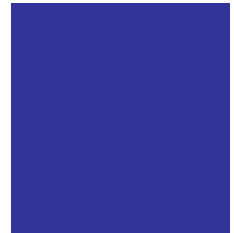


Grow the Game



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Miracle on Ice forward and veteran coach John Harrington named new Hockey Director



BLAINE, Minn. – The Herb Brooks Foundation, in partnership with FHIT Players, has named 1980 Gold Medal Olympian and veteran coach **John Harrington** as the Herb Brooks Training Center’s Director of Hockey. Harrington will oversee all hockey operations, including Miracle Gold off-season Triple-A development teams, the inner-city Rink Rat program, Herbie’s Heroes camps for military families and more.

He will also lead all coaches at **FHIT Players**, the leading hockey advancement family in the world: FHITPlayers.com.

"Having John leading the training program will bring the entire Herb Brooks Training Center to new heights," Executive Director **John McClellan** said.

The Virginia, Minn. native brings a wealth of coaching experience collected over the past 27 years, including 15 seasons with five Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) titles at St. John’s University.

He recently spent some time coaching in Europe.

Harrington played high school hockey at Virginia and college hockey at the University of Minnesota Duluth before making the 1980 Gold Medal U.S. Olympic team coached by Herb Brooks.

"Like my Father, John Harrington was instrumental in winning the gold medal in 1980 and he dedicated his life to the game of hockey," said **Dan Brooks**, son of the late Herb Brooks. "We are honored that John will be a part of the HBF and its mission of growing the game."

FHIT was established in 2005 as an institution for hockey players to train, develop and advance to the next level in hockey.

Used Equipment Drive Draws Record Numbers

Nearly 700 families picked up 3,000 pieces of equipment – all for free

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Nearly 700 families picked up 3,000 pieces of hockey equipment on Sunday, Oct. 9 at Xcel Energy Center, concluding the third-annual Used Equipment Drive.

The Herb Brooks Foundation partnered with *Let's Play Hockey*, the Minnesota Wild, Minnesota Hockey and others for the Used Equipment Drive, which collected gear from Friday, Sept. 16 through Wednesday, Oct. 5.



Parents and players collected 3,000 pieces of used equipment at Xcel Energy Center on Sunday, Oct. 9.



“This is a great opportunity for people who want to stay in hockey, or begin to play for the first time,” *Let's Play Hockey* publisher and HBF board member **Doug Johnson** said.



“This initiative continues to amaze me,” Minnesota Wild Chief Operating Officer **Matt Majka** said. *“Seems there will never be any shortage of used equipment that folks want to pass along in the State of Hockey!”*



“The 3,000-plus pieces of equipment represent a mountain of opportunity for hundreds of kids and families,” HBF Executive Director **John McClellan** said.



Programming Update



Miracle Gold



The '01 Miracle Gold AAA team celebrating a Summer Finale Tournament Championship

The '01 Miracle Gold AAA team won the Summer Finale Tournament on August 28, 2011. They beat the Canadians in OT for the Championship!

Herb's twin grandsons (Tommy and Joe Paradise) are part of this great team.

About Miracle Gold

The Miracle Gold program utilizes the latest in training techniques to provide a balanced and complete training environment that challenges each player and develops them to compete at the highest level.

For more information:

http://www.nscsports.org/sports/hockey/development/miracle_gold/index2.htm

Herb Brooks Reebok High Performance Camp

Reebok



Select 15s:

Minnesota Hockey teamed up with the Herb Brooks Foundation to provide 30 of the top 15-year-old boys and girls players in Minnesota with a great opportunity. The Herb Brooks Reebok High Performance Camp happened July 6-9 at the National Sports Center in Blaine and prepared these players to move on to the USA Hockey National Festival in Rochester, NY.

Players received on- and off-ice instruction from top Olympic, college and high school hockey coaches. Visit MinnesotaHockey.org for more information.

Stay tuned for program updates with new Hockey Director



John Harrington





Hockey Hub Top 100: Herb Brooks



The Minnesota Hockey Hub kicked off its 100 Greatest Players in High School Hockey History with the one and only Herb Brooks.



Herb Brooks (back row)

No. 100: Herb Brooks

Herb Brooks the coach has inspired countless books and movies and, more recently, a YouTube video of a chubby-cheeked little kid dressed in a sport coat and tie reciting (dramatic pauses and all) Brooks' legendary 1980 "Miracle on Ice" pregame speech.

Herb Brooks the player? Well, he is more anonymous than famous.

Long before Brooks was the fiery coach guiding the U.S. hockey team to its stunning triumph over the mighty Soviet Union juggernaut at Lake Placid, N.Y., he was honing his skills on St. Paul's outdoor rinks.

"Growing up in St. Paul I was a typical youth hockey player that hung around the rink and just fell in love with the game," Brooks is quoted as saying in Ross Bernstein's biography on Brooks titled "America's Coach: Life Lessons & Wisdom for Gold Medal Success."

-Loren Nelson, MN Hockey Hub Editor

"Winning the state championship, that represented your neighborhood. I would have to say that it was my biggest thrill ever. It was just the guys in the neighborhood and that was special." -Herb Brooks



Herb Brooks (back row, far right) scored two goals to lead St. Paul Johnson past Minneapolis Southwest 3-1 in the 1955 state championship.

View the full profile here:

http://www.mnhockeyhub.com/news_article/show/99394?referrer_id=359644

HerbStock: Thank You!

First annual concert benefit was a blast

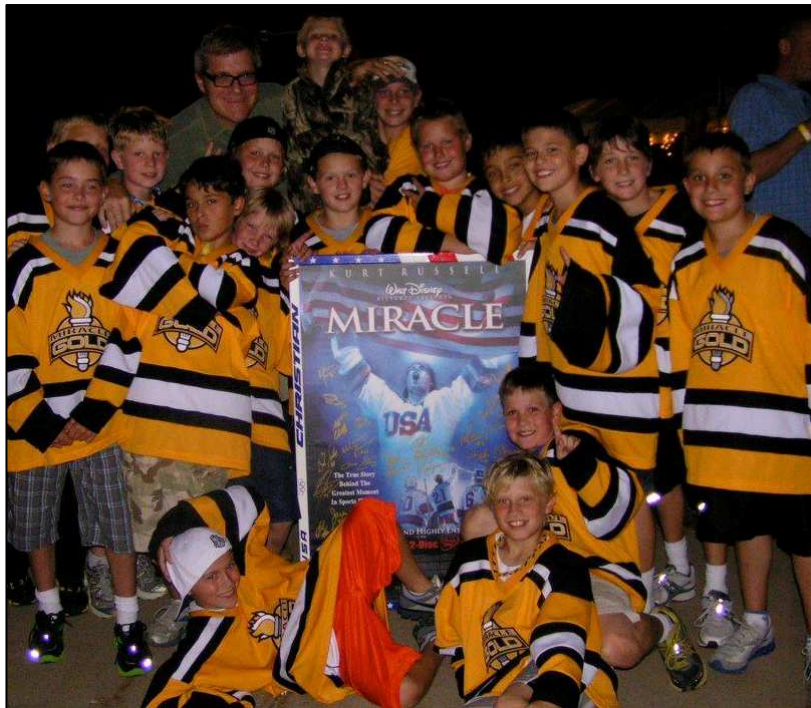
BLAINE, Minn. – Thanks to all who volunteered, attended and contributed to the first-annual HerbStock, a concert benefit for the Herb Brooks Foundation. There is already talk about next year’s event!

HerbStock celebrates the music and memories of Herb Brooks, USA Hockey, University of Minnesota Hockey and the 1980 Miracle on Ice. The event was held on Friday, September 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the National Sports Center in Blaine, Minn.

Headliner bands Jimi Jamison (former Survivor lead singer), Alex Ligertwood (former Santana lead singer), Derek St. Holmes (lead singer Ted Nugent Band currently on tour), Pat Balder and special guest Zed Leppelin rocked all night.



Alex Ligertwood, Derek St. Holmes and Mark Reuter put on a spectacular show!



The 2001 Miracle Gold AAA team with Herb's twin grandson's, Tommy and Joe Paradise, posing with an auctioned Miracle movie poster. Proceeds to grow the game of hockey.

Our Mission:

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In the Press

Rajkowski column: Harrington once again working for Brooks

By Frank Rajkowski

In a way, John Harrington is once again getting the chance to work with Herb Brooks.

The former St. John's hockey coach played for Brooks — who died in a car accident in 2003 — as a member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic team. That was the group that captured the gold medal in Lake Placid and cemented Brooks' status as a hockey legend.

Now Harrington has been named director of hockey at the Herb Brooks Training Center based in the Schwan's Super Rink at the National Sports Center in Blaine.

In his new position, he will oversee all of the Herb Brooks Foundation's hockey operations — including the Miracle Gold offseason Triple-A development teams, the inner-city Rink Rat program and Herbies' Heroes camps for hockey players from military families.

The hiring was made in partnership with FHIT Players — an institution that helps hockey players train, develop and advance to the next level of their playing careers. That organization is also based at the Schwan's Super Rink and Harrington will be involved with training players and coaches through FHIT as well.

"It really did seem like a great fit," said Harrington, who compiled a 241-142-31 record during 15 seasons as the coach St. John's before stepping down following the 2007-08 season.

"Over the past few years, I've tried to take part in certain things the Foundation has done — from the Herb Brooks Gala, the golf tournament or just making appearances on their behalf. But now I'm back around here and working at the Super Rink with FHIT players. So being able to combine the two jobs worked out really well."

In his spare time, Harrington will also serve

as a part-time scout for the Colorado Avalanche of the NHL.

"It's really amazing that all three of these jobs have been able to work out and complement each other in some ways," said Harrington, who now resides in Brooklyn Park with his wife Mary. The couple are already the grandparents of an 18-month old boy and have a new granddaughter on the way in December.

"In a way, I feel like I did a three-year study-abroad program, to put it in private-college terms," Harrington said of his post-St. John's career. "It was an awesome experience. But I was really looking forward to doing something around here. I want to be able to spend some time with my grandchildren. You can only look at photos and see them on Skype for so long."

And getting the chance to work with a foundation named for his former coach made this opportunity a special one.

"There aren't too many people who have stayed in this business for a long time, and who knew Herb, who don't do at least something that they learned from him," Harrington said. "He obviously had a huge impact on my life and coaching career.

"He was a visionary guy and he'd get on missions. He had really good ideas most of the time. And his idea of expanding hockey's base and getting more young kids playing — letting them have fun and get better — that's an idea that still needs to be promoted.

"That's what I'm trying to do."

Read the entire article here:

<http://www.sctimes.com/article/20111018/SPORTS/110180011/Rajkowski-column-Harrington-once-again-working-Brooks>



"Competition without preparation is anti-development and we are on a slippery slope in youth hockey today. There are a lot of positive things, but we also have to watch out for the 'doing too much too soon for too few' syndrome. Basically we need to stop narrowing the base of the pyramid. We need to make hockey fun for the kids and let them learn to love the game the way we did. Kids love to play and we need to give the game back to them. I basically wanted to create an environment to give the games back to the players as much as possible."

- Herbie

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The Herb Brooks Foundation is dedicated to growing the game of hockey and giving the game back to the kids.

Founded in 2003 by Dan Brooks and Kelly Brooks Paradise, Herb's friends and family were determined to preserve his legacy by continuing his work: growing the game of hockey and "making hockey fun for kids and letting them learn to love the game the way we did."

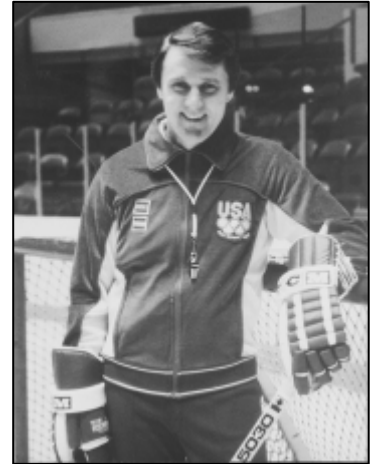
Our Mission: *Grow the base of hockey; give kids a positive hockey experience and an opportunity to learn life lessons.*

As years pass in today's system and levels of play, hockey loses players as the focus narrows on its elite talent. The drop-off is extreme.

The current system is causing 60 percent of players to quit hockey before the PeeWee level and 20 percent of players to hang them up after only one year in the sport, according to USA Hockey.

Herb's goal was to broaden that pyramid, keeping players of all ages and skill levels engaged and excited to play the game of hockey just like he did.

To learn more, visit www.herbbrooksfoundation.com. Become a fan on Facebook. Contact John McClellan at jmcclellan@herbbrooksfoundation.com or herbbrooksfoundation@gmail.com for more info.



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The Herb Brooks Foundation is continuing to grow, thanks to Herb's legacy, vision, family and people like you. But with more kids entering our programs, an increase in funding is also needed. If you want to help grow the game and provide kids an opportunity to learn life lessons, make a contribution to:

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