



PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

MIKE CRAIG – Lethbridge Hurricanes (November 14)

Now a current assistant coach of the WHL's Lethbridge Hurricanes, Mike had a highly decorated Junior hockey career, including winning a Memorial Cup alongside Eric Lindros with the Oshawa Generals, as well as winning a World Junior gold medal with Team Canada twice. He was also a first round draft choice, 28th overall, by the Minnesota North Stars.

Mike would go on to play 423 NHL games for the North Stars, Dallas Stars, Toronto Maple Leafs and San Jose Sharks, as well as 11 seasons in Europe.

FRAN GOW – Hockey Alberta (November 28 and December 5)

Fran is currently a Coach Mentor in Hockey Development for Hockey Alberta, as well as the Vice President of Hockey Operations for the Alberta Junior Hockey League.

Most notably, Fran is one of only three coaches in AJHL history to coach 1,000 regular season games. He achieved this great feat while coaching the Fort McMurray Oil Barons, Grande Prairie Storm, and Drayton Valley Thunder. Fran won an RBC Cup with Fort McMurray in 2000.

MATT WENINGER – Hockey Alberta (December 12)

Matt is currently the Consultant for Hockey Alberta's South Regional Centre. He played minor hockey in Lethbridge before moving on to play three seasons in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League. He then accepted an NCAA Division I scholarship to St. Lawrence University, graduating as the school's all-time leader in games played and saves, and was second in all-time wins and shutouts.

His coaching career includes stops with Laurentian University (CIS), the University of Lethbridge (CIS), the Yorkton Terriers (SJHL), and extensive work for the Saskatchewan Hockey Association before joining Hockey Alberta.

BRYAN MAXWELL – Former NHL/WHL player and coach (January 9)

Bryan played 331 games in the NHL for the Minnesota North Stars, St. Louis Blues, Winnipeg Jets and Pittsburgh Penguins, following a successful junior career that included a World Junior silver medal with Team Canada.

Bryan's coaching career includes three Memorial Cup appearances as the Head Coach of three different teams (Medicine Hat Tigers, Spokane Chiefs and Lethbridge Hurricanes). Bryan has also been an Assistant Coach with the Los Angeles Kings, and a Head Coach in the East Coast Hockey League.



JOSH HOETMER – Alberta Sport Development Centre Southwest (January 23)

Josh is currently a Coordinator for the Alberta Sport Development Centre Southwest, providing sport psychology and mental skills training to amateur and professional athletes, as well as support for teams.

Josh is a former Vauxhall Academy and Prairie Baseball Academy baseball player. Following his playing career, he obtained his Master's Degree in Counselling Psychology, and his Canadian Sport Psychology Professional Membership.

WADE KLIPPENSTEIN – Colorado Avalanche (February 6)

Wade is currently a scout in the NHL for the Colorado Avalanche, having previously served as a scout in the WHL for the Moose Jaw Warriors and Brandon Wheat Kings, as well as Hockey Canada. His coaching career includes stops with the Saskatoon Blades, Prince Albert Raiders and Prince George Cougars of the WHL, and in the NCAA with the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, where he previously played on an NCAA Scholarship prior to being drafted by the Quebec Nordiques in the 1990 NHL Draft.