

Men's Panthers Look to New Coach for Success

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Sports Editor

It appears the Men's Hockey Panthers are turning towards a little youth to lead them in the right direction.

Dylan Taylor, a former Panther captain, is now behind the Panthers bench, just five years after ending his term as a player with the team in 2000. The teacher from East Wiltshire Junior High competed for the position a year ago, when he lost out to Mike Kelly, who coached the team last year. Kelly recently departed the position in order to fulfill an assistant coaching position available with the Manitoba Moose.

Kelly's brief stint with UPEI saw him lead the team to an 11-11-6 record only to be ousted in the first round of the playoffs by the St Mary's Huskies. Taylor assumes control of a team that has a large number of core players returning, but that is missing a large piece of its success last year - award winning forward Joel Ward, whose numerous accolades included AUS leading scorer and 1st Team All-Canadian. Ward is in a training camp with the Florida Panthers of the NHL.

Taylor, however, is no stranger to the game, and should be up to the challenge of both recruiting quality new players and picking up the training of the veterans where Kelly left off.

Taylor joined the Panther squad as a forward in 1998 from the Kingston Frontenacs of the OHL. He spent four years with the Panthers, during two of which he captained the team, and then proceed to play professionally in the United States with the Indianapolis Ice. Taylor has recently been named assistant coach to Team Atlantic, whom

he will help direct in the upcoming world championship in the new year.



Joel Ward

At 28, Taylor's selection over the other nine candidates makes him the second such selection for a head coaching position by a prominent PEI team in the last week. The PEI Rocket recently selected twenty-something Yanick Jean to replace former PEI Rocket head coach

Alain Vigneault, who will be the new head coach of the Moose as Kelly joins him behind the bench.

The Men's Panthers will open the season under their new head coach on October 14th at home against the St. Thomas Tommies.

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In a move that everyone saw coming, Wayne Gretzky agreed to coach a struggling Phoenix team, which I honestly don't even want to try to make a prediction on. Gretzky and Hull didn't get along in St Louis, and with Brett as cantankerous as ever, I don't foresee a good relationship. Then again, everything Wayne Gretzky touches seems to turn to gold. It certainly will be entertaining to watch the drama unfold in the desert.

With everyone eager for the first puck to drop, one question is hanging over everyone's head - what happened to Gary Bettman and Bob Goodenow? It is my belief that Gary Bettman is professional enough to carry on with his duties like nothing happened. This guy is Ironman. Goodenow, on the other hand, probably spends his spare time crying himself to sleep in between bouts of wetting the bed. Don't expect him to be around much longer.

CFL: Welcome to the Maritimes?

Josh Lewis
Reporter

Hockey was not the only sport commanding the attention of Canadian sports fans this summer. The Canadian Football League, now in full swing, has also provided excitement. After staging the wildly successful Touchdown Atlantic exhibition game in Halifax in June, an event yours truly was lucky enough to attend, there has been rampant speculation of the CFL adding a tenth team in the Maritimes. Commissioner Tom Wright has stated many times his desire to do so, and Halifax and Moncton have been identified as the front-runners for an expansion franchise. This has sparked widespread debate in the Maritimes as to who would be better suited to host a team. London and Quebec City have also been rumoured as possibilities, but who cares. London and Quebec City

can go screw themselves.

Halifax put forth a great case for a team in hosting Touchdown Atlantic. 9000 seats were added to Husky Stadium for the event and over 11 000 fans watched in excitement as the Toronto Argonauts and Hamilton Tiger-Cats battled to a 16-16 tie. The atmosphere was incredible and both teams raved about Halifax's hospitality. At 40 dollars, ticket prices were reasonable and hey, I got to meet Chris Schultz from TSN. The main factor in Halifax's favour is the fact that its population is considerably higher than Moncton's. Halifax has shown in the past that it is capable of hosting national and international events with a high degree of success (CIS basketball,

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