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GREG MOORE NAMED HEAD COACH OF TORONTO MARLIES (AHL)

Brock Sheahan promoted to Chicago Steel Head Coach

GENEVA, ILLINOIS — Chicago Steel Head Coach Greg Moore has been named Head Coach of the Toronto Marlies of the American Hockey League, the Toronto Maple Leafs announced Sunday. The Steel promoted Associate Head Coach Brock Sheahan to Head Coach effective immediately.

Moore, the native of Lisbon, Maine, guided the Steel to the 2019 Clark Cup Final after setting a Chicago franchise record for wins by a first-year Head Coach with a 37-21-4-0 record (78 pts) during the regular season. Moore held a 52-25-5-0 (109 pts) mark during his tenure with the Steel since the start of the 2018-19 season, including a 15-4-1-0 (31 pts) mark this season, the best in the USHL to date.

"I want to thank the Steel family for the positive experience through my time in Chicago," said Moore. "The genuine care and love for working together that the players and staff have demonstrated has been something special to be a part of. I'm very thankful for the players, staff and management and the support they have given to me during my time here. With the strength of the staff and management, I have all the confidence in the world for the continued success of the Steel this season and that the growth and development of the players will continue."

Prior to his position with Chicago, Moore spent three seasons with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program as an assistant coach. As a player, Moore played four seasons for the University of Maine, competing in two NCAA Frozen Fours including the National Championship Game in 2004, followed by nine years of professional hockey.

"The hallmark of a successful team is when each member elevates those around them," said Steel Owner Larry Robbins. "Our Steel team and family is proud to have contributed to Greg's rapid ascent up the coaching ladder, and we are forever grateful for Greg's contributions to our culture for players and coaches alike: professionalism each day, individual skill development and growth, eagerness to learn and innovate and to compete daily with passion and purpose."

"We are extremely proud of Greg for earning this incredible opportunity with the Toronto Maple Leafs organization," said Steel General Manager Ryan Hardy. "The Marlies are getting a world-class coach with a brilliant hockey mind and impeccable character. What he and his staff built here has, and will continue to have, a ripple effect on player development across the global hockey landscape. Thank you to Kyle Dubas, Laurence Gilman, and the entire Toronto Maple Leafs organization for their professionalism throughout this process."

Brock Sheahan takes over as Steel Head Coach effective immediately. During his last season and a half as Chicago's Associate Head Coach, the Lethbridge, Alberta, native was primarily responsible for the development of the team's defensemen, a unit that this season alone has earned three USHL Defensemen of the Week honors for Chicago through nine weeks of the 2019-20 season.

"Brock has been integral in the growth of every facet of our program and I could not be more excited for him and his family that he will be the man to lead us into the next chapter of Chicago Steel hockey," said Hardy.

Before joining the Steel in 2018, Sheahan coached for four seasons at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. The 35-year-old held his first coaching position as a volunteer with his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame.

During his playing career, Sheahan helped the Cincinnati Cyclones (ECHL) to the Kelly Cup championship during his second season in the league. Before his 282 games played in the ECHL, the defenseman played four seasons for Notre Dame, helping the Fighting Irish to the NCAA title game in 2008.

"Today, we move from strength to strength," said Robbins. "Brock was hired 18 months ago to become Greg Moore's successor, and the skill development of our defensemen and our special teams success reflect Brock's deep knowledge, attention to detail and teaching abilities. Brock's prior experience as an elite player and NCAA Associate Head Coach, along with the mentorship and idea exchange he received from Greg, Ryan and Belfry Hockey provides an unbelievable foundation as he leads our relentless pursuit of another Clark Cup championship this season and beyond."

Sheahan will make his head coaching debut this Friday when the Steel return to action against the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders at Fox Valley Ice Arena in Geneva.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to lead this team and continue what we've built over the last year and a half," said Sheahan. "I'm excited to be a head coach for the first time in my career with a special group of players and amazing staff members. I couldn't think of a better place to start my head coaching career."

Puck drop Friday is scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

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