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Vision Statement: *To obtain a full-time goalie coach position by leveraging decades of results-driven goaltending experience. Engaging athletes by holding them to the highest standards possible, improving both their physical and mental preparation, and strengthening their resolve to compete. Reinforcing the vision and goals of the coaching staff and management team, honoring the legacy of the franchise and ultimately assisting the goalies with improved dynamics, skill sets, and an ever-increasing passion for success.*

Professional Summary

- Three decades of elite goaltending coaching experience, developing talent at the Major Junior and NCAA Division I levels
- Successfully coached and mentored 15 NHL Draft picks, advancing players to the highest level of professional hockey
- Over 100 players coached who have competed at the Professional, Major Junior, and NCAA Division I ranks

Skills and Expertise

- Team and individual goaltending instruction with thorough planning, attention to detail by developing a custom *technique and skill* playbook tailored to the individual players based on goals, strengths, and opportunities benefiting the overall team
- Game performance analysis that breaks down the specific areas of necessary technique improvements to push goalies to take their game and craft to the highest level of performance
- Purpose driven journaling methodology implemented for all goaltenders to ensure there is accountability by improving their technique, mental preparation and overall performance for every practice and game
- Development of “Predictable Break Outs on Goalie Touch” program.

Work History

Windsor Spitfires, Ontario Hockey League

July 2024 – Current | *Goaltending Coach*

- In depth restructuring of team goaltending approach, with emphasis on technical accountability, mental and physical fitness and professional skill development
- Work closely with coaching staff to establish a culture of success
- Worst to First expectation building throughout the 24-25 season as the Spitfires climbed from last place to first in their division, improving by 52 points within one year of retooling the team.

Plymouth Whalers/Flint Firebirds, Ontario Hockey League

July 2008- June 2017 | *Goaltending Coach*

- Integral member of the coaching staff with responsibilities spanning goalie instruction to mentoring and preparing several goalies to take the next step to the professional level
- Build and maintain an ever-increasing sense of commitment to success in coached goaltenders.

University of Michigan Division 1 Hockey - CCHA
July 1999- June 2006 | *Goaltending Coach*

- Coached, mentored and developed 1st round NHL goalie draft pick
- 2004/05 CCHA regular season champions
- 2003/04 CCHA regular season champions
- 2002/03 CCHA regular season and playoff champions
- 2001/02 CCHA regular season and playoff champions
- 1999/00 CCHA regular season champions

Notable Students Coached

- Alex Nedeljkovic- Pittsburgh Penguins, 2014 2nd round pick to Carolina Hurricanes
- Chris Osgood - Detroit Red Wings
- Jack Campbell- Detroit Red Wings, 2010 1st round pick to the Dallas Stars
- Thatcher Demko- Vancouver Canucks, 2014 2nd round draft pick
- Scott Wedgewood- Colorado Avalanche
- Kyle Keyser- Kunlun Red Star KHL
- Al Montoya – Edmonton Oilers, 1st round draft pick, New York Rangers
- Jason Bacashihua – 2001 1st round pick of the Dallas Stars
- Matt Hackett- Buffalo Sabers, 2009 3rd round pick to the Minnesota Wild
- Brent Moran- Flint Firebirds, 2014 4th round pick of the Dallas Stars
- Zach Naglevoort- University of Michigan, 2014 4th round pick Edmonton Oilers
- Josh Blackburn - 5th round draft pick, Phoenix Coyotes
- Brett Bennett – University of Wisconsin, 5th round pick of the Phoenix Coyotes
- Matt Mahalak- Kingston Frontenac's, 2011 6th round pick Carolina Hurricanes
- Jimmy Spratt- Bowling Green University, 7th round pick Calgary Flames
- Billy Sauer - University of Michigan, 7th Round pick of the Colorado Avalanche
- Nikita Serbryakov- Omsk Avangard KHL
- Pat Nagle- Reading Royals, ECHL

Playing Experience

- 1997-1998, Fort Worth Fire – CHL
- 1996-1997, Nashville Nighthawks – CHL
- 1995-1996, Erie Panthers - ECHL
- 1994-1995, Saginaw Wheels - COHL
- 1994-1995, Flint Generals – COHL
- 1993-1994, Free Agent Tryout with the Toronto Maple Leafs - NHL
- 1993-1994 Lethbridge Hurricanes - WHL
- 1991-1993, Prince Albert Raiders – WHL