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New Panthers Hockey Coach Sets High Goals



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Reporter

Dylan Taylor is all about work ethic. "I'm looking to focus on things we can control," says Taylor, the new coach of the mens hockey Panthers. "That's our effort, our execution and our emotion. We're looking at things period-by-period, game-by-game, and we believe that success will come at the end if we do the things we know we can control."

Taylor, a Panther for four years (including two as captain) and a former assistant coach at UPEI and with the P.E.I. Rocket, is thrilled to return to his alma mater as head coach.

"I think it's a tremendous honour and it's a challenge that I respect very much. I'm a real believer in this university and what it's done for me. I cherish every moment that I have as a head coach," said Taylor. "I will do my very best to



make sure this team competes the best that it can, that the university is proud of it, the fans are proud of it, and the alumni are proud of it. It's a responsibility that I hold dear to my heart and take very seriously."

"I look back over the chain of great coaches at this university: the Vince Mulligans, the Doug Curries, the Mike Kellys, the Billy MacMillans, and I feel honoured to have the same position as those guys."

Taylor, however, doesn't feel the expectation to live up to their

legacies. "I don't feel any pressure that I'm coming after Mike Kelly or Vince Mulligan. I'm a different coach than they are and I will do things differently. I'm not comparing myself to them by any means."

Taylor wants to set a high standard for his team on and off the ice. "I will set high expectations, but I'll create an environment that supports those players to reach them. My expectations don't solely apply to the hockey rink. I expect that the players

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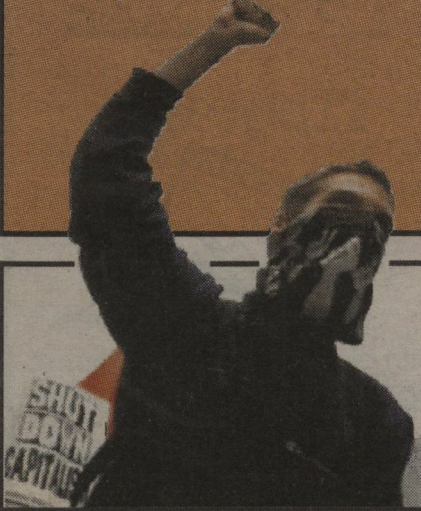
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