



Drayton Valley Thunder

Staff 2010-2011



Fran Gow – Head Coach and General Manager



Fran Gow will be returning as Head Coach and General Manager for the upcoming season. The Thunder appointed Fran as Head Coach and General Manager as of June 1, 2009.

The DV Thunder Coaching Staff is looking forward to the 2010-2011 hockey season with anticipation of the positive the game of hockey can have on our players. Developing leadership, teamwork and determination will give our players some of the tools they need to achieve their lifelong goals. Trademarks we will strive to be known for as a team and as an organization will be involvement in the community, supporting our sponsors and advertisers, developing life skills, while delivering a positive hockey experience. Through the efforts of our strong core of volunteers, billets, board of directors, fans, and corporate support, Jr A hockey in Drayton Valley will continue to thrive and for this we thank you. On behalf of the Thunder Staff and Players, I welcome you to another season of Thunder Hockey!"-Fran Gow

Mike Mueller – Associate Coach/Assistant General Manager/Head of Marketing Team



Mike has been on the bench since 2009-2010 season. Mike not only has taken on the roll of Associate Coach, but Assistant General Manager with the Thunder. Before joining the Thunder, Mike coached the Grande Prairie Golden Arrow Storm Bantam AAA team of the AMBHL. Mike is also heavily involved in Hockey Alberta with regards to the Alberta Cup held annually throughout the province. Mike was also behind the bench for the Edmonton South Bruins at the event.

"It's been a great experience being part of the Drayton Valley Thunder organization to date. I look to build on what we have started here and help get this organization back to the playoffs where it belongs."

-Mike Mueller

Bram Stephen - Assistant Coach



Bram is joining the Thunder for his third year behind the bench as assistant coach. Before joining the Thunder last season Bram was the Head Coach of the CAC Lehigh Inland Cement Bantam AAA program in Edmonton, a program in which he played for from 1999-2004. Bram once again was part of the Alberta Cup program held annually in April, coaching the Edmonton North Oilers team this past year.

"I am very excited about coming back to the Thunder for a second season. My first year in the AJHL was a great learning experience for myself. We plan on icing a team that you can not only be proud of on the ice, but off the ice as well." - Bram Stephen

Candace Barnacal, HBKin, CAT(C)

- Athletic Therapist/ Equipment Manager



The Thunder are excited to have Candace return as Athletic Therapist/ Equipment manager for the 2011-2012 season. Candace is a graduate of the athletic therapy program at the Mount Royal University in Calgary, AB, and is certified through the Canadian Athletic Therapist's Association. She previously worked as a Minor Midget AAA Rangers in Calgary. Candace is also involved with Hockey Alberta, serving as a trainer in 2008, 2009, and 2010 at the Alberta Cup and the 2008 U16 provincial camp and the 2009 U17 provincial camp.

"I am very excited to be able to work with the Thunder again. I have enjoyed the time I've spent in Drayton Valley, and the people I have met here have made it so much easier to be away from my family in Ontario. I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish this season as a team and as a community. I also hope to see more fans in the stands." -

Candace Barnacal

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Kendra Boles - Assistant Marketing Manager /Game Day Productions



Birth Date: December 3, 1992

Height: 5'6"

Hometown: Drayton Valley, AB

Nickname: Kenny

Favorite NHL Team: Edmonton Oilers

Favorite Hockey Player: Sydney Crosby

Favorite Hockey Memory: Playing Pond Hockey




Future Career: Graphic Designer

Favorite Movie: Fox & Hound

Actor/Actress: Jack Nickolson

Quote to live by: "Go Hard or Go Home "

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