

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION 2020

## Coach: Marc Staley

Ice Hockey has been in Mark Staley's blood ever since he suited up for the local Batavia Youth League Coca-Cola Smilers coached, at the time, by eventual ND coach Dave Meyer as a 6 year old!

Marc was a talented all around student-athlete growing up in Batavia, yet Ice Hockey was his love. A 4 year Varsity Hockey team member at Batavia High School, Marc captained the Batavia Ice Devils as a senior. He compiled 118 career points including an amazing 56 points as a senior and helped lead his team to 2 NYSPHSAA Section V Ice Hockey finals.

He played collegiately at Hobart Collage and Rochester Institute of Technology after his 1991 graduation from Batavia High School. He attended Hobart during his first 2 years of college where he compiled 54 total points helping the "Statesmen" to reach their fist ever berth in the National Tournament! He transferred to R.I.T. for his junior and senior years graduating in 1995 with a degree in Business Administration and Political Science. While a member of a very strong R.I.T. "Tigers" program, he competed twice more in the national tournament was a key member of the Tigers' 1994 ECAC Championship team. He finished his career at R.I.T. with 37 points for an overall college total of 93 points!

Marc returned to his Alma Mater as a bench coach for 2 seasons with his former coach Eric Hoffberg. He then took a position as an Associate Coach for 5 seasons at SUNY Geneseo along side Paul Duffy where he was able to coach his brother Jack Staley Jr. for 4 seasons. In total, he compiled a 102-42-7 record as a collegiate level coach!

He returned to his Batavia hockey roots with some encouragement from his great friend and mentor GAHA President Mike Reich. His first year as a Youth hockey coaching was at the "peewee" level where he led a group of 11 and 12 year olds all the way to New York State championship game where they represented GAHA well only to drop a 3 to 2 contest in their final game.

Marc has coached at every single USA Hockey Level from Beginners through 18 and under. He is a certified Level 4 USA Hockey coach and has coached 24 season now with GAHA. He was honored by GAHA alongside his great friend Mike Reich in 2018 as the first 2 recipients of GAHA's "Lifetime Achievement Award" for their dedication, passion and commitment to the kids and the organization. Marc has also been the recipient of the "WNY Jack Porter Coach of the Year" award on 3 occasions.

Marc also spent 2 seasons as the Head Coach of the Junior "A" Roc City Royals in NA3HL where he posted a 68 - 41 record. 12 of his former players went on to play at the NCAA collegiate level.

His coaching career at ND began in 2002 as an assistant to then Head Coach Bob Lefrancois, Dave Meyer [his first coach as a 6 year old!] and his current assistant coach Henry Moscicki '80. He was part of a staff that won 46 games over 4 seasons [2002 - 2006]



including 3 trips to the NYSPHSAA Section V semi-finals and one trip to the Sectional Finals where the Irish lost to Monroe County powerhouse Victor Blue Devils 4 - 3 in Double OT!

Marc was hired as Notre Dame High School's Head Coach starting with the 2007-2008 season. He was instrumental in rebuilding a program that only featured 13 skaters and one goaltender in his first year at the helm. After a 4 win campaign his first year that included a Sectional win against #2 NYSPHSAA ranked Canandaigua - Dubbed the "Miracle on Ice 2!" - he continued to build ND Hockey back to prominence with consecutive 8, 12 and then an electrifying 15 win seasons en route to ND's 2nd overall Section V Class B Championship in 2012 and a berth in the NYSPHSAA Championship in his 4th year at the helm on Union Street. He followed this accomplishment by leading an entirely new Irish team to ND's 3rd Section V Championship just 4 years later in 2016.

Marc was a recipient of a Notre Dame High School "Honorary Diploma" in 2020 for his overall commitment to Notre Dame, our students and our mission of "Developing Leaders Who Serve". He currently sits as the all-time winningest ND Hockey Coach with an overall record of 144-119-12. The recipient of the Section V Craig Charron Coach of the Year Award on 4 occasions, his teams have won 2 NYSPHSAA Section V Class B Championships and 3 Monroe County League Championships. He has helped place 13 ND hockey graduates into the collegiate hockey ranks during his remarkable 14 years as Head Coach of the ND Hockey program!

**Congratulations, Coach Staley!**