



VITO'S MAKE CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Ken Dobson promoted to Director of Hockey Operations; Randy Jones takes over as head coach

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QUISPAMISIS, NB – A familiar face is taking over as head coach of the TELUS Cup National Silver Medalist Saint John Vito's.

Randy Jones was today announced as the club's bench boss by newly-minted Director of Hockey Operations Ken Dobson. Dobson moves to the front office after six years behind the bench.

"Ken has played a critical role in moving our club forward over the last six years," said team president Mike Alexander. "We are excited that Ken has accepted the challenge of continuing to push our club's goals in his new role."

The Vito's are preparing for a busy off-season on the heels of the most successful year in team history. In 2015-16, they captured the provincial crown, the Atlantic Championship, and silver at the nationals, the first medal of any colour for a New Brunswick entry at the Canadian championship.

"The past six years have truly been a dream," stated Dobson, who guided the Vito's to an appearance in the provincial final in three of the last four seasons. "This team is extremely close to my heart and I am excited about continuing to assist in leading its direction in my new role. The hard work in the last six years will pale in comparison to the work required to sustain success over the next six."

Jones takes the reins after playing more than 360 games in the NHL. He took a circuitous route to the world's top hockey circuit, playing at the Junior A and NCAA levels before signing as a free agent with the Philadelphia Flyers. His NHL stops were with the Flyers, Tampa Bay Lightning, Los Angeles Kings and Winnipeg Jets. He won the Calder Cup with the American Hockey League's Philadelphia Phantoms.

"It's an honour and a privilege to accept the position of Head Coach of the Vito's," said Jones, who becomes the first ex-Saint John midget product to coach the club. "I am extremely excited. I look forward to the challenge of keeping this team competitive for years to come, and building on the foundation Ken has created."

The rest of the coaching staff will be finalized over the coming weeks.

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