



COACHES AND STAFF

MIKE GABINET

HEAD COACH • SECOND YEAR • OMAHA (2004)

Mike Gabinet became the third head coach in Omaha hockey history on April 5, 2017 after serving as associate head coach during the 2016-17 season, his first with his alma mater. Gabinet is the first former UNO player to serve as the team's head coach.

In his first year behind the bench, Gabinet led the Mavericks to a 17-17-2 record and a fifth-place finish in the NCHC with a mark of 10-13-1-0/0. The Mavericks had the conference's best power play, and Gabinet coached David Pope to a berth on the NCHC All-Conference First Team.

Before joining the Mavericks, Gabinet was the head coach of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in 2015-16. He led the Oaks to the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference Championship with a 36-0 record, only the second time in 51 years that a team had finished undefeated in the conference. He was named ACAC Coach of the Year and became the first rookie head coach to guide his team to an undefeated season in Canadian college hockey history.

Prior to that, he was an associate coach at NAIT for three seasons.

A native of Edmonton, Alberta, Gabinet played defense for the Mavericks from 2000-04 and was an alternate captain as a senior. In 130 career games, he scored six goals and 41 assists for 47 points. He still ranks 10th all-time in points by a UNO defenseman.

Gabinet was a draft pick of the Los Angeles Kings in 2001 and played professionally in the American Hockey League, the ECHL and in Europe before turning to coaching in 2012.

Gabinet comes from an outstanding hockey family. He is the grandson of Canadian hockey coaching legend Clare Drake who enjoyed success in both college and international coaching. His grandfather was inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame in 1989 and was selected for the Hockey Hall of Fame induction class of 2017.

Gabinet graduated from Omaha in 2004 with a degree in business finance. He and his wife, Antara, have a son, Noah, and a daughter, Jordyn.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Omaha (NCHC)

- Head Coach (2017-present)
- Associate Head Coach (2016-17)

NAIT (ACAC)

- Head Coach (2015-16)
- Associate Coach (2012-2015)

HONORS AND AWARDS

NAIT

- ACAC Coach of the Year (2015-16)





DAVE NOEL-BERNIER

ASSISTANT COACH • SECOND YEAR • OMAHA (2001)



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Omaha (NCHC)

• Assistant Coach (2017-present)

Detroit Red Wings (NHL)

• Assistant Coach (2015-17)

Muskegon (USHL)

• Assistant Coach (2010-13)

Omaha (CCHA)

• Director of Hockey Operations (2007-10)



Dave Noel-Bernier joined the Omaha hockey staff as an assistant coach in April of 2017.

Noel-Bernier was an original Maverick, playing forward in the first four years of the program. The native of Montmagny, Quebec appeared in 138 games for UNO, scoring 24 goals and 26 assists for 50 points. He was a two-time CCHA Scholar Athlete, graduating from UNO with a degree in exercise science in 2001.

Noel-Bernier spent the 2015-17 hockey seasons as an assistant coach for the Detroit Red Wings, working with players both on-ice and in video sessions. He was responsible for skill development, scouting reports of opponents and both in-game and post-game breakdown of video.

After graduation, Noel-Bernier spent six seasons as a professional player in North America and Germany. He returned to his alma mater in 2007 and served as the Director

of Hockey Operations and Assistant Strength Coach for three seasons. In 2010, he joined the Muskegon Lumberjacks of the USHL as an assistant coach and Assistant General Manager, working three seasons there as both an on-ice coach and in recruiting.

Noel-Bernier spent the 2013-14 season as the hockey director of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Blades Association before returning to coaching as an assistant coach of the Grand Rapids Griffins of the AHL. Among other duties there, he ran the team's power play and coached the forwards.



PAUL JERRARD

ASSISTANT COACH • FIRST YEAR • LAKE SUPERIOR STATE (1987)



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Calgary (NHL)

- Assistant Coach (2016-18)

Utica (AHL)

- Assistant Coach (2013-16)

Dallas (NHL)

- Assistant Coach (2011-13)

Texas (AHL)

- Assistant Coach (2009-11)

Iowa (AHL)

- Assistant Coach (2005-09)

Hershey (AHL)

- Assistant Coach (2003-05)

Colorado (NHL)

- Assistant Coach (2002-03)

Lake Superior State (CCHA)

- Assistant Coach (1997-98, 1999-2002)

Lowell (AHL)

- Assistant Coach (1998-99)



Paul Jerrard was hired as UNO's assistant hockey coach in May of 2018.

Jerrard is a hockey veteran with 21 years as an assistant coach in the National Hockey League, American Hockey League and college hockey. He spent two seasons with the Calgary (2016-18) before coming to Omaha. Among his other NHL stints, he was an assistant coach for the Dallas Stars for two years and with the Colorado Avalanche for one season.

Jerrard also has significant development experience as an assistant coach in the American Hockey League, working with the top prospects of Colorado, Dallas, Vancouver and the New York Islanders.

The native of Winnipeg, Manitoba began his coaching career in 1997 following a 10-year playing career from 1987 to 1997 that included a stint with the Minnesota North Stars.

Jerrard is no stranger to college hockey. He played defense for Lake Superior State from 1983-87, totaling 40 goals and 73 assists for 113 points in 156 games. He was drafted by the New York Rangers in the ninth round of the 1983 Entry Draft.

Following his playing days, he returned to his alma mater where he was an assistant coach in 1997-98 and again from 1999-2002.



KIRK THOMPSON

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH - THIRD YEAR - OMAHA (2016)



Kirk Thompson joined the Omaha staff as a volunteer assistant coach in 2016. He works primarily with the Mavericks' goaltending corps.

Thompson was a three-year letter winner in goal for the Mavericks, compiling a career record of 14-17-2 in 42 games between 2013-16. In that time, he posted a 3.03 career goals-against average and a .886 save percentage while also earning two shutouts.

A native of Surrey, British Columbia, Thompson earned his degree in criminology and criminal justice in the

summer of 2016 and earned his master's degree in public administration in 2018.



BRIAN KAUFMAN

DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY OPERATIONS - FIRST YEAR - MIAMI (2009)



Brian Kaufman joined the Omaha staff as its director of hockey operations in April of 2018.

Kaufman is well-known to hockey fans in Omaha after spending five seasons with the Omaha Lancers of the USHL, first as an assistant coach in 2012-13 before becoming the head coach for the next four seasons. As the head coach, Kaufman led the Lancers to a record of 121-91-28 and two playoff appearances.

The native of Shoreview, Minn. played collegiately for Miami from 2005-09, scoring 30 goals and 84 points in 125 career games.

Kaufman earned his bachelor's degree in finance in 2009 and his MBA in 2012.

He and his wife, Chelsea, have two children - Mason and Lilian.



JOSH ENGLEBRETSON

ATHLETIC TRAINER - FIFTH YEAR - WISCONSIN - STEVENS POINT (2004)



Josh Englebretson became the Mavericks' athletic trainer in August 2014 after spending eight years at Castleton State (Vt.), the last two as the head athletic trainer.

While at Castleton, Englebretson worked with the Castleton State hockey team as well as serving as the primary trainer for other sports, including football, volleyball and baseball.

Englebretson, a native of Owen, Wis., was a graduate assistant at Northern Illinois for two years. While there, he also was the head athletic trainer and assistant director of athletics for Genoa-Kingston High School.

Englebretson earned his bachelor's degree in athletic training from Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 2004 and his master's degree in sports management from Northern Illinois in 2006.

JASON SMITS

EQUIPMENT MANAGER - SECOND YEAR

Jason Smits joined the Omaha hockey staff as equipment manager prior to the 2017-18 season. He came to Omaha following one year at Clarkson where he was the men's hockey equipment manager while also assisting for the women's team.

The native of Moline, Ill. was the equipment manager for Muskegon of the United States Hockey League from 2010-16 where he worked with current UNO assistant coach Dave Noel-Bernier during the first two seasons. While with Muskegon, the team played in the Clark Cup Finals in 2015-16. Among his duties with the Lumberjacks, he also handled team travel and meals.

Smits began his career in a volunteer role with Quad City of the ECHL for the 2009-10 season.

Smits also has worked with USA Hockey, serving as the equipment manager for World Junior A Challenge teams that won both gold and bronze medals.

Smits and his wife, Crystal, have two children – daughter Delaney and son Oliver.

MIKE LEWIS

ASSISTANT COACH - STRENGTH AND PERFORMANCE - FIRST YEAR - MINNESOTA (2011)

Mike Lewis joined the hockey staff as the strength and performance coach in June of 2018. Before coming to UNO, Mike served as the director of strength and conditioning at Bemidji State from 2016-2018 where he worked with both the men's and women's hockey teams as well as the school's other sports. He had previously been a graduate assistant for strength and conditioning at BSU for two years.

Lewis earned his undergraduate degree in kinesiology - sport and exercise science with a minor in coaching from Minnesota in 2011. He interned with Gopher Strength, working with all varsity sports teams. Between graduation

and his graduate program, Lewis was a sports performance coach at 1st Athlete in Edina, Minn. and also worked as an assistant strength coach at Minnetonka High School. He also spent time at Velocity Training Center in Edina as an assistant strength and conditioning coach, working with the center's pro, college, junior hockey and high school teams.

Lewis has been a certified strength and conditioning specialist since 2011 and a member of the NSCA since 2010.

JAKE MCKAMEY

STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH - FIRST YEAR - TENNESSEE (2018)

Jake McKamey joined the Omaha hockey staff as a student assistant coach in the summer of 2018.

McKamey served as the amateur hockey intern for the Nashville Predators from January of 2018 until joining the Mavericks. While there, he was responsible for maintaining and enhancing the Predators' initiatives for amateur player development.

The native of Franklin, Tenn. worked the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship in Buffalo, N.Y., managing transportation and credentialing for teams, officials and news media. He also served as a team leader with USA Hockey in 2017, assisting in the U-17 Select Development

National Camp in preparation for the Ivan Hlinka Tournament in Slovakia.

McKamey spent two seasons with Knoxville of the Southern Professional Hockey League, supporting the hockey staff with statistics collection and analysis and pre-scouting of opponents. He also served as president and captain of the Tennessee club hockey team.

McKamey graduated from Tennessee with a degree in sports management in 2018. He is pursuing his master's in business administration at UNO.