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## Falcons Continue to Stress Player Development

Former American Eagle (New Jersey) and Villanova Captain Joins FHA Coaching Staff

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**Highland Park** - President **Guy Considine** and Vice President of Travel **John Mannion** proudly announce that the Falcons Hockey Association has hired Steve Jeffers as the Bantam Minor Travel Team Coach for the upcoming 2009-10 Hockey Season.

“Steve has been hired to train and lead our Bantam Minor Team. We are continuing to build our staff so we can offer more depth at the coaching ranks and our Hockey Directors can lead and influence the player development at each level by training and leading our travel coaches throughout the season. It is also our association’s goal to inspire players to play for the Falcons level to level where we offer the best coaching and player curriculum at the AA level. Our thoughts are simple. If we can train and have exceptional player development no matter what level or what team, it would have a very positive impact on each and every player and they would want to continue playing for the Falcons year after year. This ultimately will help us gain a competitive advantage on our competition,” said Guy Considine.

Steve had previously held the Head Coaching position for three seasons for the Midget A and AA teams of the New Jersey Colonials Ice Hockey organization in Morris Plains, New Jersey. Steve's coaching philosophy embraces the elements of hard work, dedication to the team, respect for the game and having fun. He believes in team building through activities both on and off the ice.

Steve played his youth hockey in New Jersey beginning in 1988 with the New Jersey Youth Devils. In 1999, his team, the Midget AAA American Eagles, won the bronze medal in the U.S National Tier 1 Tournament coached by current Chicago Blackhawk’s Assistant Coach Mike Haviland. In 1998, Steve played for the New Jersey High School State Championship team at Seton Hall Prep. He played his college hockey at Villanova University (ECHA Division 1) where he was named captain his senior year and led the team in scoring in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.

Now living in Wrigleyville, Steve enjoys attending Cubs games, hitting the links and is an avid fisherman. I am extremely excited to be a part of Falcons Hockey and look forward to working with the players in the 2009-2010 season,” said Jeffers.

**About the Falcons:** The Falcons Hockey Association enters its 42nd season and is committed to remaining one of leading Tier II programs in the country. The commitment to solidifying our program starts with player and skill development on every level. Working with our Hockey Director Tom Miller to achieve superior player and team development will be key areas of responsibility for the entire Coaching Staff.

**For a complete view of the Coaching Roster for the 2009-2010 season please visit [www.falcons hockey.org](http://www.falcons hockey.org).**

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