

Degelman to Coach KVHA's Bantam Tier-I Elite

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 21 April, 2010 – Kent Valley Hockey Association is pleased to welcome Lloyd Degelman to the organization to fill the position as Head Coach for the Bantam Tier-I Elite. With over 20 years of competitive experience, and nearly 25 years of coaching experience, there is no doubt that Lloyd will be an asset to Kent Valley.



COMPETITIVE EXPERIENCE

Lloyd has played hockey since 1970, when he started in the Knights of Columbus Rep Program, then moved on to high school hockey at Fort Frances High School (Northwestern Ontario.) After high school, Lloyd spent 1 year in Moose Jaw Saskatchewan playing for the Moose Jaw Canucks Junior A team. From there, he became part of the University of Alaska hockey Team, where he was awarded both "Conference Player of the Week" in the 1984-1985 season, and "Most Inspirational Player – Team MVP" in his 1985-1986 season. Since college, Lloyd has played and coached for the Anchorage Aces, a senior men's team which Won the Men's Open National championship in 1991 and placed 2nd in 1992.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Lloyd started coaching in 1986, beginning at the Boys and Girls Club in Alascom, Alaska. Subsequently, Lloyd was the head coach several years at Bartlett High School in Anchorage, Alaska, where he was named "Coach of the Year" in 1990. After moving to Spokane, Washington, in 1992, he began coaching at the Spokane American Youth Hockey Association (SAYHA), and has moved up through the age divisions, starting at Mites all the way to Midget U18. At SAYHA he had many successes, including leading his Bantam Tier II team to winning the Washington State Championship, as well as guiding his Midget U16 and Midget U18 Tier II teams to 2nd in the Washington State Championships and 4th regionally. Lloyd is currently a USA Hockey Coach's Certified Instructor (Levels 1-3) and the PNAHA East Side State Evaluator.

PLAYER SUCCESSES

Throughout his coaching career, Lloyd has inspired many of his players to excel in hockey. Several of his past players have been recruited by well-established universities, and a few have even moved on to minor hockey leagues. Notably, former players now at universities include Derek Ryan, who is now a junior playing for the University of Alberta, Bret Kellogg, a sophomore at Eastern Washington University, Erik Hudson, a junior at Iowa State University, and Evan Witt, a freshman at Michigan Tech University. Furthermore, his players in minor hockey leagues include Andrew Christ for the Wenatchee Wild, Tyler Alos for the Seattle Thunderbirds, Jesse Collins and McKinlee Baum for the Spokane Braves, and Mitchell Fowler for the Dallas Stars Midget U16.

OVERALL PHILOSOPHY

Lloyd's coaching style emphasizes player responsibility, attitude, and team dedication while focusing on tough circuit training and commitment to smart decision-making and strategy. Lloyd believes respect for the sport, teammates, and competitors is key to success, and that hard work on the ice and off will lead to the realization of individual and team goals.

Work Hard, Work Smart, Never Take a Shift Off.

Welcome aboard Lloyd!

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