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## **The Chicago Fury Bolster Coaching Depth with Zach Drane and Mark Kurzawski**

Please join us in welcoming both Zach Drane and Mark Kurzawski to the Chicago Fury as we are extremely fortunate to have both join our organization! Zach will be the Director of Goaltending Development and Mark (Chewy) Kurzawski will be coaching and working with our midget teams for the upcoming 2023-24 season.

Zach Drane grew up playing Illinois hockey as a goalie for Team Illinois and the Flames out of Glen Ellyn. He brings extensive coaching knowledge with over 15 years of experience with several AA, AAA, high school, and junior programs. Zach is a full-time goalie coach and is currently the Assistant Director for the Gould Goalie School and Goalie Director for the West Dundee Leaf's Hockey Club, and former Goalie Director for Team Illinois AAA Hockey and Head Goalie Coach for the Chicago Cougars USPHL.

During his tenure, Zach has defined a unique style of coaching aligning to the need of the modern developing goalie. He has developed a strong understanding of on and off ice instruction, game video analytics, and continual learning that is required to develop a well-rounded and skilled goalie. He brings insight, passion, positivity, and excitement to his coaching approach that allows him to build an amazing bond with all players. Zach understands the necessary commitment for success and dedicates his time and energy daily to developing and improving goalies.

Mark is Chicago native and started playing locally at 3-years-old in Oak Lawn. After a successful youth playing career in Illinois, Mark would go on as a star defenseman in the junior ranks for the Windsor Spitfires of the OHL. Additionally, Mark was a 2nd round draft pick of Chicago Blackhawks (35th overall) in the 1986 NHL entry draft, and in 2013, Mark was inducted to the Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame.

Mark's coaching career began immediately following his playing days and has now coached for over 25 years from House, AA, CSDHL, High School, and AAA. From the early 90's-2000's Mark spent over 10 seasons with Team Illinois which included winning a USA Hockey National Championship.

His success in hockey and as an electrical contractor is centered around hard work, consistency, and attention to detail. Mark's passion for the game, ability to communicate, and extensive hockey background are the qualities we are proud to have help lead our young men at the Midget level both on and off the ice.

The Chicago Fury is committed to continuing to invest in coaching and resources to help each of our athletes and teams thrive. We are thrilled with the addition Zach and Mark as we strive to build a winning culture in Orland Park!