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MINNESOTA BLUE OX HIRE NEW ASSISTANT COACH ERIC THOMPSON



Eric Thompson

COON RAPIDS, MN – With the unexpected resignation of 5-year Assistant Coach, Jason Wood, on April 24th, the Minnesota Blue Ox have hired 5-year Blue Ox scout Eric Thompson as their new Assistant Coach for the upcoming 2022-23 season.

Blue Ox Owner/GM/Head Coach Jay Witta had this to say about the hiring of Thompson:

“With the open coaching vacancy, we didn’t have to look to far for a new Assistant Coach. I have worked with Eric the last 6 years, as he was the first scout we hired in 2017. Also in his 5-year scouting stint, he was responsible for some of our best recruits! Nick Spolec, Alex Skradski, Max Beller, Carter Hobbs, Andrew Kramer, Tyler Schirmer and Blake Glaser were all recruits Eric helped initiate for us over the first five years. He has a great eye for grit, skill, talent and GOOD CHARACTER hockey players.

I look forward to co-piloting this years team with Eric as he embraces our ‘player’s first’ culture and Blue Ox Core Values. His energy and passion for developing players will be contagious within our organization. I look forward to hopefully working with him the next 5 years.”

MORE ABOUT COACH THOMPSON

Coach Thompson grew up playing hockey in North Dakota, and went on to obtain a Bachelor’s Degree in Sports Management/Coaching at St. Cloud State University.

For the past 20 years, Coach Thompson has coached hockey at the College, Junior, High School, 18U, 16U, and Youth levels. In addition, he has lead teams to ACHA College Nationals, 16U AA Nationals, and 2 High School State Championships. Since moving back to Minnesota, he has been coaching with Minnesota High Performance & Tier 1.

Eric currently resides in Zimmerman, MN with his wife (Erica), daughter (Nia), and son (Tate).

THE MINNESOTA BLUE OX VISION

Our number one priority as a USPHL organization is to provide a positive environment and opportunity for each player to develop and move onto the next level. It is really that simple.

– The Blue Ox Ownership –

*The Minnesota Blue Ox will play out of the Coon Rapids Ice Center, a northwestern suburb of Minneapolis, Minnesota
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