

## Media Release

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### **Men's Hockey Program Will Have a New Head Coach for Upcoming Season**

The process to select a men's hockey head coach has begun at St. Thomas University following the resignation of Pat Powers.

Powers was named head coach two years ago and decided to leave the program last week.

"I want to thank Pat for starting to rebuild our men's hockey program. He came as advertised and did everything that we could expect as a head coach in rebuilding a program from the ground up. His efforts over the past two years will pay dividends in the future," Eagles said.

Eagles said he was disappointed with the situation but believes that Powers has put the program in a much stronger position than it was two years ago.

"Leading a program that is headed in the right direction will be attractive to an incoming coach. At the same time, there will still be lots of work to do in order to realize the potential that we have with this team."

Eagles has been working with Powers this week on transition issues. The hockey schools set for July, August and September have been organized by assistant coach Andrew Conners.

The process is being led by Eagles and Vice-President Finance and Administration Lily Fraser, the executive responsible for athletics at the university.

"Building on what Pat had accomplished, the incoming head coach will have a skill set with the upcoming season in mind—demonstrated leadership skills, experience in hockey at a high-performance level and the ability to relate to a young team," Eagles added.

"We feel that we have a promising young team, so we will look for the right candidate to continue to move the program forward."

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