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**FORMER NY RANGERS ENFORCER AND FAN FAVORITE NICK FOTIU HOSTS
THIRD OF FIVE UPCOMING RANGERS VIEWING PARTIES
AT EMPIRE CITY CASINO THURS, FEB 2, 6:30 PM**

*Giveaways both inside & outside the casino;
Special Rangers Bus to shuttle fans directly to the viewing party at the casino from NYC*

*Bus departs MSG - 5:45 PM
Fotiu Meet and Greet begins 6:30 PM*

Yonkers, NY – [Empire City Casino](http://EmpireCityCasino.com), in partnership with the New York Rangers, announced today that New York Rangers legend and Staten Island native Nick Fotiu will make his first visit to Empire City Casino to host the next Rangers Viewing Party this Thursday night, February 2nd, where fans can join Nick to cheer the Rangers on as they hit the road to take on the Buffalo Sabres.

Fotiu may have been the enforcer on-the-ice, but off-the-ice he was a gentle giant who loved his fans. Before each home game, Fotiu would toss pucks up into the cheap seats during pre-game warm-ups for the Madison Square Garden masses. Rangers legends Adam Graves and Stéphane Matteau hosted the two previous viewing parties.

Fans from all over the tri-state area are encouraged to hop on the Rangers Bandwagon, which includes a **special Rangers bus** departing from Madison Square Garden (outside Café 31, 220 W. 31st St. between Seventh and Eighth Ave) at 5:45 PM Thursday and arriving just in time to spend some quality hockey time with Fotiu. During the short bus ride, fans can win autographed Rangers gear, hockey equipment and more. **Email EmpireCityCasinoViewingParty@msg.com to reserve a spot on the bus.**

The viewing parties inside Dan Rooney’s Sports Pub are **FREE** for all to attend and begin one hour before the puck drops. Joining Rangers fans for the festivities, including the bus ride from the Garden, will be the Rangers Blue Crew who will put fans to the test with Rangers trivia and offer an array of Rangers swag as giveaways during each intermission. Fans can also enjoy a variety of food and beverage specials, including \$1 wings, \$2.50 bud lights and more.

“Hockey fans will find no shortage of fun at one of the premier entertainment destinations in the Northeast,” said Taryn Duffy, director of public affairs at Empire City Casino. “Join us on the Rangers bus or at the Casino to meet Fotiu, make some new friends along the way and wish the Rangers luck, and who knows... maybe that luck will stick with you on the casino floor.”

The February 2nd event is the third of five viewing parties planned during the NHL season, all of which will be hosted by former New York Rangers Greats during Rangers away games. Stay tuned to www.empirecitycasino.com/rangers for announcements of Rangers Hosts for upcoming dates.

The schedule for Rangers viewing parties at Dan Rooney’s Sports Pub is as follows:

- Saturday, February 25th at 5 p.m., Rangers at New Jersey Devils
- Sunday, March 12th at 12:30 p.m., Rangers at Detroit Red Wings

For more information about Empire City Casino, please visit www.empirecitycasino.com.

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About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway

Empire City Casino is one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the northeast. Featuring 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo, Empire City Casino also offers guests year-round harness racing and International simulcasting, live entertainment including the best party, tribute and Latin bands, comedy, New York’s hottest DJ’s, and more. A plethora of dining options will satisfy even the most discerning palate with Italian cuisine at Nonno’s Trattoria; Dan Rooney’s, a high-energy sports bar; Alley 810, a craft cocktail lounge with retro bowling lanes; and convenient delicious options at the International Food Court or Lil’ Cocina. Visit Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (off I-87 at Central Avenue) Yonkers, NY, Westchester County, open seven days a week from 10:00am to 6:00am. Visit www.empirecitycasino.com or call 914.968.4200 for information.