

Media Release

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Kyle McAllister Named Head Coach of Men's Varsity Hockey Team

St. Thomas University has named Kyle McAllister head coach of its men's varsity hockey team.

"Kyle has an extensive hockey background and for over a decade he has been part of our hockey programs as a student athlete, recruiter and assistant coach for both the men's and women's hockey teams," said athletics director Mike Eagles.

"He sees the needs of the program today and has a vision to move the team forward. We were very attracted to his enthusiasm to build a successful program at his *alma mater*."

Originally from Cornwall, Ontario, McAllister played five seasons in the Ontario Hockey League before joining the Tommies in 2002. He played five seasons and was captain of the Tommies for his final three years. He led the Atlantic University Sports conference in scoring his first year and was named conference rookie of the year. In 2007, he was a member of Canadian gold medal winning team at FISU games. He later played in three professional leagues in the United States—the International Hockey League, the East Coast Hockey League and the Central Hockey League—and has attended two NHL training camps.

McAllister graduated from St. Thomas University with a bachelor of arts in 2007 and stayed connected with the Tommies hockey program following his graduation. He was assistant coach for the men's team in 2009-10 and 2010-11 and assisted in practices, game preparation, scouting and recruiting. He was recently assistant coach for the women's team for three years, focusing on special teams.

"Kyle has strong leadership skills and a proven ability to build positive relationships with players, staff and community stakeholders," Eagles added. "He understands the demands of student athletes and coaches at the CIS level, and we believe he will move our men's team forward in a very competitive league."

Eagles said that he expects McAllister to build his staff in the near future.

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