up on your dreams.



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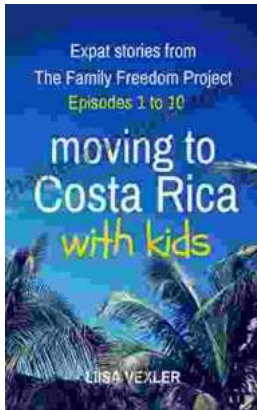
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