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University of North Dakota names Dave Hakstol head men's hockey coach *Assistant Brad Berry named associate head coach*

GRAND FORKS, N.D. -- University of North Dakota Athletic Director Roger Thomas announced today that **Dave Hakstol** has been named head coach of the Fighting Sioux men's hockey team. Thomas also announced that interim Associate Head Coach Brad Berry will retain his new title in a permanent capacity.

Hakstol, who becomes only the 15th head coach in the history of the UND men's hockey program and 12th in the modern era (1946-present), replaces Dean Blais, who resigned effective June 30 to become the associate head coach of the National Hockey League's Columbus Blue Jackets.

Hakstol, 35 years old, who served on Blais's coaching staff for the past four seasons, was appointed North Dakota's interim head coach on July 1. His duties as permanent head coach will begin immediately.

"It is an exciting day for UND Athletics and Fighting Sioux hockey," said Thomas. "The experience Dave has had in helping lead our program in the past more than qualifies him to lead this program in the present and into the future. His background in coaching and recruiting will help carry on the tradition of the program."

Said Hakstol on becoming the Sioux head coach:

"This is an exciting day for my family and I. To have the opportunity to step into this leadership role at my alma mater is a great honor. I look forward to building up the proud tradition of Fighting Sioux hockey."

A UND defenseman for three seasons (1989-92), Hakstol became an assistant coach on Blais's coaching staff on July 1, 2000, and was elevated to associate head coach in December of 2000.

During his four years working under Blais, the Sioux posted a 101-47-19 (.662) overall record, made three NCAA appearances and finished as national runnerup in 2001. During those four years UND also won two MacNaughton Cups (2001, 2004) as the champion of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association. UND has posted a 63-33-16 (.634) WCHA record the past four years.

For four seasons from 1996 to 2000, Hakstol was the general manager and head coach of the Sioux City Musketeers of the United States Hockey League, posting winning seasons in his last three seasons. Overall, Hakstol had a 101-109-13 record with the Musketeers. He was named the USHL Coach of the Year in 1997-98, when he led Sioux City to a 32-21-3 record.

He also coached the 1998 USA/USHL hockey team at the IIHF Four Nationals Cup in Oslo, Norway, and was the head coach of the Central District team (USA Hockey) at the National Select 16 Festival in Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1998.

Prior to beginning his coaching career, Hakstol played professional hockey with the IHL's Minnesota Moose from 1994-96, serving as team captain for two years, and with the IHL's Indianapolis Ice from 1992-1994, serving as team

THE DAVE HAKSTOL FILE

Personal:

Born: July 30, 1968

Hometown: Warburg, Alberta

Education: B.B.A degree in Financial Management, UND, 1996

Wife: Erinn (O'Keefe)

Coaching Career:

July 9, 2004	Head Coach, Univ. of North Dakota
July 1, 2004	Interim Head Coach, Univ. of North Dakota
December 2000	Associate Head Coach, Univ. of North Dakota
July 1, 2000	Assistant Coach, Univ. of North Dakota
1996-2000	General Manager & Head Coach, Sioux City, USHL
1998	Head Coach, USA/USHL Team, IIHF Four Nations Cup
1998	Head Coach, Central District Team (USA), National Select 16 Festival
Honors:	1997-98 USHL Coach of the Year

Playing Career:

1994-96	Minnesota Moose (IHL)
1992-94	Indianapolis Ice (IHL)
1989-92	University of North Dakota

Career Statistics:

IHL: 250 games played, 12 goals, 37 assists, 49 points, 455 PIM

UND: 107 games played, 10 goals, 36 assists, 46 points, 191 PIM

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captain for one season. In five professional seasons, Hakstol played in 250 games, scoring 12 goals and recording 37 assists. He also accumulated 455 penalty minutes.

As a member of the Sioux hockey team from 1989-92, Hakstol was a three-year letterwinner and served as team captain from 1990 to 1992. He played in 107 games for UND, scoring 10 goals and adding 36 assists for 46 points. He had 77 penalties for 191 minutes.

A native of Warburg, Alta., Hakstol received a bachelor of business administration degree in financial management from UND in 1996. He and his wife, Erinn, were married in the summer of 2003.

Brad Berry, 39, spent the past four seasons as assistant coach with the Fighting Sioux. Prior to coming to UND as a coach, Berry was the interim assistant coach for the Michigan K-Wings (IHL) in 1999-00. As a player in the Dallas Stars organization, Berry played a key role from 1994-99 in the developmental process of young prospects for the Stars. From 1994-98, Berry was the captain of the K-Wings with the responsibility of running the defensemen in practices. In 1998-99 he led the off-ice training in cardiovascular and weight training and worked as a pre-scout/coach for the K-Wings.

A three-time IHL All-Star, Berry also spent parts of eight seasons in the National Hockey League, including stints with the Dallas Stars, Minnesota North Stars and Winnipeg Jets. He finished his playing career with 241 games in the NHL, 405 in the IHL and 86 in the AHL.

Berry attended the University of North Dakota and played hockey from 1983-86. He was a three-year letterwinning defenseman who played in 112 games, and in 1985 represented Canada at the World Junior Hockey Championships. A native of Bashaw, Alta., Berry's family includes his wife, Suzanne, and his daughters, Brianna and Brooke.

ALL-TIME UND MEN'S HOCKEY COACHES				
<u>Years</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>(Age at hiring, college head coach exp.)</u>	<u>Overall Record</u>	<u>League Record</u>
1929-32	Joe Brown	not available	1-2-0 (.333)	
1932-33	Noland Franz	not available	1-8-0 (.111)	
1935-36	Buck Cameron	not available	2-2-0 (.500)	
1936-46	Intramural Hockey Only			
1946-47	John Jamieson	(age NA, 1st college job)	7-6-0 (.538)	
1947-49	Don Norman	(age NA, 2nd college job)	20-17-1 (.539)	
1949-56	Cliff "Fido" Purpur	(37 yrs., 1st college job)	94-75-8 (.554)	42-42-0 (.500) WIHL
1956-57	Al Renfrew	(32 yrs., 2nd college job)	18-11-0 (.621)	13-9-0 (.591) WIHL
1957-59	Bob May	(30 yrs., 1st college job)	44-17-2 (.714)	21-5-1 (.796) WIHL
			14-7-0**	No League
			35-21-1***	
1959-64	Barry Thorndycraft	(26 yrs., 1st college head coaching job)	71-65-8 (.521)	59-49-4 (.545) WCHA
1964-66	Bob Peters	(27 yrs., 1st college head coaching job)	42-20-1 (.674)	26-12-0 (.684) WCHA
1966-68	Bill Selman	(27 yrs., 1st college head coaching job)	39-20-3 (.653)	29-14-1 (.670) WCHA
1968-78	Rube Bjorkman	(39 yrs., 3rd college head coaching job)	149-186-11 (.447)	121-162-7 (.429) WCHA
1978-94	John Gasparini	(32 yrs., 1st college head coaching job)	392-248-24 (.608)	277-197-21 (.581) WCHA
1995-04	Dean Blais	(43 yrs., 1st college head coaching job)	262-115-33 (.679)	176-87-20 (.657) WCHA
Totals	14 coaches	1142-792-92 (.586)	688-518-62 (.567) WCHA	

** Old WIHL disbanded after 1957-58 season
 ***Old WIHL played interlocking schedules, these figures for games only vs. old WIHL members

SIoux HOCKEY HEAD COACHING NOTES:

Hakstol is only the fourth UND head coach in the past 36 years, following Rube Bjorkman (1968-1978), John "Gino" Gasparini (1978-1994) and Blais (1994-2004).

Hakstol is just the fifth former Sioux player to become UND head coach. The other four to both play at UND and serve as head coach of the Fighting Sioux were Bob May, Bob Peters, Bill Selman and John "Gino" Gasparini.

Of the last nine Sioux head coaches, three were older than Hakstol's 35 years of age when they took the UND helm and six were younger. The three who were older include Blais (43 years old in 1994), Bjorkman (39 in 1968) and Cliff "Fido" Purpur (37 in 1949). Those who were younger include Gasparini (32 in 1978), Al Renfrew (32 in 1956), Bob May (30 in 1957), Bill Selman (27 in 1966), Bob Peters (27 in 1964) and Barry Thorndycraft (26 in 1959).

Hakstol's hiring continues a UND tradition of hiring head men's hockey coaches with no prior collegiate head coaching experience. Eight of the last 11 UND head coaches had never before been a collegiate head coach when they took over the Sioux, and all eight of those coaches posted winning records at UND.

The only three experienced collegiate head coaches UND has hired were Bjorkman in 1968, Renfrew in 1956 and Don Norman in 1947. Before taking over at UND in 1968, Bjorkman was head coach at New Hampshire for four seasons and prior to that was head coach at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for one season. Renfrew had been Michigan Tech's head coach for five seasons before getting the UND job in 1956, and Norman had been head coach at St. John's University before getting the UND job in 1947.