



YOUTH FULL SEASON COACHES

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YVON CORRIVEAU
FULL TIME HOCKEY DIRECTOR
1st Round NHL Draft Pick
20 Year Pro





Hockey Director & U16 Head Coach Yvon “ Ike Corriveau

Coach Corriveau continues to lead the Premier Hockey Group & CT Chiefs with 20 years of professional hockey experience including 1200 games from 1985 – 2005.

A first round draft pick in 1985 by the Washington Capitals, Ike played 360 regular season NHL games with the Washington Capitals, the Hartford Whalers and the San Jose Sharks.

Adding to that experience, he also participated in 50 NHL playoff games. In addition, he played 430 regular season games in the IHL and AHL, being part of teams that won both the Calder Cup and Turner Cup. He continued his career in Europe, playing in over 400 games in the DEL (Deutsche Elite League) in Berlin, Germany.

As a Major Junior A player, he played with the Toronto Marlies (OHL), and was a member of Team Canada, highlighted in the World Junior Championship in Piestany, Czechoslovakia alongside fan favorites Brendan Shanahan, Pierre Turgeon, Steve Chiasson, Theron Fluery, and Jimmy Waite.

Since his retirement in 2005, Ike successfully transitioned into a top youth coach. In the spring of 2010 Ike led a very talented 1997 team to its first appearance at the USA Hockey National Championships. These past two seasons Ike has led the U18 Mid Fairfield Chiefs to two back to back appearances at the USA Hockey National Championships and winning the 2017 U18 National Championship.

During his tenure as Hockey Director, Ike has been instrumental in guiding numerous CT Chiefs to Prep, Junior, & College hockey.



U18 Head Coach Trent Samuels-Thomas

Coach Trent is a Certified Power Skating Instructor & Skills Instructor who has worked with Pro, D1 & 3, and Junior players improve their skating and skills.

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As a player, Samuels-Thomas went on to play in the highest level of Canadian Junior hockey in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL). He played a season with the Drummondville Voltigeurs before returning to the United States to play Tier-1 Junior hockey in the USHL for The Des Moines Buccaneers and The Omaha Lancers.

In his first year at Des Moines, he registered 15 goals and 17 assists in 58 games. He is most proud of being a part of the first-ever outdoor game in the USHL while playing for the Lancers. In the spotlight on such a monumental occasion, Samuels-Thomas registered two crucial assists in a 4-2 win against the Lincoln Stars in 2013.

After his USHL and Major Junior career Samuels-Thomas played for the NCAA DIII Utica Pioneers before transitioning into Coaching.



U14 Head Coach Dave Peltz

Dave brings a wealth of hockey knowledge and experience to the CT Chiefs hockey program. Dave is a Level 4 coach (USA Hockey) and has 24 years coaching experience behind the bench at both the Junior and Tier 1 AAA youth hockey levels. Dave has had 3 Junior Hockey National appearances with several Regional and State championships. Through Dave's coaching career, he has led his teams to the AYHL, EHF, MBHL, CHC, International & Regional Silver Sticks, Chicago Nike Bauer AAA, International Pee Wee Quebec Championships / appearances. Dave has coached Connecticut and Massachusetts area teams successfully earning him a loyal following among hockey families who has now seen numerous players matriculate to Professional, Division 1 and Division 3 college hockey programs and prep school. Dave lives in West Simsbury CT, with his wife and two children.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- Coaching Experience: 24 years
- USA Hockey Advanced Coaching Certification (Level 4)
- Head Coach CT Chiefs Elite Pee-Wee Major AAA (AYHL 2019-20)
- Head Coach CT Chiefs Elite Pee-Wee Minor AAA (AYHL 2018-19)
- Head Coach CT Northern Lights U10 Silver (2016-20)
- Head Coach New England Freezers Elite AAA (2017)
- Head Coach All Pro Hockey (New Brunswick, Canada (2016)
- Head Coach Selects Hockey Elite (2015-1)
- Head Coach N.E Junior Falcons Elite (EHF 2013-15)
- Head Coach CT Wolves Tier 1 AAA (AYHL 2008-11)
- Head Coach Mid-Fairfield Pee-Wee Major AAA (2007-08)
- Head Coach Mid-Fairfield Pee-Wee Minor AAA (2006-07)
- Head Coach Mid-Fairfield U-14 Girls (2006-07)
- Head Coach Mid -Fairfield Squirt Major (2004-05)
- Head Coach CT Yankees Select Pee-Wee Major / Bantam Minor (2004-06)
- Head Coach Junior Tier 2 (2004-05)
- Head Coach 95 Elites NAPS (2005)
- Assistant Coach Junior Tier 2 (2001-03)
- Head Coach Midget AAA CT Whalers (1998-2003)
- Head Coach for Select Junior tournaments, showcases
 - New England College Developmental League
 - Hub City Cup
 - Toronto Prospects / Bell Cup / TOURNOI INTERNATIONAL PEE-WEE QUÉBEC
 - Chowder Cup Bean Pot
- Assistant Coach Select 14/15 camp Burlington, VT (Team New England)
- Honey-Baked / Compuware spring skills staff member (Oak

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2018 USA Hockey Squirt Major New England Regionals
- 2018 USA Hockey Squirt Major State Finalists
- 2017 USA Hockey Squirt Major New England Regional finalists
- 2017 USA Hockey Squirt Major State Champions
- 2016 Shamrock Elite Invite Squirt AAA Finalists
- 2015 EHF Elite Mite Minor Finalists
- 2014 CT Kings Invitational Champions
- 2008 Tier 1 Connecticut State Champions
- 2007 New England Regional Pee Wee Minor Tier I Finalists
- 2006 New England Regional Squirt Major Tier I Finalists
- 2006 CT Yankees Tournament Champions U-12
- 2006 Top Gun Pee-Wee AAA Champions
- 2005 Toronto Prospects Champions CT Yankees 14U Toronto, CAN
- 2005 New England Regional Squirt Major Silver Stick Champions - Sarnia, Ontario
- 2005 Tier 2 Junior C National Championship Philadelphia, PA
- 2005 New England Junior regular season champions
- 2004 Tier 2 Junior B National Championship Rochester, NY
- 2003 Tier 2 Junior B National Championship Blaine, MN
- 2003 Springfield Pics Fall Invitational Midget AAA Champions
- 2002, 2004 North York Toronto Midget SUPER AAA Champions
- 2001, 2002, 2003 league champions NEMHL
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- Honey-Baked / Compuware spring skills staff member (Oak Park, MI)
- Pro Hockey Development Group (Toronto) clinic / skills staff member – Toronto, CAN



U13 Head Coach Nick Diorio

Many people do not find the passion that drives them until later in their lives. For Nick Diorio, he found his life's passion at five years of age when he put on his first pair of hockey skates and has never looked back.

Nick immediately took to hockey and was a standout player from the get-go. He played his youth hockey in the AYHL all the way through the Bantam level. Nick was a member of Team Connecticut and was honored as an invitee to the New England Development Camp.

From ages 15-19, Nick played junior hockey both with and against many future NCAA and NHL hockey players. Over his junior career, Nick registered over 100 points while learning key roles and concepts to succeed at the college level.

While playing junior hockey, Nick garnered the attention of Greg Heffernan, who was then the Head Coach at Western New England University, and who is now the Chiefs Junior program General Manager and EHL Head Coach. Coach Heffernan recruited Nick to WNEU where he played 88 games over four years of NCAA hockey for the Golden Bears. Nick earned a reputation as a top defensive forward, solid playmaker, and a tenacious penalty killer.

While a current student of the game, Nick works equally hard off the ice on his education. Nick became a three-year member of the ECAC All-Academic team, maintaining a 3.4 GPA while competing in Varsity Hockey. He earned a degree in Finance in 2015 and is currently pursuing an MBA maintaining a 3.9 GPA.

Nick is now in his seventh-year coaching with the Connecticut Chiefs where he has worked with many athletes who are now playing at the Junior, Prep, and College level.

Nick's coaching experience includes:

Head Coach U16 Midgets: 2015-2017
Assistant Coach EHLP: 2018-2019
Head Coach U16 Midgets: 2019-2021
Associate Head Coach U14 Bantams: 2021-2022
Mite Hockey Development Coach: 2020-2022
Head Coach U14: 2022-2023

Team Accolades:

2022 Eaglebrook School Hockey Tournament Champions.
2021 Beast League Fall Classic Champions.

Nick is a resident of New Britain, CT and is engaged to be married. He works as a senior accounting analyst at Virtus Investment Partners and is excited to relay his experiences as a student athlete with players both on and off the ice.



U12 Head Coach Adam Thomas

Coach Adam Thomas enters his seventh season with the Connecticut Chiefs after joining the organization in 2015 to coach our 2007 team. Thomas has made a significant impact on the Chiefs' entire organization.

Since 2017, Thomas has helped the staff by preparing weekly skills sessions, developing the team's off-ice/summer training program, and being an active recruiting ambassador for the Chiefs.

As a coach, Thomas's attention to detail and positive, corrective approach has made him an invaluable asset to our younger players' development plan.

Thomas has achieved a USA Hockey Level-4 certification as a coach. He is a familiar voice during our development practices, with countless hours of skills and skating sessions for the Chiefs and other programs. Among his many strengths are his communication skills with both players and their families, and he has helped expand the Chiefs youth program.

Thomas is also the founder of S4 Hockey which specializes in private skills development and Spring/Summer Hockey opportunities.

Speaking of Thomas, Chiefs' Owner and President, Brandon Johnson said, "We are excited to have Coach Adam's continued involvement with our program. He is a true organizational asset and an inspirational leader to our young players. We look forward to his continuing work coaching the 2011 birth year."

Thomas lives in Manchester, CT, with his two sons, current Chiefs players, Nathaniel and Tyler

Accomplishments:

2022-2023 Head Coach CCSU
2021-2022 CCSU Assistant Coach
Founder/Owner of S4 Hockey
USMC - E5 (2001-2009)
2018-19 EMHL League Champions
2018-19 Bell Cup Skills Champions
2017-18 PHL Squirt Major League Champions
2017-18 Nutmeg State Game U10 Gold Medal
2017-18 War at The Shore Tournament Champions
2017-18 NH Cyclones Tournament Runner Up
2016-17 EMHL Runner Up
2015-16 EMHL Semi – Finalists



U11 Head Coach Trent Samuels-Thomas

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U10 Black Head Coach Dave Desrosiers

Coach Dave brings a wealth of coaching and playing experience to the Connecticut Chiefs. Dave played Junior Hockey for Weyburn Jr Red Wings in the SJHL which led him to Oswego College. Dave then played the Pro Hockey in the UHL and ECHL for two seasons.

During the summers while playing junior, college, and pro hockey Dave was a hockey school instructor at Paul Vincent's Dynamic Skating, Huron Hockey School, Planet Hockey, Robbi Glantz Power Skating, and Rick Heinze Player Hockey School. While playing in SJHL Dave coached PeeWee AA Grenfell Spitfires (Saskatchewan).

After Pro Hockey Dave came back home to be Head Coach of the Northern Lights U19 & CT Clippers PeeWee AAA. Dave then moved up to the Junior Ranks coaching the Hartford Wolfpack JR A and CT Clippers Jr B for two seasons. Coach Dave led the U8 Black team to a 27-0 Season in CHC in the 21-22 Season. This past season Coach Dave led the U9 Black (2013s) to a fantastic season leading the team MLK Cyclones Championship for back to back seasons.



U10 Red Head Coach Mike Siefker

Coach Siefker grew up playing hockey in Riverside, Ontario, the outskirts of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. His Midget Major year he played for the Windsor Bulldogs in the Western Junior B Hockey League. That season Coach Mike received the Rookie of the year award that year from the league as well as acquired full ride opportunities to Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, Bowling Green and Miami Ohio. Coach Siefker choose to continue his Hockey via the Canadian Major Junior A route, playing for teams as North Bay Centennials (traded after training camp), Windsor Spitfires, Sudbury Wolves and Guelph Platers.

Once his junior Hockey ended he pursued an education at the University Of Windsor, where he played parts of 2 seasons. At this time Coach Mike also was an assistant coach with the Amherstburg Vikings in the Ontario Junior C league. Upon graduating with an Honors degree in Criminology he again found himself back playing hockey for the Chatham Wheels in the Colonial Hockey League. The following season Coach Mike suited up in the Polish Elite League for the Ziolana Gora.

Returning back to Canada he joined our local Electrical Union, IBEW, local 773 and started my Electrical apprenticeship. After completing his apprenticeship and working a few years as an electrician, his wife Tricia, who is a Registered Nurse, and he moved to Connecticut. He is currently an E1 Electrical Contractor and has been teaching for the technical high school system for 13 years. He is currently the Department Head at Eli Whitney Technical High School.

Coach Mike was Head Coach of the CT Chiefs 2006 team for three seasons. The team started at the bottom of the Tier I AYHL in Peewee but because of his work with the team the 2006s won the U15 AYHL Championship in 21-22.



U9 Black Head Coach Brandon Johnson

Building on 23 years of coaching experience, ranging from Junior A to Mites and a lifetime of hockey playing experience, Coach Johnson founded the Connecticut Chiefs in 2008. Since the Chiefs inaugural 2008 season, Coach Johnson has been instrumental in helping in excess of 560 families achieve their goal of promoting their players to the NCAA, Junior, and Prep School Hockey.

Coach Johnson grew up playing hockey in CT. During his senior year, he helped Newington High School reach the state finals. Johnson transitioned to Junior Hockey with the CT Clippers. He then attended Central Connecticut State University where he played on two American College Hockey Association finalist teams.

In 2001, Coach Johnson began coaching Elite hockey as Head Coach of the CT Clippers Peewee Minor team. The following season, Coach Johnson led the CT Clippers Bantam Major team, featuring future NHL'er Nick Bonino and 6 future collegiate athletes, to the Atlantic Youth Hockey League playoffs.

From 2003-2007 Coach Johnson was GM/Coach of the CT Clippers and Junior Wolfpack in the AtJHL and Met League. During his tenure, the Wolfpack/Clippers advanced many players to the NCAA and USHL.

During the 2007-2008 season Coach Johnson was the Southern New England Scout for the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League

Coach Brandon was the founder of the CT Chiefs for the 2008/2009 Season. He has coached U8 to U20 teams for the past 14 seasons helping players advance to NCAA, Junior, and Prep School Hockey.

With thousands of games coached, Coach Johnson brings a unique perspective both to the bench and on the ice. His vast network of contacts throughout College, Junior, & the Prep world, prove invaluable in placing players. During his coaching career Coach Johnson has had the privilege of coaching 3 NHL players, 4 NHL Draft Picks, 81 DI, 241 DIII, and over 372 Prep School players.

Brandon, his wife Kristin, and sons reside in Wethersfield Connecticut.



U8 Black Head Coach Mike Kingston

Founder of The Cutting Edge of CT, Mike has drawn on his many years' experience to develop instructional programs and teaching philosophies that are incredibly effective.

- **Division I and Junior Hockey Player**
- **More than 38 years of coaching and instructing • ISSA Certified Personal Trainer • ACFYHA Coaching Director for 8 years . Whalers Coaching Director for 4 years • Level 5 Certified USA Hockey Coach (less than 5% of coaches reach this level) • USA Hockey Coaching & Education Director for Connecticut for more than 13 years**

*** Recruiting Director for the Chiefs for 6 plus years**

Accomplishments: coached the 3-time NY and CT Pee wee A Championship Team, a CT Bantam A State & Regional Finalist team, and through "The Cutting Edge" many players who matriculated to Prep School to Division I and Division 3 colleges.

U8 Red Head Coach Mike Szmieter

Coach Mike played his NCAA hockey with Western New England University. Szmieter first started coaching with Avon Youth Hockey and then transitioned to the CT Chiefs 2013 team helping lead them to 2 undefeated season in CHC. This past season Coach Mike led the U7 CT Chiefs.

U8 White Head Coach

TBA

U7 Head Coach Brandon Johnson

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